

**AREA PANEL 5 COMMUNITY ISSUES – UPDATE REPORT
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1. Ref 506021 – Petitions – Toddlers play area, Coppice Park, Allestree – raised 12.07.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

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Dawn Dagley, Parks Officer Community, Environmental Services, telephone 716272

Issue:

A petition was received signed by 57 residents of Coppice Park, Allestree opposing the proposed toddler play area, on the grounds of increased antisocial behaviour, and health and safety.

A counter petition had also been received signed by 13 residents in favour of the play area, which had always been included in the development plans.

Previous key points / action taken:

Planning and Transportation, intends with appropriate Officers, to have a meeting with representatives from both sets of petitioners. It is anticipated that this meeting will be as soon as possible.

With regard to the background to this issue, the planning permission for the residential development and the provision of open space was granted in October 2001 subject to a Section 106 Agreement which required the developer to provide a toddlers' play area and the open space. Plans submitted during the application process, which commenced in May 1999, indicated the play area in the open space adjoining the northern boundary. The permission was subject to the provision of a sustainable surface water drainage system, and to the protection and restoration of features of natural conservation interest such as the Marsh, the Markeaton Brook and the Kedleston Road hedge.

A reed bed system was commenced on site to match the phasing of the housing development but a revised system had to be designed and implemented and this was installed more recently. Consequently, the open space and play area provision have been delayed beyond the completion of the houses. Normally, adoption by the Council of the open space and play area and drainage system, which is located within the Marsh and within the area of open space to be adopted, would follow an acceptable 12 month maintenance period. Until then, the area remains the responsibility of the developers. A further report will be brought to a future meeting when the investigations have been completed. October 2006 - Richard Smail reported that a meeting was being arranged between the Cabinet member with responsibility for Planning and Transportation, the lead petitioners and officers. This was due to take place week commencing 9 October.

Response on 6 December 2006

A report was presented to the panel responding to the petition. The report outlined that a play area is one of the terms of the Section 106 Agreement for residential development of the site off Kedleston Road, which was granted planning permission in 2001. The play area was to have been provided prior to completion of the development, although problems with the operation of the on-site surface water drainage system, has delayed the works to carry out the landscaping of the public open space and introduction of the play area. It stated that Councillor Wynn, as Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation chaired a meeting on 17 November, with both petitioners and Officers of Development

Control and Parks Sections to discuss the complaints and address the provision of the play area.
Following the discussion, Councillor Wynn determined that it is appropriate for the play area to be implemented in the proposed location on the public open space. The works to complete the laying out of the public open space and implementing of the play area should be carried as soon as possible, such that the development can be finally completed.
Local residents have been written to informing them of the proposed action.

Actions agreed:

The panel approved the report.

Update:

Area Panel approved the recommendations within the report and a meeting has been held with both lead petitioners. **Note and close.**

2. Ref 506042— Markeaton Park car park, Allestree - raised 6.12.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Dawn Dagley, Parks Officer Community, Environmental Services, telephone 716272

Issue:

A resident asked what could be done to improve the surface of the main car park and paths at Markeaton park. Many residents and park users are complaining.

Previous key points / action taken:

New item

Response on 6 December 2006

Councillor Baxter responded that he had already reported the need for action to the Chief officer and understood that an inspection of the surface will take place. He noted that the income from the car parking charges is about £100,000 a year and that this could contribute to the repairs.

Actions agreed:

Investigate and report back to a future meeting.
Also Respond directly to the resident by email.

Update:

We are still investigating options regarding re-surfacing of the car park and will report back at the April 2007 meeting. The resident has been informed. **Note.**

3. Ref 506039 — Waiting Restrictions on Park Lane and Main Avenue, Allestree – raised 6.12.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 716090

Issue:

A resident asked when the parking restrictions that are planned for Park lane and Maine avenue junction going to be implemented.

Previous key points / action taken:

New item

Response on 6 December 2006

None.

Actions agreed:

To investigate and contact the resident directly with a date.

Update:

A response has been sent to the resident. The response stated that following on from the Council taking over enforcement of all waiting restrictions in the City, the Council is currently in the process of transferring to a map based system for the purpose of introducing and identifying parking restrictions. As part of this process, all existing Traffic Regulation Orders relating to parking restrictions within the City boundary are to be replaced by a single order. This order will standardise the exemptions for all existing on street parking restrictions. Our Highways Solicitor has advised that we do not make any new orders until this lengthy and complicated procedure is complete. This is what has delayed the implementation of any new parking restrictions including Park Lane. **Note and close.**

4. Ref 506012 – Granite kerb stones on Darley Lane, Darley – raised 01.02.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

John Edgar, Maintenance Manager, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715067

Issue:

A resident asked what had happened to the granite kerbstones that had been removed on Darley Lane and had been replaced with concrete in a conservation area.

Previous key points / action taken:

March 2006 - Less than two metres of granite kerb in poor condition were removed as part of the construction of a dropped crossing right at the edge of the conservation area, on the radius at the junction of Edward Street and Darley Lane, by the building contractors, Wheeldon Homes, who had carried out new building works at the adjacent site. Whilst there was an existing pedestrian dropped crossing on the opposite side of the road, there wasn't one on the side of the building works. Our Highway Inspector asked Wheeldon Homes to provide one as part of remedial works to the footway. There were existing concrete kerbs on either side of the granite kerbs.

We do try to maintain existing materials wherever possible, in Conservation areas. Where this isn't possible, we do try and use new materials that are appropriate to the area and consult with colleagues in Planning on the use of such materials.

April 2006: A member of the public stated that she was not satisfied with the answer, and explained that the contractors had knocked down the bollard opposite the listed building, some time ago, and it had not been restored. Councillor Repton acknowledged that this

should be rectified, and confirmed that it would be investigated, and an update reported back at the next meeting.

July 2006: We have arranged to have the bollards repaired. However, as the bollards are non-standard we expect they will be repaired by the end of August.

A local resident raised concern again over the removal of the granite kerbstones. Councillors supported the concern and Councillor Gerrard suggested there are second hand granite kerbstones stored at Stores Road and these should be considered. It was noted that this issue had been previously responded to but it was suggested that the issue is taken to the Conservation Area Advisory Committee.

October 2006 - Senior Highways Inspector Gary Massey has met Harry Hopkinson, Team Leader Built Environment and resident Penny Abreu on site. It has been agreed that the concrete kerbs should be left in place because it is neither practical nor cost effective to replace them. In this case, there is little merit in taking out two concrete kerbs in a drop crossing to be replaced by granite stone kerbs, when there are substantial lengths of concrete kerb on either side. It was also agreed to discuss ways to ensure original materials are retained in future with the Development Control team.

