



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

AREA PANEL 1

6 JUNE 2007

Report of Head of Stronger and Safer Communities Unit

Area Panel 1 Community Issues Update Report

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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	1.7	Dealing with Waste in the Future, all wards	Note and close
	1.8	Outstanding issues	None

1.2 Croft Wood Railway Line Improvements, Derwent – received 11.01.06

Issue: A resident reported that the Croft Wood area suffers from use by off road motorbikes even after the efforts put in by the Police and other partners. Enforcement measures still need to be planned, but he suggested that a longer term solution could rest with reclaiming the area as an amenity for local residents and walkers. He asked if members of the area panel would work with local residents to achieve this.

Action: Update on progress to develop the route as a cycling route to link with existing cycling routes in the city

Update: The County Council Officer Working Party tasked with delivering this route has reconvened. Derbyshire County Council has completed purchase of the land from ONYX. The first meeting was held in December 2006. Derbyshire County Council is addressing some of the liabilities on the site this year in 2007. A detailed encroachment plan is being prepared for Breadsall. Derbyshire Consulting Engineers are preparing a costed scheme of works ahead of submission for Planning. The costed scheme will look at links to Oakwood, Little Eaton and Derby College. **Note Further information:** John Holmes, Derbyshire County Council, telephone 01629 580000

1.3 **Trees Obscuring Lighting on Cumberland Avenue, Derwent - received 07.03.07**

Issue: A resident referred to the new white light street lighting on Cumberland Avenue which is being used as a showpiece for the city and commented that four of the 10 new lights are obscured by tree branches. He asked why the lights have been installed within the tree branches.

Action: Investigate the position of the lighting and overhanging trees and report back.

Update: The Arboricultural Manager reports that The Councils Tree Management Policy clearly states that "Pruning may also be carried out in exceptional circumstances where branches interfere or obstruct street lights, CCTV cameras and overhead cables for example. However, we do expect installation engineers to take account of trees and their future growth before they install their apparatus."

It appears the installation works have proceeded with little regard to tree location and indeed one has to question the logic of installing columns amid trees, there are clearly going to be ongoing issues. We will take a look to see what can be done, but, and without having had chance to view personally, it occurs that relocating columns might be the better, long term solution.

Arboricultural Officers have organised to have the trees pruned to give some clearance the street lights, this is an ongoing problem on this street because lighting columns have been erected within a trees canopy.

The Street Lighting Manager reports that some of the columns on Cumberland Avenue were replaced because they were so old we were concerned about their structural integrity. This wasn't a complete re-design and the new columns were installed in the same locations as the old ones. There are many locations throughout the city where it is very difficult to avoid trees, however when new schemes are installed every effort is made to do just that, but we are governed by the requirements of the British Standard. We are pleased that the Arboricultural Officers are going to prune back these trees. **Note and close.**

Further information: John Booth, Arboricultural Manager, Environmental Services, telephone 715485

Alan Jaques, Street Lighting Manager, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715014

1.4 **Street Sign at Revive Healthy Living Centre, Derwent - received 07.03.07**

Issue: A resident was concerned about the position of the Roe Farm Lane street sign obstructing the access to the Revive Healthy Living centre. He considered it a health and safety hazard and suggested it is moved.

Action: Investigate position of the street sign and report back.

Update: Instructions have been issued for the Street nameplate to be repositioned such that it is clear of the pedestrian entrance. **Note and close.**

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

1.5 Petition – Damage to Tiled Kerbs on Charterhouse Close, Oakwood – received 10.01.07

Issue: A petition that had been submitted to the Council in November 2006 was presented to the meeting requesting action to replace the badly worn kerb tiles that run along the road edge and were installed in the 1980's. The cracked tiles have resulted in pieces of tiles being scattered on the road and lawns. The lead petitioner asked that the appropriate action is taken to replace them as soon as possible. A report in response to the petition was presented to the March meeting confirming that the issue had been investigated. It was reported that work to replace the kerbing on Charterhouse Close was included in the list of potential highway maintenance schemes for 2007/08

Action: The Panel approved the report however they asked for an update on progress with the work for the next meeting.

Update: There have been meetings on site since March 2007 including a site meeting in May to consider the options available. We are currently waiting for prices for two different kerbing solutions from our design department. We aim to inform the residents and Councillors of the outcome of the prices in the next few weeks. **Note.**

Further information: John Edgar, Maintenance Manager, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715067

1.6 Damage to Railway Fencing Anglers Lane, Spondon - received 07.03.07

Issue: A resident was concerned about a gap in the metal fencing at the bottom of Anglers Lane that allows access to the railway track. He was not sure who owned the fencing but asked that action is taken to repair it because it is near to the site of the recent death on the tracks.

Action: The resident to contact Network Rail directly with details of the issue

Update: Richard Smail contacted the resident with Network Rail National helpline number 0845 711 4141. Network Rail was informed and the complaint was recorded as an emergency. They visited the site within days and met the resident on site. Repairs were immediately carried out to make the fencing secure. **Note and Close.**

Further information: Network Rail, telephone 0845 711 4141

1.7 Dealing with Waste in the Future, all wards - received 07.03.07

Issue: A resident asked when was the 'Dealing with Waste in the Future' leaflet produced, who has it been circulated to and is the deadline for responses of 31 March a fixed date. He reported that he had only been made aware of the consultation through the area panel papers and no one else he had spoken to was aware of it.

Action: Contact resident with more details about where the leaflet has been distributed

Update: A response was sent directly to the resident stating that:

- a joint exercise is being undertaken with the County Council as part of ongoing consultation aimed at drafting a plan showing sites suitable for waste processing developments in the City and County.
- the leaflet and accompanying material was published by the County Council as a joint document and sent out over a short period beginning 7 February. I believe it was sent to Derby libraries around 12 February. As well as being

placed in libraries and other public buildings across the City and County and being available on both authorities' web sites, it was sent to individuals and organisations, including statutory consultees, such as the Environment Agency, who are directly concerned with waste development matters or who have asked to be added to our list of consultees in the past. The resident was also invited to be added to the list.

- We asked people to reply by 31 March to help us keep to the demanding timetable for preparation of this plan, but it is not a hard deadline, this exercise not being a statutory one. Comments received after this date will be taken into account in preparing the final draft plan to be published in the autumn.
- Spondon Councillors responded in relation to sites locally, including Albert Looms site and their views will be taken into account in drawing up the draft Development Plan Document. **Note and close.**

Further information: David Slinger, Team Leader Natural Environment, Regeneration and Community, telephone 256001

1.8 Outstanding issues

Issue	Outstanding action	Date to report back
Petition - Purchase of land on Kinross Avenue, Derwent	Awaiting outcome of proposed planning application	September 2007

PROPOSED ACTION

2.1 To consider and note the report.

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Background papers:	Area Panel 1 community issues update report, background information 6 June 2007 on Council Management Information System
List of appendices:	None