

**AREA PANEL FOUR – UPDATE REPORT
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DERBY MOOR COMMUNITY SPORTS COLLEGE**

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1. Ref: 404051 – Stenson Road Roadworks, Blagreaves – raised 17.11.04

Issue

A resident raised a concern about the continual major road works along Stenson Road and wondered if they will ever be completed. She believes that currently Seven Trent Water is doing some work. The road works have made travelling in and out of Derby very difficult.

Action reported at the meeting on 28 September 2005

January 2005 - Transco has been carrying out a large scheme of work to replace the gas mains and connections to domestic properties along the whole length of Stenson Road. The work on Stenson Road has been split into a series of sections. The Council needs to carry out essential maintenance to Stenson Road to reconstruct the carriageway between Sunnyhill Avenue and Blagreaves Lane and to reconstruct the footways between Sunnyhill Avenue and Village Street. All of the work is essential to maintain services to properties, provide a solution to local flooding problems and to provide essential maintenance to roads and footways.

March 2005 – the Council have continued to monitor the traffic and works in Stenson Road. Severn Trent Water is slightly ahead of schedule for the Stenson Road part of the project

June 2005 - Transco completed the work to divert their apparatus and STW are making progress with the large-scale sewerage and drainage work. Stenson Road was opened at the end of May.

September 2005 - the reconstruction of the road between Blagreaves Lane and Sunnyhill Avenue was completed on August 12. There will be a gas renewal scheme on Stenson Road between Sunnyhill Avenue and Village Street in mid-September to allow the Council to complete footway renewal schemes by April 2006.

Public response at the meeting on 28 September 2005

A resident stated that during the last five weeks, the road had been dug up twice – she asked the panel if the digging up of the road was to continue because the roads are never left alone.

Council response at the meeting on 28 September 2005

Councillor Skelton stated that under the current rules, utility companies cannot do routine work within two years of resurfacing, unless in an emergency.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 28 September 2005

Update on latest work on Stenson Road

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 30 November 2005

During 2005 Transco has been carrying out a large scheme of work to replace the old style cast iron gas mains and connections to domestic properties along the whole length of Stenson Road. The work on Stenson Road has been split into a series of sections. The remaining section is from Sunny Hill Avenue to Village Street, this should have been completed this year, however Transco have fallen behind schedule.

The current work is the final section of gas main renewal and is due to be completed by Christmas.

The Council is still planning to carryout footway renewal works in the spring of 2006 between Sunny Hill Avenue and Village Street, though this is obviously dependant on the successful completion of the current Transco works.

Responsibility

John Edgar, Maintenance Manager, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715067
Nigel Brien, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715016.

2. Ref: 405010 – Petition – Improved lighting and car parking on Trusley Gardens, Blagreaves – raised 30.03.05

Issue

A petition has been received from seven residents of Trusley Gardens asking the Council to improve their environment to make it safer. They are requesting improved lighting along a pathway and car hardstandings in their gardens because there is nowhere available to park cars either off the road or near their properties.

Action reported at the meeting on 28 September 2005

June 2005 - Derby Homes have discussed the proposals in the petition with the lead petitioner. Consultation has been completed with five responses received. Four were in favour and one was strongly opposed. Planning permission would be needed. Estimated cost is £30,000 and would benefit only four tenants. Funding for this would be very difficult to secure. It would also leave four properties on Trusley Gardens with no front gardens. There is extensive parking at the bottom of Trusley Gardens and it has already been agreed for extra parking bays this year. Reported that the temporary access road will be removed and all the gardens re-instated. Feasibility of taking away some of the front side garden of one property on Trusley Gardens and providing six off road parking bays, is being considered.

Regarding the additional lighting requested, a price will be obtained for next years, 2006/7 City Housing Improvement Plan to be considered by Littleover Community Panel.

September 2005 - the suggestion to take away some of the front side garden of one property on Trusley Gardens and provide six off road parking bays was not supported.

The lead petitioner has been informed that the original parking proposal was not a cost effective option at £30,000. The petitioners were informed of the decision and that new parking at the bottom of Trusley Gardens will be completed by April 2006.

Regarding the additional lighting requested, a price will be obtained for next years, 2006/7 City Housing Improvement Plan that will be considered by the Littleover Community Panel.

Public response at the meeting on 28 September 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 28 September 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 28 September 2005

Update on progress

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 30 November 2005

The request for the additional light was voted for by Littleover Community Panel and is due to be done under the CHIP - City Housing Improvement Plan – bid for 2006/7.

Responsibility

Pam Stretton, Local Manager, Derby Homes, telephone 716578

3. Ref: 405015 – Millennium Wood, Blagreaves – raised 28.06.05

Issue

A written question asked about the lack of access to the Millennium Wood site now that the access from Oaklands Avenue has been fenced off by the owners after 20 years of public access. Now that the wood has been there for ten years when will the area be developed to its full potential.

Action reported at the meeting on 28 September 2005

A presentation on the proposed City Park was made to Area Panel 4 in 2004. Proposals indicated it would be about 46 hectares, some land planned for the park had been acquired. The rest of the site is under private ownership as farmland. It would cost £1.5 to £2 million for all the facilities.

Parks began the process to establish a Friends Group in 2005, but there was a poor response to forming a group. This needs to be followed up, along with consultation, but it's not possible to put a revised time scale on this. New funding programmes look like they will be open to applications sometime in 2006. Consideration was given to purchase the small farm, that was up for auction, but agreed not to proceed because it did not represent good value for money for a small area. It is understood that a new owner has purchased this land, over which the access track runs from Oaklands Avenue to Millennium Wood. Access to the wood from Oaklands Avenue has always been in private ownership and there is no public right of way.

