

**AREA PANEL TWO – UPDATE REPORT
FOR 21 SEPTEMBER 2005
CHELLASTON SCHOOL, SWARKESTONE ROAD**

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

Issue

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

Action reported at the meeting on 15 June 2005

The programme for dropped kerbs has now been drawn up for this year. Newbridge Crescent should be done in this financial year 2005/06.

There are 12 dropped kerbs to be done at Newbridge Crescent and Jubilee Road. Two of the dropped kerbs are being done as part of pavement resurfacing works in the area. This work will be done separately from the remaining ten dropped kerbs as it involves two different contractors.

Public response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

A resident thanked the Council for the work that was carried out, and informed the panel that the company who did the works were always very conscientious and courteous, and encouraged the Council to use them for future works.

Council response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

Councillor Willitts stated that he hoped that other contractors did not undo the good work that had been done, when carrying out future works.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 15 June 2005

None.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 21 September 2005

Two dropped kerbs at the junction of Newbridge Crescent and Jubilee Road have been done.

There are a further ten dropped kerbs to be done in Jubilee Road. These dropped kerbs are currently not on the programme to be done this financial year. We are trying to source extra funding. If this is forthcoming, the kerbs on Jubilee Road will be included on the next batch to be done.

Responsibility

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

Mick Watts, Access Officer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 255925

2. Ref: 205001 – Jitty – Baker Street to Shardlow Road - received 12.01.05

Issue

Residents have requested the closure of the jitty between Baker Street and Shardlow Road.

Action reported at the meeting on 15 June 2005

The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 was passed shortly before the General Election. This legislation introduces the concept of 'gating orders', which will allow the Council to introduce gates, to prevent problems in jitties such as this. A Commencement Order and Regulations are expected in the autumn, following which the Council will introduce a process for identifying whether a gate is appropriate in any particular location.

Public response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

Mrs White asked how long it would take for the jitty to be closed, as she was concerned that it needed to be before the nights get dark.

Council response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

Councillor Graves explained that many residents had been fighting for the closure of the jitty, and there had since been lots of Anti Social Behaviour Orders placed. He informed the meeting that Mrs White had been to see Margaret Beckett, who had informed her that they were able to close the jitty under the new bill. However, he has since written to her as Council officers have suggested this is not the case yet. He has received a reply, stating that the act is now in force, and the jitty can therefore be closed under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 15 June 2005

Ask that the Officers talk to the relevant Council Officers and Government officials to confirm this provision under the new bill.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 21 September 2005

Awaiting information from the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs about when the regulations to allow Local Authorities to make Gating Orders, as detailed in the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, will come into force. The announced date for the regulations, according to Legal Services is Spring 2006, although colleagues at other Local Authorities have received information that September is the target date.

Responsibility

Richard Smail, Area Panel Manager, Policy Directorate, telephone 258505
Ray Brown, Senior Planning Officer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 255024

3. Ref: 205003 – Traffic issues, Goodsmoor Bridge – - received 12.01.05

Issue

Concern was raised regarding the traffic that is being diverted onto Goodsmoor Bridge, as a result of the works being carried out by Severn Trent on Stenson Road. The public were concerned that the bridge may not take the weight, as there is a 7.5tonne limit on the bridge. The panel were asked if they could look at this. It was also noted that the traffic lights on Wilmore Road were also causing problems.

Another resident informed the panel that a Council Van – number 815, was parking on the bend, which resulted in the bus to go on the other side of the road, which was extremely dangerous.

Action reported at the meeting on 15 June 2005

Transco have completed the work to divert their apparatus and STW are making progress with the large-scale sewerage and drainage work. The road will remain closed until the end of May. It is very unlikely that the closure will need to be extended beyond this date, although it is possible that when the road reopens there will be temporary traffic signals in place at the junction of Stenson Road and Oaklands Avenue. These signals may be in place for three weeks and they will lead to delays.

The resurfacing scheme for Stenson Road between Sunnyhill Avenue and Blagreaves Lane is being planned for the end of July, to coincide with the start of the school summer holidays. The road will have to be closed for this work to take place.