While on site, it was noticed the tarmac reinstatement placed in the channel needed to be removed and replaced with setts. This work should be completed by the end of October.

Conservation Area Advisory Committee met on 14 September and supported the concern over the missing granite setts in Darley Lane, but was pleased to note that they are now to be reinstated. As a matter of principle, the Committee considered that the loss of any historic paving/highway materials from the City's conservation areas would be highly regrettable. The Committee recommended that in future the Council should ensure that any salvaged historic highway materials should be retained for reuse in a safe and secure store.

October 2006 - A resident referred to the recommendation that any salvaged historic highway materials should be retained for reuse in a safe and secure store and suggested it should be catalogued and recorded in a public document. Councillor Higginbottom agreed that this was a good idea.

Another resident wanted to clarify that the specific location referred to in the initial question was on Darley Lane at the entrance of car park and not on the corner of Edward Street, which has been mentioned at Conservation Area Advisory Committee.

She stated that this was an important issue and wanted to know if officers had introduced the Conservation Area Advisory Committee recommendation that officers visit sites to identify historic highway materials and retain them for reuse in a safe and secure store. Agreed to keep the item open and update on whether the recommendation will be introduced as a new procedure as part of maintenance work on the highways.

December 2006 - The recommendation at Conservation Area Advisory Committee refers to Highways Development Control establishing a proper system/storage facility for salvaged highway materials. We can confirm that Highways Development Control will keep records of salvaged highway materials in conservation areas for new developments and liaise with the Built Environment Team. Highways Maintenance will continue to liaise with the Built Environment Team for more routine works in conversation areas.

Response on 6 December 2006

A resident commented that there been a commitment to replace the granite setts by the end of October but this had still not been completed.

A resident commented that the metal bollards had not yet been repaired/replaced and this was due to have been completed by August 2006. There were suggestions to extend the procedure to include an audit of all historic highway materials and not just salvaged materials.

Actions agreed:

The panel noted and agreed the new procedure as outlined in the update. Update on replacing the missing setts and bollards.

Update:

Our Contractor has been behind in his work programme. However, the setts and the bollards on North Parade have been replaced. **Note and close.**

5. Ref 506015 – Darley Park – BBQ Notices, Darley – raised 05.04.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Dawn Dagley, Parks Officer Community, Environmental Services, telephone 716272

Issue:

A member of the public raised concern about the use of disposable barbeques at Darley Park, as the grass and tree trunks were being damaged, and there were also problems with food remains being left on the ground. She explained that she had previously spoken to Dawn Dagley who had informed her that it was intended to install notices banning the use of these barbeques.

However she has now been informed that this would not happen, as it was felt that there were too many notices in the parks forbidding people from certain activities.

She explained that Bradgate Park in Leicestershire had actually banned the use of disposable barbeques for this reason. Comments also mentioned the number of entrances and the number of signs at entrances.

Previous key points / action taken:

July 2006: It is Parks policy to keep signage in parks to a minimum. The difficulty with putting up any signage is that there are so many entries and exits to parks there is no guarantee that people will see the notices and they require something to fix them to. There are so many activities that people undertake on parks that it is difficult to cover all areas. BBQ's are not allowed as part of events and posters / leaflets advertising the Darley Park Concert indicate that BBQ's are not allowed.

October 2006: Parks Officers are still investigating the idea of a designated area; they are talking with other local authorities to see what their policies are and will report back to a future meeting.

Residents were not satisfied with the time taken to respond to this question. Richard Smail confirmed officers are still gathering ideas from other Councils.

Councillor Higginbottom and residents asked that Dawn Dagley attend a meeting to report back. Richard Smail responded that residents could contact Dawn Dagley directly if they need a quicker response and more details.

A resident asked what measures the Council are taking regarding fire safety. Councillor Hickson reported that this would be considered at the same time as any new proposals are introduced.

December 2006 - Parks officers have consulted with seven neighbouring local authorities about how they respond to barbeques on parks. As a result a set of guidelines are being produced that will clarify the use of barbeques on parks and open spaces in Derby. These guidelines will be available when they have been formally agreed and can be viewed by contacting Dawn Dagley on 716272. Consideration is still being given about how the guidelines can be appropriately enforced and publicized on over 300 pieces of open space. Close.

Response on 6 December 2006

Councillor Travis suggested that the issue is not closed until the guidelines and how the guidelines will be enforced are agreed and reported back.

Actions agreed:

The panel agreed to keep the item open until the guidelines and their enforcement are agreed. Place in outstanding issues table until the details are known.

Update:

The guidelines have been agreed and adopted across all Derby parks in the city. Any users of the park booking events or activities will be issued with the guidelines as part of the booking process. With Derby having in excess of 300 parks, the decision has been made not to erect signs outlining the policy and procedure. The number of parks across the city in addition to the number of entrances and exits to the parks prohibits the erection of signs. In addition, the Parks department has a policy of limiting signage in parks firstly for aesthetic reasons but also evidence shows where there is a plethora of signs, people are less likely to take notice of the information. **Note and close.**

6. Ref 506046 — Markeaton Street/Pybus Street University Development, Darley - raised 6.12.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Neville Wells, University of Derby, Telephone 591962

Issue:

A resident was concerned about the amount of traffic and parking that will result in the Markeaton Street and Pybus Street area because of more students attending the new University development and Britannia Mill buildings.

Previous key points / action taken:

New item

Response on 6 December 2006

Councillor Travis responded that planning approval was given on the understanding that only service and delivery vehicles will be able to access the new development.

Actions agreed:

To update and respond directly to the resident.

Update:

A letter has been sent to Mr Noakes. The University has a proven commitment to reducing single occupancy car travel. The development of the new site and associated

traffic flows will be closely monitored. The parking is subject to a survey as part of a section 106 agreement. The benchmark survey has been undertaken in compliance with the 106 agreement. This survey was undertaken on the 6th November by consultants White Young Green and a copy of the report has been sent to the city council. The site has parking for residents of Pybus street and a scheme for the control of this parking will shortly be lodged with the council. **Note and close.**

7. Ref 506043 — University Planning Application Sturgess Fields, Darley - raised 6.12.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Brian Phillips, Senior Planning Officer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 255085

Issue:

A resident, representing Friends of Markeaton Brook asked what the Panel intend to do that will retain the green wedge on Sturgess Field in light of the public consultation that was performed by Friends of Markeaton Brook last week.

Previous key points / action taken:

New item

Response on 6 December 2006

Before any discussion took place Councillors Samra, Baxter, Richards and Wynn declared a personal interest as members of Planning Control Committee and left the room.

Another resident asked:

- If any local Councillor has got involved with the planning application?
- If there has been an assessment of wildlife in the area
- If flooding has been assessed
- If alternative routes have been assessed
- What the green wedge policy is at the moment

Councillor Webb assured the meeting that environmental impact assessments will need to be completed.