Public response at the meeting on 28 September 2005

A resident had given her details about the Friends group, but had not heard anything. She confirmed that the land is still up for sale, and has not been purchased by a developer. Children use this route to get to school from the Bendall Green area, but now it has barbed wire installed preventing access. People have used the path for many years. How could residents use an area where there is only one way of access, there is nowhere to sit or walk, and there is no lighting. What was happening with the funding and if the access could be made into a public right of way? Would the Council consider buying a small strip of land now to allow some access to the existing Council owned part? Would the land be used for housing?

Council response at the meeting on 28 September 2005

Councillor Care reported that Parks has no funds to purchase any of this land and it is not a current priority. She stated that it is a matter of finding funding from other external sources and that setting up a 'Friends of' group is the best way forward to work with external funding providers.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 28 September 2005

Report back on the suggestion to provide access to the public from Bendall Green area.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 30 November 2005

The City's Rights of Way Officer has confirmed that there are no recorded public rights of way, on the definitive map, between Oaklands Avenue and Moorway Lane. A public right of way could formally be created if serious demand could be shown. The residents concerned about the access have been informed how they can start the process to introduce a public right of way. This involves applying to the Council for a Modification Order to be made. Evidence to support the application needs to be provided. All landowners would need to agree to any footpath. The timescale would be long, as agreements about the path route and maintenance responsibilities would have to be arranged.

Responsibility

Ken Richardson, Parks Officer, Commercial Services, telephone 716646

4. Ref: 405016 – Cycleway on Moorway Lane, Blagreaves – raised 28.06.05

Issue

A resident asked when the final 200metres of the cycleway along Moorway Lane would be completed because it is needed to provide a safe route to Derby Moor School. Can it be completed this summer. It was reported that it is the responsibility of the Housing developers who are building at Heatherton. The developers are paying for the cycle way and are working with Derby Parks. The panel agreed that it needed to be completed as soon as possible

Action reported at the meeting on 28 September 2005

We have been negotiating with the developer, which will hopefully result in the path being completed by the end of March 2006.

Public response at the meeting on 28 September 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 28 September 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 28 September 2005

Update on progress to install cycleway

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 30 November 2005

The cycleway is included in our work programme for 2005/06 and will be completed by the end of March 2006.

Responsibility

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

5. Ref: 405026 – Bendall Green path, dog sign and overgrown land, Blagreaves– raised 28.09.05

Issue

A resident from Bendall Green Neighbourhood Watch, asked the panel for an update regarding cutting back the hedges and undergrowth at the bottom of Bendall Green. Also he asked what was happening about the holes in the new pathway and when the new no dogs sign was to be installed.

Action reported at the meeting on 28 September 2005

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 28 September 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 28 September 2005

Councillor Troup explained that there is no funding in Derby Parks budget to carry out the cutting back of the undergrowth and therefore an alternative funding source needs to be found. He had raised it with Derby Homes who were not aware of the problem. They are now investigating it.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 28 September 2005

Update on repair to path, installation of sign and plans to cut back undergrowth

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 30 November 2005

Work has started on managing the overgrown area at the bottom of Bendall Green. We are removing some shrubs to open the area up, but we will retain some blackthorn and hazel to retain wild life interest. The intention is to reduce the overall density of shrub growth so there is less growth in which to build dens and have hiding places.

The area will be managed to maintain wildlife interest but reduce the extent of undergrowth. The areas around the hedges will be maintained as wild flower/long grass and flailed twice a year to prevent areas becoming overgrown and shrubs growing back out. The hedges/shrubs will be trimmed once a year to keep them under control.

This is a compromise solution, as a scorched earth policy of keeping everything cut short up to the base of the hedges is not considered acceptable from an environmental and wildlife perspective.

The dog signs have been manufactured and arrangements are being made to install them on site.

The contractor has inspected the path and has reported back that he feels there are no holes that need repairing on the path.

Responsibility

Ken Richardson, Parks Officer, Commercial Services, telephone 716646

**6. Ref: 405020 – Improvements to non-traditional housing, Bendall Green, Blagreaves–
raised 28.09.05**

Issue

A resident of Bendall Green expressed his concern about the renovation work being done by Derby Homes and its contractors Bramalls. Why is the concrete being retained inside the brickwork? Why is the work taking longer than the 10 weeks that was proposed? Vehicles connected with the work have caused problems on the pavements making them dangerous. Who is monitoring the standard of the work?

Action reported at the meeting on 28 September 2005

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 28 September 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 28 September 2005

Lisa Waters, Derby Homes, confirmed that all the construction work is being done by Bramalls. She explained that they have liaison officers on site who are available every Wednesday morning for people to talk to about concerns. They also hold surgeries between 10 am – 12 noon at the local housing office. She encouraged residents to inform the Littleover Housing Office of any problems, which would be passed onto Bramalls.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 28 September 2005

Derby Homes to investigate and report back.
Highways to investigate condition of the pavements.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 30 November 2005

The Planned Maintenance Manager at Derby Homes sent a detailed letter out to the concerned resident on 6 October in answer to his questions. The contents of the letter explained the details of the phases and measures in place to monitor the work and that all paths will be restored to their original state following completion of work and repairs will be carried out to pavements and paths in the meantime as and when required.

We were aware that the contractors, Bramalls, had damaged the pavements on Bendall Green, which belong to Highways. Bramalls have made the pavements safe with a temporary repair. They have agreed to make a permanent repair once the construction work is completed.

