

Time commenced – 6.30pm
Time finished – 8.55pm

**AREA PANEL 1
(CHADDESSEN, DERWENT, OAKWOOD AND SPONDON WARDS)
9 MARCH 2005**

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

Derby City Council and Derbyshire Constabulary Officers:

Richard Smail – Area Panel Manager
Christine Durrant – Head of Transportation and Special Projects, Development and
Cultural Services
Neil Haslam – Waste Management Officer (Strategy), Development and Cultural
Services
Jayne Peapell – Derby Homes
Inspector Graham McLaughlin – Derbyshire Constabulary
Ruth Hardy – Youth Service
Margaret Evans – Youth Service

31 Members of the public were in attendance.

47/04 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Brown, Gupta and Roberts.

48/04 Late Items to be Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

49/04 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

50/04 Minutes of the Last Meeting

Agreed that the minutes of Area Panel 1 held on 12 January 2005 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**51/04 Update on Progress Regarding Community Issues
Raised at the Area Panel Meeting**

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

Agreed to note the report.

Specific Issues

145th Scout Building Coniston Crescent, Derwent.

The Scout leader reported that the youth services had visited the area and would visit again to engage with local people. There had been more vandalism at the Scout hut including the anti vandal paint being sprayed with silver paint. There had been further incidences of verbal abuse. The scout leader was looking into arranging funding to provide fencing around the scout hut, and she reported that an application for Area Panel funding would be made at the next meeting, and that they were also applying to the Small Change fund.

Anti-Social behaviour – Oakwood

A member of the public reported that there had been four incidences of anti-social behaviour in a week in the Oakwood area. Councillor Latham reported that barriers had been installed which should help reduce the use of motorbikes in the Porters Lane area. A member of the public reported that fences were being vandalised, mud missiles being thrown, and double glazing being broken. Inspector McLaughlin reported that an increase in anti-social behaviour had been identified around the shops, and that more resources had been allocated to the area. As a result two people had been arrested.

Anti-Social behaviour – Mansfield Road, Croft Wood – Derwent

A member of the public reported that while motorbikes were still using the area, mainly on the Breadsall side, a lot more people were now using the area in a proper way. He considered that the lack of fencing along the A61 meant it had become the main access for motorbikes. He suggested that facilities be provided elsewhere in the city for bikes. Councillor West reported that the Council had been trying to attract a national motor cross centre to the city, but had not been successful. It was suggested that an area of land at the back of Pride Park could be used, but it was reported that this was not in Council ownership. A member of the public suggested that the Police should investigate petrol stations supplying fuel illegally. Councillor Redfern reported that there was a piece of land on Raynesway, belonging to Acordis or Severn Trent, which was also being used illegally. She reported that it was difficult to find a suitable off road location for bikes.

Pedestrian Crossing on Mansfield Road – Derwent

It was reported that a part of Mansfield Road now met the criteria for a pedestrian crossing but a specific location for the crossing was still to be identified.

Provision of Litter Bins – Derwent Ward

A member of the public reported that a bin was still required to replace the bin which had been vandalised and considered that the criteria had not changed since the first

installation of the bin. Councillor Redfern reported she had now been informed that the litter bin did not originally meet the criteria because there was not enough litter. Neil Haslam, Waste Management Officer (Strategy), reported that the litter in the area was quite small, and that there were more serious litter problems elsewhere. Officers had surveyed the area and not found a litter problem and the bin would not therefore be replaced. Councillor Redfern requested that her opposition to the decision be recorded. Neil Haslam agreed to keep the area under review. Councillor West asked about the revenue implications of emptying the bin. Neil Haslam explained that it cost very little to empty a bin but it cost about £150 to install a new litter bin.

Agreed to ask the Director of Development and Cultural Services to keep the area under review.

Dog Waste Bins on Chaddesden Park – Chaddesden

The Chair of the Friend's of Chaddesden Park reported that a meeting had taken place to discuss the siting of the new litter bins in Chaddesden Park and they were now pleased with the locations chosen. She suggested that new bins were also required in the Chaddesden Lane Area when opportunities arose.