Councillor Webb referred to a covenant that existed on the Sturgess field land.

Councillor Travis referred to the wildlife in the area and commented that she would like to think that the Councillors on the panel would support the residents.

Councillors advised the residents who wanted to make comments about the Sturgess Field planning application to submit them in writing to the Planning section.

Actions agreed:

Provide information on the planning application and progress to date.

Update:

A meeting has been held between Council Departments and the University. The University has been asked to provide further information with regard to the justification of the needs for the proposal, and have also been advised of the comments on their proposal that have now been received from the bodies that have been consulted. The University is likely to provide this further information in the next few weeks and may also submit revised detailed proposals once they have considered the consultees comments.

The application will be held in abeyance until this further information has been submitted. If and when revised proposals are submitted and subject to the extent of the revisions, it is likely that a new round of consultations will be undertaken with the statutory consultees and a new round of notifications sent out to neighbours and those interested parties that have already made representations to us. The proposal will have to be reported to Planning Control Committee in view of the number of objections that have already been received. The date at which this can be reported will depend upon how soon the University is able to provide the further information. An application is likely to be presented to committee in the next two to three months. **Propose to note and put into outstanding issues until a decision has been made at planning committee.**

8. Ref: 505040 – University Parking, Allestree and Darley - raised 12.10.05

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

David Gartside, Head of Traffic, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715025
Inspector Rachel Walker, Derbyshire Police, telephone 613131
Neville Wells, University of Derby, Telephone 591962

Issue:

Over the past two years residents have raised a number of issues, concerns and petitions about student parking and traffic around the University of Derby. These include complaints about student parking on Oakover Drive and Amber Road in Allestree, Broadway and Penny Long Lane and around Markeaton Street. Complaints had also been raised about the amount of litter generated on Broadway due to flyers and posters being placed on the car windscreens.

Previous key points / action taken:

University presentation in July 2005 - Professor John Coyne, Vice Chancellor, to Area Panel 5. He outlined the background to the University, the development the master plan for the University and its local impact.

Issues raised:

Is it Council Policy that prevents the university building more car parks? It was explained that there are national guidelines that the Council has to work within and the University works within the Council framework.

Charging staff and students to park within the University is making students park on local roads. The Council needs to take this on board.

The core issue is consolidating more students on Kedleston Road site, it creates more parking problems and putting yellow lines on roads will not help residents.

Concern that residents will have to pay to park their cars outside their own properties.

It is not staff parking that is the problem but student parking and through traffic that needs to be dealt with.

Councillor Wynn complimented the university on their travel plans, but unfortunately it is not working. When additional students come to the site, the streets are not going to be more packed, as they are already full, so they will spread over the city – totally in favour of the university providing multi-storey parking on site.

Residents can only reclaim their streets by residents only parking schemes.

The university website states some roads are access only and not to park there, however nowhere does it say in student documents that parking on the streets outside of the university is illegal.

Cedar Street is a no parking area but students still park there and residents get abuse. What have the University done to engage a positive association with Markeaton Brook, bearing in mind that the Markeaton Street site has caused problems with the brook and the bowling club Could there be an exclusion zone around the university and how it could it be enforced?

Could more neighbourhood watch schemes similar to Carsington Crescent, be set up - anyone who is a resident is known by the watch, but any non residents are given a note on their car by the watch coordinators and the police, when they have resource would ticket these vehicles.

Responses:

University recognises that having more than one site generates some of the additional traffic.

Want to be a good neighbour and value relationship with the Council and residents, and work closely with the council to tackle issues.

If the University did not charge for parking on site it would encourage more students to park on site and when spaces are not found they would seek other locations nearby. By discouraging parking on site and encouraging other transport methods is the solution. 39% more students now use local transport. From 2006 the University is scoping a project to provide free buses for all students in residence.

Issues are about traffic flow, not just parking. Providing multi-storey parking on the site would generate a massive increase in traffic in the area.

University does not condone irresponsible parking or behaviour.

University is looking at cycling schemes in the city centre which link to shuttle buses.

Freshers Fair in September – students are informed not to bring cars

Oakover Drive – a report in response to petition was presented to the panel in February 2005 and the request to introduce waiting restrictions was turned down. The report outlined that legislation surrounding traffic regulation is very clear in that parking restrictions can only be considered where safety is unduly compromised or traffic flow is significantly affected. It was confirmed that officers would keep the situation under review.

Broadway and Penny Long Lane - A resident was concerned about people parking on double yellow lines at the exits from Penny Long Lane in July 2005, and they asked whether the police or traffic wardens were responsible for monitoring this. It was reported that the yellow lines are there to protect the visibility of the junction. The enforcement of this is currently with the police but will transfer to the Council in 2006. The Police have been visiting the area and 29 fixed penalty tickets were issued in one week in September on Broadway. These include any vehicles breaking the law near Penny Long Lane. The Police anticipate that over 100 tickets will have been issued on Broadway in September.

A resident suggested the Council considers a scheme that allows two-hour no parking in the middle of the day on Broadway to make sure people could not park there all day. This is what Nottingham Council had done around the Queens Medical Centre. In response the Council explained that parking is tolerated on the public highway and all members of the public are able to park providing they do so in accordance with the Highway Code. Yellow lines are not a tool to prevent unwanted people parking on the public highway. They are generally only considered where there is a road safety hazard or serious congestion. It is not considered that either of these cases apply on Broadway.

Markeaton Street - A petition signed by 63 people had been received requesting a one-way system on Markeaton Street, due to the anticipated increase in traffic and parking problems due to the high level of developments in the area, and the proposals to expand

Derby University.

December 2005:

University response: The University Executive, including the Vice Chancellor meet on a three monthly basis with Councillor Repton and senior officers at the Council. Our staff also work routinely with council officers in highways, public transport and travel planning. We have spoken at two area panel meetings to engage with local residents in response to the disruption caused by inappropriate or inconsiderate parking by students attending the Kedleston Road campus. We are keen to work with the Police, Council and local residents so that we work individually and collectively to make changes

University Travel Plan – We have introduced a travel plan for staff and students to reduce the reliance on single occupancy car travel and as a way control vehicles onto and around the campus. Fundamental to this is the subsidy towards the Unibus from car parking charges. In 2004 there was a 38% increase, which was about 130,000 extra journeys on the Unibus. In 2005 the Unibus ran throughout the summer to support those staff and students who wished to change their travel planning completely.

A major initiative this year has been to offer free travel on the Unibus by giving 25 free tickets to all halls students. This is a £70,000 investment in the bus services and has been so successful that extra buses to the Bridge Street halls have been introduced first thing in the morning. One of the targets for the University travel plan is to provide free travel on the Unibus for staff and students. This will represent a significant cost and the University will need to fund it.

