

**AREA PANEL TWO – UPDATE REPORT
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CHELLASTON COMMUNITY CENTRE, BARLEY CROFT**

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1. Ref: 204006 – Request for pedestrian crossing or central refuge, Boulton Lane – received 14.01.04

Issue

A member of the public thanked the Council for removing the speed humps in the Boulton Ward. She had not received any complaints about speeding along Boulton Lane. She had however received complaints from pedestrians trying to cross the road by the Co-op. She asked if the Council would consider putting a refuge in at the point.

Action reported at the meeting on 22 September 2004

It was reported that a new puffin crossing would be installed on Crayford Road near to the shops, when funds become available. This request was assessed too late to be considered in this year's works programme but will be considered for next year. This crossing may help to reduce the numbers of children crossing near to the Holbrook Road/Crayford Road/Bracknell Drive staggered crossroads. Provision of a crossing at this junction would be difficult without signalling the junction and a stand alone crossing installed away from the junction may be ignored by children. This location will be added to our list of investigations and an evaluation will be carried out during the next school term.

It was also noted that an assessment had been made regarding a crossing request on Boulton Lane/Maidstone Drive. A survey conducted in July showed this site did not meet the criteria for a crossing. Observations on site revealed that pedestrians were able to cross safely using suitable gaps in traffic.

Regarding Cllr Wynn's request for a school crossing patrol on Boulton Lane, the Council will investigate this during term time. Putting in a new crossing on Crayford Road may alter travel patterns. Since two of the four schools in the vicinity are senior schools a crossing patrol might not be well used even if one was provided.

Public response at the meeting on 22 September 2004

Thelma Bradshaw, resident informed the panel that she had received a letter from Ian Wallace, Projects Engineer, stating that although they are looking into the project, ultimately the safety of children on their way to school does lay with the parents. She was quite concerned about this reply.

Council response at the meeting on 22 September 2004

Bill Reed explained to the resident that the Council does in fact work with both parents and officers to deal with the issue of children's safety.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 22 September 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 3 November 2004

The investigation is ongoing and we have written to Ms Bradshaw to let her know our position.

Responsibility

Adrian Astle, Signals & Projects Engineer, Development & Cultural Services, telephone 715018

2. Ref: 204028 Parking at Alvaston Library- received 07.07.04

Issue

A member of the public raised concerns about the condition of the car park at the rear of Alvaston Library. There was a lack of lighting and many potholes on the car park.

Action reported at the meeting on 22 September 2004

It was reported that a meeting to discuss this issue was held on 14 September, and a verbal report would be given at the meeting. A letter has been sent to the company, to find out whether they would install secure lighting at the rear car park – will keep updating.

Public response at the meeting on 22 September 2004

None.

Council response at the meeting on 22 September 2004

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 22 September 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 3 November 2004

A letter has been sent to the company, to find out whether they would install secure lighting at the rear car park. An email response states that:

On the question of lighting we will be as helpful as possible bearing in mind the wishes of our tenants and the costs of any lighting scheme. The rear parking area is very large and I am not sure how much of the space could be satisfactorily lit without significant costs which could perhaps not be supported or afforded by other tenants.

Our building surveyor for this property will visit with our electrician within the next 10 days – before 22 October - to see what can be done and to make recommendations.

Responsibility

Fran Renwick, Assistant Head of Library Services, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 716610

Bill Reed, Area Panel manager, Policy Directorate, telephone 258501

Councillor Paul Bayliss

3. Ref: 204032 Anti social behaviour, Allenton Recreation Ground - received 07.07.04

Issue

A member of the public raised concerns about antisocial behaviour, motorbikes, rubbish and graffiti on Allenton Recreation Ground

Action reported at the meeting on 22 September 2004

It was reported that the rubbish, mainly located around the Allen St entrance, had been removed. The Council has amended its maintenance regime so that grass is cut closer to the hedge bottoms reducing the long grass which is a rubbish trap.

The graffiti on the gable ends of the house on Allen Street is being investigated. It was reported that officers are trying to establish who owns these properties at the moment as it is the responsibility of the owners to remove the graffiti.

The Beat officer responsible for the Allenton area has investigated this issue and continues to monitor the recreation ground.