Responsibility

Pam Stretton, Local Manager, Derby Homes, telephone 716578
John Edgar, Maintenance Manager, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715067

7. Ref: 404028 – Petition – Skateboard Park Request, Littleover - received 21.07.04

Issue

A petition was handed in to the panel with 50 signatures requesting a skateboard park in the Littleover area. They require a small outdoor skate park, which was available to the whole community in Littleover.

Action reported at the meeting on 28 September 2005

September 2004 - officers welcomed the submission of the petition and explained the importance of completing a thorough investigation of the request. The investigation will involve work to identify potential sites, consider possible sources for funding and include consultation. It was anticipated that this work will take between 12 and 18 months. The request is linked to other recent requests for information about facilities on open spaces in the Area Panel 4 area.

November 2004 - a presentation included an update on progress with the skateboard park request. It was confirmed that Parks are looking at the provision of wheeled sports facilities as part of the strategic provision of outdoor youth facilities in the City. Over the past year many schemes for youth facilities have been met with opposition from local residents that has led to confrontation and young people missing out on new facilities. There is no funding currently available for a skateboard park and it is estimated to take about two years to attract funding and build a park.

June 2005 - it had been planned to prepare a strategic report covering the provision of wheeled sports across the city but due to other work commitments within the Landscape Section in Parks it has not been possible to progress this as far as desired. The most suitable location is probably somewhere within King George V and Clemson's Park. At the moment there is no funding available for the provision of a skateboard park in Littleover.

September 2005 - The Millennium Wood site is not a favoured location for a skateboard park, but can be looked at and assessed along with other options in due course. There is no programme set for developing proposals at this stage. Possible sources of funding will be looked at once the Big Lottery has announced its new programme, probably in early 2006.

Public response at the meeting on 28 September 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 28 September 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 28 September 2005

None.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 30 November 2005

There is still no programme set for developing proposals at this stage. As previously reported possible sources of funding will be looked at once the Big Lottery has announced its new programme, probably in early 2006.

Responsibility

David Finn, Head of Youth Services, Education Services, telephone 716956
Andrew Morgan, Landscape and Development Officer, Commercial Services, telephone 715547

8. Ref: 405009 – Petition – Increase in traffic on Church Street, Littleover – received 30.03.05

Issue

A petition was received about the amount of traffic using Church Street, Littleover as a convenient route through the village. Church Street is narrow and when cars park on one side it becomes difficult and dangerous especially at school starting and finishing times. Residents are aware of a current traffic management survey and ask the Council to consider a proposal to install a 'no left turn' sign at the Old Hall Road junction and a 'no right turn' from the Hollow. This will make Church Street one way from its junction with Shepherd Street.

Action reported at the meeting on 28 September 2005

June 2005 - St Peter's School Travel Plan is considering changes for Church Street.

September 2005 - a full report was provided, with the following proposed actions that:

- the request for a one-way street and associated banned turns be refused.
- will develop a school plan and pedestrian improvements at St Peter's School.
- Old Hall Road footway and Thornhill Road junction improvements are taken forward for inclusion in future work programmes, subject to funding being available.
- orders are issued to carry out the necessary sign maintenance work in the area.

Public response at the meeting on 28 September 2005

A resident asked if speeding isn't a problem on Church Street then why install two plateaus on Church Street? He suggested a plateau, similar to those proposed for Church Street, should be considered by the Thornhill Road school entrance.

A resident suggested that drivers need to be encouraged to use Hillsway rather than The Hollow but problems with parking on Hillsway was not helping.

Confirmed that a 'plateau' is where the road surface is raised, is then flat for a short stretch and then lowers again - it is not a hump.

Council response at the meeting on 28 September 2005

The Panel supported the four proposed actions outlined in the report. Councillor Care stated she was sympathetic to the suggestion to have a plateau on Thornhill Road.

In response to parking on Hillsway, Councillor Hird confirmed that she had raised the issue with officers and suggested having strips of staggered parking – two on each side – so that traffic would flow properly. She understood that Highways were considering this.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 28 September 2005

To ask highways to consider a plateau on Thornhill Road.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 30 November 2005

The school travel plan did not identify any specific problems on Thornhill Road. The main problems related to crossing Church Street and the speed of vehicles on Church Street. Thornhill Road has a single yellow line on the north side, which restricts parking for much of the day, including school arrival and dispersal times. We are planning to install a red surface area with signs, which will help deter inconsiderate parking at the school rear entrance on Thornhill Road.

Responsibility

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

9. Ref: 405012 – Petition – Uttoxeter New Road Parking Restrictions, Littleover – raised 28.06.05

Issue

A petition was received from residents living on the south side of Uttoxeter New Road, between the traffic signals on the ring road and the roundabout at the City Hospital. They raised concerns over four main points:

- parking in the area is becoming increasingly difficult with the development of the hospital and since the introduction of waiting restrictions on Kings Drive.
- the petitioners would like the Council to consider parking permits for residents
- one resident had been asked by the police to move their car out of a lay-by
- the police are reported to have received complaints about the length of stay of vehicles in lay-bys.

Action reported at the meeting on 28 September 2005

The Area Panel received a report on 28 September in response to the petition. It outlined the details of the investigation and made the following observations that resulted in turning down the request for parking permits for residents:

- there is facility for residents to create their own individual access from the highway to their home.
- detailed investigation of the construction of further lay-bys could be undertaken once appropriate funds were made available.
- the parking situation in the lay-bys will continue to be monitored particularly in respect to parking associated with the hospital redevelopment.

