

ITEM 10

**AREA PANEL ONE – UPDATE REPORT
FOR 7 SEPTEMBER 2005
CHERRY TREE HILL JUNIOR SCHOOL**

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1. Ref: 104049 - Bus services, Spondon/Chaddesden - raised 27.10.04

Issue

A Spondon resident raised a concern that the Number 9 bus service through Chaddesden and Spondon to Ockbrook and Borrowash is being withdrawn after 6 pm and that other day time bus services in Spondon were reducing to a 2 hour service in non-peak time, and a 1 hour service during peak time. He felt that with the reduction in number of the post offices in the area, more bus services are required for Spondon. Could the Urban Bus Fund be used to pay for bus services in Spondon?

When will the electronic bus information at bus stops be provided in Spondon?

Action reported at the meeting on 8 June 2005

In **October 2004** the Chair of the Chaddesden Links Community Panel, explained that the Albert Road Estate has similar problems with no bus service at all. She asked that the number 9 bus service is redirected through the estate because there are already six bus stops, and the estate can be driven round in four minutes. Councillor Ahern informed the resident that he will continue to argue for the reintroduction of buses for the Albert Road estate. Councillor P. Berry stated that he had asked whether more bus services could be provided in Spondon because of the post office closures. He had also been informed that the bus companies were planning to reduce more services in Spondon. Councillor Roberts reported that there is a bus service that is sponsored by Derwent Community Team that goes through the Derwent ward to Morrisons and Sainsburys. These services are being extended to Scarborough Rise.

In **January 2005** it was reported that Urban Bus Challenge funding no longer exists. It ended in 2003 and was due to be replaced with a combination of funds that include the former Rural Bus Challenge, but, so far, Department of Transport have not announced anything. The operator who was running the contract for Service 9 to Spondon in the evening - jointly funded by the County Council and City Council, and managed by County - decided not to continue with it. Only one operator, Stagecoach, put in a bid for the contract, but their price was so high that neither the County nor the City Council had enough budget to pay for it. It was also reported that Electronic bus information known as RTI – Real Time Information will be installed in Spondon, on the Spondon Flyer route during the current financial year. This is paid for by Capital funding, unlike the service 9 which would have to be paid for from Revenue funding.

There are currently two reviews under way looking at bus services in the Derwent and Pride Park/Wyvern areas. The scope of these reviews is as follows:

In **June 2005** the following was reported:

Derwent 101/102 and Ring and Ride Services

This review is being conducted to look at the long term sustainability of these services. We anticipate that the results of the study should be made available imminently with changes due to take place in July 2005. Item 28 Petition Cornwall Road Bus Service also refers to this review.

As part of the review, consideration was given to re-routing the number 9 to take in the Albert Road estate area, but it was decided that this option was not feasible as there was not enough time in the current timetable to deviate the number 9 from its current route without reducing the frequency of the service passengers currently enjoy. The number 9 service will therefore continue to operate on its current route and timetable. It should be noted that the number 9 is a service provided under contract to Derbyshire County Council, with a small amount of funding being provided by Derby City Council.

2) Bus No. 10/Pride Park and Ride/Pride Park Shuttle

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This separate review is looking at the possibility of combining all 3 of these services to provide one service to the Pride Park and Wyvern areas. These services operate in the Pride Park and Wyvern areas only and do not go out to Chaddesden and Spondon. We are currently funding the service 110 as a temporary replacement for the withdrawn service 10 whilst the review is underway.

It was confirmed that the results of the surveys are currently being analysed and that any changes to the services will take place by the end of July.

Public response at the meeting on 8 June 2005

A resident commented that he understood that the 101 service is being withdrawn from 6 July.

Council response at the meeting on 8 June 2005

No one was aware of the withdrawal of this service on 6 July

Actions agreed at the meeting on 8 June 2005

Confirm changes to services.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 7 September 2005

Invitations to tender have been issued for one bus to provide a morning and evening peak service between Derby bus station and Wyvern Park (Stephenson Way), with the same bus providing an inter-peak service connecting Asterdale, Spondon district centre, the Albert Road estate and Derby bus station. We hope a new service will begin in October, subject to receiving affordable tenders.