Bus Services – Spondon/Chaddesden

A member of the public reported that the Pride Park bus number 10 was being withdrawn from 10 April 2005. He asked if this would be replaced. He also stated that the number 9 bus service was being replaced. Christine Durrant, Head of Transportation and Special Projects, reported that she was aware of service 10 being withdrawn, and that there was currently a study being undertaken to see what services were required in the area. In respect of service 9, 'Littles' had taken over the contract, but it was not clear whether the evening service would continue. The member of the public was concerned that buses finished at 6pm, when for example, Doctors surgeries, had appointments up until 7pm.

Railings – Chaddesden Park Allotments – Chaddesden

A member of the Chaddesden Park Allotment Association thanked the Area Panel for the funding and explained that the majority of work would be carried out by the Allotment Association which has enabled them to purchase 100 metres of fencing rather than 60 metres. The unused allotments area had been cleared by Derby Parks and Roe Farm Police were maintaining regular patrols in the area.

Fencing around Chaddesden Wood – Oakwood

Councillor Latham reported that the fence would be installed by the end of the month.

Post Office Closures in Area Panel 1 – All Wards

A member of the public was concerned that residents in Spondon were suffering as a result of the Post Office Closures. He suggested that small shops be allowed to

sell single stamps. Councillor E Berry reported that the Council were not in the position to have influence over private providers.

Cowley Road Visions Consultation Event – Derwent

It was reported that there had been a meeting on 28 February 2005 attended by 70 residents who had said they would like to see a community garden, community room, as well as housing placed on the site. Design proposals were being drawn up.

Lighting around the Scout Hut on Coniston Crescent

Richard Smail, Area Panel Manager reported that he had been assured that the lights, which were maintained by Derby Homes, would be repaired on 10 March 2005. Councillor Redfern reported that she had asked the Planning and Environment Commission to look at the services provided relating to fixing streetlights. Councillor Redfern reported that an action plan had been promised and a new manager had been appointed. It was hoped that requests would be dealt with within 10 days. A member of the public asked about the procedure to deal with street lighting complaints and the link with Derby Homes. It was noted that the lights not being in use, had attracted vandals in the Scout Hut area.

Petition – Proposed Youth Facilities – Spondon

Councillor E Berry reported that work started this week and would be completed in approximately 2 weeks. The works included a sports wall, and an area for toddlers. Councillor E Berry proposed that this item was now closed.

52/04 Public Question Time

The following questions were asked by members of the public.

Boundary of the Wilmot Pub

A member of the public asked where the boundary of the Wilmot Pub was and who should be tidying up the mess at the corner of Chaddesden Lane to Tennessee Road. Councillor Bolton reported that she had had a meeting at the Wilmot Pub with PC Nicky Simpson and PC Paddy Allen and the Brewery, and a meeting was being organised by the Police and Licensee to try and tidy up the areas. The brewery had confirmed that they were responsible for the boundary. Residents in Chapel Lane were experiencing some vandalism, but they were pleased with the lighting which had been installed recently.

Traffic Issues

A member of the public stated that there were issues with white lines on three roads. No central white line, on Morley Road, Oakwood, north of Ryegrass Road. No white lines on the A6005/A52 northern half, which was dangerous to cyclists and there was no alternative route. The white hatching needed to be extended on the Raynesway Service Road East – emergence to Raynesway.

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

West Park School Travel Plan

June Moss from West Park Community School reported that the travel plan for Spondon, Chaddesden and Derwent was being put together, and that if anybody had any ideas for inclusion they should be given to her by Friday 11 March 2005. The plan was to facilitate children's safety to school.

Area Panel Budgets

A member of the public stated that the Area Panel system was working well and asked the Conservative Councillors why they had voted against the proposal to increase Area Panel Budgets at the full Council Meeting on 2 March 2005. Councillor E Berry reported that many decisions needed to be made on a technical basis in respect of roads and pavements, and that officers looked at these for priority and safety needs. The member of the public reported that there had been a chance of getting substantially more money for the Area Panel, but this had been voted against, and that he believed that democracy had been denied. The Chair reported that the vote at the full Council meeting had been democratic.

Lodge Lane North Junction – A52

A member of the public expressed concern about people turning onto the A52 at Lodge Lane North Junction, a one way street and wanted to know what was being done to improve it. Councillor P Berry reported that there were a number of issues, including signposting and lighting. He reported that Highways officers were aware of the issue and had considered options including signage but it was deemed adequate. Councillor E Berry reported that satellite navigation systems used by lorry drivers did not tell them that there was a no entry sign. Officers had informed the Satellite Navigation company about this problem.