Public response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 15 June 2005

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 21 September 2005

The reconstruction of the road on the section between Blagreaves Lane and Sunnyhill Avenue was completed to schedule on August 12. The road was closed for the total period of the works.

Following this work there will be a gas renewal scheme for the stretch of Stenson Road between Sunnyhill Avenue and Village Street – there is no definite start date for this work, but we are currently working towards mid-September 2005. The scheme needs to be done this year to allow the City Council to complete footway renewal schemes before April next year.

Responsibility

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

Nigel Brien, On Street Operations Manager, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715106

4. Ref: 205005 – Elvaston Castle Development – - received 12.01.05

Issue

A member of the public raised concern over the proposed private development at Elvaston Castle, and the effect it would have on the residents of Alvaston and the surrounding areas. They asked the Council to reflect their opinion.

Action reported at the meeting on 15 June 2005

In January 2005 Alvaston councillors confirmed that the development was outside the city boundary. This is a matter for Derbyshire County Council who are responsible for the development and not Derby City Council. Issues should be directed to the County Council.

Public response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 15 June 2005

None.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 21 September 2005

Derbyshire County Council is responsible for this issue and is currently considering the responses it received to the public notice informing people of their proposal to dispose of the Elvaston Castle land. They are in consultation with their preferred developer Highgate Sanctuary over the future use of the Castle

In addition, a company called Lanarca has been engaged by Derbyshire County Council to consult local people and visitors about their views on the gardens at Elvaston. This will inform the County Council's bid for Heritage Lottery funding to help restore and refurbish the gardens. Lanarca wants to hear your views about how you currently use the gardens and your priorities for improvements.

The consultation period lasts until an exhibition that will be arranged towards the end of September. The council hopes to submit the application to the Heritage Lottery Fund in December 2005. This consultation is not about the project currently under development between the Council and Highgate Sanctuary. Comments on the planning application, which is expected to be made by Highgate Sanctuary in the autumn can be made to the planning authority which is South Derbyshire District Council when the application has been submitted.

All areas of the park and gardens will remain open to the public. Public access is an important aspect of any project submitted for Heritage Lottery funding. Public access may be extended into areas not currently open to the public – for instance, both the walled gardens.

To give your views and for more information about the consultation and the developments please visit the website at www.elvastoncastlegardens.co.uk

Responsibility

Gerald Tommy, Director of Corporate Resources, Derbyshire County Council, County Hall, Matlock,

5. Ref: 205008 – Condition of Boulton Lane – received 16.03.05

Issue

Residents raised concern about the road surface in Boulton Lane

Action reported at the meeting on 15 June 2005

This is down to the failure of the surface dressing. Anthony Evans, the Construction Manager is dealing with the remedial works. They are planned for the warmer weather late spring/early summer.

Public response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 15 June 2005

None.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 21 September 2005

This work will be done by the end of October 2005.

Responsibility

John Edgar, Maintenance Manager, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715067

6. Ref: 205010 – Parking restrictions, High Street, School Lane, Chellaston – received 16.03.05

Issue

It was reported that a letter had been hand delivered to properties in the High Street area written by WPC Adele Stringer which called for a range of measures in School Lane and High Street, including yellow lines.

Action reported at the meeting on 15 June 2005

We are discussing this issue with traffic management officers at Police headquarters. We will report back in due course.

Public response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

Councillor Willets stated that it is a question of enforcement either by the Police or Highways Enforcement Officers. He explained that he would be in favour of double yellow lines, and the enforcement of parking on the school run.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 15 June 2005

None.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 21 September 2005

A report titled 'Review of Traffic Issues in Chellaston' is being presented to the area panel meeting on 21 September. This issue is being dealt with as part of this review of traffic issues in Chellaston including the High Street and District Centre. A meeting took place on 24 August 2005 that was attended by Councillors, residents including representatives of Chellaston Residents Association and the Police. A list of key issues was developed and put into priority order.

Responsibility

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

7. Ref: 205011 – Pharmacy parking, Shelton Lock – received 16.03.05

Issue

It was noted that the car park at the pharmacy had a number of pot holes.

Action reported at the meeting on 15 June 2005

This is a private car park and does not belong to highways.

