



AREA PANEL 3

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Report of the Head of Stronger and Safer Communities Unit, Derby
Community Safety Partnership

Area Panel 3 Community Issues Update Report

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Item no	Issue	Recommended panel action
Abbey ward		
1.1	Petition – St Alban’s Road, junction of Manor Road	Note
1.2	Domestic recycling	Note and close
Arboretum ward		
1.3	Highways – between the Spot and Bradshaw Way	Note and close
1.4	Paperback collection service	Note and close
Normanton ward		
1.5	Land – Sackville Street / Kenilworth Avenue	Note
1.6	Cameron Road Homezone	Note and report back September 2007
All Wards		
1.7	Fear of crime for older people	Note
1.8	Bringing semi-derelict properties back into use	Note and close
1.9	Air pollution /severance	Note and close
1.10	Cycling improvements	Note and close
Outstanding issues		
1.11	Items to be presented to a future meeting:	
	Cameron Road Homezone	Report back September 2007
	Traffic issues – Normanton and Arboretum	Report back September 2007

1.1 Ref: 306020 – Petition – St Albans Road, junction of Manor Road

Issue: A petition submitted by 150 residents living along St Albans Road was submitted requesting the Council consider options to address the volume and speed of traffic on the road. The residents put forward a number of proposals to address the issues raised which include traffic calming measures, speed cameras and the option of making some roads one-way or no entry.

Action: To provide information on a local resident's meeting to the lead petitioner and an update to the next meeting.

Update: An officer from the Traffic Management section attended a resident meeting held at the Rykneld Centre on Bedford Street on 28 March. She detailed to residents the results of the various traffic surveys that had been undertaken, as reported to Area Panel on 21 March.

At the meeting, several residents expressed a desire to be involved in the consultation process and so it was decided to form a working group consisting of Officers, Councillors, Residents and Local Workers.

The working group had its first meeting on 15 May. Possible questions to include in a questionnaire were discussed, as was a suggested area of consultation. It was agreed that the residents would assist with the distribution and collection of the questionnaires. It is intended that the consultation will take place prior to the next meeting of the Area Panel. **Propose to note.**

Further information: Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 716090

1.2 Ref: 306059 – Domestic Recycling

Issue: A member of the public asked that the Council apply more pressure to ensure that **ALL** areas of the city have a domestic recycling bin.

Action: To respond directly to the resident and to the next meeting.

Update: A letter was sent out to the resident on 22 March 2007 providing a response to their query. The area covering where the resident lives forms part of collection route M with a Friday collection day. Round M will commence recycling the week commencing 09 July 2007 and will receive the brown and blue bins three weeks prior to that. Exhibitions/road shows will be held in the area to discuss recycling w/c 14 May 2007. Venues are yet to be confirmed, but all residents will be informed via a letter hand delivered through residents' post boxes. **Propose to note and close.**

Further information: Mark Harrington, Streetcare and Waste Management, Regeneration and Community, telephone 716352

1.3 Ref: 306003 – Highways – between the Spot and Bradshaw Way

Issue: A resident raised a number of issues relating to the condition of highways and pavements in the area to which a response was provided at a previous meeting. The

resident requested further information on:

1. The Spot: Red brick surfacing was installed in 1992/3 for Promenade and was supposed to be permanent as were the trees in the area. All have been removed and the surfacing has been replaced with Yorkshire Stone, which is extravagant, and a waste of mineral resources – why?

Action: To provide a response to the resident regarding the use of Yorkshire Stone as opposed to red brick as the resident believes that this is an expensive option that requires additional maintenance.

Update: With regard to the specific query about why York stone is being used at The Spot, the approved Derby City Centre Public Realm Strategy specifies use of the material because it's the traditional paving material within Derby and is considered to compliment the city's streetscape. York stone also performs excellently in terms of whole life costs and with regard to environmental sustainability. For example, York stone paving slabs will last for over a century (and even then can be turned over and re-used) whereas concrete or brick paving will have to be replaced several times during this same period. The quarries where the stone comes from are located within a reasonable distance from Derby and do not require excessive transportation costs. When the quarries are exhausted planning conditions normally require restoration into features that enhance landscape, wildlife conservation, and recreational opportunities.
Propose to note and close.

