

**AREA PANEL TWO – UPDATE REPORT
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ALVASTON JUNIOR COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

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1. Ref: 204006 – Request for pedestrian crossing or central refuge, Boulton Lane – received 14.01.04

Issue

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

Action reported at the meeting on 3 November 2004

It was reported that the investigation is ongoing and a letter has been sent to Ms Bradshaw to let her know the Council's position.

Public response at the meeting on 3 November 2004

Council response at the meeting on 3 November 2004

Councillor Jackson asked that the ward councillors be copied into any future correspondence regarding this issue.

Councillor Leeming reported that following a visit to the area, he had identified three main streams of pedestrian traffic and two main streams of vehicle traffic. He explained that the majority of traffic are actually parents taking their children to school. The pedestrian streams do not actually pass the shops, but are to the eastern side, and as a result the crossing would not help these streams, except at lunchtime. He suggested that a crossing be positioned at the eastern end – Bracknell Drive and Field Lane, near to the Public House.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 3 November 2004

To keep this matter on the agenda

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 12 January 2005

The approved crossing is on Crayford Road, near Boulton Lane and preliminary design is now being undertaken

Responsibility

Adrian Astle, Signals and Projects Engineer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715018
Michelle Spamer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064

2. Ref: 204028 Parking at Alvaston Library- received 07.07.04

Issue

A member of the public raised concerns about the condition of the car park at the rear of Alvaston Library. There was a lack of lighting and many potholes on the car park.

Action reported at the meeting on 3 November 2004

It was reported that a letter had been sent to the company, to find out whether they would install secure lighting at the rear car park. An e-mail response states that:

'On the question of lighting we will be as helpful as possible bearing in mind the wishes of our tenants and the costs of any lighting scheme. The rear parking area is very large and I am not sure how much of the space could be satisfactorily lit without significant costs which could perhaps not be supported or afforded by other tenants.'

Our building surveyor for this property will visit with our electrician within the next ten days – before 22 October - to see what can be done and to make recommendations.

Public response at the meeting on 3 November 2004

Council response at the meeting on 3 November 2004

Bill Reed reported that to date no further update had been received on these works.

Councillor Graves informed the meeting that the Alvaston councillors had done a walkabout with the local housing officers, and it was very apparent that lights were actually being installed.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 3 November 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 12 January 2005

The Council has now agreed that lights will be installed at the rear of the Library. These will be paid for by the owner of the building but will add charges to the rental paid by tenants, including the Library and the Housing Office. The work was expected to be done by the end of December.

Responsibility

Fran Renwick, Assistant Head of Library Services, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 716610

Bill Reed, Area Panel manager, Policy Directorate, telephone 258501

Councillor Paul Bayliss

3. Ref: 204033 Road markings, Chellaston High Street - received 07.07.04

Issue

A member of the public asked if the white lines on High Street, Chellaston could be repainted

Action reported at the meeting on 3 November 2004

It was reported that the Council is arranging for the High Street reconstruction to go ahead in mid-February. Once all construction work is complete road markings will be in place.

Public response at the meeting on 3 November 2004

A member of the public stated that there were safety hazards when excavation work begins.

Another local resident raised the issue of quality assurance, stating that if a contractor failed to meet quality standards then they should not get future contracts.

Council response at the meeting on 3 November 2004

Councillor Tittley explained that local residents were actually complaining about the amount of time it takes to get potholes filled in. He hopes that when repairs are done it is done in a timely manner.

Councillor Willetts stated that they were led to believe that the work would be done later in the year. Councillors should have been informed directly that this work would be completed early, rather than reading it in the report.

David Gartside, Development and Cultural Services explained that the contractors do have quality standards set out as part of the contract. However the difficulty is that the work comprises of many different works in different areas, so although checks are carried out, not all locations are covered.

Councillor Wynn went onto explain that the Council appoint contractors to do unspecified works, but leave the timing up to the contractors, which is generally within a three month window to be completed. Although this has advantages, it does make it difficult to supervise the work.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 3 November 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 12 January 2005

The scheme is now in the design phase with an estimated start date of 12 February 2005. The site limits are from Fellowlands to A514 Derby Road junction. The estimated duration is 2 weeks. This scheme has been delayed substantially due to Gas Board planned works along the High Street. We have been informed that these works will be completed by February in time for us to commence.