We are aware that this option maintains the reliance on the car for some staff and students. However in many cases there is no opportunity to use any other form of transport than the car.

We are currently conducting a full review of their parking policies to ensure we have the correct balance of parking spaces and parking privileges for staff, visitors, full and part time students. This is part of the University plan to reduce to zero the impact of the car on their neighbours.

Working together - We work closely with the police regarding parking and have been actively involved in deterring students parking on the grass on Broadway by patrolling the area with our own security staff. We also put notices onto cars that have parked on the grass.

We will continue to develop support of CarShare Derbyshire, our preferred car share scheme. We have links with Raleigh and Samways for discount cycle sales and are investigating Smart car pool cars to reduce the need for staff to travel within Derby during the day. In September 2005 our pool car scheme had over 10,000 miles driven allowing staff the ability not to bring their cars to work.

Council Response; The Council undertakes, and has continued to do so for many years, regular joint working with the University and the Police to deal with and control student parking in and around the University. This joint working is often in response to particular problems which arise, but also takes place as a matter of course before the start of the new academic year and at times of change. Our experience has shown that the start of the new academic year is often a difficult time. The arrival of new students requires a mixture of enforcement and encouragement in order to ensure that their behaviour doesn't create problems in nearby residential areas. This year, perhaps due to many circumstances including road works on Broadway, has been quite difficult.

Working together: The University have responded by engaging with students and giving them guidance on how they should behave and travel to the site, the Police have

responded by carrying out extensive enforcement and the Council have taken steps to prevent parking on verges along Broadway. As always we are continually monitoring the situation. Road safety is our primary concern but we also try to take account of the impact parking has on local residents.

Parking on the Campus: There has been much discussion and debate on the possibility of a multi-storey car park facility within the University Campus. Many people view this as the solution to students parking in nearby residential streets. The main issue with taking such a proposal forward is the impact that the increased parking provision would have on the nearby highway network. Congestion is already severe along Kedleston Road and nearby corridors. Increasing car parking provision will increase the number of people who want to travel to university by car but it is not possible to accommodate this additional traffic on our roads.

The Council's view is that there is only one long term sustainable solution, to the problem of the amount of students requiring access to the University, and that is to discourage car use and continue backing alternative initiatives such as the Unibus and developments, which require less transfer between University sites. We strongly support, from a transport point of view, the University's accommodation strategy and expect some improvements to be delivered by combining most of the University's operations onto the Kedleston Road and Markeaton Street sites. This will cut down the need for inter-site travel and will enable better provision of alternative forms of travel.

We have supported and encouraged the University in its development of a Travel Plan for staff and students and we recognise the significant steps made to encourage alternative forms of travel to the car. The move towards free Unibus travel for staff and students is an initiative that we must all welcome and which will have a large impact on reducing the levels of parking in residential streets.

Residents' only parking: Residents' only parking initiatives are considered by the Council in streets where there is little off-street parking and residents are experiencing difficulties parking due to commuters or shoppers parking for long periods. We have offered residents of the Cedar Street/Longford Street area the opportunity to opt for a residents' only parking area as a replacement to the current Access Only restrictions. The majority of residents were not in favour of such a scheme. Carsington Crescent, although not suitable for a residents' only parking scheme, does have an access only prohibition. In this area this restriction works well and has been enforced regularly over many years by the police. We have discussed the possibility of introducing Access Only Orders on other roads. The Police, who have great difficulty enforcing such orders, do not support introducing Access Only Orders on other roads.

Neighbourhood Watch: The Neighbourhood Watch car stickers referred to are issued by the Police to assist them in identifying cars owned by residents of the street when they are enforcing Access Only orders. This provides some assistance to the police in determining whether a parked vehicle is legitimate but enforcement is still an onerous task. The Police are actively encouraging more residents to set up watches in the area.

Litter: The Council does not take enforcement action against people leaving leaflets under car windscreen wipers and currently this is not an offence. However, an offence of littering is committed when a person drops the leaflet. Currently the fines for littering are a Fixed Penalty Notice of £50 or £2,500 through the Magistrates Court. However, new legislation is due to come into force in 2006 under the Clean Neighbourhoods Act. This legislation will allow councils to designate areas so that companies or individuals cannot distribute flyers without the council's permission. A fine of up to £2,500 would be levied against culprits.

December 2005: Richard Smail explained that all the parking and traffic issues that relate to the University sites are now being coordinated in one Update item. He explained that the University, the Council and the Police are working together in a coordinated way at both a strategic and operational level.

Sergeant Critchley gave an update on the specific actions taken by the Police in the areas around the University. He confirmed that the Police support the introduction of yellow lines but do not have the resources to enforce any more Access Only orders:

Kedleston Road - Neighbourhood Watches have been established and laminated permits issued. 460 fixed penalty notices have been issued but he is aware that many residents are also students. Longford Street residents have expressed their thanks for work done.

Broadway - Made worse by parking on grass verges but the plastic fencing has helped a lot. Fixed penalty notices have been issued around Penny Long Lane and on Broadway but currently not possible to issue notices while leaves cover yellow lines.

Allestree – aware of parking issues on Amber Road and Oakover Drive but they are not as problematic as other areas and some are related to Park Farm shoppers.

Councillor Repton thanked the Police for their excellent work. He commented that the parking and traffic issues are very complex and while the University was trying to solve the issues there was still more work to be done.

Broadway Action Group had developed their own Travel Plan and shared it with the University who had agreed to attend a meeting with them in January. Agreed to send a copy to the Council.

A resident suggested that the University attend all Area Panel meetings regularly. It was noted that the University meeting with the Broadway Action Group was a good way forward.

February 2006: PC Dickinson reported that 522 fixed penalty notices had been issued by the Police since October 2005 in areas from Amber Road in Allestree to Statham Street off Kedleston Road. This included 171 notices on Broadway. In response to a question about local residents receiving fixed penalty notices in the Longford Street area, he confirmed that work is going on with local residents and these notices would be rescinded.

April 2006 - The University report that it has been agreed that the group will meet again in six months. In addition they report that Councillor Repton has suggested that he meets with David Gartside from the Council and Neville Wells from the University to discuss the issues relating to the student parking issue to be prepared for the new intake of students in September 2006.

October 2006: The Council has continued to work with the police and the University to ensure that we are well placed to deal with problems arising from inconsiderate and inappropriate student parking around the University.

Because of the problems encountered last year, with vehicles parking on some parts of the verge along Broadway, the City Council has arranged for physical works to be carried out. These works have involved the installation of bollards to physically restrict vehicular access and will be helpful in protecting the verge at all times. The success of these works will be monitored, particularly with regard to any displacement effects.