Public response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 15 June 2005

None.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 21 September 2005

No further information to add.

Responsibility

John Edgar, Maintenance Manager, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715067

8. Ref: 205012 – Markings around roundabout, Blue Peter, Shardlow Road – received 16.03.05

Issue

A member of the public indicated that there were inadequate line markings around the roundabout at the Blue Peter island.

Action reported at the meeting on 15 June 2005

A site visit was made to the junction to assess the carriageway markings at the approaches to the Blue Peter roundabout and the adjacent one at the junction with Raynesway.

The carriageway is currently marked with arrows that indicate which lane to be in for the direction you are travelling; these markings haven't been altered since the opening of the A6 Alvaston Bypass, but do not give a misleading message to drivers. It should also be noted that these markings do not have any legal standing, they are purely advisory.

The most effective way of correctly and safely directing drivers at busy junctions, particularly roundabouts is a comprehensive system of direction signs. All the direction signing in this area and Shardlow Road is currently being reviewed following the opening of the bypass and the imminent reclassification of Shardlow Road.

The existing signing is not to current standards and since the opening of the A6 Alvaston Bypass, many of the destinations currently signed in the area of the strict centre are now unnecessary as the bypass represents a more suitable route. The new signing scheme will provide a much clearer message to drivers and remove unnecessary street clutter, thereby creating a more pleasing environment.

Area Panel may also be interested to learn of the proposed introduction of a 7.5 tonne weight limit on Shardlow Road, this restriction will prevent goods vehicles from using roads in the area unless they are gaining access to premises.

Public response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

A member of the public raised concern over the four lanes of traffic that are now able to come up to the Blue Peter, stating that there is no indication of where to go at the roundabout, which is causing problems. They stated that they had contacted Kelvin Marriott eight weeks ago about the danger, and was informed that refurbishment work would be taking place.

Council response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

Councillor Liversedge agreed that something should be done with the markings on the roundabout.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 15 June 2005

To ask for this to be investigated fully.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 21 September 2005

We are currently working on changing the signing now that the Shardlow Road has been reclassified. The signing will direct traffic left at Harvey Road towards the Alvaston by-pass.

Responsibility

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

9. Ref: 205021 – Advertising Allenton Market – received 15.06.05

Issue

A member of the public asked the Council to advertise Allenton Market, stating that this is done for other markets in the area.

Action reported at the meeting on 15 June 2005

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

Councillor Graves agreed that this was an excellent idea, and agreed to include it in their newsletter.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 15 June 2005

None.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 21 September 2005

Adverts are placed in the Tourist Information Guide every year. More adverts are now being placed in magazines which specifically target either Derby or Derbyshire or local food. Adverts are also placed in AdMag. The most recent magazine to include an advert is the September 2005 edition of Country Images - Derby edition. Copies are free and delivered over a wide area.

Responsibility

Richard Smail, Area Panel Manager, Policy Directorate, telephone 258505

10. Ref: 205022 – Jitty – Beech Avenue to Raynesway – received 15.06.05

Issue

Ann Garfield, Alvaston residents asked if the jitty from Beech Avenue to Raynesway could be considered for closure, as detailed in the earlier report.

Action reported at the meeting on 15 June 2005

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

Council response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

Councillor Bayliss stated that he had distributed over 100 letters, and agreed to look at this again.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 15 June 2005

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 21 September 2005

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Responsibility

Ray Brown, Planning Services, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 255024

11. Ref: 205023 – Tree problems – 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 reported at the meeting on 15 June 2005

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

Councillor Tittley explained that the issue of tree pruning had been ongoing since November 2003, and has since been referred to a Scrutiny Committee, who recommended that more money be given to the department. At the Cabinet meeting the previous evening, it was recommended that an extra £5,000 be put into each area panel. However this was rejected, and Cabinet instead have agreed a pilot exercise with £5,000 allocated for Area Panel 5. He agreed to keep pushing this issue for Area Panel 2.

Councillor Willitts confirmed that he and Councillor Liversedge will also take this issue and pursue this.

