



## AREA PANEL 2

15 March 2006

Report of Director of Derby Community Safety Partnership

### Area Panel 2 Community Issues Update Report

#### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.1	Item No	Issue	Recommended panel action
	<b>Alvaston ward</b>		
	1.2	Petition – Installation of pedestrian crossing on London Road – Burnaby Street/Meadow Lane	Note and close.
	1.3	Petition – Pedestrian crossing, Derwent Parade, Alvaston	Note and agree.
	1.4	Detrunking, Shardlow Road	Note and close.
	1.5	Coleman Street Health Centre	Note and close
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	<b>Boulton ward</b>		
	1.8	Petition – Parking outside Moorhead Primary School	Note
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	1.10	Vandalism, Field Lane Community Centre	Note
	1.11	Roundabout, Brackens Lane, Crayford Road	Note and close
	1.12	Petition - Lighting for Mullion Green	Note and close
	1.13	Antisocial behaviour – Tilbury Place	Note and close
	<b>Chellaston ward</b>		
	1.14	Tree problems	Note and close
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	1.16	Petition – Re-routing of bus services 68 and 68a	Note
	1.17	New traffic system, Parkway	Note
	1.18	Review of traffic issues	Note
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	<b>All wards</b>		
	1.20	Cycle provision	Note and close
	1.21	Petition – off road motorcyclists	Note
	1.22	Bus station	Note and close
	1.23	Bus fares	Note
	1.24	Dangerous road surfaces	Note and close

#### 1.2 Petition – Installation of pedestrian crossing on London Road – Burnaby Street/Meadow Lane, Alvaston – received 15.06.05

**Issue:** On 4 February 2005, a petition signed by 216 people was received requesting the provision of a pedestrian crossing on London Road near its junction with Burnaby

Street and Meadow Lane.

**Actions:** To provide an update on installation programme.

**Update:** The scheme has been designed and we aim to consult on the proposals in March. We have not agreed a start date with our contractor but anticipate that the works will be completed within the first quarter of the 2006/7 financial year.

**Further information:** Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715019

### **1.3 Petition – Pedestrian crossing, Derwent Parade, Alvaston – received 15.06.05**

**Issue:** The panel noted that a petition had been received from individuals working at businesses on Pride Park asking that the Council provide a pedestrian crossing on Derwent Parade outside Derby County Football Stadium between islands 1 and 2 or close to them.

**Actions:** To report the findings of the analysis to the meeting in March.

**Update:** Report in response to this issue can be found on the agenda as item 5c.

**Further information:** Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715019

### **1.4 Detrunking Shardlow Road, Alvaston – received 21.09.05**

**Issue:** A representative from Alvaston Neighbourhood Watch, asked when Shardlow Road would be detrunked, as the Blue Peter and Raynesway are heavily congested every morning, and he was concerned that this would get worse, once developments take place.

**Actions:** To investigate and provide timetable for works.

**Update:** The speed limit order has been progressed and we are proposing a series of improvements to signs on the A6 corridor. This will include provision of the new lower speed limit signs. We hope these works will be undertaken before the end of March. A variable message sign, which warns drivers to slow down, has already been erected. This sign will be adjusted to suit the new speed limit and will help to enforce the change.

**Further information:** David Gartside, Head of Traffic, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715025.

### **1.5 Coleman Street Health Centre, Alvaston – received 11.01.06**

**Issue:** A resident asked for an update on the Coleman Street Health Centre and the closure of the Wyndham Street health facility.

**Actions:** To provide a full response to the next meeting.

**Update:** Both the Meadowfields practice branch surgery in Upper Moore Road and Boulton Clinic in Wyndham Street will be moving to the new centre in Coleman Street.

The building company appointed for all current Southern Derbyshire LIFT schemes is Laing O'Rourke. They are due to start setting up on site during December and will start on construction in January. The new centre is scheduled for completion early in 2007.

The schedule was slightly delayed due to the discovery of ground and water contamination on site through leaking oil tanks, but this has now been cleaned to Environment Agency satisfaction.