Responsibility

John Edgar, Maintenance Manager, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715067
Ian Copeland, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 25 5916
Michelle Spamer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064

4. Ref: 204037 - Times of area panel meeting - received 22.09.04

Issue

A resident requested that the area panel 2 meeting begin at 7 pm, to allow working people to attend. She was concerned that at the moment, with a start time of 6 pm, it is only attracting retired residents.

Action reported at the meeting on 3 November 2004

Public response at the meeting on 3 November 2004

After discussion, it was agreed to go to a public vote to decide the start time of the area panel 2 meetings.

Council response at the meeting on 3 November 2004

Councillor Bayliss suggested that the public vote on this. Councillor Graves did not agree with this, but suggested that the agenda should make sure that the public question time, petitions and funding do not start until at least 6.30pm, so that members of the public can arrive slightly later.

Councillor Blanskby responded by saying that this issue was raised at the previous meeting by a member of the public, and as such, to ignore a public request would be wrong. He suggested that the panel should at least try a new time.

Councillor Tittley confirmed that this would go to a public vote.

Following a public vote, the majority of residents present, voted for a 6.30 pm start.

6 pm start time – 7 in favour

6.30 pm start time – 15 in favour

7 pm – 1 in favour

Actions agreed at the meeting on 3 November 2004

Following the public vote, it was agreed that future area panel 2 meetings would now start at 6.30 pm.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 12 January 2005

Meeting times have been revised.

Responsibility

Bill Reed, Area Panel Manager, Policy Directorate, telephone 258501

5. Ref: 204042 – Area Panel Papers - received 03.11.04

Issue

Bill Reed informed the meeting that there would be changes in the process of the distribution of papers. He reported that the public had received the two front blue pages – agenda and map – together with a letter detailing the reason for the change, and details on how to access the papers. He stated that the principal reason for this change was cost. There are over 1000 people on the mailing list, and each agenda in the full form costs between £4-5 pounds, which over the year costs over £30,000.

Action reported at the meeting on 3 November 2004

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 3 November 2004

Mr Mullarkey, a local resident expressed his concern with this new decision, stating that this is attacking the whole ethos of the organisation. He stated that over the past few years the area panels have built up a good rapport, with excellent debates taking place, and as a result he has been delighted to be part of it. He reported that the cost stated was in fact a commercial cost, and stated that copies can be made at the library for just 7p each. He also informed the meeting that he had been informed by a Council Officer that the actual cost of these documents was between £2 – 2.50, with postage charges extra.

He also raised concern that the public would not have enough time to fully digest this document prior to the meeting. He suggested that if the panel reject this proposal, the a petition should be pulled together objecting to this decision.

Another local resident stated that if the minutes were not made available then the area panel would not be a proper meeting. It is stated that minutes should be produced and available so many days before the meeting to give everybody the change to read them, therefore the minutes need to be distributed. This comment was fully supported by Councillor Tittley.

Another resident agreed with this, and stated that as long as the papers are called minutes, then they are part of a formal meeting.

Following a public vote, all residents present at the meeting voted to receive the papers.

Council response at the meeting on 3 November 2004

Councillor Wynn asked for an explanation as to how the paper distribution worked before this change.

Bill Reed explained that prior to the change, every person on the mailing list received the panel pack. When members of the public register their attendance, they are automatically put on the mailing list.

Councillor Bayliss stated that members of the public are council tax payers, and if they wish to receive papers, then that should be granted. The Council should ask the public, not dictate to them, and decisions have taken place without out public consultation. As a result, he placed his objection to this decision. He went on to explain that area panels are very successful, with very good attendance, and therefore the Council should be encouraging this. He suggested that a recommendation be given to Council Cabinet to revert the decision to the original process.