As publicised throughout the summer, the City Council is now responsible for enforcing waiting restrictions. Therefore, resources are being concentrated on the contravention of waiting restrictions in the University area in an attempt to get the influx of new students into good parking habits for the rest of the academic year. The change in the enforcement regime will be highlighted in the area by posters at strategic locations. We will work with

the police to ensure that Access Only areas also receive enforcement attention and we will, as usual, monitor parking and other activity throughout the area. Where problems occur we will look for appropriate and effective solutions.

Last year we had some problems with levels of parking at Amber Road and Norbury Close at Allestree. We are developing proposals to help reduce the impact of parking in these locations and will look to bring them forward as soon as we are able.

The University is continuing to work closely with both the Council and the local police to minimise the impact students parking has on its neighbours. A leafleting campaign is underway to advise on the need to park considerately and legally. All halls students will be advised of the need to park correctly and considerately should they use their vehicles to travel to the University. This same message is being broadcast on the university video net on all TV's in the common areas of the University.

From feedback received, the access only road markings did improve awareness of the restrictions in place.

The University has an on going commitment to travel planning and is maintaining and developing its travel plan. This extends to heavily subsidised Unibus travel - from car parking charging - free motorcycle parking and for this year improved facilities for cyclists - refurbished changing room and shower facilities as well as increased and improved CCTV for cycle security.

The University is also considering the possibility of a new 230 plus space car park, in line with the current planning assent, that will alongside its proactive travel planning, significantly improve facilities for its students, staff and visitors. This car park when constructed will also be a valuable resource for the city for such events as the Darley Park concert, and events that are held on Markeaton park.

A number of questions were raised at the meeting.

Darley Park Drive Car Park: A resident asked on behalf of the Friends of Darley Open Spaces – FODOS, what the University, Council and Police intend to do about the number of cars parking in Darley Park Drive car park and on the road. Photographic evidence taken on 2 October 2006 at 11 am shows 19 cars and a motorcycle on the car park and 14 cars on Darley Park Drive. Several park users, some of whom have mobility problems, have complained that they cannot park to access the park at this entrance. FODOS members have asked people leaving their cars where they are going and they have confirmed they are students.

University Noise: A resident of Broadway Park Close raised concern about people using the A38 footbridge when leaving late night functions at the University, including noise and removal of fence panels. They have talked to the University and been informed that the gate is closed at 9 pm, but she has checked and this is not the case. She asked the panel to take action.

Parking on Penny Long Lane: Residents raised concern over the problem of students parking on the footpath. They reported that the Police have visited the area, but have only stuck the university notices on cars and students are not taking any notice. They asked if the Police can take any firmer action. A resident noted that some bollards have now been installed at the junction with Broadway which have helped but some cars are still being parked at right angles on grass verges.

What can be done to stop this?

Another resident reported that the police have assured him that they are working on

signage and notices and hoped the university would take an active part in this.

Parking on Broadway: A resident considered that the current strategies to reduce the impact of students parking on Broadway are not working. She commented that local residents lives are being affected. She recognised that she was criticising the University but didn't want to. She reported that a student had used an old parking ticket and put it on the windscreen when parking where they shouldn't. There were also problems with litter and she asked that the University tackle all these issues.

In response:

Councillor Hickson asked which elected members attend the regular liaison meetings between the Council and University as neither Darley or Allestree members attend them. Richard Smail confirmed that Councillor Wynn, Cabinet member for Planning and Transportation attends with officers. Councillor Hickson asked that the ward Councillors are invited.

Councillor Webb confirmed that the situation was not getting any easier and some additional problems had now occurred such as students filling all the spaces in the Mundy Play Centre Car park. He recognised that the university are putting out leaflets to all the students, giving information, asking them to be considerate and asking them to be good neighbours, but it is not working. He considered that what is effective is the exclusion notice in the Carsington Crescent area where there are active Neighbourhood Watch Schemes. He recommended this model in other similar areas.

A resident of Markeaton Street stated that while they have issues with university parking they also have problems with non-university people parking all day on the street.

Richard Smail referred to a leaflet available at the meeting that summarised the many actions currently being taken by the Council and the University. He also commented that when the University were informed about the parking complaints at Darley Park Drive car park on 3 October they had visited within 24 hours and have agreed to monitor the number of cars and spaces in coming weeks.

It was suggested that the University parking issues could be one of the priorities identified by the area panel when they consider their highways and transportation priorities for 2007/8.

December 2006 - Council response: In response to the concerns about the level of parking at Markeaton Park car parks and Darley Park Drive car park as well as issues on Broadway, the situation has now settled, as is always the case, now the hectic first few weeks of a new academic year are behind us. Council officers continue to monitor the situation and have taken enforcement action where this has been appropriate.

Since the last meeting the Councils Parking Services team have commenced enforcement within the Markeaton Park car parks. Together with improved signage this enforcement is having a positive impact and the problems here have reduced. Parking within Darley Park Drive car park has also reduced as has the extent of on street parking on Darley Park Drive and other areas. While occasional vehicles continue to park inconsiderately on Broadway the situation here is also now improved and in the main vehicles park responsibly. At the start of term we had significant concerns about the lengths of vehicle queues on Kedleston Road and onto the A38 as well as the extent of parking taking place on Amber Road. These issues too have now reduced considerably and no longer pose a threat to road safety.

Before the start of this academic year we installed bollards in some areas of Broadway to prevent vehicles parking on the verge. These bollards were successful but the problem did occur elsewhere along the road. We are currently considering what action we may be able to take in the future to prohibit vehicles parking and damaging areas of verge. Unfortunately the situation on Broadway is not unique, many other areas suffer similar problems, and the matter is compounded by the fact that some residents also park on the verge. Residents of the row of cottages adjacent to Newton's Walk have particular concerns because they have no off street parking facilities. If we are able to develop any mechanism to prevent vehicles from parking on the verge then we must consider the impact this would have on these residents.

Reference was made at the last meeting about a liaison meeting between the Council and the University and members sought clarification about the purpose behind the meeting and who was invited. The meeting that was referred to is a meeting that essentially takes place between the Councils Corporate Director for Regeneration and Community and the Universities Vice Chancellor. The meeting is attended by the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation but it is not a public meeting and it is not directly relevant to the issue of student parking. Residents and members of the panel have indicated that they would welcome a meeting being arranged to discuss the student parking situation. Such a meeting may be appropriate if resources are made available as part of the 2007/8 work programme that the panel is currently being consulted about.