Public response at the meeting on 22 September 2004

Residents were pleased with the work, but reported that after just two days the bins were full of drinks bottles and cans.

Council response at the meeting on 22 September 2004

Councillor Blanksby acknowledge that issues of drinking on the park have risen, and commented that this is a serious issue that needs to be looked at.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 22 September 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 3 November 2004

A verbal update will be given at the meeting.

Responsibility

Inspector Gascoyne, Derbyshire Constabulary, telephone
Alf Bousie, City Parks, Commercial Services, telephone 715778

4. Ref: 204033 Road markings, Chellaston High Street - received 07.07.04

Issue

A member of the public asked if the white lines on High Street, Chellaston could be repainted

Action reported at the meeting on 22 September 2004

It was reported that there is already a white centre line on High Street that extends from the junction with the A514 to the roundabout at Fellowlands Way. Where the carriageway is particularly narrow a centre line is not used. The absence of a centre line is indicative of a narrow carriageway width and as such motorists are required to take care when meeting oncoming vehicles.

Public response at the meeting on 22 September 2004

Peter Robinson, local resident disagreed with the statement that there 'is' a white line – he stated that there 'was' a white line, but due to erosion, it has disappeared from view.

Council response at the meeting on 22 September 2004

Bill Reed agreed to get the faded line reinstated.
Councillor Turner asked for confirmation on the original line, as to whether it should be there.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 22 September 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 3 November 2004

The Council is arranging for the High Street reconstruction to go ahead in mid-February. Once all construction work is complete road markings will be in place.

Responsibility

John Edgar, Maintenance Manager, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715067
Ian Copeland, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 25 5916

5. Ref: 204037 - Times of area panel meeting - received 22.09.04

Issue

A resident requested that the area panel 2 meeting begin at 7 pm, to allow working people to attend. She was concerned that at the moment, with a start time of 6 pm, it is only attracting retired residents.

Action reported at the meeting on 22 September 2004

New Item.

Public response at the meeting on 22 September 2004

The resident stated that she had raised this issue at the last minute, but it had not been recorded in the minutes or update report.

Another resident commented that if it was held later, then retired / elderly people may not feel happy in attending.

Council response at the meeting on 22 September 2004

Councillor Turner apologised that this had not been recorded, but assured the resident that this would be considered.

Councillor Bayliss explained that he too works, along with many other councillors and officers who attend the meeting. He accepted that it was difficult to maximise the attendance at meetings, and suggested that this issue be put to a vote.

Councillor Jackson suggested that a start time of 6.30 pm be considered.

Bill Reed explained that there had been a discussion with all area panels about an appropriate start time, and area panel 2 had chosen 6 pm.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 22 September 2004

Councillor Turner agreed to vote at the next meeting, to give absence panel members the opportunity to have their say on this issue.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 3 November 2004

This item appears on the agenda.

Responsibility

Bill Reed, Area Panel Manager, Policy Directorate, telephone 258501

6. Ref: 204038 - Grass on recreation ground, near St Stephen's Church - received 22.09.04

Issue

A local resident was concerned about the state of the grass cuttings – he explained that whoever was doing this work, did not know how to use the machinery correctly. The green, during the grass cutting season is ankle deep in cuttings, and some residents have fell over. It is extremely dangerous in wet conditions.

Action reported at the meeting on 22 September 2004

New Item.

Public response at the meeting on 22 September 2004

He went on to explain that he has spoken and written to the Council, asking them to do something about this issue, but has been continually passed on to different people. This has been ongoing for 12 months, and he explained that if he does not receive a response, then he would take this up with both John Winters, and the Chief Executive. This is extremely dangerous, particularly in wet conditions.

Another resident explained that it is the Council's policy not to collect cuttings, and this is a problem throughout the City. She asked that relevant officers attend a panel meeting.

Council response at the meeting on 22 September 2004

Actions agreed at the meeting on 22 September 2004

Bill Reed agreed to respond to the resident with regard to the grass cuttings.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 3 November 2004

The grass will now be cut twice more before the end of the growing season. The cuts will be fortnightly, thus the grass will be mown on or around 13 and 27 October. The grass is cut by contractors acting on behalf of the Council.