Councillor Wynn stated that he supported Councillor Bayliss, and that no charge should be made for these papers. He commented that he would rather people be given the information, but did accept that some people don't read the papers. He stated that regular attendees who the papers should have them available at no cost. He explained that obviously they need to strike a balance, and come up with a compromise

Councillor Dhamrait expressed his shock to hear about these changes, particularly with no consultation with the public. He stated that the Council cannot expect the public to attend the meeting early to read the papers. The area panels were introduced to engage the public and the Council, and as a result he fully objected to these changes.

Councillor Turner explained that this decision was made by the Leader of the Council, and not the Council Cabinet.

Councillor Graves expressed his support that the documents be made available. He explained that the area panels are for the public, with public funds available. He suggested that the public be contacted to see how they want to receive the information. He reported that the document available at the meeting was in fact only 25 pages. He commented that if these documents are not made available and distributed to the public, then it would be much harder to find out what people think, and get attendance at the meetings. He stated that he would be very interested to see how the public vote on this issue.

Councillor Tittley suggested putting the resolution to a panel vote.

The resolution was carried. Resolved to ask Council Cabinet to reverse the decision.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 3 November 2004
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To ask Council Cabinet to reverse the decision.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 12 January 2005

Full Council considered this on 24 November and resolved to continue the limited distribution, with variations. The resolution allowed for 40 copies of the full agenda to be made available at the Council House reception or at the meeting. Full agendas are available on the internet and email alerts are provided. Papers can be consulted at libraries. A letter has been sent which asks people whether they still want to be circulated.

Responsibility

Bill Reed, Area Panel Manager, Policy Directorate, telephone 258501

6. Ref: 204043 – Dropped kerbs, Newbridge Crescent - received 03.11.04

Issue

A resident reported that in March she was assured that dropped kerbs would be installed on the crescent.

Action reported at the meeting on 3 November 2004

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 3 November 2004

Council response at the meeting on 3 November 2004

Councillor Tittley explained that he continues to lobby on this. Agreed to raise the issues of the drop kerbs again.

Councillor Wynn went on to explain that the Alvaston Councillors are re-campaigning for a number of dropped kerbs. He commented that the budget has been reduced, and as a result the whole works programme has been put back. Work has started to come through, but six months later than initially planned.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 3 November 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 12 January 2005

Mick Watts visited Mrs Nixon in March 2004. Dropped kerb requirements on Jubilee Road, which has a junction with Newbridge Crescent, were looked at. 12 dropped kerbs were identified and incorporated on the dropped kerb programme. Funding for dropped kerbs has been reduced this financial year. It is expected that it will be two years before the kerbs will be dropped. A request for an increase in funding has been submitted, and we are awaiting a decision.

Responsibility

Michelle Spamer, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064

Mick Watts, Access Officer, telephone 255925

7. Ref: 204044 - Council's Tree Policy - received 03.11.04

Issue

A member of the public raised concern over the Council's review of the tree policy. He stated that the Council only seem to be interested in it for insurance purposes, and not how it actually infringes on people's lives, and as a result will not help the general public.

Action reported at the meeting on 3 November 2004

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 3 November 2004

A resident informed the panel that there was a huge tree on Hubert Shaw Close, Shelton Lock, that was keeping the light out of at least four properties. She asked that this area be included in the tour. She went onto explain that they need pruning, and not necessarily removing.

Council response at the meeting on 3 November 2004

Councillor Leeming agreed that the tree policy was anti-public, and agreed with the resident. He assured him that he was dealing with it. He reported that a tour would be taking place of the known problem areas around the City, and asked that the public inform the Councillors of locations. He confirmed that one of the main areas being visited was Whitehouse Close, and assured residents that something would be done. He commented that eventually the tree policy would be orientated towards to the general public's needs, and not that of the trees.

Councillor Tittley also expressed his concerns with the policy.

Councillor Bayliss also suggested that residents pass on the problem areas to Bill Reed, so that they can be included in the tour.

Councillor Wynn responded by saying that he felt the tree policy at the moment was inflexible, and would like to see it changed. He stated that he was pleased a review was taking place, and looks forward to having a far more sensible policy, that could include a discretion to be more able to remove trees, with perhaps an aspiration that they are replaced.