Bill Reed stated that notwithstanding the decision of the Council to trial this additional funding in Area Panel 5, residents would still only get attention to trees if the tree met the terms of the Tree Management Policy.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 15 June 2005

Investigate with the Arboricultural Officer if the tree will be pruned within the terms of the tree management policy.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 21 September 2005

The Arboricultural Officer has investigated the tree which is actually in Hubert Shaw Close. He has spoken to the resident about the tree and explained that unfortunately the work that the resident feels is required would not be acceptable working practice for this tree. Heavily pruning the tree would not be good for the health and safety of the tree. It is likely to lead to weak branch unions and the possibility of allowing decay to further weaken such unions, other pruning that may have been acceptable such as crown lifting or thinning has already been carried out.

The tree is in the garden of a Derby Homes tenant and not on open space and is therefore in the first instance the responsibility of the tenant.

Therefore there is unfortunately no acceptable pruning that is likely to bring about an appreciable difference to the shade cast by the tree.

Responsibility

Alf Bousie, Commercial Services, telephone 715778

12. Ref: 205024 – Sewer responsibility – received 15.06.05

Issue

A Chellaston resident raised concern that new trees had been planted on the grass verge, which run near to the sewers. They asked who is responsible for any sewer work.

Action reported at the meeting on 15 June 2005

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

David Gartside confirmed that if the trees damage the sewers than the Council would be responsible for any damage.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 15 June 2005

None.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 21 September 2005

No new information to add, it has been confirmed if the trees damage the sewers the Council would be responsible.

Responsibility

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

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

Issue

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

Action reported at the meeting on 15 June 2005

A full report was made available at the meeting, and presented by David Gartside. It was proposed to undertake a thorough review of the problems and issues on the A514 Chellaston Road around the High Street junction area and the district centre. The review will seek to find solutions to ease the congestion through this busy part of the city.

Public response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

Mr Ransford explained that traffic has also increased on the road from Shardlow Road to the top of the High Street, and asked that this be looked into at the same time, and also suggested the road be straightened to alleviate a lot of the traffic congestion.

With regard to the development off Holmleigh, it was suggested that there was only one way in and out.

Council response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

In response to Mr Ransford, David Gartside reported that there had been a planning application for 1,000 homes on Shardlow Road. He stated that although the planning application is with South Derbyshire, the Council's engineers were working with them.

Councillor Willitts listed improvements he would be seeking, including that shop deliveries should be done on the premises own land, as this is causing congestion on the road – this was supported by Councillor Chera. He also suggested that the pavement on the corner of the Legion be reduced as buses cannot get round. Bus stops should also be recessed to keep traffic flowing.

Councillor Liversedge stated that having watched the junction, he was under no doubt that the traffic lights have made the situation worse, and suggested a mini roundabout, as a priority.

Councillor Tittley explained that people would not be putting in petitions if there was better access to the A514, and agreed that the traffic lights have caused problems. He expressed his support of the recommendation that the review is done, providing it doesn't delay the Alvaston Shopping Centre development. He stated that Asda are looking at reducing the number of deliveries from 7 to 4 pm, and looking at using smaller vehicles. He suggested that this issue be raised again at the next area panel.

Councillor Bayliss stated that he didn't have any problem with works being done on the A514, but asked for a list of works that wouldn't be carried out, or delayed as a result of this.

David Gartside explained that resources have already been set aside in the work programme to specifically deal with area panel issues. He agreed to come back with a list of issues and suggestions at the next meeting, but stated that any issues raised at future meetings may not be looked at if these works are carried out.

Councillor Wynn endorsed Councillor Willetts suggestion of pedestrian barriers to deter parking on the stretch of road. He stated that the Alvaston Councillors have pushed to get action on Alvaston Shopping Centre. This was originally meant to start three years ago but was delayed. He agreed

that a priority list is needed, and understands that the shopping centre was at the top – and is there for a good reason. This should be done, and the Councillors will continue to campaign.

David Gartside concluded that an exercise will be done with councillors and residents at some stage, to look at debating some of these issues. Will bring back all of these issues, and decide what can realistically be done, and start the longer term process.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 15 June 2005

To bring information on suggestions to the next meeting. That work on a review in Chellaston is started but that work at Alvaston is also prioritised.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 21 September 2005

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Responsibility

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

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

Issue

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

Action reported at the meeting on 15 June 2005

There have been no developments reported to the Area Panel since the last meeting.