The 101 operated by Arriva is being rerouted, not withdrawn. The service will leave Derwent via Wiltshire Road turning onto Nottingham Road, Waterford Drive and Albert Road to terminate at Asda in Spondon. The service will continue to operate on an hourly basis from 7 am to 6 pm. Arriva agreed to a change date of Sunday 24 July. The first day of operation was 25 July.

The 102 route remains unchanged, running from Meteor Centre to Riverside Way.

Responsibility

Peter Price, Transport Policy Manager, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715034

2. Ref: 105003 – Cowsley Road Visions Consultation event – Derwent - raised 12.01.05

Issue

A resident asked for a progress report about the Cowsley Road consultation project, especially because it has received funding from the Area Panel.

Action reported at the meeting on 8 June 2005

In **March 2005** it was reported that the original date for the feasibility study was moved from the end of December 2004 to 31 March 2005, because there had not been a large response to the consultation. Consultation is now taking place in February and March 2005 on the use and design of the Cowsley Road site. Funding experts will also be looking at the feasibility of funding people's preferred options to make sure that any decision reached is possible and sustainable in the long term. A group of residents has been recruited and they are meeting on a regular basis to progress the project with support from the consultants. Awareness raising, consultation exercises, knocking on doors and carrying out a survey will take place until end of February. The steering group will discuss the results of the consultation and establish the use of the site on 28 February. Taking into account the findings of the funding research. In March the group will design the site. A design, cost appraisal and business plan will be completed by 31 March. Progress will be brought back to the steering group and area panel and designs will also be published in the newsletter.

In **June 2005** it was reported that Derwent Community Team held drop in sessions to talk with residents and agencies about ideas for the Cowsley Road site on Wednesday 16 May in the evening and on Friday 18 May. Holloway Foo had taken suggestions from residents about the things they'd like to see on the site and had shown residents how the site might look in the future. Three ideas for the site were displayed. Most people liked the idea of some well designed housing along Cornwall Road, a community room and community garden on the space. Residents and agencies again emphasised that it was important that whatever was put on the site fitted in with the surroundings and was well managed.

Holloway Foo and Derwent Community Team have been discussing the site with Derby Parks and the planners to ensure the feasibility of these ideas. They will then be taking the group on a residential event to discuss the management and design of the community garden and centre. A list of possible funders has now been assembled and applications will be made once costings have been established.

The group has also been working with the owner of the maisonettes site. He has listened to residents previous comments about low buildings that were in keeping with the area and had designed a bungalow style care home. He had also listened to people's concerns about traffic problems and had included plenty of parking with his design.

Public response at the meeting on 8 June 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 8 June 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 8 June 2005

Update on outcomes

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 7 September 2005

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The feasibility study has now been completed by Holloway Foo and is being evaluated by the group. All Derwent Councillors have been sent a copy of this study and have been asked to evaluate it.

A meeting was held to decide on the action plan for the future of this project, unfortunately very few people attended this meeting and those who were present felt that it would not be appropriate to decide on the actions without other being given the opportunity to feed back. Two proposed options for action were sent out to members of the steering group.

Work on the housing element of the site is ongoing and it is hoped that a bid will be submitted to the Housing Corporation by the end of September.

Residents and staff went on a course at Trafford Hall to learn about designing, building and managing a community garden. This will then lead into a design process. Meetings with parks and planning have been scheduled in order to discuss the layout of the site.

Work is still ongoing with the owner of the Farm site to make sure that the community are kept up to date with developments on this site.

Responsibility

Krissi Spinoza, Derwent Community Team, telephone 256373

3. Ref: 105010 – Oakwood Community Centre - Oakwood - raised 09.03.05

Issue

A question was asked about what was causing the delay in getting the new Police base opened in Oakwood Community Centre. The base should have been open already.