Councillor Turner stated that he believed that the policy wasn't being adhered to in parts of Nightingale Road, he explained that some areas were in fact very dangerous, and need to be maintained.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 3 November 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 12 January 2005

The Overview and Scrutiny Commission has now completed its work and its was considered by Council on 21 December. Cabinet has asked the Director of Commercial Services to respond to the ideas suggested. Copies of the report will be available at the meeting for members of the public who wish to see it.

Responsibility

David Romaine, Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination Officer, telephone 255598

8. Ref: 204045 – East Midlands Airport - received 03.11.04

Issue

A member of the public reported that at an area panel 4 meeting it was arranged for a representative from the airport to attend a meeting to discuss the flight paths, and noise elements. She asked that this be made available to area panel 2.

Action reported at the meeting on 3 November 2004

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 3 November 2004

Council response at the meeting on 3 November 2004

Bill Reed confirmed that this was happening at area panel four, but stated that the issue of flight paths can be discussed at any time.

Councillor Leeming confirmed that he has already raised this issue, and asked that a representative from the airport attend a future panel meeting.

Councillor Wynn suggested that the public be asked if they wish to receive a presentation – following a public vote, the majority were in favour.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 3 November 2004

To arrange for a representative of East Midlands Airport to attend an Area Panel 2 Meeting.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 12 January 2005

I am attempting to organise attendance at the meeting on 16 March.

Responsibility

Bill Reed, Area Panel Manager, Policy Directorate, telephone 258501.

9. Ref: 204047 - Traffic issues, Maple Drive - received 03.11.04

Issue

A resident raised concern over the poor driving habits in the evening which was having an effect on the roundabout near to the Red Lion Public House. He informed the panel that traffic backs up from the lights, and drivers are not letting cars on Maple Drive onto the main road. He asked the panel if a 'keep clear' sign could be erected, or alternative road markings be installed.

Action reported at the meeting on 3 November 2004

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 3 November 2004

Another resident responded stating that if a keep clear sign be installed, then the problem would just shift somewhere else.

Council response at the meeting on 3 November 2004

Councillor Wynn reported that a box could not be marked on a roundabout itself.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 3 November 2004

To look into the suggestion of a 'keep clear' sign, and report back to the next meeting.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 12 January 2005

Keep clear signs or road markings are not generally allowed on unsignalled roundabouts . This is because a circulating vehicle has priority over those entering. If a vehicle stops to allow vehicles to enter the roundabout, there is likely to be uncertainty over re-establishing right of way when the roundabout is clear again. A look at the Derbyshire Constabulary's database of all recorded personal injury accidents shows that the roundabout has a good safety record, with only one slight accident in the last three years. For these reasons a keep clear sign is not considered appropriate at the Maple Drive roundabout.

Responsibility

Michelle Spamer, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064

10. Ref: 204048 – Disability Access Issues - received 03.11.04

Issue

A local resident raised a number of issues regarding access for the disabled.

1. **Moorways**

He commented about a guide that had been distributed which shown a picture of a disabled person in a wheelchair, exercising on the first floor of the building. He explained that this was in fact impossible as there was no lift available. He asked the Council to put a lift in the Moorways.

2. **Access and right of way, Footpath near Chestnut Avenue / Canal**

He reported that the footpath needed resurfacing for easier disabled access, and explained that a gap of 3' 6" is required so that it can be used.

Action reported at the meeting on 3 November 2004

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 3 November 2004

Council response at the meeting on 3 November 2004

Councillor Tittley explained that the work on the footpath is ongoing. He confirmed that a double stile had been put in, but has since been removed, and as a result the access there should be appropriate for both wheelchair users, and pushchair users. He went on to explain that the footpath was adopted over a year ago, and work is still ongoing.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 3 November 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 12 January 2005

The provision of a lift at the centre, is included in the Council's 2005/6 DDA Access Improvement Programme. Installation of a lift, is subject to funding being available, and the prioritisation of other schemes across the Council.