University response: In response to the issue about noise and the gate on the footpath the University confirms that the gates to the A38 bridge are locked at 10.30pm, as this is the closing time for their learning centre. Any students or staff who have walked or cycled will still use this egress from the site and as we encourage these forms of transport we would not want to disadvantage them by making them go the long way around off the site.

The Student Union bar does operate after this time but the people who use this facility who leave after 10.30pm have to use the main drive. We have had instances where people leaving have climbed the gate to the A38 bridge. We actively discourage this and we are looking at extra physical measures to prevent this dangerous practice. There is a meeting with the students Union who manage the bar, later in the month and this complaint will be raised. Note and put in Outstanding Issues table until April 2007.

Response on 6 December 2006

A resident referred to the petition submitted in February 2005 complaining about parking on Oakover Drive, when the response stated that because there were no major accidents no action was needed. She reported that residents on Oakover Drive are now regularly blocked in by people who park and use Park Farm for shopping. On one occasion a workman's lorry had been positioned preventing her from getting off her drive and on phoning the police they attended at 8pm that night. She wanted to know what residents can do if they have visitors who want to park outside their house.

Councillor Webb stated that he is aware of the situation and while there is a car park and some shops and services have their own parking facilities, shoppers and students can only be prevented from parking on the roads by introducing schemes similar to the one on Carsington Crescent.

A resident asked for an update on the progress to resolve the issue of Broadway residents parking on the verge by Newtons walk.

A resident stated that a Broadway resident took their dog for a walk across the A38 footbridge at 10.45pm on Monday 4 December and went through the open gate. They

were able to walk into the university and then crossed back over the footbridge and still the gate was open. He was concerned that the gate is not being closed as previously indicated that it would be.

Actions agreed:

Update on action that can be taken to resolve problems on Oakover Drive
Update on progress to resolve parking on the verges on Broadway by Newtons Walk
Ask the University to investigate closing the gate over the footbridge.

Update:

It was agreed that the University parking issues be one of the priorities identified by the area panel when they considered their highways and transportation priorities for 2007/8. We will report back in April 2007 on the decision from Cabinet as to whether this is part of the 2007/08 work programme.

The University is maintaining its liaison with the council on parking around the University. A meeting is being arranged to specifically develop strategies that compliment the parking regulations on and around the campus. The University has planning approval for a new car park on its Kedleston road campus and is currently planning the construction and operation of the 506046 car park

The response from the University outlined that there are a number of monitored CCTV units across the campus. The closing of the gate to the A38 footbridge at 10.30 is being carried out. Exception on the timing will be associated with other incidents that delay security locking the gate. Options to stop the practice of climbing the gate are being pursued. The University will endeavour to ensure security guards are aware of the sensitivity of the local residents to issues relating to the gate.

A letter has gone out to the properties bordering the A38 walkway advising the residents that the University would like to treat the fence at the bottom of their gardens to cover the graffiti.

In response to the question regarding invitations to ward councillors to attend the liaison meetings. The meeting that was referred to is a meeting that essentially takes place between the Council's Corporate Director for Regeneration and Community and the University's Vice Chancellor. The meeting is attended by the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation but it is not a public meeting and it is not directly relevant to the issue of student parking. **Note.**

9. Ref 506030 – Petition – Old Chester Road Traffic Offences, Darley – raised 04.10.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Inspector Rachel Walker, Derbyshire Police, telephone 613131
Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 716090

Issue:

A petition was received signed by 104 residents who are opposed to dangerous drivers on Old Chester Road and City Road. They are concerned about speeding 'rat runners' who

abuse the one-way system between Kirk Street and the Coach and Horses mini roundabout on Mansfield Road. They have requested positive action from the Police and Council.

The problem is worst at the weekends when people leaving Darley playing fields use it as a short cut.

Previous key points / action taken:

Residents confirmed that Councillor Williamson had visited the site in August to assess the problem and that the Police had taken action as well. Residents asked for short-term action to help address the issue immediately and for a longer-term strategy to prevent it happening in future.

Richard Smail confirmed that the Police had visited the site as soon as the petition had been presented in August and had stopped and cautioned many drivers using the one-way system illegally. He reported that the Police have made a commitment to continue to visit and monitor the road. He also confirmed that as an immediate short-term action the Council has replaced the two original no entry signs with two new illuminated signs and have erected an information sign stating 'no access to Mansfield Road'.

Residents commented that the new information sign couldn't be seen because of the branches from a nearby tree and they needed removing.

Richard Smail confirmed that a report will be provided to a future area panel meeting outlining proposals for other options such as providing 'build outs' to narrow the road.

December 2006 – A report in response to this petition was presented on 6 December 2006. The report outlined the actions that had already been taken to address the issue including visits by the Police to warn drivers of the one-way street, replacement of no entry signs, installation of a new sign stating 'no access to Mansfield Road'.

The report also referred to designs being drawn up for proposals for footway build-outs that will help indicate that the road is one way. Also that the possible implementation of traffic calming has been added to the list for consideration of highways and transport work in 2007/08.

Response on 6 December 2006

The local residents supported the proposed action.

Another resident asked that an alternative is considered and suggested that the yellow lines on the north side of Old Chester Road are removed and a cycle lane installed instead. This suggestion was not supported by other local residents who considered this is not what local residents asked for and that a 'build out' would be preferred. The panel approved the proposed actions with no amendments.

Actions agreed:

The panel approved the proposed action outlined in the report. Put into Outstanding Issues table until April 2007.

Update:

Following receipt of a petition from residents regarding the abuse of the one-way system and speed of through traffic, investigations were carried out and a report presented at the Area Panel 5 meeting on the 6 December 2006.

The Panel approved the proposed action to implement the construction of kerb buildouts outlined in the report with no amendments. The suggested alternative was not supported by other local residents at the meeting who considered this is not what other local residents asked for and that a 'build out' would be preferred.

There is an alternate cycle route available on the adjacent Chester Green Road. This signed route is shown on Derby City Council literature and links with other on and off road cycling facilities. **To put in the outstanding issues table until April 2007.**

10. Ref 506029 – Pedestrian crossing, Markeaton Park, Mackworth/Allestree – raised 12.07.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715019

Issue:

A local resident considered that the new skateboard park at Markeaton Park now meant even more residents from Mackworth were going to Markeaton Park. He considered this was more evidence for the need for a pedestrian crossing by the Prince Charles Avenue junction and he asked the panel to consider the request.

Previous key points / action taken:

As it is nearly two years since we last reviewed Ashbourne Road, we arranged for a new survey of pedestrian activity to be undertaken on a Saturday morning during the summer when pedestrian activity is higher. The survey has been completed and the results are being collated and analysed. We will provide a further update when the investigations are complete.

Response on 6 December 2006

Richard Smail apologised that the full update had not been included in the papers and he confirmed that investigations have now been carried out on Ashbourne Road. These reveal that the minimum threshold for the installation of a pedestrian crossing facility was met.

