

Time commenced : 6.05 pm  
Time finished : 9.25 pm

**AREA PANEL 2 (ALVASTON, BOULTON, CHELLASTON AND SINFIN  
WARDS)**

**14 JANUARY 2004**

Present: Councillor Chera (Chair)  
Councillors Blanksby, H S Dhamrait, Graves, J Hickson,  
Jackson, Liversedge, Turner, Willits and Wynn

In attendance: Councillor P Hickson

Derby City Council and Derbyshire Constabulary Officers:

Emma Bates	-	Community Development and Voluntary Sector Support Manager
Paul Clarke	-	Group Leader, Development Control
Ray Cowlshaw	-	Chief Executive
Julie Eyre	-	Local Manager, Derby Homes
Jody Kirkpatrick	-	Members Services Assistant
Peter Price	-	Transport Policy Manager
Bill Reed	-	Area Panel Manger
Inspector Thandi	-	Derbyshire Constabulary
Sarah Turner	-	Members Services Officer
Philip Walker	-	Assistant Director, Corporate Finance

75 members of the public were in attendance.

### 41/03 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Allen and Bayliss.

### 42/03 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

### 43/03 Late Items Introduced By The Chair

The Chair advised that a further petition had been received.

## 44/03 Minutes

**Agreed that the Minutes of the Area Panel 2 meeting held on 12 November 2003, be confirmed as a correct record.**

## 45/03 Budget Presentation

Councillor Philip Hickson, Deputy Leader of the Council and Ray Cowlshaw, Chief Executive presented to the Panel the Council's themes and priorities within the Corporate Plan and the budget proposals for 2004-2005. Members of the public were circulated with a Derby Pointer Questionnaire, which they were asked to complete and return at the end of the meeting. The Chair thanked both Councillor Hickson and Ray Cowlshaw for their informative presentations and invited members of the public to return those forms with comments on the points covered in the presentation.

**Agreed to note the presentation.**

## 46/03 Update Report

The panel considered an update report on the progress of community issues raised at the last meeting. The report included details on the issues raised, the proposed actions, progress to date and the City Council Officer responsible.

### **Boulton Lane Community Centre**

Bill Reed advised the Panel that he had spoken to a representative at the Community Centre in the last week who advised that they were still experiencing problems. Bill stated that he would be visiting the Community Centre with Ward Councillors to try and help solve the problems being experienced. An update would be reported at the next meeting.

### **Cycle Route, Raynesway**

Councillor Wynn advised that Cllr Bayliss and himself carried out an inspection of the area. There was a considerable amount of rubble lying around. They approached the Police about anti social behaviour in the area. The situation was better but needed constant monitoring.

### **Litter, Noel Baker School**

A member of the public advised that an Onyx employee advised her that he was experiencing verbal abuse from pupils at Noel Baker School. He approached the head teacher who was also rude. Councillor Jackson advised that she would follow this up with the school in her capacity as Governor.

### **Denarth Avenue**

A member of the public advised that Arboricultural Officer had not contacted them when inspecting the trees in Denarth Close. The trees that were a problem were a line of seven Italian Alder's, approximately 35 foot high. Bill Reed asked that the gentleman provide his name and address and this would be forwarded to the Arboricultural Officer for him to contact the resident directly.

## **47/03 Public Question Time**

The public raised the following issues during public question time.

### **Cedar Tree – Sinfin Moor Lane**

A member of the public advised of a Cedar tree on Sinfin Moor Lane which was in an unsafe condition. Derby City Council did not own the tree. The owners were prepared to do works to the tree but had not been given permission to by the Arboricultural Officer. The tree was ruining drains and gutters. He asked that this issue be looked in to.

**Agreed to ask the Arboricultural Officer to respond to this issue.**

### **Buses – Holbrook Road/Field Lane**

A member of the public raised concern over buses turning from Holbrook Road into Field Lane. Buses could not navigate the turn and mounted the pavement. Councillor Wynn advised that maybe the buses used on this route were too big and this should be a matter for the bus company.

### **Right of Way, Noel Baker School**

A member of the public advised that Severn Trent had put sewer pipes in the pavements at the right of way by Noel Baker school. The pavements had not been put back in a satisfactory condition.

**Agreed that Councillor Blanksby would follow this matter up with Severn Trent.**

### **Car Parking Charges**

A member of the public advised that they had conducted an unofficial survey of businesses in Allenton, 90% advised that they did not want car parking charges in Allenton. Councillor Jackson responded that there were no plans to introduce parking charges for a few years.

A member of the public thanked the Council for removing the speed humps in the Boulton Ward. She had not received any complaints about speeding along Boulton Lane. She had however received complaints from pedestrians trying to cross the road by the Co-op. She asked if the Council would consider putting a refuge in at the point.