There is no record of the footpath being obstructed. Mr Ransford has met with Mr Reed, the Area Panel Manager to look at this issue.

Responsibility

John Brown/Andrew Beddows, Head of Sport and Leisure, telephone 715513

11. Ref: 204007 – Petition, High volume of traffic using A514 – received 14.01.04

Issue

A petition was received suggesting that traffic volumes on the A514 were excessive and asking for action to be taken.

Action reported at the meeting on 3 November 2004

A full report on this issue was available at the meeting – see item 10.

Following a previous request, a display showing the various classifications of roads in the area was available at the meeting. David Gartside went onto explain this.

Public response at the meeting on 3 November 2004

A local resident suggested to David Gartside that a temporary road restriction be placed for the next 12 months, to see if it had an affect on the high volume of traffic.

A member of the public asked the panel that when exceptions are made for HGVs to deliver, could a restriction not be made on the weight of them. She also asked if the Council could influence the quality of internet maps, as many HGVs are getting lost, and therefore using other unsuitable routes.

It was also reported that some of the sizes of the HGVs makes it very difficult for the emergency services to get through, particularly at busy times.

Another resident asked why there was no weight restriction on the bridge that runs over the canal, as he was concerned about the amount of cracks on it.

Council response at the meeting on 3 November 2004

Councillor Tittley informed the meeting that Chellaston Residents Association had been doing traffic surveys of HGVs, and has a result have written to the companies to ask them to stop using the route as a through route, this has had some impact. He emphasised that the Council should listen to the views of the public as to whether a weight restriction would be of value. He explained that when the A50 was opened residents were assured that it would not affect the traffic volume through the ward. He stated that he would like to see something done.

David Gartside responded that he fully understands the concerns of residents, but did not think that this could be achieved. He stated that on a day to day basis they know exactly what changes have taken place on the A514, and there has been little change in the last two years. The number of HGVs is actually quite small, in comparison with other roads. If a weight restriction is introduced, it may not actually reduce the volume.

With regard to the bridge, he explained that structural engineers have investigated it and it is ok.

He also reported that the maximum weight restriction is actually 40 tonnes, and every highway must be capable of accommodating this maximum weight. Therefore, if HGVs are gaining access to premises, then they are allowed to enter, and no restriction can be made.

With regard to Internet maps, David Gartside explained that the Council are currently providing information to the map generators, and are looking at freight maps, which give out the most desirable routes for them to get access. These will be made widely available.

Councillor Bayliss commented that 'Except for access' means just that, and therefore a ban cannot be total, as it is a legal requirement for frontagers to have access. He informed the meeting that if people want to ban vehicles from accessing roads, then the law needs to be changed. He also stated the traffic volumes may be helped if people used other methods of transport.

He recommended that the area panel put a recommendation to the Council Cabinet that a weight restriction be put on the A514

David Gartside responded stating that he was still awaiting information from the Highways Agency, which would give details on the actual impact of the Alvaston Bypass. He asked the panel if they would wait for this response to come at the next meeting, before putting the recommendation to the Council Cabinet.

Councillor Tittley stated that this issue had gone on for too long, and rejected this request. It was then put to a panel vote.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 3 November 2004

To put a recommendation to the Council Cabinet that a weight restriction be put on the A514.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 12 January 2005

This matter has been referred to the Council's Cabinet and will go to the January 18 meeting. We will report back to the Area Panel once Cabinet has made a decision.

Responsibility

David Gartside, Head of Traffic, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715025.

12. Ref: 204026 – Petition, Installation of bus shelters – Wragley Way and Deepdale Lane - received 05.05.04

Issue

A petition was received requesting the installation of a bus shelter on Wragley Way and Deepdale Lane.

Action reported at the meeting on 3 November 2004

There are four locations where shelters are being sought. These are as follows:

- Deepdale Lane – within programme for 2005/6
- Opposite Heath Court – within programme for 2005/6
- Opposite Sinclair Close – no decision
- London Road/Traffic Street, adjoining the DRI – operated by Adshel. Proposal to relocate would be discussed with Adshel.