Public response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 15 June 2005

None.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 21 September 2005

No more information has been received since the last meeting.

Responsibility

Councillor Tittley

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

Issue

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

Action reported at the meeting on 15 June 2005

A petition was received from Chellaston residents requesting the provision of a lay by to accommodate parking for customers of Andrew’s Fish Bar. A report to the Area Panel at its meeting of 12 January 2005 explained why a lay by could not be provided in the location suggested.

At a subsequent meeting between Councillor Tittley, Mr Ionnides of Andrew’s Fish Bar and Adrian Martin of the Council’s Traffic Management Group, it was agreed that alternative locations for a lay by and likely costs would also be investigated. A suitable alternative was found, although it could not be designated for the exclusive use of Andrew’s Fish Bar customers, and it is estimated that it would cost approximately £10,000 plus design fees, to build, providing no diversion of statutory undertakers’ equipment is required. Councillor Tittley and Mr Ionnides were to investigate how the works might be funded.

A further enquiry was raised at the last Area Panel meeting about whether a new layby could also be used to accommodate a bus stop. To allow buses unrestricted access to a lay by would involve preventing parking for other vehicles. It is potentially an offence to park in a bus stop lay by, hence a lay by may be used for general parking, or for buses, but not both.

Public response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

Councillor Tittley confirmed that a site meeting would be taking place on 16 June 2005.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 15 June 2005

None.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 21 September 2005

The previous Area Panel reports have dealt with the issues regarding the provision of a lay by on the A514 Swarkestone Road. Both the lead petitioner and Councillor Tittley have been provided with all the relevant information, and there are no further comments to add on this matter.

Responsibility

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

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

Issue

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

Action reported at the meeting on 15 June 2005

Area Panel 2 approved a funding application for £5,000 to improve Green Lane.

Public response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 15 June 2005

None.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 21 September 2005

The work on the new lighting will be included in the lighting programme.

Responsibility

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

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

Issue

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

Action reported at the meeting on 15 June 2005

This will be included in the 2005/06 programme. Unfortunately, we cannot give a timescale, it depends on when the contractor can fit it into their work programme.

Public response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 15 June 2005

None.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 21 September 2005

We will inform the area panel when work is to start on site.

Responsibility

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

18. Ref: 205006 – Petition - T Mobile Phone Mast, Shelton Lock – received 12.01.05

Issue

A petition was received, from the residents of Shelton Lock regarding the proposed site of a mobile mast, outside the Esso Station. People are worried about the possible risk of explosion, and radiation.

Action reported at the meeting on 15 June 2005

Councillor Tittley said that T Mobile have written to the local MP, saying they would not get the reception they need from an alternative location. They are still looking near the Esso garage and have asked him to attend a future meeting.

Public response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

A resident asked that when the Council look at the planning application, do they look at the long term effects of all the masts erected.

Council response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

It was reported that the Council has to consider each mast application separately.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 15 June 2005

None.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 21 September 2005

T Mobile is now looking at an alternative location.

Mobile phone masts less than 15 metres high do not need planning permission. However, applications are still considered by planning officers who look at the exact siting and design of the mast.

Responsibility

Paul Clarke, Planning, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 255935

19. Ref: 205007 – Petition – Dog fouling, Flatts Path - received 12.01.05

Issue

It was noted that a petition had been received regarding dog fouling at Flatts Path. The petition asked for the path to be widened and for dog fouling to be prevented.

Action reported at the meeting on 15 June 2005

Regarding dog fouling the Dog Wardens visited the site on a number of occasions at the end of 2004 and early 2005. To date they have not been able to apprehend anyone committing an offence. 'No Fouling' stencils have been applied to the pathway.

A meeting took place at the site on 5 January. It was agreed that

- some monitoring with a view to issuing fixed penalty notices for owners failing to clear up after their dogs. It was agreed that this would take place in the evening.
- the Dog Wardens would visit the adjacent schools to get a message across from the children to dog walkers.