Action reported at the meeting on 8 June 2005

In **March 2005** it was reported that the works to the police base were completed by 1 February 2005. The delays were mainly due to the installation of the new door and misunderstandings over the specification and extent of works required. At the time of this update the police were equipping the office and preparing to take occupation.

It is anticipated that funding will be made available from the Council Public Priorities fund for replacement windows and window security. Oakwood Community Association has also applied to the area panel for funding to support the improvement project. Planning permission is required, the windows will need to be custom made and the walls beneath the windows will need to be rebuilt. The works will be completed by August 2005.

In **June 2005** it was reported that the Area Panel approved £5,900 on 9 March towards funding the security improvements to the Community Centre. Other funding is coming from Oakwood Community Centre budget, the Public Priorities fund and City Council budgets.

The improvement work will include replacing the doors and windows along the frontage, providing motorised security shutters and bricking up the return windows on the car park side. Architects have been instructed to draw up plans, apply for planning permission and obtain quotes for the work. We anticipate completing the works by the end of August. The police are now in occupation and using the centre as a police base.

Youth Services have been working with Oakwood Community Association and plan to start running a Youth Club at the Community centre from September 2005 on a Monday evening as a pilot. Youth services are also planning to run Advice Sessions at the Community Centre from 20 June to 22 July from 10 to 12 noon on a Monday and Tuesday.

Public response at the meeting on 8 June 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 8 June 2005

Councillor Smalley confirmed that planning permission had been granted during the previous week and that the improvement work will be completed by August 2005.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 8 June 2005

Update on progress.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 7 September 2005

The windows have now been fitted and glazing ordered - this will be fitted as soon as it arrives. The doors are due to be delivered on 26 August for fitting in the first week in September. The shutter company have surveyed the building for the exact sizes and will fit the new shutters after the glazing has been fitted – at a date to be confirmed.

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The windows will be protected during this time and the centre will be fully operational. Thanks to the Oakwood Community Association and the user groups for their co-operation and continued patience.

With regard to the police, they are in occupation but are waiting for a secure link for their IT equipment. The scouts have submitted a planning application for their scout building.

Responsibility

Julie Basford, Property Review Officer, Chief Executives, telephone 255545

4. Ref: 105013 – Graffiti - all wards - raised 09.03.05

Issue

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.

Action reported at the meeting on 8 June 2005

In **March 2005** it was reported by Councillor E Berry 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 -ASBO with offenders and this was having a better effect in stemming problems.

Neil Haslam, Waste Management Officer (Strategy) reported that a small number of people commit most of the offences. He confirmed that the budget for graffiti removal had been doubled for 2005/6, and this will allow the Council to tackle private property, as well as Council owned land and buildings.

In **June 2005** it was reported that the Council has allocated a further £30,000 towards graffiti removal. This will pay for an extra vehicle to clean up more graffiti. The exact method of work has not been identified as yet for this new area of work. It should be noted that very few Councils in this country clean private property.

Public response at the meeting on 8 June 2005

A resident asked what the procedure was regarding the cleaning of graffiti. What is the best way to report it and how does it get cleaned up. He raised concern that it was now a lot worse than it had been over the last 15 years.

Another resident informed the meeting that he had actually caught somebody doing graffiti, and had identified them and the school they attended. He took the issue to the headteacher and was promised that they would be disciplined. However, they moved away from the area before anything was done.

A resident commented that a specific shop in the city stocks large amounts of spray paint that is available to anyone and asked if there was any responsibility on the shops that supply the spray paint.

A resident noted that a mobile CCTV camera positioned by a Chip Shop in Spondon had had an impact and had reduced the amount of antisocial behaviour. Could the camera be used elsewhere to prevent antisocial behaviour such as graffiti.

Council response at the meeting on 8 June 2005

Councillor P Berry explained that graffiti is a criminal offence. He thanked the resident for the question, stating that this was very relevant particularly for Spondon where in the last week, there had been a massive spate of graffiti overnight. He explained that he had been in consultation with Streetcare all week who are tackling it.