It has now been arranged that on a day shortly after the grass is cut, the Council's mechanical sweeper will visit the recreation ground and sweep the paths. This will ensure that the paths are free of grass and other refuse which would cause them to be potentially dangerous. The sweeping will not take place necessarily on the same day or the following day after the cut, as weather might delay the cutting and this will prevent the unhelpful occurrence of the path being swept shortly before the grass is cut. Accumulations of grass which have hardened over the summer will be removed.

Responsibility

Alf Bousie, Derby City Parks Service, Commercial Services, telephone 715778

7. Ref: 204039 – Dumped rubbish, Green on Wordsworth Avenue - received 22.09.04

Issue

A member of the public asked the council what it's issue is on dumping, and who residents should raise their issues with. She explained that there is a large amount of dumped rubbish on the green, and although a caretaker was sent out over a month ago, it is still there, and more is being added.

Action reported at the meeting on 22 September 2004

New Item.

Public response at the meeting on 22 September 2004

Council response at the meeting on 22 September 2004

Bill Reed asked the resident to write down the exact locations so that officers can respond. asked resident to write down the exact locations so that officers can respond.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 22 September 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 3 November 2004

The Council is arranging for 'the hill' and the grassed area at the end of Wordsworth Avenue to be cleared during the week commencing 11 October.

Responsibility

Paula Solowij, Local Manager, Derby Homes, telephone 718781
Richard Winter, Assistant Waste Management Officer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 716352

8. Ref: 204040 – Drains, Wordworth Avenue - received 22.09.04

Issue

A member of the public raised concern about drains, stating that the one on the street and around the area have been blocked for some time. Although these have been reported, they have not been cleared. The Panel were asked out often drains were cleared.

Action reported at the meeting on 22 September 2004

New Item.

Public response at the meeting on 22 September 2004

Council response at the meeting on 22 September 2004

Bill Reed asked the resident to write down the exact locations so that officers can respond. asked resident to write down the exact locations so that officers can respond.

These are as follows:

Left hand rear car park, Ballater Close
Right hand rear car park, Ballater Close
Roadway at 23 Ballater Close

Actions agreed at the meeting on 22 September 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 3 November 2004

With regard to the gullies on Ballater Close, two highway gullies were cleared on 4 October 2004. The gullies in the parking areas are being dealt with by New Sinfin Housing Office.

Responsibility

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

9. 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 22 September 2004

It was reported that the Highways Agency report was not available yet. However, preliminary findings show a reduction in traffic on roads in Alvaston but Officers are awaiting more details findings.

Route signing takes into account the nature and function of a road, with traffic being directed along the most direct and suitable route. The A514 is part of the Primary Route Network as is the A6. Alternative signing for HGVs would only be put in place if there were a weight limit or a height restriction in place along the route. Each request for a weight restriction would be investigated and judged on its own merit. There are already a number of weight restrictions covering the City while leaving a framework of main traffic routes. All traffic that has to access a site within one of the restrictions is exempt from that restriction however HGV traffic not gaining access is restricted from entering. As with all traffic regulation orders if there are no physical measures to ensure the order is adhered to, it relies on enforcement. We have to make sure that access is maintained throughout the City whilst encouraging use of the most suitable routes. It was noted that a letter has been written to Mr Howarth.

The former canal bridge on the A514 exhibits some cracking, this not indicative of any danger or deficiency in carrying capacity. Strength calculations were undertaken in 1999 and our assessment was that the bridge can carry 40 tonnes without difficulty. The bridge was inspected again in August 2003.

Public response at the meeting on 22 September 2004

A member of the public explained that he was delighted with the news from Councillor Leeming, but could not believe that this could not be done on the A514, when it was done some years ago on the A52 to stop lorries coming into the centre of Derby. If they can do it there, then it should be done on A50 / A514. He stated that the A52 when done, was also a trunk road at the time.

Council response at the meeting on 22 September 2004

Councillor Wynn referred to page three of the minutes regarding section 106 funds, and whether it could be used. He explained that he still not had a reply.

Bill Reed apologised for this, and explained that the residential development that has been approved – West Chellaston – subject to 106, the developers need to make a contribution over a period of ten years, towards the work on the A514. This will be determined by both the developers and the Council. He further explained, that as yet, no decision had been made as to when the fund would be available and how it would be spent.