Regarding path widening, a plan to straighten the path has been designed and was discussed at three meetings at the local schools on 15 June. It was proposed that the scheme will be designed in detail and introduced later in the year. Funding has been secured from the 'Safer Routes to School' programme.

Public response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 15 June 2005

None

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 21 September 2005

A dual purpose dog bin is planned for this area.

Responsibility

Steve Allwood, Project Development Officer, Education Service, telephone 718890
Andy Culshaw, School Travel Plan Co-ordinator, telephone 715146

20. Ref: 205013 – Petition - Traffic problems – St Peter’s Road, Chellaston – received 15.06.05

Issue

Councillor Tittley handed a petition in from residents of St Peter’s Road, who were concerned about the road being used as a rat run. It asked that an investigation takes place to look at the possibility of it becoming a one way street.

Action reported at the meeting on 15 June 2005

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 15 June 2005

To provide a response to the petition.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 21 September 2005

We have spoken to and written to the lead petitioner and have agreed with him that this issue will be considered as part of the review of the congestion around A514 Chellaston District Centre.

A report titled ‘Review of Traffic Issues in Chellaston’ is being presented to the area panel meeting on 21 September.

This issue is being dealt with as part of this review of traffic issues in Chellaston including the High Street and District Centre. A meeting took place on 24 August 2005 that was attended by Councillors, residents including representatives of Chellaston Residents Association and the Police. A list of key issues was developed and put into priority order.

Responsibility

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

21. Ref: 205014 – Petition – Pedestrian crossing, Derwent Parade – received 15.06.05

Issue

A petition signed by 49 people was received requesting the provision of pedestrian crossings on Royal Way and Pride Parkway between Derwent Parade and Royal Way.

Action reported at the meeting on 15 June 2005

The results of the investigation into the request would be reported to the next meeting of the Panel. A report was presented to the meeting, which reported on an earlier request for pedestrian crossings on Pride Park. This report recommended the installation of a pedestrian refuge on Royal Way.

Public response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 15 June 2005

Investigate and respond

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 21 September 2005

We expect to undertake a survey in mid October 2005.

Responsibility

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

22. Ref: 205015 – Petition – ‘Access only’ signs on the service road to properties on Derby Road, Chellaston – received 15.06.05

Issue

A new petition was received asking for ‘Access only’ signs on the service road to properties on Derby Road, Chellaston

Action reported at the meeting on 15 June 2005

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

Councillor Tittley agreed that this has been a problem for a long while. He explained that the current development for 14 houses could cause further parking problems, as the first nine metres would be public road. Having looked at the plans, he finds it difficult to see that if the residents have more than one car, there would be enough parking spaces. The police have dealt with obstruction issues when asked, but something further needs to be done about it, and agreed that it should be ‘access only’.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 15 June 2005

A full response will be available at the next meeting.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 21 September 2005

We have written to ward councillors concerning the proposal to install access only signs. We will be writing to residents to keep them informed.

We have begun the statutory consultation process as part of the Traffic Regulation Order. If we get no objections to the proposal, the access only signs will be installed. Previous experience has shown us that to obtain a Traffic Regulation Order will take around six months, providing there are no objections or unexpected complications.

Responsibility

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

23. Ref: 205016 – Petition – Junction of Station Road and Derby Road, Chellaston – received 15.06.05

Issue

A new petition was submitted asking for action regarding the Junction of Station Road and Derby Road, Chellaston

Action reported at the meeting on 15 June 2005

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

Councillor Tittley said that the petition was from elderly residents of Station Road who had problems getting out on to A514 due to the traffic lights. Drivers are stopping half way across and blocking access. Residents want something doing about it, and have suggested a mini roundabout to prevent access being block.

Councillor Willitts asked why a full response could not be given

Bill Reed stated that it is normal practice to receive a petition at the panel, but we have already started investigations about this petition, and this will be concluded as soon as possible. Where there are complicated issues, it is more common to respond to the next meeting.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 15 June 2005

Investigate and respond.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 21 September 2005

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Responsibility

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

24. Ref: 205017 – Petition – Installation of pedestrian crossing on London Road – Burnaby Street/Meadow Lane – 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.