He explained that they now have two new people whose specific job is graffiti, and have been given extra funding for the year to deal with it. He went on to explain that if the graffiti is not cleaned off immediately it just attracts more graffiti – like on West Road. He confirmed that all the graffiti that happened at the weekend has now been successfully removed – and thanked local residents and Asda for their support with the removal.

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He went on to explain that this issue was discussed at a recent Police Liaison meeting, and confirmed that unless the police catch the offenders doing the graffiti, then there is little they can do. He confirmed that the Council and local organisations are working very hard on this issue, and when somebody is caught offending, then an example would be made of them. Councillor West agreed that this is an ongoing problem, and encouraged people to report any acts of graffiti to the police.

Inspector McLaughlin confirmed that it was a crime and encouraged all residents to dial 999 straight away, the offenders if caught, would be arrested.

With regard to the shops responsibility, Councillor E Berry confirmed that within the Government's new legislation it gives police and Council more powers regarding who shops can sell things to.

Councillor Roberts reminded residents of the Streetcare hotline number 715000, and encouraged residents to report any examples of graffiti to that number.

Councillor Redfern confirmed that any sexually offensive or racist graffiti would be removed immediately.

Councillor E Berry confirmed that it was a mobile camera that was on trial at the moment to monitor the antisocial behaviour problems on the late night bus. She stated that the problems had been reduced, and that the camera could be moved elsewhere.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 8 June 2005

Inspector McLaughlin to investigate the shop selling spray paint.
To confirm the process for reporting graffiti
Update on process for removing graffiti from private property

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 7 September 2005

We are now in a process of training our contractors to remove graffiti without causing too much damage. Graffiti removal is still dependent on getting permission from the property owner and providing that it is safe to do so. A new Graffiti removal crew has been set up from 1st August 2005.

The Derby Evening Telegraph campaign is going strong.

The Police, Anti Social Behaviour team and Crimestoppers are involved in an number of projects including covert and overt CCTV.

There is now a team operating, and the productivity is high. We are targeting arterial roads then picking off area by area.

Responsibility

Neil Haslam, Waste Management Officer (Strategy), Development and Cultural Services, telephone

Andy Thomas, Anti-Social Behaviour Team, Community Safety Partnership, telephone 256910
Inspector Graham McLaughlin, Police Divisional Headquarters, telephone 613131

5. Ref: 105015 – Highfield Lane signs - Chaddesden - raised 09.03.05

Issue

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.

Action reported at the meeting on 8 June 2005

We are investigating the request. We anticipate that additional signs will be provided.

Public response at the meeting on 8 June 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 8 June 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 8 June 2005

Update on progress

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 7 September 2005

An order has been placed for the additional signs. We expect that the signs will be installed by early September.

Responsibility

Stewart Corbett, Highway Manager, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715008

6. Ref: 105016 – Cycle Path from West Road to Oregon Way - Spondon - raised 09.03.05

Issue

A written question was submitted requesting that signs are installed, on the new West Road to Oregon Way cycle path, to warn cyclists of the path narrowing in places where bars have been put in. It is dangerous in the dark.

Action reported at the meeting on 8 June 2005

In **June 2005** it was reported that a response had been sent by email on 11 April to the resident who raised the issue. We explained that since the above path was completed there have been a number of acts of vandalism, the pedestrian gates have been ripped off twice, lamp columns have been loosened in the ground and the litter bin has been pushed over. The damage to the lamp columns has been reported to Streetcare and they will repair them shortly.

The signage on the path is part of a much larger signage scheme planned for Spondon and the surrounding area. These will be erected shortly.

Public response at the meeting on 8 June 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 8 June 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 8 June 2005

Update on repairs to lamp and new signs.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 7 September 2005

The street lighting has been repaired. The cycle signing will be installed following the completion of the legal process to formally convert this path to cycle usage. This should take place before the end of this financial year.