**Agreed to ask the Director of Development and Cultural Services to respond at the next meeting.**

## 48/03 Petitions

### **New petitions**

#### a) High Volumes of Traffic using A514

The Panel noted that a petition had been received from residents of Swarkestone Road, Chellaston, asking that the Council explore ways to reduce the unacceptably high volumes of traffic using the A514 through Chellaston on a daily basis. It was heavily suggested that the completion of the T2 road from the Bonnie Prince to Wilmore Road be given priority. Peter Price, Transport Policy Manager advised that this was now called T12 and would be included in the Local Transport Plan for 2006-2011. The amount of money needed from central government was not yet known. He advised that in appraising any transport schemes the costs and benefits to people using the road and living nearby had to be considered. There was a strong argument for building this road. The timescale for building it could be reduced if the amount of money needed from the Government could be kept to a minimum amount by securing the majority of funding from developers.

A member of the public commented that the T12 road would not be the solution to traffic problems in Derby and would only shift the problem to the Sinfin area.

**Agreed to ask the Director of Development and Cultural Services to report back to the next meeting.**

#### b) Pot-Holed Condition of the Road and Poor Street Lighting in Carlton Gardens and Carlton Avenue, Shelton Lock

The Panel noted that a petition had been received from residents of Carlton Gardens and Carlton Avenue asking the Council to repair and resurface the roads, which were in an unacceptably hazardous and unsafe condition for pedestrians. In addition the quality of street lighting in these two streets was of a very poor standard and required urgent replacement.

**Agreed to ask the Director of Development and Cultural Services to investigate this matter and report back to the next meeting.**

#### c) Chellaston West Affordable Accommodation Petition

The Panel noted that a petition had been received from residents of Springfield Road, Chelwood Road, Sinfin Moor Lane and West Avenue, Chellaston, objecting to the proposal to build affordable housing on farmland to the west of Springfield Road and Chelwood Road. Residents asked for the following to be taken into consideration:

- The current and future demographic profile of Chellaston – particularly the provision of elderly people’s bungalows.
- The impact on Schools, doctor/dentist surgeries, and general social welfare provision in the Chellaston and Shelton Lock area.
- Existing residents concerns relating to pre-existing levels of anti-social and criminal behaviour and the already over-stretched and fully utilised Policing provision.
- The proposed destruction of woodland and trees covered by Tree Preservation Orders (TPO).

(At this point Members of the Planning Control Committee were advised not to comment on this issue).

Paul Clarke, Group Leader, Development Control, advised that the current planning application did have reports, which the Arboricultural Officer was investigating to determine whether the tress would continue to be protected. There would not be a provision for bungalows. The Council could not force the developer to build bungalows.

**Agreed that this petition would be considered as part of the Planning Application, by the Planning Control Committee, the outcome of which would be reported to the Area Panel at a future meeting.**

d) Objection to the Six Proposed Bypass Extension Schemes Under the Title of Alvaston and Environmental Improvements

The Panel noted that a petition had been received from residents of Alvaston opposing to the six proposed schemes for the Alvaston bypass extension. In particular they were concerned with the Option to site the proposed bypass through the mobile homes park and Alvaston park. The petitioners wanted the Council to consider the effect of the proposed bypass on residents of the mobile homes park. People would loose their homes and the park would almost be cut off. The bypass would increase traffic in the area affecting the air quality. The area was also not safe for pedestrians. The petitioners preferred the north of the river route.

Councillor Wynn advised that the Alvaston and Boulton Ward Councillors were united on this issue. Alvaston was a dense, residential area. The green space was very precious. Option D would far from relieve congestion in the area it would increase.

Peter Price advised that Option D would in fact improve pedestrian access, as there would be more pedestrian crossings along London Road. The air quality would deteriorate on London Road if the bypass were not built. The government would not give funding for the north of the river route, as it would not meet statutory requirements.

**Agreed to ask the Director of Development and Cultural Services to respond to the petition and comments at the next meeting.**

- e) Need for a Drivers Mirror to be Placed at the Intersection of Green Avenue and High Street, Chellaston

The Panel noted that a petition had been received from residents of Green Avenue asking that a driver's mirror be placed at the intersection of Green Avenue and High Street, Chellaston.

**Agreed to ask the Director of Development and Cultural Services to investigate this matter and report back to the next meeting.**

- f) Newbridge Crescent Condition of the Pavements

The Panel noted that a petition had been received from residents of Newbridge Crescent, Shelton lock, asking that the Council reconsider it's decision not to take short-term action on the urgent need to resurface the pavements of Newbridge Crescent.

**Agreed to ask the Director of Development and Cultural Services to investigate this matter and report back to the next meeting.**

- g) Newly Created West Chellaston Children's Play Area

The Panel noted that a petition had been received from residents of West Chellaston about a newly created children's play area, which appeared to have been installed without the appropriate planning consent to the rear of properties on Carradale Grove. There had not been any consultation with adjoining residents and the petitioners were requesting the siting of this project be reconsidered.

The lead petitioner asked for the following to be addressed:

Did this require planning consent?

Why were residents not consulted?

Who in the Council made the decision to implement this project?