Action reported at the meeting on 15 June 2005

A full report was available at the meeting which suggested that the request be refused, as the investigations that were carried out indicated that the threshold for the installation of a pedestrian crossing facility was not met at this location.

Public response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

A member of the public asked the panel how long the survey took to get these statistics. They were concerned that people were taking alternative routes because of the dangers, and therefore the statistics should be looked at again, as over 200 people signed the petition. They questioned whether a 24-hour day is long enough to judge.

Dave Taylor, Alvaston resident confirmed that over 300 people had actually signed the petition, and agreed with the Councillors that something is desperately needed, and asked that the panel rejects the officers proposals.

Council response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

In response to the resident, Bill Reed confirmed that the investigation is carried out throughout the length of a day. They are done on an objective basis, and officers are required to assess it against the number of vehicles and pedestrians using the stretch of road. The same criteria are used throughout the City so that objective decisions can be made. David Gartside confirmed that it is done on for 12-hours, and is also complimented by site visits and viewings on a number of occasions.

Councillor Bayliss stated that there were some elements of the report that should be reconsidered. He believed that the figures were misleading. The physical location of a crossing would reduce speeding traffic, and there is more suppressed demand, as such he hopes that officers will relook at this with these other considerations. There is also Lakeside School that is due to open in October 2006, he stated that people will cross at the point where they merge onto London Road. He asked that costs be made available for the installation of a refuge.

Councillor Graves stated that the figures are suppressed as people don't cross there as it is too dangerous, and wide at that point. He confirmed that residents had been asking for a crossing for a very long time.

David Gartside stated that the policy document which approved the criteria for traffic counts was brought to the area panel some 18 months ago, which significantly changed the policy. As a result the criteria was halved, but they have to be able to prioritise the requests, and anything that falls below the threshold, does not mean that it is not deemed important – it just cannot be considered as a priority. Understands that they may feel the statistics are suppressed.

He did suggest that although the location doesn't meet the criteria for a crossing, they would perhaps consider the provision of a refuge as part of the local transport plan – this would then be determined next year.

Councillor Dhamrait explained that he did not want a fatality to happen before anything is done. The number of people who signed the petition should be taken into account, and the policy should include something for 'exceptional circumstances'.

Councillor Bayliss accepted the proposal of looking at a refuge, and asked David Gartside to bring the costs back to the panel, suggesting that it could possibly be funded through the panel budget.

Councillor Leeming stated that he believed that if a refuge was put in, this would only cause further congestion, and therefore would rather see a pedestrian crossing, near to Meadow Lane.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 15 June 2005

To bring to a conclusion at the next meeting.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 21 September 2005

Highway officers have surveyed the site. They can confirm that there is enough room for a refuge at the location. The approximate cost to install the refuge would be £5,700. There is no funding available in this years highways budget however the Area Panel is asked to consider funding this from their budget allocation in 2005/6.

Responsibility

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

25. Ref: 205018 – Petition – Fenced off outdoor facility at Chellaston Community Centre – received 15.06.05

Issue

A petition was submitted to the Area panel 2 meeting by local residents requesting a fence around the outdoor area at Chellaston Community Centre. "We the undersigned residents call upon Derby City Council to give consideration to the fenced off area. This will provide a safe environment for all users of the centre. We believe that this will greatly reduce vandalism and give the many users a more acceptable facility at the centre. The undersigned residents therefore call upon Derby City Council to take into account these significant and very serious concerns when considering these proposals.'

Action reported at the meeting on 15 June 2005

A full report I response to the petition was presented on 15 June. It was reported that the proposal is not in line with Council Policy regarding loss of public open space. The following course of action was proposed as a means to testing and resolving this particular proposal:

1. The petitioners should submit a planning application for the proposed fence and change of use. The application should be clear in demonstrating community support and benefit for the proposals
2. The application will be dealt with as part of the normal planning process. As part of this Parks will be consulted and will make an objection on the grounds of loss of public open space and this being against Council policy. Other objections may also be received from other organisations and/or individuals
3. The application will be reported to the Planning Committee for a decision
4. If a fence is chosen that requires planning permission then this will also be decided as part of the approval process. If a fence is selected that does not require planning permission then details of the fence should be submitted to the Council for approval as landowner and to ensure the fence does not impact on the amenity of the park.