Public response at the meeting on 3 November 2004

A member of the public asked the panel if it could be recommended to Adhsell that bus shelters are made of something other than glass, as every fortnight they are smashed and vandalised, and as a result must be costing a lot of money.

Another resident responded stating that the plastic material is actually a fire hazard.

Council response at the meeting on 3 November 2004

Councillor Bayliss informed the meeting that Council Cabinet had agreed that Adshell would be given the contract for the next 15 years. The use of plastic material for the bus shelters had been rejected.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 3 November 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 12 January 2005

The shelters are due to be installed next financial year, but the programme has not been drawn up yet.

The Adshel contract is currently under negotiation – for the whole of the city. The shelter on London Road/Traffic Street will remain where it is until an alternative site has been identified and approved. One option, as suggested by Mr Mullarkey, for the shelter to be relocated on the opposite side of London Road, is under consideration. However, alternative suggestions from residents for relocation of this shelter on a main arterial route would be welcomed. These would then be considered by Adshel.

Responsibility

Sean Marshall, Public Transport Engineer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715048.

13. Ref: 204027 – Petition, Nursery provision, St Peter’s Church Hall, Chellaston - received 05.05.04

Issue

A petition was received concerning the increase of traffic, as a result of the plans for a nursery at St Peter’s Church Hall.

Action reported at the meeting on 3 November 2004

Bill Reed reported that there has been ongoing monitoring involving the church hall committee and local residents. Have made the request to Highways to be involved with the monitoring – and this is in their programme of work. No monitoring has taken place prior to this meeting. Will have a fuller report as to whether or not in their opinion there is any traffic hazard, pedestrian safety, disturbances to local residents.

Public response at the meeting on 3 November 2004

A resident of St Peter’s Road informed the meeting that a three year old was knocked down on the road last week, and asked how many more times has this got to happen before something is done.

Another resident informed the meeting that the nursery are telling everyone that the residents are ok with the plans, and as a result want to delay this meeting now until after Christmas.

Council response at the meeting on 3 November 2004

Councillor Tittley informed the public that he was currently trying to organise a meeting with both the Committee and the general public.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 3 November 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 12 January 2005

A meeting is to be held in the new year to monitor the issues at this location. A date when Mark Todd MP and other parties can attend has not yet been arranged.

Responsibility

Bill Reed, Area Panel Manager, Policy Directorate, telephone 258501
Michelle Spamer, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064

14. Ref: 204041 - Petition – Pavements Rosythe Crescent - received 22.09.04

Issue

New petition asking for work to be done to the pavements at Rosythe Close

Action reported at the meeting on 3 November 2004

It was reported that the Petition has been passed on to the developer, together with a letter asking the developer to inform us of when the footways will be completed. As of 25 October, no response had been received from the developer.

Public response at the meeting on 3 November 2004

None.

Council response at the meeting on 3 November 2004

Councillor Tittley informed the meeting that because the road is not adopted, it is the developers responsibility to deal with this issue. He confirmed that he would continue to pursue this.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 3 November 2004

To keep on the agenda, and provide an update at the next meeting.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 12 January 2005

The matter is essentially one between the residents and the developer. The Council would not expect to have any particular contact with the developer about it anyway. The Council does not have any means to force the developer to a timescale for any particular phase of his development.

The pathway between Parkway and Rosythe Crescent has never been intended as a public vehicle route - at most, it was to be a controlled, bus only link, until such time as the full road route through the site was completed. It will then to be downgraded to a pedestrian/cycle only route. The full vehicle route through the site will have to be completed to a usable standard and opened prior to the implementation of the downgrading of Sinfin Moor Lane - the developers have indicated that they are aiming for late January/early February for this to happen, because they are hoping to have occupations of dwellings north of Sinfin Moor Lane about then.

Responsibility

John Edgar, Maintenance Manager, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715067
Michelle Spamer, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064

15. Ref: 204049 – Petition – Request for a lay-by parking or other form of short stay parking near to Andrew’s Fish and Chip Shop, Chellaston - received 03.11.04

Issue

A petition signed by over 500 local people was received requesting a lay-by parking or other form of short stay parking in close proximity to Andrew’s fish and chip shop in Chellaston.