Public response at the meeting on 28 September 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 28 September 2005

The panel agreed with observations and actions outlined in the report.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 28 September 2005

Inform the lead petitioner of the outcome.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 30 November 2005

A letter has been sent to the lead petitioner explaining the outcome.

Responsibility

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

10. Ref: 405022 – Vandalism, Heatherton Village, Littleover – raised 28.09.05

Issue

A resident of Heatherton Village raised concern over the sudden spate of vandalism and burglaries in the area around Hollybrook Way. They asked the Police what is being done to resolve this issue. He reported that he is aware of police patrols in the day time, but wanted to know if patrols take place at night.

Action reported at the meeting on 28 September 2005

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 28 September 2005

A resident asked the Police if patrols are stepped up where spates of antisocial behaviour happen. Residents described a number of recent incidents including when a car was turned over.

A resident reported they had a car turned over and the police came out to another similar incident. He explained that when the next day a resident saw those responsible the police were not interested.

Council response at the meeting on 28 September 2005

Acting Inspector Picken confirmed that they do patrol during the early hours using vehicle patrols. However he stated that they target their resources where they are needed based on analysis of complaints and hotspots. His area includes a large part of Derby including part of the city centre. He explained that calls for assistance are graded as emergency, priority, routine or deferred and 999 calls have to be responded to in 15 seconds - then officers are given 8 minutes to get to the scene. He confirmed that there are officers who are specifically briefed to attend the Littleover and Heatherton areas.

Acting Inspector Picken confirmed that patrols are increased when antisocial behaviour crimes and hot spots are identified. Resources are then put into the 'hotspot areas'. At the moment, Heatherton Village is not considered as a hot spot, in comparison to Sinfen and Pear Tree. He reported that in the area panel 4 area there have been 44 less victims of crime - an 11% reduction - since last year.

He acknowledged that there are issues that he needs to be aware of in Heatherton and did not appreciate the extent of the issues in the area. He agreed to speak to the residents after the meeting, and record the details. He explained that he wants to work together with the community and the antisocial behaviour team to resolve the issues. He encouraged residents to always report particular problems.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 28 September 2005

Police to discuss the issues with the residents at the end of the meeting.
Update on any action taken

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 30 November 2005

Patrols at all times of day have resulted in a reduction in antisocial behaviour incidents. We are aiming to set up a neighbourhood watch scheme in the area.

Responsibility

Inspector Gary Parkin, Pear Tree Police Station, telephone 222184.

11. Ref: 405023 – Play area and street lighting, Heatherton Village, Littleover – raised 28.09.05

Issue

A resident raised concern over the play area near to Little Woodbury Drive with the bridge crossing over. She was concerned that the play area is in a cul de sac with access over a bridge. Vandals and criminals are using the bridge as an escape route, and asked that the Council consider preventing this being used as an escape route. She considered that the land could be sold and the money used to buy better equipment for other play areas.

She also reported that there has been no street lighting there for at least three weeks. Phone calls have been made to get it fixed but it has not yet been repaired. What is the procedure for having a light repaired?

Action reported at the meeting on 28 September 2005

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 28 September 2005

Another resident explained that this play area attracts young adults, not young children and it needs other equipment to cater for the smaller children, and to deter the young adults who gather there to drink. He felt it needs more lighting as the park is not lit at all.

A resident from Littleover explained they had had similar problems on Bendall Green, but installing equipment for younger children does not deter young adults. They had helped resolve the issues by setting up a neighbourhood watch.

Council response at the meeting on 28 September 2005

Councillor Care responded saying that the play area is in a poor condition and therefore people continue to gather there as it seems that it doesn't matter. However, she explained there is a need for play areas in Heatherton and by closing the bridge off then the only people going there are those that want to hang out. The bridge is used as a walk through for those who want to use the park, and as a way of walking through to other places.

Councillor Care considered that it needs improving because Heatherton needs play areas, maybe by pruning the trees and making it more attractive. Removing the play area will not remove the youths.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 28 September 2005

To investigate condition of play area and report back

Investigate broken lamp and confirm procedure for fixing lights near to the park.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 30 November 2005

The two streetlights that were not working on Little Woodbury Drive have now been repaired. The first repair on 22 September proved to be unsuccessful for one of the streetlights and a second repair was completed on 19 October.

The procedure for reporting a repair is to ring 715000. Repairs are then logged and we aim to complete all standard repairs within two weeks. There have been substantially more requests for streetlight repairs in August this year and this has had an impact on the repair time.

Some graffiti has been removed from the wooden play equipment at the playground.

Responsibility

Ken Richardson, Parks Officer, Commercial Services, telephone 716646

Alan Jaques - Street Lighting Manager, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715014

12. Ref: 405025 – Visibility issues, Hillsway / The Hollow, Littleover – raised 28.09.05

Issue

A local resident raised concern over the lack of visibility, due to the overgrown hedging, from Hillsway up to The Hollow towards the village centre.

Action reported at the meeting on 28 September 2005

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 28 September 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 28 September 2005

Councillor Care stated that he believed that Derwent Housing own it. Councillor Skelton reported that Highways had had them cut back previously.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 28 September 2005

Investigate the poor visibility and report back

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 30 November 2005

The hedge belongs to Highways. We have issued an order to have the hedge cut back. We understand that this work will be done before the end of November.