Responsibility

Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715019

7. Ref: 105017 – Footpath at West Park School- Spondon - raised 09.03.05

Issue

A written question was submitted requesting the old footpath between the upper and lower school is repaired and upgraded. The steps are loose and dangerous. The new fencing is built too close to the footpath to allow a shortcut to the fields around West Park.

Action reported at the meeting on 8 June 2005

In **June 2005** it was reported that the footpath has been highlighted along with other issues in the school's travel plan. If it is considered a priority it could be addressed through the Council's Safe Routes to School programme, subject to funding. The other option is for the school travel plan forum to submit a bid to the Area Panel.

Public response at the meeting on 8 June 2005

A resident commented that the update report suggests the footpath is a school footpath whereas it is in fact a public right of way. He asked why funding other than school travel plan funding was not being used to complete the repairs.

Another resident commented that the footpath would benefit from being moved slightly away from the school property because more space is needed to travel along the path.

Council response at the meeting on 8 June 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 8 June 2005

Update

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 7 September 2005

The need for improvements to the path has been identified as part of the school travel plan process.

Some repairs have been completed to the steps to make them safe and the handrail has been repaired. We will be inspecting the steps every year.

Responsibility

Stan Werbinski, Road safety and Travelwise Manager, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715022

8. Ref: 105005 – Petition –Cornwall Road Bus service – Derwent - raised 12.01.05

Issue

A petition signed by 48 residents from Cornwall Road had been received in October 2004 outlining residents concerns about damage caused to vehicles on Cornwall Road by large buses. The petitioners are requesting the removal of the bus service.

Action reported at the meeting on 8 June 2005

In **January 2005** it was reported that the service has been operating for about 18 months and was designed to improve access to employment and other services. Officers in Development and Cultural Services are continuing to investigate the complaint and are consulting with the bus company Arriva. A further report will be presented to the next meeting when the research has been completed.

In **March 2005** 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.

In **June 2005** it was reported that we are currently considering the options proposed by the review conducted by the Consultants. Any changes to the 101/102 services are likely to take place in late July 2005.

Public response at the meeting on 8 June 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 8 June 2005

It was confirmed that the results of the surveys are currently being analysed and that any changes to the services will take place by the end of July.

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Actions agreed at the meeting on 8 June 2005

Update on changes to the services

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 7 September 2005

We can now complete the response to the petition as agreed at the meeting held in March 2005. The routes of services 101 and 102 have been reviewed in detail.

As Cornwall Road is a popular stop, it has remained within the route of the 102. However the 101 service has been rerouted away from Cornwall Road. The result for Cornwall Road residents will be a 50% reduction in the number of buses running on their road which amounts to one bus an hour in each direction rather than two.

The changes took effect from Monday 25 July 2005.

Responsibility

Peter Price, Transport Policy Manager, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064

9. Ref: 105020 – Real Time Information system for Spondon bus services, Spondon – received 08.06.05

Issue

A member of the public raised concern that he had been informed that the new Real Time Information system that was being installed in Spondon would not work if buses were held up in traffic or were delayed in some way. He asked why it was being installed if the system does not record delays in the bus arrival time.

Action reported at the meeting on 8 June 2005

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 8 June 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 8 June 2005

Councillor Roberts informed the resident that the installation of the system is not funded by the Council, but funded by the actual bus companies.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 8 June 2005

To update on how the Real Time Information system will actually work.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 7 September 2005

The principle of Real Time Information, RTI, is to reassure passengers of the time their bus will arrive in real time, rather than when it is scheduled to arrive. The buses operating on services operating RTI - for example the Spondon Flyer - have to be equipped with the necessary on-vehicle RTI equipment. It is this on-vehicle equipment that communicates with a central computer system and updates the RTI signs with information regarding delays.

Rather than indicating that the bus is delayed, the RTI signs indicate the number of minutes passengers will need to wait before the bus will arrive at the stop.

