

Time commenced – 6.30pm  
Time finished – 8.35pm

**AREA PANEL 1  
(CHADDESSEN, DERWENT, OAKWOOD AND SPONDON WARDS)  
7 JULY 2004**

Present: Councillors Ahern, E Berry, P Berry, Bolton, Brown, Gupta, Latham,  
MacDonald, Redfern, Smalley and West.

Derby City Council and Derbyshire Constabulary Officers:

Richard Smail – Area Panel Manager  
Neil Haslam – Waste Management Officer (Strategy)  
John Insley – Derby Homes  
Julie Basford – Strategy Review Officer  
Sharon Jackson – Corporate Customer Services Manager  
Jan Glanowski – Supporting People Officer  
Inspector McLaughlin – Derbyshire Constabulary  
PC Buckley – Derbyshire Constabulary  
PC Adams – Derbyshire Constabulary

55 members of the public were in attendance.

**01/04 Apologies**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Roberts.

**02/04 Late Items to be Introduced by the Chair**

There were no late items.

**03/04 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**04/04 Minutes**

Agreed that the minutes of Area Panel 1 held on 20 April 2004 be confirmed as a correct record.

**05/04 Update on Progress regarding Community Issues  
raised at the Area Panel Meeting**

The Panel considered an update report on the progress of community issues raised at the last meeting. The report included details of issues raised and various actions, progress to date and details of which Council Officer was responsible for these issues.

**Agreed to note the report.**

## Specific Issues

### **Petition - Parking Issues - Foyle Avenue / Howth Close Chaddesden – Parking issues**

Councillor Bolton reported that the Council were still working with the police and the school to help alleviate the situation and working towards cones being used in the area.

### **Petition - Parking Issues - Newstead Avenue / Oakleigh Avenue Chaddesden**

Councillor Bolton reported that the Governors were sending out forms to parents to encourage them to be representatives on the Travel Plan Forum.

### **Youth Facilities - Spondon**

It was reported that consultation on new facilities in the Spondon had been extended to allow a consultation meeting to take place at the beginning of August, this would include a site visit and consideration of all responses received. Ideas put forward for landscaping would be considered. Funding for the project required that the scheme be located within Neighbourhood Renewal Fund area known as the Asterdale estate. The Asterdale estate boundaries extended to Stoney Lane and South Avenue. Various sites had been considered, but ruled out as appropriate sites as there were difficulties with the angle of the land at South Avenue site and security implications at Gravel Pit Lane. One of the requirements of the funding was that the anti-social behaviour team and the police needed to be able to access the land quickly to monitor any problems. The site at Cambridge Street / Willowcroft Road would allow for this. Willowcroft Recreation Ground was the most likely location for the scheme. Residents were concerned that young children would feel intimidated by older children using the area. It was reported that the facility would include a brand new facility for the toddler age range. A plan of the proposals would be shown at the consultation evening. It was reported that the consultation was focused on what facilities would be provided rather than the location. Consultation had begun three years ago which asked young people what facilities they required. More recent consultation had included young people and local residents. It was reported that funding for the project had not been secured until February 2004.

### **Vandalism Around 145th Scout Building - Coniston Crescent - Derwent**

Councillor Gupta reported that she had not agreed to ask the owners of the take-away to close the gates as stated in the update report. It was reported that the damage caused by contractors had been resolved. It was also reported that the lease for the take-away did not require the leaseholder to close the gates. Councillor Redfern asked how long the lease was for. There was a need to continue to encourage the tenant to close the gates.

**Agreed to ask the Director of Corporate Services to investigate the length of the lease.**

## **Improving Public Transport along Derby Road, Chaddesden and Spondon**

Councillor Gupta reported that she had not agreed to respond to the residents as reported in the update report.

## **Petition Mobile Phone Mast - Springwood Drive, Oakwood**

A member of the public asked, if the contractor who removes the posters informs the Council who had put posters up. They also asked if the Council then contacted the people responsible to tell them the consequences if they did not remove them. It was reported that the contractors were ONYX and that the Council do not contact the people responsible to warn them.

**Agreed to ask the Director of Development and Cultural Services to investigate if people could be issued with a warning requiring them to remove the posters they had put up.**

## **Safer Routes to School - Chaddesden Park Infant and Junior School, Chaddesden**

Councillor Bolton reported that the Governors were please with the completed works and that lower speeds had made the area safer. It was noted that cars were parking near the central reservation and were causing problems for other vehicles using the road.

**Agreed to ask the Director of Development and Cultural Services to paint lines to prevent cars parking near the central reservation.**

## **Chaddesden District Centre - Anti-Social Behaviour - Nottingham Road, Chaddesden**

**Agreed to close this item.**

## **Road Safety Improvements - Springwood Drive, Oakwood**

**Agreed to close this item.**

## **Anti-Social Behaviour - Oakwood**

The police beat officer for Oakwood asked people to contact him to report any problems relating to anti-social behaviour. He reported that his office would be located in the Oakwood Community Centre from early August. He reported that vandalism on the children's play area was being investigated.