Requests for the installation of pedestrian crossings are assessed using criteria based on national guidance. The guidance is used to assess types of pedestrian crossing facilities and ensures budgets are used to target areas in greatest need. The adopted criterion uses a minimum threshold below which no further action is recommended. Above the threshold other factors such as the mobility and age of pedestrians, and the speed and composition of traffic are considered.

Full 12-hour traffic and pedestrian counts have been carried out along the length of Ashbourne Road from the junction with the A38 to the junction with Prince Charles Avenue.

The busiest hour was 14:00 on a Saturday. There were 40 pedestrians, with 1205 vehicles. At other times of the day small numbers of pedestrians crossed between the gaps in traffic, although they did have to wait for a short time to cross both traffic lanes.

From the observations on site the main desire line for pedestrians was between the Petrol Station and Harringay Gardens. A review of the road injury collisions over the last five years shows that there was no recorded pedestrian injuries on Ashbourne Road.

It is recommended that a pedestrian refuge be installed at this location to assist pedestrians to cross. The refuge is planned to be on the stretch of Ashbourne Road between the pedestrian access to Harringay Gardens and the petrol station. We can't confirm a definite location yet as it will depend on the location of services and will require detailed investigation and planning. We will liaise with Parks to ensure that the refuge is in a suitable place to coincide with the current access to the park

The issue is included as one of the items to consider in the report titled 'Consultation on Area Panel 5 2007/08 programme of highways and transport schemes' found in item 9 on the agenda. .

The Mackworth Councillors welcomed the outcome that the need for a crossing was recognised but considered that a refuge was inadequate. This is the only road approaching the roundabout that does not have a controlled crossing and providing a refuge for pedestrians to stand on while traffic passes at 40mph is not suitable.

Actions agreed:

Noted, but the Mackworth Councillors asked that a controlled crossing is installed rather than a refuge.

Update:

Put into Outstanding issues table until April 2007

11. Ref 506037 — Traffic Flow in Mackworth, Mackworth - raised 6.12.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 716090

Issue:

A resident commented that there has been an considerable increase in the volume of traffic using Mackworth estate as a rat run to bypass Markeaton roundabout. They use Prince Charles Avenue, Mornington Crescent, Streatham Road and Brackensdale Avenue. On Brackensdale Avenue there is the main entrance to Brackensdale Nursery School, this nursery is a special needs nursery and is also used by the Infants and Junior Schools. There was an accident about three weeks ago and the road was closed for about an hour. He asked if we could have better road markings or better still Access Only signs introduced at the Prince Charles Avenue/Ashbourne Road Junction and at the A38 slip road/Brackensdale Avenue Junction.

Previous key points / action taken:

New item

Response on 6 December 2006

Mackworth Councillors supported the residents concern and asked that it is investigated. They indicated they would include it as one of their priorities for the 2007/8 highways and transportation programme.

Actions agreed:

Investigate and include as a priority for Mackworth in the 2007/8 highways and transportation programme.

Update:

Report back in April when the 2007/8 programme for highways and transportation schemes will be agreed.

12. Ref 506038 — Removal of Mobile Library in Mackworth, raised 6.12.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

David Potton, Head of Library Services, Regeneration and Community, telephone 716602

Issue:

A resident reported that a man was walking around Mackworth with a clipboard stating that the Mobile Library service was being removed from Mackworth. He asked the panel if this was true.

Previous key points / action taken:

New item

Response on 6 December 2006

Councillor Higginbottom assured the meeting that it was not true.

Actions agreed:

None.

Update:

Councillor Higginbottom approached the relevant Cabinet Member with responsibility for libraries and has received assurances that Mackworth mobile library will not be removed.

Note and close.

13. Ref 506022 – Petition – Repaving of Balham Walk, Mackworth – raised 12.07.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

John Edgar, Maintenance Manager, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715067

Issue:

A petition had been received from the residents of Mackworth Estate living in the area of Balham Walk, requesting the urgent repaving of Balham Walk.

Previous key points / action taken:

July 2006: Councillor Baxter reported that he had already been investigating this issue, and had been assured by the Senior Inspector that the repairs would be carried out this year. He explained that the reason for the delay was because of the Street Lighting Private Finance Initiative that could involve new lampposts being installed on Balham Walk. It would not be sensible to resurface the footway if it is to be dug up again soon

afterwards. At the moment the programme for new lighting is not known and until it is announced by the contractors Councillor Baxter explained he would keep pressing for the footway repairs

Residents asked the panel for details of when the replacement lights would be installed. Councillor Higginbottom requested that Balham Walk is put forward as a priority to the contractors.

October 2006: A report responding to the petition was presented to the meeting. It recommended that no action be taken other than to make sure Transco repair their reinstatement and that the six monthly routine inspections continue. A local resident expressed his disappointment with the outcome that suggests the pavement is safe. She suggested that the Access Officer inspects Balham Walk because many disabled people are unable to use the footway.

Councillor Gerrard also stated he was very disappointed by the response in the report, and asked that officers are asked to reconsider. He had been informed that the amount of people using a footway was taken into consideration and Balham Walk is a well used path, he asked what would make it a high priority.

Councillor Higginbottom asked how many reported trips and falls had occurred on the path.

Richard Smail confirmed that highway officers visited and inspected the footpath and the only defect found was where Transco had not repaired properly and they have been asked to complete a repair.

Officers use set criteria to assess the safety of footways, which involves checking the intervention level, which is the height difference of any joins or cracks. It will be checked every six months.

He explained that if the panel is not satisfied with the response they could refer it back to the Cabinet member for reconsideration.

Agreed to refer to the Cabinet member for a Planning and Transportation for reconsideration of the response.

December 2006 - This issue will be considered at the Planning and Transportation Individual Cabinet Member meeting on 13 December 2006. In consultation with the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission, the Cabinet Member will decide on the new response which may either confirm the original response or involve a review of policy or resource allocation by the Council Cabinet Member or the overview and scrutiny commission. A response will be provided at the Area panel meeting in January 2007. In the meantime Balham Walk has been included on the list of Highways Maintenance issues to be considered for 2007/08.

Response on 6 December 2006

Councillor Gerrard asked what issues are considered to make the repair of a footway a priority. Does it include the number of people using the footpath?

Actions agreed:

Respond to question about issues that are considered to make a repair a priority and provide information on the number of trips and falls on Balham Walk. .

Report back on the outcome of the Planning and Transportation Cabinet Member meeting held on 13 December.