Councillor Wynn also asked that the meeting be informed once a decision about the funding is known.

Councillor Leeming reported that at a previous meeting, himself and Councillor Tittley had raised the issue of 44tonne lorries using this route. Since then, he has spoken to Lucy Care, who assured him there will be a 7.5 tonne limit on the Shardlow Road, from the Blue Peter.

David Gartside explained that the Council have to accommodate HGVs coming into the city, and must make sure that they are on the most suitable routes. The A514 is not a trunk road, but a principal road. He explained that HGVs would be entitled to use this route for access even if a weight restriction is introduced.

Councillor Bayliss requested that a full report be brought to the next panel meeting describing the various types of roads, and the locations of them within area panel 2. This was welcomed by panel members.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 22 September 2004

To bring a report stating the different types of roads, and their locations within this area panel.
To inform the panel of the section 106 funding decision

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 3 November 2004

A full report appears elsewhere on the agenda.

Responsibility

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

10. Ref: 204026 – Petition, Installation of bus shelters – Wragley Way and Deepdale Avenue - received 05.05.04

Issue

A petition was received requesting the installation of a bus shelter on Wragley Way and Deepdale Avenue.

Action reported at the meeting on 22 September 2004

A separate report was available at the meeting. There is now a revised petition – is it possible to create a bus shelter on Wragley Way and Deepdale Lane. This has been opposed by residents – therefore Wragley Way has been removed from the programme. A location on Deepdale Lane has been identified, and it has been put forward into the local transport plan for funding.

Public response at the meeting on 22 September 2004

A local resident was concerned that his issue that was raised at the last meeting did not appear in the report. He had suggested that the bus stop outside Sinfin Community School, which is very rarely used, be moved around the corner to the site opposite Heath Court. As there are a lot of elderly people around there, this would be an ideal spot. If this happened, there would only be removal costs associated with it.

Council response at the meeting on 22 September 2004

Bill Reed apologised that the response had not been as comprehensive, and explained that most of the costs associated with bus shelters are not actually above ground, but involve the digging in. He confirmed that this location would be noted and put forward.

Councillor Bayliss requested that the costs of moving the shelter are looked into, as there may be a possibility that the area panel budget could fund this.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 22 September 2004

To provide costs of moving the bus shelter from outside the school to Heath Court.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 3 November 2004

Moving shelters is not straightforward, and usually nearly as expensive as providing a new one.

The site mentioned opposite Heath Court between the crossing and the roundabout is on the list for a new shelter. We will be finalizing priority soon, subject to funding, we expect this shelter to be implemented during the next year financial year.

Responsibility

Sean Marshall, Public Transport Engineer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715048.

11. 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 22 September 2004

It was reported that the children’s club does not require any planning approval. The situation with regard to parking will be monitored but there are no proposals to restrict parking in this area at this time.

Public response at the meeting on 22 September 2004

A member of the public explained that he did not know anything about consultation, and asked where it was taking place.

Council response at the meeting on 22 September 2004

Bill Reed explained that there are ongoing discussions with both the church hall committee, and residents

Actions agreed at the meeting on 22 September 2004

To confirm that this consultation is taking place.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 3 November 2004

A verbal report on this will be given at the meeting

Responsibility

Bill Reed, Area Panel Manager, Policy Directorate, telephone 258501
Mel Bradfield, Area Panel Co-ordinator, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064

12. Ref: 204041 - Petition – Pavements Rosythe Crescent- received 22.09.04

Issue

New petition asking for work to be done to the pavements at Rosythe Close

Action reported at the meeting on 22 September 2004

The panel noted that a petition had been received from residents on Rosythe Crescent regarding the outstanding works to pavements. They explained that they are a potential danger to both young children and elderly people.

Public response at the meeting on 22 September 2004

Council response at the meeting on 22 September 2004

Actions agreed at the meeting on 22 September 2004

A full report to be available at the next meeting.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 3 November 2004

The Petition has been passed on to the developer. A letter has been written asking the developer to inform us of when the footways will be completed. As of 25 October, no response had been received from the developer.

Responsibility

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