## **Dropped kerbs – Chaddesden**

It was confirmed that dropped kerbs were included in the programme of work for 2004/05.

### **Anti-Social Behaviour – Mansfield Road and Croftwood – Derwent**

The police representative reported that bikes were being confiscated from people who were using them inappropriately.

### **Speed Limit on Mansfield Road – Derwent**

Councillor Redfern requested that this road should be treated as an exemption to the criteria for road speeds and that this request should be reconsidered by officers again.

**Agreed to ask the Director of Development and Cultural Services to reconsider lowering the speed limit on Mansfield Road.**

### **Litter Zones on Mansfield Road – Derwent**

Councillor Redfern was concerned that litter needed to be picked more regularly and that officers should consult Councillors on whether there was a need to increase the frequency of litter picking. Councillor Redfern also reported that litter was picked more frequently in other areas of the city and requested that the frequency and priorities be reported to a future meeting.

**Agreed to ask the Director of Development and Cultural Services to report to a future meeting on litter zones and litter picking frequencies.**

### **Litter Oakwood District Centre – Oakwood**

It was reported that the Council policy was to educate people rather than fine people for dropping litter. Councillor West reported that St Modwens was a private development and the Council had no jurisdiction over the litter on private land.

### **No Ball Game Sign – Welshpool Road – Derwent**

A member of the public asked when the sign was likely to be replaced. It was reported that Derby Homes had ordered the sign and would install it when it arrived.

### **Community Facilities, Breadsall Hilltop - Derwent**

Councillor Redfern requested an update why adoption of the open space was taking so long and whether interest had accrued on the £46,000.

**Agreed to ask the Director of Commercial Services to report back to a future meeting on progress to adopt the open space and financial situation.**

### **Provision of Litter Bins - Derwent**

Councillor Redfern reported that she was very disappointed that the consultation about the location of the new bins did not include local residents.

## 06/04 Public Question Time

The following questions were asked by members of the public:

### **Spondon Community Association**

Mr Hathaway of Spondon Community Association invited the panel to visit Spondon to see the improvements which had been funded by Area Panel funding.

### **Agreed to take up Mr Hathaway's offer of a visit around Spondon**

### **Proposals for Springfield Wood**

Residents on Marina Drive were concerned about what plans the Council had for the open space at Springfield Primary School. It was noted that this was not a Council initiative, but was being arranged by a sub group of the Spondon Community Association. It was reported that the proposals were in their infancy and that land was currently held for education purposes and it needed to be re-appropriated to Parks. Proposals and objections would be considered from members of the public on what should happen to the land. There was to be a meeting on 19 July 2004 at the Parish Rooms at 7.30pm to discuss proposals. Anita Hayes from the Spondon Community Association addressed the Panel and said that the idea was not to set the land out as a wood, but rather to have trees in the area. A feasibility study needed to be carried out and there was no definite design plans on the table at present. Discussions were taking place with the Community Association, Education and Derby Parks.

### **Jitty from Mayfield Road to Suffolk Avenue Chaddesden.**

A member of the public was concerned that lighting installed in the jitty to Suffolk Avenue from Mayfield Road was not working.

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

### **Traffic Wardens in the Spondon Area**

A member of the public requested that traffic wardens monitor traffic problems in the Spondon Area, there were particular problems around the fish and chip shop on Sitwell Street. The double yellow lines had not been replaced on Sitwell Street.

### **Agreed**

- 1 To request the Police to monitor the situation and report back to a future meeting.**

- 2 To ask the Director of Development and Cultural Services to investigate the double yellow lines and report back to a future meeting.**

### **Crossing on Dale Road**

A member of the public asked why Willowcroft Road met the criteria for a crossing when Dale Road did not and asked if there were any plans to review the crossing criteria. It was reported that the crossing criteria had recently been reviewed and Dale Road had been reassessed against the new criteria and still did not meet the criteria.

**Agreed to ask the Director of Development and Cultural Services to report back to a future meeting on how close Dale Road was to meeting the criteria.**

### **Lighting on Dale Road**

A member of the public reported that light number 90834 adjacent to Wood Road on Dale Road was not working and this had been reported repeatedly to the Council. There had recently been an accident involving a bicycle and an articulated lorry and he was very concerned that lighting was poor in the area.

**Agreed to ask the Director of Development and Cultural Services to investigate and report back to a future meeting.**

## **07/04 Petitions**

### **Petition Relating to Youth Facilities on Willowcroft Recreation Ground**

A new petition was presented opposing the proposed youth facilities on Cambridge Street / Willowcroft Road Recreation Ground.

**Agreed to ask the Director of Commercial Services to investigate the petition and report back to a future meeting.**

### **Petition Relating to Safety Issues at Acordis**

Mr Hawksworth, lead petitioner, presented the petition to the panel.