Update:

Decision at Individual Cabinet Member's meeting on 13.12.06 was that no further action be taken other than consider Balham Walk for future year's footway resurfacing programme and the condition of Balham Walk be monitored and repairs carried out as necessary. The following issues are considered when prioritising a footway for repair:- condition, usage, and frequency of repair and general age. There are currently no reports of trips or fall on Balham Walk. We contacted the Council's insurance department to find out whether there have been any claims made in the past and they reported that there had been no claims. In addition, Derby Homes has not received any claims. **Note and report back April 2007.**

14. Ref 506046 — Signage and Street Furniture, all wards - raised 6.12.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 716090

Issue:

A written question was submitted asking for a rationalisation of unnecessary and duplicate signs and street furniture in the area. It detracts from a positive visual experience and is a safety issue in some cases. This includes:

'Car Spaces' sign outside St Helens House

A6 Matlock sign in footpath as approach Broadway roundabout from the city centre

Two 'no through road' 'T' signs at the top of river Street and North Parade.

Previous key points / action taken:

New item

Response on 6 December 2006

None.

Actions agreed:

To respond directly to the resident.

Update:

A letter of response has been sent to the resident. There is evidence that an excess concentration and number of road signs distract drivers from the driving task, impairing safety and reducing the effectiveness of the essential traffic information they provide. However a balance needs to be achieved with signing as we have a duty to ensure the safe and appropriate movement of people on City roads.

The car park variable message sign on King Street is the first part of a larger system of car park signing that is designed to improve journey planning, balance the popularity of car parks and help reduce circulating and queuing traffic. The chosen location was picked after much consideration of all available options and consultation with our Built Environment Team. The next stage in this car park signing will be the rationalisation of much of the signing around St Alkmunds Way as part of the Inner Ring Road Maintenance Scheme this should result in the tidying up of much of the other signing adjacent to St Helens House.

We recently reviewed the signing around the Broadway roundabout; this resulted in the removal of nine signs, which have been replaced with only four new signs. The post for the direction sign on the northbound approach to the roundabout to which you refer has not been placed exactly where we would have wanted it. The old sign near this location was partially hidden in bushes and trees so we wanted the new sign to be closer to the footway edge. Unfortunately because of services in the footway our contractor could not place it in the preferred location, which has resulted in the situation you have observed. However, although the post looks central in the footway the removal of an old illuminated post means that there is sufficient space for the passage of double buggies and wheelchairs.

The No through road signs on River Street were put up when the Street was closed to through traffic in 1967 and in an attempt to stop a 'rat-run' that developed to the factory via the car park and garage area. We are not aware of this being a problem any longer so will look at removing at least the post and sign that is against the corner property, as well as the no waiting at any time plate and broken Neighbourhood watch sign from the lighting column. **Note and close.**

15. Ref 506045 — Environmentally Friendly vehicles, all wards - raised 6.12.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Richard Kniveton, Fleet and Depot Manager, Environmental Services telephone 716514
Dawn Dagley, Parks Officer Community, Environmental Services, telephone 716272

Issue:

A written question was submitted asking for an update on the number of Council vehicles classed as environmentally friendly. Is there a strategy or policy of using environmentally friendly vans?

Previous key points / action taken:

New item

Response on 6 December 2006

None

Actions agreed:

Respond directly to the resident

Update:

In terms of 'environmentally friendly' vehicles the current Council position is:

1. Mayors Car – Powered by Liquid Petroleum Gas - LPG
2. Approximately 30 light commercial vehicles also powered by LPG
3. LPG tanks based at Stores Road Depot
4. All diesel powered vehicles run on Ultra Low Sulphur Diesel
5. All new light commercial vehicles are now specified as diesel powered with Common Rail - Euro IV engines
6. We will shortly be running a trial with our schools catering vehicles based on "bio-diesel" derived from redundant cooking oil from schools
7. The new Grounds Maintenance vehicles will run on "bio-diesel"

8. All new Large Commercial Vehicles, HGV's of 7.5 tonne and above are fitted with the most up to date – and cleanest Euro IV engines.
9. The Energy Savings Trust is to review the council's fleet of vehicles and advise on fuel savings and carbon reduction in early January 2007. The Council's vehicle fleet is also being reviewed as part of the authority's " Carbon Reduction Programme " in partnership Derbyshire County Council.
10. The Council has also investigated the feasibility of Refuse Collection Vehicles powered by Compressed Natural Gas and have recently returned their electric Citroen Berlingo after a prolonged trial with electric vehicles.

A response has been sent directly to the resident. **Note and close.**

16. Ref 506044 — Written Questions, all wards - raised 6.12.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Richard Smail, Area Panel Manager, Stronger and Safer Communities Unit, telephone 258505

Issue:

A written question was submitted asking how a resident receives a written answer to a question

Previous key points / action taken:

New item

Response on 6 December 2006

None.

Actions agreed:

Respond directly to the resident

Update:

Richard Smail has reported that he has written directly to the resident informing them that a written response is provided when a written question is submitted because there was insufficient time for the question at the meeting and when the questions raised are personal and specific. Written responses are also sent when the panel requests that a response is sent directly to the resident. **Note and close.**

17. Ref 506041 — Council Policy on Global Warming, all wards - raised 6.12.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Andy Hills, Team leader, Environmental Coordinator, Regeneration and Community, telephone 255569

Issue:

A resident asked what steps the Council is taking to reduce its own use of energy that contributes to the overheating of the planet. How is it encouraging residents and businesses to do the same. He referred to the impact made by the film 'Inconvenient Truth'.

Previous key points / action taken:

New item

Response on 6 December 2006

Councillor Wynn reported that there is a conference planned on 8 March 2007 for Council members and officers to attend and identify what the Council can do to contribute to tackling global warming. He referred to a commitment on the Councillors behalf to make a 25% reduction in energy use.

Councillor Samra reported that global warming is a citywide issue and that it is under discussion at the Scrutiny Management Commission.

The resident thanked the panel for their response.

Actions agreed:

None.

Update:

No further information to add. **Note and close.**

18.Ref 506040 — Derby Cityscape Governance arrangements, all wards - raised 6.12.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

John Cadwallader, Chief Executive Derby Cityscape,

Issue:

A resident asked what authority residents in Derby have in Derby Cityscape issues and developments. She stated that Derby Cityscape had informed her that the authority has been deferred to the Council Elected Members.

Previous key points / action taken:

New item

Response on 6 December 2006

Another resident asked that if Councillors do not have control of Derby Cityscape who is it accountable to?

Another resident asked which Councillors are on the Cityscape board.

The panel responded that there is information on the Cityscape website about who all the members of the board are and it also provides other useful information and how the board makes decisions.

Actions agreed:

To invite John Cadwallader to respond directly to the residents. Underhill. Sandhu. During. De Abreu

Update:

Derby Cityscape will respond directly to the resident.