Responsibility

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

13. Ref: 405029 – Derbyshire Safety Camera Partnership, Littleover – raised 28.09.05

Issue

A written question was submitted asking why a Derbyshire Safety Camera Partnership van was not using the specially constructed 'observation' bay near to the Burton Road, Chain Lane, Hillsway junction when carrying out speed checks on Sunday 25 September.

Action reported at the meeting on 28 September 2005

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 28 September 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 28 September 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 28 September 2005

Investigate and respond.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 30 November 2005

There are two mobile locations used on the A5250 Burton Road, Littleover for mobile safety camera enforcement. One location is outside a private property, the 'Four Winds', this location is used with the approval of the owner. The second location is the hard-standing or 'observation bay' referred to. There are occasions when more than one location is used for enforcement as this gives the Partnership an alternative site when there are difficulties in parking at other selected locations along the route. Obviously this is not the case with Burton Road.

The officers have now been instructed not to use the area outside 'Four Winds' and will only use the hard-standing that has been provided for them.

Responsibility

Maggie Ward, Derbyshire Safety Camera Partnership, telephone 01773 572726

14. Ref: 402030 - Redevelopment of University of Derby Mickleover campus, Mickleover – raised 27.11.02

Issue

This issue was raised in November 2002 asking for assurances from the Council that the quality of life for local residents would be taken into account during the future redevelopment.

Action reported at the meeting on 28 September 2005

January 2003 - the site had been allocated for housing in the Local Plan review but no application had been received.

March 2003 - the latest version of the Local Plan policy requires schemes to incorporate satisfactory access. It was considered that the existing access off Chevin Avenue will not be enough to serve the proposed housing and work will need to be done to improve access. A planning application has now been received from Persimmon Homes.

June 2003 - the planning application was refused on the grounds of prematurity. Any application for access to the site will be assessed on the basis of a full transport impact assessment. This will be the subject of examination at a Public Inquiry into the City of Derby Local Plan.

July 2004 - The City Council does not expect to receive Inspectors report until the end of the year. The Council would not encourage an application for planning permission on this site until the Inspector has confirmed the housing allocation.

September 2004 - A resident requested an assurance that an equal number – or even more – new, high quality football pitches will be created before the use of existing pitches is lost. It was reported that there are football pitches on both sides of the brook. Those on the southern side fall within the development site proposed in the draft CDLP Review. Current policy would therefore permit their development. The precise nature of replacement will be subject to further discussions and it is also envisaged that public consultation will take place on any proposals. The Council has no powers to require the University to replace pitches it no longer needs at its Mickleover Campus if it simply closed this facility. It is the proposed residential development on part of the site that creates the opportunity to secure the replacement pitches.

March 2005 - the Inspector's report has now been received. The Council will formally consider these recommendations over the late spring and summer and will bring forward modifications to the Local Plan Review following this. The Inspector has made two alternative recommendations regarding this site. The first is that in the absence of a satisfactory form of access, the residential allocation at Mickleover Campus is deleted. The second alternative recommendation is that in the event a satisfactory form of access being identified to maintain the allocation subject to a number of changes to the draft policy.

June 2005 - planning application for a new access road into the site will be considered on 23 June. If approved, this will demonstrate that the site can be properly accessed and satisfy recommendations from the Inquiry Inspector to this effect.

The issue of whether the pool will be retained in its current location or rebuilt elsewhere on site is a matter for negotiation, but retention of the existing building seems most likely at present. This will be secured either by a condition attached to the planning permission or by a Section 106 Agreement with the developer, whichever is the most appropriate mechanism. Local Plan Review states that replacement sports pitches should be implemented before the commencement of development. Replacement of these pitches will either be a condition of any planning application or secured through a Section 106 legal agreement. The Council is likely to seek to ensure a similar arrangement for the pool, particularly if the existing facility is retained.

September 2005 - It was reported that a satisfactory access to the site had been identified and so the Mickleover Campus proposal is to be retained within the Plan.

Public response at the meeting on 28 September 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 28 September 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 28 September 2005
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None.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 30 November 2005
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A number of developers working with the University held an open day for the community on 11 November 2005. Plans for the site were available for viewing and discussion.

A planning application has now been received by the Council and will be considered on 26 January 2006. Details of the plans can be viewed at Roman House and all comments are invited by December 23.

Responsibility

Paul Clarke, Group Leader, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 255935

15. Ref: 405007 – Parking problems, Devonshire Drive and East Avenue, Mickleover – raised 30.03.05

Issue

A resident asked what could be done to tackle the problems caused by parents parking on the shop frontages, on private property on Devonshire Drive and East Avenue during school pick up times. Parents are ignoring the double yellow lines. He asked if the police could take action because they are causing a hazard by creating a blind spot on the road. He asked the police to visit the area during school pickup time.

Action reported at the meeting on 28 September 2005

March 2005 - Sergeant Daines stated that it depends whether they are parked on the highway or on private property. If they are parked on private property then the owners will need to take action. If they are committing a traffic offence on the pavement or highway then the police could take appropriate action including fixed penalties. He will ask officers to attend the site. Councillor Hird reported that the local beat officers were aware of it and had confirmed they would be investigating the problem. It was agreed that the Police would visit Devonshire Drive shops area at school pick up time.

June 2005 - the Police have given attention to this issue and have been visiting the area to enforce parking restrictions.

September 2005 - police officers visited the area during the summer term and issued tickets. They will be visiting the area again now that term has restarted. Ravensdale Infant and Junior Schools have both requested parents, in their school newsletters, not to double park, park down the school drives or in front of private driveways.