In the meantime, the LIFT projects have a website if you would like to know about other projects taking place in south Derbyshire. The website address is [www.sderbyshirelift.com](http://www.sderbyshirelift.com)

**Further information:** Debbie Jackson - Debbie Jackson – Director, PCT. Telephone 01332 224000

#### **1.6 Footpath, Sandgate Close, Alvaston – received 11.01.06**

**Issue:** A resident raised concern over the state of the pathway from Moor Drive to Sandgate Close, as it had been neglected, although used on a regular basis. He asked the panel if something could be done to improve it.

**Actions:** To provide an update.

**Update:** We have arranged for the area to be cleaned up.

**Further information:** Michelle Spamer, Area Co-ordination Officer, Regeneration and Community. Telephone 01302 71 5064

#### **1.7 Recycling site, Sandgate Close, Alvaston – received 11.01.06**

**Issue:** A member of the public asked the panel why there was still a need for the recycling area in Sandgate Close now that the houses on using the twin bin scheme. He also raised concern over the state of the recycling area.

**Actions:** To provide an update.

**Update:** The recycling centre at Sandgate Close is in a small car park to the rear of some of the properties. This area has just come on to the recycling scheme Rethink Rubbish.

The recycling site is used fairly well and we get very few complaints.

Prior to the Sandgate Close area joining the Rethink Rubbish scheme, we collected about half a tonne of recycling material from the recycling banks.

The amount collected has dropped down to 275 kilos per week since Rethink Rubbish was introduced.

We will continue to monitor the amount of recycling at this site and may consider reducing the number of recycling banks in the future if there is insufficient demand for the facilities.

**Further information:** Richard Winter, Assistant Waste Management Officer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 716352

### **1.8 Petition – Parking outside Moorhead Primary School, Boulton – received 15.06.05**

**Issue:** A petition was handed in about the problem of parking outside Moorhead Primary School. The main issue concerns parking and congestion outside the school gates at the parking, and specifically mentions the proposed closure of a car park, which belongs to Merrill College.

**Action:** To report back.

**Update:** As previously reported, Moorhead Primary are developing a travel plan. This is on track to be completed and signed off in April. The school will then be eligible for a small amount of reward funding in June from the government. No funds have been set aside from the Local Transport Plan for the 2006/7 financial year for off site improvements as this has been committed to schools that have already developed their travel plans.

The existing school warning signs and some yellow lines around the school have been reported as being in a poor condition.

The Council's Streetcare Section is aware of the problems and the signs and markings will be renewed as soon as possible.

**Further information:** Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715019

### **1.9 Temporary bus lane, Allenton, Boulton– received 21.09.05**

**Issue:** A resident asked the panel how long the temporary bus lane would be in use for, as she had seen three serious accidents since its installation due to the road not being wide enough.

**Action:** Produce a response to the review of the bus lane.

**Update:** We have now completed the review and have agreed to remove the bus lane. The work will take place at the same time as the improvements to the footways and kerbs at the District Centre are completed. The work will be completed by the end of April 2006.

The bus lane is currently blocked off while the improvements to the footways and kerbs at the District Centre are completed.

**Further information:** Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715019

### **1.10 Vandalism, Field Lane Community Centre, Boulton – received 21.09.05**

**Issue:** A member of the public asked the panel if it was a high priority that a long term solution is found to the ongoing vandalism of the Community Centre. He stated that serious vandalism as led to the closure of the facilities.

**Action:** To provide a detailed action plan.

**Update:** A copy of the draft action plan will be circulated to local members of the community and user groups who attend the follow up meeting. The completed document will be used to progress action to improve the situation at Field Lane Community Centre.

A meeting was held on Tuesday 28 February at 6 pm at Boulton Lane Community Centre to receive updates from Property Services on planned work and to update the draft action plan.

**Further information:** Sarah Wheatley, Acting Community Development Officer, Environmental Services, telephone 715656  
Andrew Beddow, Head of Sport and Leisure, Environmental Services, telephone 715513

#### **1.11 Roundabout, Brackens Lane, Crayford Road, Boulton – received 09.11.05**

**Issue:** A resident raised concern over the layout of the roundabout at the Brackens Lane / Crayford Road junction. He stated that motorists do not give way to the right at this roundabout. There is a through road with double dotted lines, which means motorists should give way to the major road – Brackens Lane. The police have told him that the road signs are correct, however, the insurance companies are treating it as a roundabout, and therefore should give way to the right. He asked for clarification.