Speed Cameras and incident at new crossing on Willowcroft Road

A member of the public expressed concern about speed cameras being dirty and vandalised. He asked if it was time to use different measures of controlling traffic because speed cameras were being vandalised. He reported that there had been an incident at a new crossing on Willowcroft Road involving a teenage girl and a bus. Councillor E Berry reported that as the last traffic survey was less than 6 months ago, and that cameras need to be given a chance to have an effect before they were reviewed.

Graffiti

A member of the public reported that the NEAT team were doing a good job, but asked if the Police and the anti-social behaviour service could continue to monitor the situation and put more resources in to stop graffiti happening. Councillor E Berry reported that extra resources had been allocated in the last budget specifically for

graffiti removal. The Anti-social Behaviour Team was using Anti-Social Behaviour Orders on offenders as this was having a better effect in stemming problems. Neil Haslam, Waste Management Officer (Strategy) reported that a small number of people committed most of the offences. He confirmed that the budget for graffiti removal had been doubled for 2005/06, and this would allow the Council to tackle private property, as well as Council owned land and buildings.

Highfield Lane

A member of the public asked if additional signs could be placed on Highfield Lane to say that it led to Highfield Mews and Highfield Cottages.

Agreed to ask the Director of Development and Cultural Services to investigate and report back.

53/04 Petitions

Petitions regarding the re-sitting of a bus stop on Reginald Road South.

Mr Vickers, Lead Petitioner, attended the Area Panel and presented the petition. The panel also considered a report from the Director of Development and Cultural Services which stated that a petition had been received from parents who use the Oaktree Day Nursery regarding the proposal to relocate a bus stop on Reginald Road South, from its current position location outside 5 & 7 Reginald Road South to a point some 20 – 25 metres further South directly outside the Oaktree Day Nursery. Mr Vickers was very concerned about the proposal and felt that the situation had not been thought through properly. Christine Durrant, Head of Transportation and Special Projects reported that accessible kerbs could not be put in place at the existing bus stop site, and that safety issues were not considered to be a significant problem with the proposed site.

Resolved to advise the Petitioners that their objection had been considered, but that the bus stop would be installed as proposed on Reginald Road South outside the Oaktree Day Nursery.

Petition concerning the bus service on Cornwall Road

The panel considered a report of the Assistant Director, Highways Transportation and Waste Management which stated that a petition had been considered at the last meeting, to request the re-routing of service 102 away from Cornwall Road due to problems with access. The service was funded through the Government Urban Bus Challenge with support from Derwent New Deal for Communities. The service was designed to increase access to jobs and services at both Pride Park and the Meteor Centre, and to penetrate areas not previously served by buses to allow easier access to public transport network. Following the receipt of the petition the City Council contacted Arriva to get the views of operator of the service. Their response was that there had been a small number of claims for damage to parked vehicles, but no more than average, and certainly less than elsewhere, where buses had been re-routed. In addition the drivers had not reported any major problems for access.

Arriva had also been asked about patronage from this part of the route. Whilst patronages was not strong on the route as a whole, there were some regular customers from the Cornwall Road area to the Meteor Centre. The Council had looked at alternative routes for the service, and that whilst these re-routings would be possible they would create the problem that customers from the Cornwall Road area would have to go further to use the bus, and it would then duplicate existing bus services on either Beaufort Street or Wiltshire Road. The Council had employed Consultants to review both these routes and the ring and ride service, which was funded from the same source, with a view to improving their sustainability. This may result in changes to the route later in the year, in terms of both route and method of operation. At this time therefore, it was not proposed to amend the route of the service and to bring a further report to the Area panel when the recommendation as to the overall future of the service was made.

Resolved that no action be taken at the current time, and that a further report on the Consultant's finding be brought to a future meeting.