Public response at the meeting on 28 September 2005

A resident informed the panel that since the beginning of school term they had regularly seen cars parking on the verges and land illegally. He explained that the land is part of the pavement. He stated that people are parking at various times of the day, not just during school time. He asked the Police to attend during school hours to move the vehicles on, as there is no Police visibility and it may end with a fatality.

He asked if concrete bollards could be installed along the edge of the pavements in the East Avenue/Devonshire Drive area, people are parking on a paved area, and therefore avoiding the double yellow lines. This creates a blind parking - which is why the yellow lines were put in.

Council response at the meeting on 28 September 2005

Acting Inspector Picken stated that officers have issued a number of fixed penalty notices in this location. He confirmed that they are aware of the area and it is being monitored. He stated that fixed penalty notices are not the solution, and would prefer to look at long term solutions working with the parents and residents who are parking in the area. Councillor Care confirmed that the double yellow lines apply to the back of the highway, and therefore if they are on the paved area then it is an offence.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 28 September 2005

Investigate the option to install bollards along back of pavements around East Avenue/Devonshire Drive area.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 30 November 2005
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Work is ongoing as part of Road Safety group carrying out surveys and ultimately drawing up a School Travel Plan for Ravensdale Infant and Junior School. Once the Travel Plan has been taken forward, consideration could be given to any work necessary to reinforce the travel plan.

Responsibility

Inspector Gary Parkin, Pear Tree Police Station, telephone 222184.
Michelle Spamer, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064

16. Ref: 404045 – Petition - Request for pedestrian crossings, Station Road, Mickleover – raised 29.09.04

Issue

A petition was received requesting two pedestrian crossings on Station Road. The lead petitioner, who was the parent of a child who was injured on this road, raised a concern that Miller Homes intend to build another 500 homes, which will ultimately result in more children using the road. Correspondence from Ian Wallis from Traffic Management, stated that the counts had shown that there was insufficient use.

Action reported at the meeting on 28 September 2005

November 2004 - the Council has written to the petitioners to acknowledge receipt of the petition. It is not yet clear when the investigations will be concluded. However we recognise the sensitivity of local concerns and will give the work as much priority as we are able to. If we are not able to conclude investigations by the January meeting we will update the Area Panel on progress.

January 2005 - the Council have commissioned 12-hour traffic and pedestrian counts. These are programmed to be completed in January 2005. Once complete we will assess the results and report back.

March 2005 - a written report was presented to the Area Panel. It outlined that requests for the installation of pedestrian crossings are assessed using criteria based on national guidance. The criteria is used to assess all types of pedestrian crossing facilities and ensures budgets are used to target areas in greatest need. The adopted criteria uses a minimum threshold below which no further action is recommended. Above the threshold other factors such as the mobility and age of pedestrians, and the speed and composition of traffic are considered. Typically the minimum threshold is comparable with 50 pedestrians crossing an hour against traffic flows of 1000 vehicles. On the 9 December 2004 on Station Road between Onslow Road and Mill Lane, the highest hourly level of pedestrians was 17 between 15:00 and 16:00. Traffic flows were 910 vehicles an hour. In total 91 pedestrians crossed in the 12 hour period. On the 10 January 2005 on Station Road near to East Avenue. The highest hourly level of pedestrians was 43 between 15:00 and 16:00. Traffic flows were 790 vehicles an hour. In total 297 pedestrians crossed in the 12 hour period. A review of the accidents at the two locations over the last 5 years shows that there were no recorded pedestrian injury accidents at the East Avenue junction and one pedestrian injury accident recorded at the Onslow Road junction. This accident involved a 12 year old girl crossing the road. Whilst any accident is regrettable it is not considered that the introduction of pedestrian crossings at either location would necessarily lead to accident reductions. However, it was recognised that school catchment areas have changed and it is proposed to review the petition requests in 2006 and consider pedestrian crossings as part of the Safer routes to school schemes in the area.

June 2005 - a local resident stated his disappointment that no pedestrian crossing was being installed. He considered that 300 people crossing at East Avenue sufficient to have a pedestrian crossing at that point and because there is nowhere to cross we are just waiting for an accident to happen. He considered that the speed of traffic also needs to be considered because there is insufficient time to cross safely. Richard Smail referred to the report, and confirmed that the recommendations are based on the criteria for pedestrian crossings, he reported that officers balance the number of pedestrians and the number of vehicles using the road.

Councillor Winter expressed her concern about refusing the request for a crossing and explained that many people now drive down the road, rather than walk, as they do not feel safe to cross the road. She considered that a pedestrian crossing is needed at this end of Station Road, particularly with the amount of houses at the bottom of the road.

Councillor Hird stated that something has to be done to support people to cross the road safely. She considered that the commitment to review needs to be earlier than 2006. She referred to the

Safer Routes to School scheme and asked residents and parents to contact their local schools to lobby them to take part in the scheme. It was suggested that officers consider a central refuge as an alternative to a crossing, but it was recognised the road may be too narrow
the City Council's criteria for pedestrian crossings covers investigations into signal controlled crossings, zebra crossings and pedestrian refuges. The threshold values remain the same, the type of crossing installed being dependent on local influences.

When assessed this location fell short of the Council's criteria for a crossing facility and therefore a refuge has not been considered. Investigations on Station Road have shown that the carriageway is too narrow for the installation of a refuge in this area. A local resident stated his disappointment that no pedestrian crossing was being installed. He considered that 300 people crossing at East Avenue sufficient to have a pedestrian crossing at that point and because there is nowhere to cross we are just waiting for an accident to happen. He considered that the speed of traffic also needs to be considered because there is insufficient time to cross safely.