**Action:** To provide an update on investigations.

**Update:** At the junction of Boulton Lane, Crayford Road and Brackens Lane all approaches have give way markings on. Therefore any vehicle approaching the mini roundabout needs to give way to vehicles on the mini roundabout and the views of the insurance companies are in essence correct.

To clarify the situation we will amend the traffic signs on the cul de sac part of Boulton Lane to include the mini roundabout sign.

**Further information:** Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715019

#### **1.12 Lighting for Mullion Green, Boulton – received 09.11.05**

**Issue:** A resident stated that there was a campaign to install lights on the footpath across Mullion Green, opposite the Cornishman Pub. He explained there would be a petition handed in and that an application for funding would be submitted to the area panel. He asked why officers had previously visited the site and acknowledged that lights were needed to reduce the level of antisocial behaviour but had not installed any lights.

**Action:** To provide information on the likely timetable for works.

**Update:** Three lighting columns have been installed on the footpath link Holbrook Road to Launceston Drive, Alvaston. These cover Mullion Place. The lighting will be maintained by the Street Lighting Section

**Further information:** Alf Bousie, Principal Landscape Assistant, Environmental Services, telephone 715778

#### **1.13 Antisocial behaviour, Tilbury Place, Boulton – received 11.01.06**

**Issue:** Concern was raised over the antisocial behaviour on Tilbury Place with particular attention of vandalism to cars. The panel were asked what could be done to deter and stop groups gathering around, and to stop antisocial behaviour in the jitties.

**Action:** To provide an update.

**Update:** Beat officers have increased patrols in the area and in the surrounding streets which are connected by a series of alleyways. In addition, a number of residents whose cars had been attacked have been visited and have been supplied with crime prevention advice. CCTV posters have been provided to some of the residents and these have been displayed on the front of their houses. Contact has been made with the Derby Homes Community Watch patrols, who will be paying attention to the area.

One of the residents mentioned that a specific address was attracting groups of kids and that these may be responsible for some of the nuisance behaviour. The beat officer has spoken to the tenant at this address, who stated that their grandson and his friends sometimes leave their bikes in her shed, but never cause any problems on the street. However, the other residents are adamant that the kids visit the house when the occupant is not at home and can be seen inside the address. This has been reported to Derby Homes who will be speaking to the tenant and advising them.

The beat officer PC Hawley has recently re-visited the residents and all are reporting a drop in nuisance behaviour and no incidents of criminal damage.

**Further information:**

Inspector Adrian Gascoyne, Cotton Lane Police Station, telephone 290100.  
Pam Stretton, Area Manager, Derby Homes, telephone 716578

**1.14 Tree problems, Chellaston – received 15.06.05**

**Issue:** Mrs Nixon spoke on behalf of a resident in Newbridge Crescent, who understood that the tree at the back of the property could be pruned. This has not yet been done, and is blocking light from the house.

**Action:** To confirm that the work carried out was to a suitable standard.

**Update:** The Arboricultural Officer confirms that the trees have been suitably attended to.

**Further information:** Alf Bousie, Environmental Services, telephone 715778

**1.15 Petition - Pruning of trees, Church Close, Chellaston– received 09.11.05**

**Issue:** A petition had been received from local residents complaining about trees on Church Close blocking out light of local residents. They also have concerns over root growth.

**Action:** To provide an update at the next meeting.

**Update:** In response to concerns relating to the potential for building subsidence John Booth advises that this is highly unlikely.

The trees have been pruned and it is hoped that this will in part, at least address the obstruction of light issue.

Where paving slabs have been disturbed it is the responsibility of Derby Homes to rectify these. Where root pruning is involved they will need to consult the Arboricultural Section. The heavy pruning of trees as originally requested is contrary to both best practice and DCC policy

**Further information:** John Winters, Director of Environmental Services, telephone 716401

### **1.16 Petition – Re-routing of bus services 68 and 68a, Chellaston – received 09.11.05**

**Issue:** A petition signed by approximately 90 peoples was received from residents of Chellaston, requesting the re-routing of the number 68 and 68a bus service away from Crown Way, Duchess Way and Courtway Crescent to go along Homeleigh Way. As currently routed, the residents feel that the bus services cause unnecessary traffic and environmental problems, which if re-routed along Homeleigh Way would stop.