Responsibility

Peter Price, Transport Policy Manager, Development and Cultural Services, telephone, 715034

10. Ref: 105021 – Jitty from Keyhaven Close to Hampshire Road, Derwent – received 08.06.05

Issue

A resident raised concerns about the jitty that runs from Keyhaven Close to Hampshire Road, particularly concerning graffiti and damage to fences of properties backing on to it. He understood there had been robberies in the area. He asked the Council to look at options on how to improve safety and the appearance of the jitty and other jittys in the area.

Action reported at the meeting on 8 June 2005

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 8 June 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 8 June 2005

Council West agreed that this is a widespread issue, but that it is difficult to close jitty's. He agreed that this issue does need looking at.

Councillor E Berry informed the meeting that the Government are introducing new legislation that may help with this issue if the best solution is to close the jitty. The legislation will give Council's extra power where security and vandalism is the issue with a jitty.

Inspector McLaughlin agreed to look if there had been any particular problems within that area, he was not aware of any robberies, but he would send a beat officer to look at the geographical layout.

It was also reported that the Council are embarking on a street lighting Private Finance Initiative that will improve lighting over the next five years. There are also plans for additional funding from New Deal for Communities for lighting in the Derwent area, which will improve security in jittys.

Councillor Ahern informed the meeting that he had attended a Planning and Environment Commission meeting, where the issue of graffiti and litter on school routes had been raised. He confirmed that the Commission is taking this on board.

Councillor Redfern referred to improvements being made by Derwent Community Team and agreed to contact the NEAT team to visit to assess what can be done in terms of the graffiti and litter.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 8 June 2005

To receive progress reports at future meetings on the introduction of the new legislation.

Police to report back on incidents in the area.

Update on actions taken by Derwent Community Team

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 7 September 2005

The Derwent Community Team carried out a feasibility study on all the jittys and car park areas within Derwent. They have made recommendations and a copy has been given to the Highways section within Derby City Council. Partnership working is under going to look at addressing the issues. We are unable to close any of the areas, but recommendations have been made.

Ownership of the land has also been identified. The details for this particular jitty are:

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- Stowmarket Drive to Keyhaven Close. – Recommendations made after consulting with local residents are to upgrade lighting, resurface and seal the footpath and to install extra vegetation, that is maintained.
- Keyhaven Close/Worcester Crescent/Hampshire Road. - Recommendations after consulting with local residents are to install lighting, to reconstruct track with tarmac and to widen footpath. Overlay existing footpath. To cut back vegetation, repair broken fencing and upgrade CCTV and street lighting upgrade.

Meetings are being held by Derwent Community Team with Derby City Council to progress these recommendations.

There are no traffic management grounds on which to consider the closure of this jitty.

Responsibility

Inspector Graham McLaughlin, Police Divisional Headquarters, telephone 613131
Carol Hardwick, Derwent Community Team, telephone 256383
Andy Thomas, Derby Community Safety Partnership, telephone 256910
Ray Brown, Senior Planning Officer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 255024

11. Ref: 105023 – Marina Development, Spondon – received 08.06.05

Issue

A member of the public raised concern about the proposed marina development in Spondon, that was highlighted in the local press. It had stated that it was going to be built on a brownfield site and contaminated land. He asked that if this is true, would there be any transport problems for Oakwood as traffic tried to get access to the development in Spondon.

Action reported at the meeting on 8 June 2005

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Public response at the meeting on 8 June 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 8 June 2005

Councillor E Berry stated that she didn't think that the development would cause any congestion through Oakwood, but confirmed that this would have to be monitored if the proposal was approved. She believed the many large A roads in the area, including the A 52, would take the traffic.

Councillor P Berry confirmed that this was just a proposal at the moment, but he would welcome this opportunity for a leisure development in Spondon. With regard to the contaminated land, he confirmed that no development would be able to take place on contaminated land. This would have to be decontaminated before any development could take place.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 8 June 2005

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A draft planning application has been received, but has not been registered as more information is required from the developers. The proposed development relates to a housing scheme and includes the restoration of a small length of the canal to include casual mooring for a small number of boats.