**Agreed to ask the Director of Development and Cultural Services to investigate the petition from an emergency planning point of view and report back to a future meeting.**

## **08/04 Rolling Out Rethink Rubbish Recycling in Oakwood and Chaddesden**

A report of the Assistant Director Highways, Transportation and Waste Management was considered which stated that following a successful trial of the recycling scheme in Chellaston in 2003, and Cabinet Approval on 16 October 2003, the Council was

introducing the service into parts of Oakwood and Chaddesden in October 2004. A map of the areas being converted to the scheme was attached to the report. Details of how the scheme would work and the proposed implementation timetable was set out in the report. It was reported that there were proposals to extend to scheme further in the following financial year, subject to finance being available. It was noted that should people require additional containers/bags, these would be provided free of charge, as well as replacement containers if the originals were vandalised or lost. Councillor Ahern asked if there was evidence to show that recycling has increased since the introduction of the scheme and whether there were any savings.

**Agreed to ask the Director of Development and Cultural Services to inform Councillor Ahern of the costs and savings connected to the scheme.**

#### 09/04 Demolition of Former OAP Building - Sitwell Street Spondon

A report of the Director of Corporate Services was considered, which stated that in 2003 the Council accepted a surrender of lease of the old people's welfare society building in Spondon. This was a prefabricated building, which was in a very poor condition. The old people's welfare society only had one trustee who was due to move out of the area. The society did not have the funds to demolish the property or to continue running it. Consideration was being given to the long-term solution for use of the land and there would be consultation with local residents.

**Agreed to note the intention to proceed with the demolition of the former OAP building in Spondon as soon as possible.**

#### 10/04 Customer Service Strategy

A report of the Director of Corporate Services was considered, which stated that the Service Access Review, which had been completed earlier this year, had recommended the development of a customer service strategy for the Council. The strategy outlined the Council's vision for customer service over the next three years. The draft strategy had been prepared and was available on the Council's website.

**Agreed to note that the consultation with stakeholders would take place on the draft customer services strategy during June and July 2004.**

#### 11/04 Developing a Five Year Strategy for Supporting People - Consultation Exercise

A report of the Assistant Director Housing and Advice Services was considered, which stated that supported housing was very important to the well being of people in Derby. It covered a wide range of services and many different kinds of needs. Supported housing included warden schemes for older people, refuges for people fleeing domestic violence and hostels for homeless people. Supporting People,

which was introduced in April 2003 was a new initiative that brought all the old sources of funding from supported housing together into a single pot, for which the Council acts as the administering authority. Questionnaires were being sent by post to people who had experience of receiving supporting housing services and a questionnaire was also placed on the Council's website. The consultation exercise would end on 30 July 2004. Councillor Gupta was very concerned about the short timescale for the consultation.

### **Agreed**

- 1 to note that the consultation with stakeholders would be completed by 30 July 2004.**
- 2. to request the Council Cabinet Member for Housing, Performance Management, Economic Development to feedback concerns of the Panel about the short timescale of the consultation to Council Cabinet.**

## **12/04 Outturn Report Area Panel 1 Budget 2003/04**

A report from the Director of Policy was considered, which stated that in 2003/04, Area Panel 1 was allocated a budget of £29,000. The Panel had agreed to divide this equally between the four wards. Details of how the budget was spent was set out in the report.

**Agreed to note the report.**

## **13/04 Area Panel Budget Proposals 2004/05**

A report of the Director of Policy was considered which set out details of two applications for funding which had been received.

It was reported that the first application was from the Multi-Faith Centre. They were seeking a grant of £980 towards the purchase of new chairs.

The second application was from Derby West Indian Community Association. They were seeking a grant of £5,000 towards Derby's Caribbean Carnival.

### **Options considered**

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

### **Decision (Multi-Faith Centre)**

To refuse the grant for £980 to the Multi-Faith Centre.

### **Reasons**



1. Funding had also been sought from Toyota and JCB and a decision on that funding was still awaited.
2. The project does not fall within the terms of reference of area panels, which states that the area panel budget is for local environmental and community purposes.

### **Decision (Derby West Indian Community Association)**

To refuse a grant of £5,000 towards the Derby Caribbean Carnival.

#### **Reasons**

1. The Council had already contributed financially and by service in kind to the Carnival.
2. The project does not fall within the terms of reference of area panels, which states that the area panel budget is for local environmental and community purposes.

### **14/04 Arrangements for the Next and Future Meetings**

It was noted that the following meetings had been arranged:

1 September 2004, Oakwood Ward, Parkview Primary School  
27 October 2004, Chaddesden Ward, Chesapeake Community Centre  
12 January 2005, Derwent Ward, to be confirmed  
9 March 2005, Spondon Ward, West Park Community School  
8 June 2005, Oakwood Ward, Park View Primary School

#### **Agreed that the following chairs be appointed**

**Councillor Latham for the meeting on 1 September 2004,  
Councillor Ahern for the meeting on 27 October 2004,  
Councillor Gupta for the meeting on 12 January 2005,  
Councillor P Berry for the meeting on 9 March 2005, and  
Councillor West for the meeting on 8 June 2005.**

Chair of the ensuing meeting  
at which these minutes were signed