**Action:** To report back to officers on residents disappointment at recommendations, and to look at the locations of the bus stops, and to contact the Marquis Gardens resident directly.

**Update:** During the second week of January, residents close to sites of the proposed new bus stops for services 68 and 68A in Crown Way, Duchess Way etc were sent information showing the location of the new sites as part of a consultation process. Those people who received this information were asked to respond to the Council with their comments. Some people have already responded.

Local Councillors also received the information and a site meeting was held on 10th Feb with residents and Councillor Titley about the location of stops in Crown Way Duchess Way and Courtway Crescent. These new sites will be put in place shortly. The sites proposed have been chosen on safety grounds.

As has previously been stated, the Council has no authority to instruct Arriva to reroute the service via Homeleigh Way.

Arriva Customer Services contact number is: 0116 2581197.

**Further information:** Peter Price, Transport Policy Manager, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715034

### **1.17 New traffic system, Parkway, Chellaston – received 09.11.05**

**Issue:** A resident raised a number of questions about traffic on Parkway and wanted to know what the Council can do to resolve them. These included concerns about the school entrance because it is on a bend, with a junction immediately before the entrance. She asked if it was the Council's responsibility to inform the test centre that Parkway is no longer a dead end, because it is still on the driving test route. She also asked why Arriva put their bus stops so near to the school entrance on both sides of the road. Parkway has become a rat run for people going to the new estate with 2,500 homes on it.

**Action:** To provide an update.

**Update:**

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Local Councillors also received the information and site visits have been arranged to discuss the proposals with them. The sites proposed have been chosen on safety grounds. However, we will of course take account of all the comments received before making any final decisions.

It should be noted that even if the bus stop does move, it will still be close to the school

for the convenience of passengers.

**Further information:** Peter Price, Transport Policy Manager, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715034,

#### **1.18 Review of Traffic issues in Chellaston – received 21.09.05**

**Issue:** At its meeting on 15 June 2005 Area Panel 2 identified the issue of traffic issues as one of its highest priorities. Issues had been raised at the area panel over the previous two years that all related to requests for improvements in traffic. These included parking restrictions on High Street and School Lane, the high volume of traffic using A514, traffic problems on St Peter's Road and traffic problems at the junction of Station Road and Derby Road.

**Action:** To provide an update on the consultation activity.

**Update:** We are drawing up options for improvements on High Street, Derby Road and at the traffic lights following earlier comments from residents.

We plan to hold a second meeting in March with ward members and interest groups to talk through the findings and draw up a priority action plan for consideration by the Area Panel.

**Further information:** Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715019

#### **1.19 Weight restriction signs, A514, Chellaston – received 11.01.06**

**Issue:** Concern was raised that there was no weight restriction signs located out of Merrill Way onto Derby Road, stating that cannot turn right. It was also suggested that a sign be installed at Spider Island There was also concern that the DET had stated that the police cannot enforce the restrictions, and the panel were asked their views, and what they were going to do to tackle the problem.

**Action:** To provide more detail at the next meeting, and provide an update on the signage.

**Update:** A meeting took place on Monday 30th January 2006 at Cotton Lane Police Station involving Cllr's Jackson, Wynn, Tittley, Willitts and Bayliss, together with Tim Banton DCC Highways Dept, Inspector Gascoyne and Inspector Andy Smith, who is in charge of the local Roads Policing Unit.

From this meeting it was agreed that the Police and highways staff would undertake an assessment day at Chellaston and Alvaston to gauge the extent of the problem. If it is felt that there are grounds for further enforcement days then these will be planned. The date for the initial days activity is currently being determined. The results of the operation will be passed back to the councillors and the area panel.

Since the last Area Panel meeting Council Members and officers have met with the police to discuss enforcement of the weight restrictions on both the A514 and the A6. The Council will be erecting additional signage on both routes and we hope to do this before the end of March. On the A6 we will be amending the majority of direction signs to take account of the new weight restriction and also to better direct through vehicles to the by-pass. On the A514 we will be adding additional weight limit signs to the Merrill Way junction to reinforce the signing already in place.

The police have stated that they will undertake a series of vehicle stop checks on both



routes. Supported by Council officers the police will stop vehicles to find out why they are using the route. We will use this information to determine how many vehicles are using the routes illegally and hence whether further enforcement is needed.