It was recommended that the applicant select a dark green or black weldmesh style fence, preferably no higher than 2 metres. The applicant would also need to provide a minimum 400mm wide mowing strip under the fence to the satisfaction of the Parks Section.

If planning approval is granted then Estates will prepare the necessary lease documents, including details of maintenance standards and future use of the land. The land would be transferred to Education and the area enclosed would no longer be public open space

Public response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

The lead petitioner questioned the report. She was on the understanding that this was done during the previous application, to which no objections were received, apart from that from the Parks Department. She stated that she had been unsuccessful when trying to contact Parks officers.

Council response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

Councillor Tittley confirmed that this has been a serious issue for the community group. The planning department were not happy with the plans – although the group had already spent a lot of money on it. He raised concern that if another application has to be put in, then there should be some consideration made to the costs.

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Councillor Willitts felt that it would be a good piece of land to remove from public open space, as it would be much better used by the community centre.

Bill Reed confirmed that there would be no cost incurred for resubmitting the plans.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 15 June 2005

Update

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 21 September 2005

Andy Morgan, Landscape and Development Officer, met with the Association and Councillor Tittley in July. It was confirmed what type of fencing Parks would approve and examples were sent to the Councillor and Association. Fencing less than 2 metres high, in this location, will not need planning permission, however the Community Association will still need to resubmit their planning application because of the change of use proposed.

On submission of a new application Parks and others will have the opportunity to comment on the proposed change in use of the public open space.

Responsibility

Paul Clarke, Planning, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 255935

26. Ref: 205019 – Petition – Parking outside Moorhead Primary School – 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 reported at the meeting on 15 June 2005

A report was available at the meeting. This stated that Officers would work with Moorhead Primary School to develop a Travel Plan.

Public response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

Maureen Carter, Governor at Moorhead Primary School confirmed that there were problems outside of the school, as a parking space has been lost. She stated that the concern is not just outside the school, but also with the movement of lorries at the development. She stated that they had been assured that there would be no movement during the school drop off points. She also questioned the accuracy of the figures in the report, stating that the previous night there had been 25 cars outside Merrill College, and the night before 27, which were not including staff.

Another resident asked whether it was an illegal offence if people parked on the yellow zigzag lines – Inspector Gascoyne, confirmed that it was not.

Council response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

Councillor Jackson stated that she had spoken to the site manager, who had assured her that this would not happen. Agreed to raise this issue again with them.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 15 June 2005

Investigate and respond

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 21 September 2005

Work is still ongoing to develop a school travel plan. We are working towards completing the travel plan by March 2006.

Responsibility

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

27. Ref: 205020 – Petition – Closure of replacement of Allenton Market – received 15.06.05

Issue

A petition signed by 748 was received in March opposing the closure of replacement of Allenton market.

Action reported at the meeting on 15 June 2005

A report was available at the meeting – Item 6G. The Council are not prepared to release the market, and are not selling it. The market will therefore continue.

Public response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

Residents thanked the panel for their reassuring comments. However, concern was raised that any future reconsideration of these proposals would make a statement against local small traders. He stated that the market is an integral part of the local community, and therefore need to stand up for the local community and traders.

Another resident stated that they had waited for three months. £2 million has been spent on the new shopping area in Allenton, and to put a superstore on the site would increase traffic pollution. She stated that over 1,000 residents of Derby have said 'no' to the sell off and wish to keep the market. She asked the panel to listen to the residents and keep the market. She also asked that better signage be erected for the market, as there is none. Have asked for a meeting – not had a response yet.

Council response at the meeting on 15 June 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 15 June 2005

Bill Reed agreed to liaise with the market manager and speak directly to the resident.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 21 September 2005

A meeting is being planned with the Markets Officer and Allenton Market Supervisor to meet local Councillors, representatives of the Market and the lead petitioner to discuss their ideas. It also proposed to have a highways representative present.

Responsibility

Richard Smail, Area Panel Manager, Policy Directorate, telephone 258505