Action reported at the meeting on 3 November 2004

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 3 November 2004

The lead petitioner informed the panel, that since the installation and operation of the traffic signals on the A514 and High Street Chellaston, customers are finding it increasingly difficult to stop off at the shop for food, and this is having an adverse effect on the business.

Council response at the meeting on 3 November 2004

Councillor Tittley confirmed the significance of the chip shop, and stated that many residents use it. He agreed that the traffic lights did not help matters, and indicated that he would like to see a mini roundabout installed, rather than traffic lights. As a result of the traffic signals, it has had a devastating effect on the Chip Shop, and he advised the Council to look at this issue.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 3 November 2004

Agreed to note the petition, and provide a report at the next meeting.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 12 January 2005

A report appears elsewhere on the agenda

Responsibility

Michelle Spamer, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064

16. Ref: 204050 – Petition – Installation of lighting, improved surfacing and drainage to Green Lane, Alvaston - received 03.11.04

Issue

A petition was received by the panel requesting the installation of lighting, improved surfacing and drainage to Green Lane, Alvaston to improve the safety for pedestrians, cyclists and those living or working alongside Green Lane, by reducing the fear of crime.

Action reported at the meeting on 3 November 2004

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 3 November 2004

Council response at the meeting on 3 November 2004

Actions agreed at the meeting on 3 November 2004

To note the petition, and provide a report at the next meeting.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 12 January 2005

A report appears elsewhere on the agenda

Responsibility

Michelle Spamer, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064
Rab Singh, Lighting Section, telephone 715047

17. Ref: 204051 – Petition – Installation of central refuge and improvements to road layout, Raynesway and Alvaston Street - received 03.11.04

Issue

A petition was received by the panel requesting the installation of a central refuge and improvements to the road layout of the junction between Raynesway and Alvaston Street. This would improve safety for pedestrians, cyclists and car users.

Action reported at the meeting on 3 November 2004

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 3 November 2004

Council response at the meeting on 3 November 2004

Actions agreed at the meeting on 3 November 2004

To note the petition, and provide a report at the next meeting.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 12 January 2005

The investigation is not complete. We will report back to the March Area Panel Meeting.

Responsibility

Michelle Spamer, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064

18. Ref: 204052 – Petition – Installation of dog dirt bins, Alvaston - received 03.11.04

Issue

A petition was received by the panel requesting the installation of dog dirt bins on Green lane, Elvaston Lane playing field and the field to the rear of St Michael's and All Angels Church. The installation of the bins would allow the hygienic and effective disposal of dog dirt, and improve the cleanliness of footpaths and play areas.

Action reported at the meeting on 3 November 2004

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 3 November 2004

Council response at the meeting on 3 November 2004

Actions agreed at the meeting on 3 November 2004

To note the petition, and provide a report at the next meeting.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 12 January 2005

The budget for this year has already been allocated and there are no funds to meet this request. It will however be added to a list of similar requests which will be looked at again should additional funds become available.

Responsibility

Alf Bousie, Principal Landscape Assistant, City Parks, telephone 715778

19. Ref: 204053 – Petition – Landscaping of field, near John Fisher School - received 03.11.04

Issue

A petition was received by the panel requesting the landscaping of the field to the rear of St. John Fisher School, to allow dog walkers who are currently unable to make it over the new bridge, to have somewhere to walk their dogs without the need to use the new nature area. This will assist in keeping the nature area free of fouling.

Action reported at the meeting on 3 November 2004

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 3 November 2004

Council response at the meeting on 3 November 2004

Actions agreed at the meeting on 3 November 2004

To note the petition, and provide a report at the next meeting.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 12 January 2005

The land is subject to an agricultural tenancy to a local farmer. The land has unfortunately been severed by the construction and opening of the new part of the A6 Alvaston By Pass and we are currently in discussion with the farmer about the future use of the site. At this stage we are unable to accede to the petitioners request.

Responsibility

Alex Ward, Valuer, Property Services, telephone 255543