The residents were not against a neighbourhood park, they were concerned that a youth shelter had been included in the scheme, which did not seem to mix well with a toddler play area. The youth shelter could increase issues of anti social behaviour in the area. Photographs and plans of the play area were shown to the Panel.

**Agreed to ask the Director of Commercial Services and Development and Cultural Services to investigate this matter and report back to the next meeting.**

#### **Responses to Petitions Received**

h) Public Right of Way on Canal Path - Boulton Lane

**Agreed that a response on this matter will be brought to the next meeting.**

i) Need for Dog Waste Bins – Morningside Close, Shelton Lock

**Agreed that a response on this matter will be brought to the next meeting.**

j) Trees, Football Playing on Square and Need for Additional Lighting on Spencer Avenue, Darwin Avenue and Morningside Close, Shelton Lock

**Agreed that a response on this matter will be brought to the next meeting.**

k) High Volumes of Traffic Along St Peters' Road, Chellaston

**Agreed that a response on this matter will be brought to the next meeting.**

l) Condition of Pavements in Chellaston Road

The Panel considered a report of the Assistant Director, Highways, Transportation and Waste Management, which advised that the road was inspected monthly, and maintenance works were carried out as necessary. The footways were not sufficiently high priority to be included in a resurfacing/reconstruction programme.

Residents were not happy with this decision.

**Agreed to note the report.**

m) Potholed Condition of Pavements in Wimbourne Close

The Panel considered a report of the Assistant Director, Highways, Transportation and Waste Management, which advised that the road was inspected monthly, and maintenance works were carried out as necessary. The footways were not sufficiently high priority to be included in a resurfacing/reconstruction programme. Any defects reported between routine inspections were also reviewed.

Residents were still concerned about the conditions of the pavements in the area and the possible safety risks to children and older people.

**Agreed to note the report.**

n) High Volumes of Traffic – Intersection of High Street and Derby Road/Swarkestone

**Agreed that a response on this matter will be brought to the next meeting.**

## 49/03 Primary Care Trusts

**Agreed to defer this item to the next meeting of the Panel.**

## 50/03 Alvaston Environmental and Transport Improvements Results of Consultation Exercise

The Panel considered a report of the Director of Development and Cultural Services detailing the results of the public consultation undertaken in and around the Alvaston area during September and October 2003.

Peter Price advised the Panel that various route options were considered during the consultation. Based upon the results of the consultation, Council Cabinet, at its meeting on 13 January, endorsed Option D as the preferred line for a new transport link between Raynesway and London Road.

Members of the Panel and public stated that they considered Option G – the North of the river route to be more suitable. Peter Price advised that this option was considered along with options A-F, and it was agreed that this option would not be viable as the costs would be too high, the environmental impact would be too great and the effect of alleviating traffic on London Road would be negligible due to the distance from Alvaston. He advised that funding from the Government would be very difficult to secure for this option.

Peter advised that he would forward the comments of the Area Panel to the Council Cabinet Member and Leader of the Council.



## 51/03 Area Panel Budget Proposals 2003/04

A report of the Assistant Director of Community Policy was considered which set out details of four applications for funding which had been received. These were:

1. To consider whether to support the application received from the Asian Over 60's Social and Welfare Club Sinfin and Stenson Fields for funding for the members of the club to improve their and others' health. Grant requested - £4654.
2. To consider whether to support the application received from 103<sup>rd</sup> Derby Scout Hut – Executive Scout Committee requesting funding for urgent roof repairs. Grant requested – £2975.
3. To consider whether to support the application received from Boulton Lane Community requesting funding for new flooring. Grant requested – £750.
4. To consider whether to support the application received from Sinfin Village Community Association requesting funding for sports equipment. Grant requested – £1487.

### Options Considered

The Panel assessed the applications for funding against the agreed criteria and assessed the applications for funding against priorities.

### Decision

To award funding to the following application:

- Boulton Lane Community Centre - Grant £750.

To defer decision on the following application:

- Asian Over 60's Social and Welfare Club Sinfin and Stenson Fields.
  - The Panel requested that a representative of the Club attend the next meeting to present their application and answer questions posed by the Panel. Members of the Panel also asked that information regarding funding from other sources be provided at the meeting.

## **KEY DECISIONS**

To award funding to the following applications:

- 103<sup>rd</sup> Derby Scout Hut – Executive Scout Committee – Grant £2975.
- Sinfin Village Community Association – Grant £1487.

## **Reasons**

1. The applications meet the criteria for Area Panel funding.
2. The applications provide evidence of need.
3. The proposals will enable residents to participate in activities within their community.
4. They contribute to improvements, which will provide a benefit to all residents.

## **52/03 Arrangements for the Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Panel would be held in the Chellaston Ward on Wednesday 10 March 2004 at Shelton Junior School, Carlton Avenue, Shelton Lock, Derby.

**Agreed that Councillor Liversedge be appointed Chair for the next meeting.**

Chair of the next ensuing meeting of this Panel  
At which these Minutes were signed