A development of this size would require a transport assessment which would be addressed as part of the planning process.

Responsibility

Peter Price, Transport Policy Manager, Development and Cultural Services, telephone, 715034

12. Ref: 105024 – Parking problems, Mayfield Road, Derwent – received 08.06.05

Issue

A member of the public raised concerns over the parking problems on Mayfield Road caused by carers and health care staff visiting their clients in the care home.

Action reported at the meeting on 8 June 2005

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 8 June 2005

Another resident of Mayfield Road informed the meeting that he had been trying to deal with this issue for two months. He stated that he had great difficulty in getting hold of anyone from the health services. He explained that the home is virtually in his back garden, and yet there had been no consultation with local residents or information to explain what was happening at the home.

He went on to explain that the residents in the home are not causing the parking problems on the street, but the actual carers and visitors who do not live there.

Council response at the meeting on 8 June 2005

Councillor E Berry agreed to report the problems and the car parking issues, and will get it resolved. She stated that the residents of the home have a right to live there and they are getting care in the community.

Councillor Roberts stated that there were actually two issues, regarding consultation. He considered that when significant changes are made, then the Council do have some responsibilities to residents. With consultation the parking issues would have been pointed out. He explained that other alternatives could have been looked at, including parking charges, and the use of the Methodist church.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 8 June 2005

To contact the responsible organisation and inform them about the problems that are being caused by staff and carers parking on Mayfield Avenue.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 7 September 2005

We will mention this issue to our nursing staff working in this area. However, numbers of PCT staff visiting are likely to be fairly limited as this is a private care home, so a direct contact with the home would probably be of more value.

Responsibility

Debbie Jackson, Associate Director, Central and Greater Derby PCTs, telephone 224000, extension 6360

13. Ref: 105025 – Car Parking on Newstead Avenue, Chaddesden – received 08.06.05

Issue

A member of the public raised the issue of parking problems on Newstead Avenue. He stated that there had been a meeting with the Police and the school, where the outcome was that the school had agreed to pay for some white lines on Newstead Avenue. He asked the panel what had happened to the proposal.

Action reported at the meeting on 8 June 2005

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 8 June 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 8 June 2005

Councillor Bolton confirmed that a meeting did take place with the school and local police. She confirmed that head teacher agreed to pay for white lines out of the school travel plan budget. Council officers then considered this proposal but they did not consider it a worthwhile scheme. Councillor Bolton explained that the local councillors did not agree with this decision and a meeting with Pat Ethelston was due to take place week commencing 13 June, where the Councillors, school and residents views would be discussed.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 8 June 2005

Update on proposal to install white lines on Newstead Avenue.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 7 September 2005

Protective entrance markings have been installed to protect vehicular entrances to properties on Ismay Road and Newstead Avenue.

Responsibility

Nicola Weekly, Traffic Manager, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 716074

14. Ref: 105026 – Tree Obscuring Safety Camera on Nottingham Road, Derwent and Chaddesden – received 08.06.05

Issue

A member of the public raised concern over the lack of visibility of the speed camera outside the fire station on Nottingham Road. He stated that he had previously raised this issue on two occasions, stating that due to a huge tree branch, half of the camera is obscured and therefore not visible to motorists. He asked when the tree branch would be cut back.

Action reported at the meeting on 8 June 2005

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 8 June 2005

None

Council response at the meeting on 8 June 2005

Councillor E Berry agreed this needed to be resolved

Actions agreed at the meeting on 8 June 2005

To investigate the problem and to arrange for any necessary action.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 7 September 2005

The Arboricultural officer has been asked to consider taking action as soon as possible. He has arranged to survey the site and we await his comments. It is hoped that this will take place before the meeting on 7 September 2005.

Responsibility

Andrew Morgan, Landscape and Development Officer, Commercial Services, telephone 715547