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The number of children transferring from Silverhill School to Murray Park School in September this year will be 30, with three of these being from outside the normal Murray Park area. There will, therefore, be up to 27 extra pupils crossing Station Road at school arrival and dispersal times, although some final year pupils will of course have moved on so the actual increase in numbers is likely to be less than this. In view of the uncertainty of the change, we propose to have the site re-evaluated in September 2005 to assess the new situation.

September 2005 - the survey will be done during September 2005. We will report back on the findings to the November meeting.

Public response at the meeting on 28 September 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 28 September 2005
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None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 28 September 2005
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Report back on results of the survey

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 30 November 2005
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Councillors and residents may be aware that there was a fatal accident on Station Road on 20 October. We would like to offer our sympathy to relatives, friends and neighbours of the lady involved in the accident. The Police are investigating and at the moment we are not fully aware of the circumstances surrounding the accident.

We were on site conducting the traffic count survey on the day of the accident and were not able to complete the survey. We will reschedule a survey and report back our findings to the area panel as soon as our investigations can be completed. We anticipate that a report will be available for either the January or March 2006 meeting.

Responsibility

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

17. Ref: 405019 – Petition - Residents only parking, Warner Street, Mickleover – received 28.09.05

Issue

A petition was handed in at the meeting, requesting residents only parking on Warner Street in Mickleover. Individuals using local shops, businesses and the community centre use Warner Street as a place to park. It causes congestion, difficulty for residents wishing to park and danger to pedestrians and car users

Action reported at the meeting on 28 September 2005

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 28 September 2005

A number of residents voiced their support for the petition.

Council response at the meeting on 28 September 2005

Councillor Hird agreed to speak to the petitioners after the meeting and assured them that a response would be provided to a future meeting.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 28 September 2005

Investigate and report back.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 30 November 2005

We are still investigating the issue raised and will report back to the Area Panel 4 meeting on 18 January 2006.

Responsibility

Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 716090

**18. Ref: 404025 – Planning Application at East Midlands Airport, all wards – received
19.05.04**

Issue

A resident asked if the Council would be responding to the East Midlands Airport runway expansion planning application and whether the Council will have a permanent watching brief over future developments. He stated that the airport have said the extension would not make any difference to the volume of air traffic.

Action reported at the meeting on 28 September 2005

July 2004 - the Airport's planning application for a runway extension was originally submitted to North West Leicestershire DC- NWLDC, in 2000. The Council submitted a response to the Environmental Statement to NWLDC on 20 May 2004. Officers at the District Council have indicated that they are seeking more information from the applicants and that it is likely to be some time before the application is determined. The District Council has been asked to keep the City Council informed regarding progress.

September 2004 - the Council was asked to send further representations to Nottingham East Midlands Airport regarding the operational changes to the west side of Derby to reduce noise impact, especially at night.

November 2004 - Julian DeMowbray would coordinate the Council's response to the consultation document on Controlled Airspace proposals and the notes provided by the resident will be considered when the Council responds. The deadline for responses is 10 January 2005 and a copy of the response will be available from Julian DeMowbray after this date. At the meeting, Neil Robinson from Nottingham East Midlands Airport, gave a presentation about the plans for the airport, the extension to controlled airspace proposals and issues about aircraft noise. He outlined how the airport was developing rapidly, how it was changing its services and working with communities. He responded to the request for Council membership of the Airports Consultation Forum stating that it was not the airport that had refused the Council membership of the Forum but the Forum itself had made the decision as an independent group. He explained that it has a very large membership and that the forum felt if one local authority becomes a member it would mean many more would become members and make the forum too large.

January - North West Leicestershire District Council have the additional information they were seeking to help determine the planning application. However, there is at present no date for the application to go to Committee – February or March 2005 seems the earliest likely date.

March 2005 it was reported that:

- NEMA has now gained approval from the Civil Aviation Authority to instigate the changes, which are expected to be fully operational with effect from 12 May 2005. Although the airport has responded to some of the comments it received, by revising its proposals, the City Council's request for an increased release height for westerly departures has been rejected. NEMA has said that changes will, however, be made to the way it monitors, records and reports on aircraft operations. The ICC - the Independent Consultative Committee - an independent body, will oversee these. The monitoring will be done in partnership with local authorities and will focus on what affect the new routes have on local people and noise. NEMA states that this is being done in response to concerns that the proposed changes would not be properly enforced and monitored and also that they would not achieve the desired result, namely reduced noise levels.
- The council is under no obligation to inform prospective residents about aircraft noise. Land searches use a national standard form that cannot be altered and there is no question referring to traffic or aircraft noise. Similarly, the Council is not in a position to instruct NEMA to issue such advice.

A member of the public stated that the tolerance on the departure path on the west side of Derby was being reduced by 300m to 1200m. This would however, still leave the proposed development at the edge of Mickleover still under the flight path. He asked if the Council could do anything to

make sure that the flight paths are put in the local plan. Councillor Care responded that there would be nothing we could do at this stage with the Local Plan.