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**Further information:**

Inspector Adrian Gascoyne, Cotton Lane Police Station, telephone 290100.

Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 716090

**1.20 Cycle provision, all wards– received 09.11.05**

**Issue:** A local resident asked how the £1.5 million match funding pledge for new cycling facilities would be provided, how it would be spent and when consultation will be carried out.

**Action:** To provide an update.

**Update:** The Cycle Derby meeting was hosted by Derby Cycling Club and attended by around 90 members of the public. The Cycle Derby development team gave a presentation outlining the aspirations and objectives of the project followed by a question and answer session.

The attendees were asked to provide three ideas they would like to see progressed and whether they would be prepared to become child cycle trainers. This information will be reviewed and progressed if possible as part of the wider development of the project.

This year's school cycle shelter work programme remains on track for completion in mid March. We will be recruiting for new positions to help run the project shortly.

**Further information:** Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715019

**1.21 Petition – off road motorcyclists, all wards – received 11.01.06**

**Issue:** Councillor Leeming handed in a petition signed by approximately 200 people, requesting that off-road motorcyclists be provided with a suitable area of land to use in the area. This would help ease the problem of them using public footpaths and fields while still keeping them entertained and out of mischief.

**Action:** To provide a response to the petition.

**Update:** A report can be found on the Agenda, item 5b

**Further information:** John Winters, Director of Environmental Services, telephone 716401

**1.22 Bus station, all wards – received 11.01.06**

**Issue:** A resident asked how much the works on the bus station is costing the Council, and asked why the £5m was not paid first.

**Action:** To provide an update on this situation.

**Update:** The developer, MetroHolst, has provided all the funding for Riverlights. The works that have taken place on the bus station site since it's closure have been investigative and relatively minor. These works were to allow MetroHolst to establish the ground conditions and the cost of demolition. They could then better determine the cost of the development.

This information was necessary before MetroHolst could raise the finance for their bond.

**Further information:** Malcolm Amatt, Implementation Team Leader, Regeneration and Community, telephone 255075.

### **1.23 Bus fares, all wards – received 11.01.06**

**Issue:** Concern was raised about the increasing bus fares on the Arriva services in particular. The panel were asked what could be done to tackle this.

**Action:** To provide an update.

**Update:** The Council does already help subsidies fares for older people and the disabled through the gold card scheme and this is being improved from April 2006. Unfortunately, no details are available at this time. Other groups such as teenagers and certain unemployed people also receive reduced bus fares due to Council support.

**Further information:** Peter Price, Transport Policy Manager, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715034

### **1.24 Dangerous road surfaces, all wards – received 11.01.06**

**Issue:** A resident raised concern over the materials being used as a road surface in and around Derby. He stated that the SMA – Stone Mastic Asphalt, is actually contributing to accidents in the area, and this had been confirmed by a letter he had received from Government stating that the roads are potentially dangerous with this material.

**Action:** To receive an update.

**Update:** Our Engineering Design Group assess each highway site individually for a required performance standard for skid resistance at the design stage and apply this to an end performance specification for the Works. The end performance specification is tested following construction and again at the end of the maintenance period - nominally 1, 2 or sometimes 3 years.

We are not aware of any site in Derby where SMA has been laid, where the respective standards have not been met. This excludes Developer, Highways Agency sites or the like where I have no information. Only HAPAS approved proprietary systems are used in our works - nationally certified/tested/quality assured production and laying systems adopted. The above standards tend to ensure that Early Life Skid Resistance of SMA for roads in Derby is met and will then increase over time.

There are no statistics relating specifically to this issue. So without a detailed study from the Accident Investigation Unit no comment could be made.

**Further information:** Jim Connolly, Head of Engineering Design, Regeneration and Community

## 1.25 Outstanding issues

Issue	Outstanding action	Date to report back
Jitty – Baker Street to Shardlow Road, Alvaston	Confirm gating order regulations from Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	14 June 2006
Jitty – Beech Avenue to Raynesway, Alvaston	Confirm gating order regulations from Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	14 June 2006
Petition – Alleyway between Coronation Avenue and Kynance Close, Boulton	Update on investigations	14 June 2006

### PROPOSED ACTION

2.1 To consider and note the report.

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**Background papers:**

Area Panel 2 community issues update report, background information 15 March 2006.

**List of appendices:**

None