54/04 Review of Bus Services in Derwent and Pride Park

Christine Durrant, Head of Transportation and Special Projects reported that bus services were currently funded by Urban Bus Challenge and Derwent New Deal and that patronage was not as good as it could be. Funding will run out in March 2006. Consultant's had been employed to look at ways of delivering services in the area, and considering other services in the area. They were also looking at the Pride Park shuttle, the service Number 10 as well as Albert Road and Asda. It was hoped that the results would be available for the next meeting of the Area Panel. A member of the public reported that he had understood a bus lane would be provided on the A52. Christine Durrant reported that this was not the case. The Council were considering a number of ideas to try to reduce the effect of congestion on buses from Spondon and Borrowash, but there were no specific proposals at this stage. If any specific schemes were to come forward then they would be subject of significant consultation with Members and the public.

Resolved to note the report.

55/04 Rolling out the Re-think Rubbish Recycling in Oakwood, Chaddesden, Derwent, Spondon, Chester Green and Darley Abbey

A report of the Assistant Director, Highways Transportation and Waste Management was considered, which stated that this recycling scheme was now successfully recycling over 40% of all household waste in Chellaston, Mickleover, Littleover, Allestree and parts of Oakwood and Chaddesden. At the meeting on 9 November 2004 the Council Cabinet had approved subject to budgetary confirmation the further roll out of this service into the remaining areas of Oakwood and Chaddesden, and the additional areas of Spondon, Derwent, Chester Green, Darley Abbey and Alvaston in 2005. The scheme would therefore be rolled out across the whole of the area panel one area during 2005.

A wide range of questions were asked about the scheme. A member of the public asked about cardboard recycling and Neil Haslam confirmed that a new contract was being developed that would allow kerbside cardboard recycling in the future. Councillor Latham asked if the new blue wheeled bin for glass and plastic would be offered to households that had previously received a blue box. Neil Haslam reported that if the blue bins were a success it would be offered to those with a blue box probably in 2006/07.

Resolved to note the report.

56/04 Health Briefing from Primary from Primary Care Trusts.

A briefing on Health Services paper was considered.

Agreed to note the information about health services contained in the briefing papers.

57/04 Planning and Environment Commission Plan. Work Plan Topic Review 2004/05.

A report of the Chair of the Planning and Environment Commission was considered which stated that the Commission's review of the Council's Tree Management Policy was completed in November 2004, and was reported to Council Cabinet on 21 December 2004. The Commission was awaiting a response from Council Cabinet to its recommendations. An executive summary detailing the outcome of the Commission's review of the Tree Management Policy was attached to the report. The Commission had now started its review of dog control, and enforcement of the dog fouling legislation. The Chair of the Planning and Environment Commission, Councillor Ahern, stated that the Commission would like to hear about locations in the area where people considered there was a problem with dog fouling. He asked members of the public to contact members of the Commission or David Romaine on 255598. Later in the year the Commission would be holding a workshop session with Derby residents to discuss the possible solutions to the problems of dog fouling and dog control.

Resolved

- 1. To note the report.**
- 2. To inform Councillor Ahern, or Councillor P Berry, Chair and Vice Chair of the Commission or David Romaine, Scrutiny and Complaints Manager, if anyone would like to take part in the workshop, or had areas which needed to be considered.**

58/04 Area Panel Budget Proposals – 2004/5

A report of the Assistant Director – Community 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 Oakwood Community Association. They were seeking a grant of £5,000 towards vandalism protection works at Oakwood Community Association.

The second application was from Mark Woodward. He was seeking a grant of £3,226 towards signs and a stile at Croft Wood.

Options considered

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

Decision

- 1 To award a grant of £5,900 to the Oakwood Community Association towards vandalism protection works at Oakwood Community Centre.
- 2 To award a grant of £3,226 to Development and Cultural Services and Commercial Services towards signs and a stile at Croft Wood.
 - To be made up of £500 from Oakwood Ward, £1,130 from Derwent Ward.
 - The balance of £1,596 to be met from Chaddesden Ward budget allocation for 2004/05 if funding cannot be met from Development and Cultural Services core budget and/or external funding.

Reasons

- 1 The applications meet the criteria for Area Panel funding.
- 2 The applications provided evidence of needs, both in terms of enabling residents to participate in activities within their community and providing a service in response to the needs of local residents and which would provide a benefit to all residents.

59/04 Arrangements of the Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held in the Oakwood Ward at Parkview Primary School, Springwood Drive, Oakwood, on Wednesday 8 June 2005 at 6.30pm.

Minutes End