Further information: Nick Corbett, Public Realm, DerbyCityscape, telephone 204194

1.4 Ref: 306061 – Paperback collection service, Arboretum

Issue: A resident asked why the paperback collection service has been stopped for Mount Carmel Street.

Action: To investigate and provide a response directly to the resident and the next meeting.

Update: The department has been contacted regarding the lack of service for two weeks. The supervisor stated that there has been no reported problems with the service and residents can contact the Waste Management and Streetcare department if collection of their waste has been missed. There is an issue with mount Carmel Street as a small vehicle can only be used due to the size of the road in addition; residents from Burton Road are required to leave their paper collection on Mount Carmel Street. As a result the volume of paper generated exceeds the capacity of the refuse collection vehicle. The resident should contact Derby Direct (Streetcare) on 01332 255260.
Propose to note and close.

Further information: Mark Harrington, Streetcare and Waste Management, Regeneration and Community, telephone 716352

1.5 Ref: 306012 – Land, Sackville Street/Kenilworth Avenue, Normanton

Issue: There is a piece of land on the corner of Sackville Street/Village Street and Kenilworth Avenue that is currently creating an eyesore. A local resident asked the panel for clarification on who owns the land, and what was going to be its intended use.

Action: To provide an update on ownership and clearance of the land.

Update: Environmental Health has previously inspected the land. Unfortunately, there are no grounds for enforcement action. The owners have been contacted, unsuccessfully, to determine future use of land. The Neighbourhood Team are working with Development Control and Land Searches to pursue this matter further. **Propose to note.**

Further information: Purjinder Gill, Neighbourhood Manager, Stronger and Safer Communities Unit, telephone 258538

1.6 Ref: 305006 – Cameron Road Homezone improvements and wheelie bins

Issue: A resident reported that Morrisons had sent a letter to all residents on Cameron Road giving advance notice about works relating to painting of lines. Residents were asked to move their cars, however, on the day in question Morrisons did not actually carry out the work. When queried, Morrisons replied that they had not undertaken the work as cars had been parked on the road however; the resident stated that this was not the case. He stated that he was appalled by the level and quality of the workmanship of Morrisons. The resident also raised the issue about being invited to complete a survey. Finally the resident requested further information on Atkins Consultants who are carrying out the survey work and he wanted to know why the City Council could not undertake the work rather than the Consultants.

Action: To provide an update on the survey and outcomes to a future meeting of the Area Panel.

Update: We are awaiting the final report from the consultants who have undertaken the homezone after study. We will report back to the Normanton Neighbourhood Forum as soon as the information is available. **Propose to note.**

Further information:

Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 716090.

1.7 Ref: 306055 – Fear of Crime for Older People

Issue: What has been done to address the national target of deprived areas dealing with the fear of crime and burglary in Normanton. What services are available for older people: security measures, warden patrols, advocacy and police measures.

Action: Provide an update from the neighbourhood team.

Update: Derby Community Safety Partnership aims to make sure that people living, visiting and working in Derby feel safe and confident in their daily lives, enjoying in full the quality of life that the city offers.

We work with a wide range of organisations to build stronger and safer communities. Our statutory partners are: Derby City Council Derbyshire Constabulary Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service Derby City Primary Care Trust Derbyshire Probation Service Derbyshire Police Authority

Our priorities for 2005 to 2008 are

- Building Stronger and Safer Communities
- Reducing Incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour by 20%
- Reducing Harm Caused by Drug and Alcohol Misuse
- Preventing and Reducing Youth Crime
- Reduce Crime by 20%

We have:

- launched multi-agency neighbourhood teams with key partners
- contributed to a reduction in overall crime
- a top-performing youth offending service
- developed a planned approach to tackling the impact of alcohol with key partners
- We have worked with key partners to draw up a strategy for community cohesion
- become one of the first Respect Action Areas in the country
- developed a successful partnership approach to parenting with key partners
- Focusing on and developing our communication and engagement with Derby people

Specific Services available from the CSP and Partners include:

The Crime Prevention Team - offer advice on security measures, and in some instances, install security devices free of charge. Services include:

- Anti-Intruder paint
- Burglar Alarm
- Smart Water Property Marking
- Locks

Propose to note.

Further information:

Pop Gill, Neighbourhood Manager, Community Safety Partnership, telephone 258538

1.8 Ref: 306060 –Bringing semi–derelict properties back into use, all wards

Issue: A resident asked the following question in relation to the state of some of the properties in our area. The resident asked to be advised on what is to happen in order to improve the ‘visual amenity’ of the neighbourhoods. In particular, Leopold Street, Dashwood Street and Mount Carmel Street. The resident referred to section 215 of the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act which gives powers to local authorities to address the problems of derelict and empty properties and why is the Council not making more use of these powers.

Action: The Area Panel agreed that a report should come back to the next Area Panel meeting and Neighbourhood Forums in the area with the following information:

- Progress/status report on properties in the area, in particular, properties on Leopold, Dashwood and Mount Carmel Street.
- Location of empty properties in Abbey, Arboretum and Normanton wards
- Whether the properties are privately owned or by a public or statutory agency
- What is to be done with the properties

- Success or achievements to date in the area

Update: A presentation and report on the issue is an item on the agenda. **Propose to note and close.**

Further information: Jeremy Mason, Empty Property Officer, Resources and Housing, telephone 256172

1.9 Ref: 306062 – Air pollution/severance, all wards

Issue: A resident asked a question relating to Connecting Derby. The resident asked does the Council plan to inform local residents about the changes that will happen when the new road drives a wedge through the local community, for example in the Abbey and Arboretum wards.

Action: To investigate and provide a response directly to the resident and the next meeting.

Update: A response has been sent to the resident informing them that all local residents affected by the works will be kept fully informed of the situation and progress on the works and its likely effects. This will be done by various means for example letter drops, public meetings/exhibitions and newsletters. **Propose to note and close.**

Further information: Dave Powner, Project Manager, Highways and Transportation, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715130

1.10 Ref: 306063 –Cycling improvements, all wards

Issue: A resident stated that City Council claims at the forthcoming public inquiry (17.4.07) that massive new construction/demolition in Abbey ward will provide improvements for cycling. Please explain in detail with evidence at this Area Panel 3 meeting.

Action: To investigate and provide a response directly to the resident and the next meeting.

Update: The Council has never been specific that the construction of Connecting Derby would bring benefits to cyclists in Abbey Ward.

What has been said is that the Connecting Derby scheme will benefit public transport, pedestrians and cyclists.

Having said that, there will be direct benefits in Abbey Ward with the new bus lane in Uttoxeter New Road which cyclists will be able to use. There will also be separate, off carriageway, cycle lanes along the line of the new road from Uttoxeter New Road to Burton Road at its junction with Green Lane. Access will be maintained for cyclists from side roads intersected by the new carriageway to the new cycle lanes and all crossing points of the new carriageway will be signalised. The roads intersected will carry less traffic and will therefore be safer for cyclists to travel on.

To raise a question at the public inquiry, the procedure is to contact the Programme

Manager, Chris Banks at Persona, West Point, Springfield Road, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 2PD, Tel: 01403 217799 or email: chrisbanks:personaassociates.co.uk.
Propose to note and close.

Further information: Dave Powner, Project Manager, Highways and Transportation, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715130

1.11 Outstanding issues

Issue	Outstanding action	Date to report back
Ref: 305006 - Cameron Road Homezone improvements, Normanton	Report back on the outcomes of the study	September 2007
Ref 306015 - Traffic issues, Normanton and Arboretum	Report back on the outcomes and actions arising from the Normanton study	September 2007

PROPOSED ACTION

2.1 To consider and note the report.

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Background papers:	Area Panel 3 community issues update report, background information on Council Management Information System www.derby.gov.uk
List of appendices:	None