June 2005 - a local resident has asked John Prescott MP about flight paths being shown on development plans produced by Derby City Council. The resident has received a response from Margaret Beckett MP that has been provided by the Department for Transport – DfT. The resident's opinion on the response is that it is a matter for discretion by relevant local authorities whether to include aircraft flight plans on local plans and therefore Derby City Council is in a position to add departure flight path information to the local development plan. However, officers in the Plans and Policies section of Development and Cultural Services at the Council interpret the Minister's comments differently. They consider that his comments say that Local Authorities have discretion over what sort of documents they produce and, in preparing these, need to have regard to national planning guidance such as Planning and Noise. Therefore Local Authorities can develop planning policies dealing with aircraft noise where such noise is sufficiently problematic for it to be a planning issue. However, Environmental Health has confirmed that aircraft noise, in general, is not significant enough for it to be a planning issue and to need specific development plan policies. The Minister acknowledges in his response that Local Authorities 'would not ordinarily be expected to produce planning documents dealing in detail with air traffic routes'. The role of Development Plan Maps is to show areas covered by policies in the Plan. It is not to show information for the sake of it, however useful this may be.

Leicestershire County Council has set up a Joint Working Group made up of local District Councils in Leicestershire and with councils from outside of Leicestershire. In addition, Leicestershire County Council has decided to press ahead with moves to designate the airport, which would allow the number of night flights in to and out of East Midlands Airport to be capped.

September 2005 - North West Leicestershire District Council anticipate taking this planning application to Committee in September or October 2005.

Public response at the meeting on 28 September 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 28 September 2005
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None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 28 September 2005
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Update on Planning decision

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 30 November 2005
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North West Leicestershire now do not expect to determine this application until early next year.

Responsibility

Rob Salmon, Head of Plans and Policies, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 255020
Julian DeMowbray, Group Leader Pollution Control, Environmental Health, telephone 715228

19. Ref: 405021 – Assessing parking and traffic problems, All wards – raised 28.09.05

Issue

A resident noted that there are many parking and traffic issues raised at panel meetings. Tonight for example there is a request for action from Warner Street where they want resident parking. He felt that it costs a lot to investigate issues like this and that studies need to be done at the right time. He asked how the Council assesses requests to tackle traffic and highway issues?

Action reported at the meeting on 28 September 2005

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 28 September 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 28 September 2005

Councillor Care explained that the Highways section has a long term forward plan and different budgets to meet various issues in a work programme. She explained that national targets drive most of the projects and if the Council did not meet the targets, it would receive less funding the following year. The Council has to use the money wisely to hit as many targets as possible.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 28 September 2005

Confirm how the Council assess requests for highway and parking requests.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 30 November 2005

In developing each year's work programme, we consider schemes against our current priorities. These priorities have included:

- consideration of the Council's objectives and priorities for change
- consideration of the issues identified in the Services to Road Users best value review
- consideration of the failing local transport plan targets and performance indicators
- consideration of government guidance

When developing the programme, we also:

- take into account consultation on the public's priorities for transport investment
- identify other sources of funding available, including Section 106 developer contributions and funding from other government departments and grants.

In 2006/07, approximately £250,000 is set aside for strategic integrated transport studies. This money enables us to commence major studies along key transport corridors and to begin design work for schemes. It allows us to identify and develop schemes specifically for implementation in 2006/07 and future years. These studies take a corridor approach and look at the impacts of all elements, including proposed developments and traffic flows at various junctions. Integrated schemes then emerge from the studies that take account of all transport issues, from local access issues through to strategic transport movements, such as those journeys that go through the local transport plan area. In 2006/07 we are looking at Osmaston Road, Uttoxeter New Road and Burton Road.

In addition to this framework, we also have a rolling programme which contains lists of Councillor, public and council officer requests.

Responsibility

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

20. Ref: 405024 – Area panel budgets pledge, All wards – raised 28.09.05

Issue

A local resident reported that in the Derby Evening Telegraph on 15 July it has been reported that Chris Williamson had pledged to devolve £1.37million to area panels to allow local residents to make funding decisions. He asked the panel to provide an update on this.

Action reported at the meeting on 28 September 2005

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 28 September 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 28 September 2005

Councillor Carr confirmed that the Labour group has made this a pledge, but as yet, there have been no budget proposals.

Councillor Care stated that proposals to redistribute the Highways budget to area panels had been suggested, although there had been no specific recommendations.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 28 September 2005

To provide an update.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 30 November 2005

The Labour group has confirmed that it proposes to make some fundamental changes to the way the Council makes decisions. These proposals include giving area panels some more responsibility to make more decisions and allocating some budgets to support the area panels to make those decisions. Details are still being developed.

Responsibility

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

21. Ref: 405027 – Recycling, all wards – raised 28.09.05

Issue

A Littleover resident asked if there were any studies being undertaken to extend what can be included in the recycling scheme, with particular reference to cardboard, rechargeable batteries and hazardous items such as florescent lights and batteries.

Action reported at the meeting on 28 September 2005

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 28 September 2005

Member of public reported that there is a provision at Raynesway for batteries and florescent lights.

Council response at the meeting on 28 September 2005

Councillor Care explained that the Council is mindful of recycling more, and its priority is to roll out the twin bin scheme - rethink rubbish - in the city. It is hoped to include cardboard in the brown bins in the near future.

With regard to other plastics, this is a bigger problem as they have been unable to find someone who wishes to buy plastics other than 1, 2 or 3. She stated that in due course, there would be automated sourcing on plastics.

With regard to batteries, she stated that these are currently classed as hazardous waste.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 28 September 2005

Update on progress to extend the existing recycling opportunities

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 30 November 2005

We are always looking at expanding the materials we collect at the kerbside and are mindful of changes that the packaging industry makes as well.

All plastic bottles are now included in the kerbside collections and there are also facilities for them at our recycling sites. Cardboard should be able to go into the brown bin from next year. We are currently building a facility to handle cardboard.

The operators of Raynesway are currently trialling containers for household batteries, and also florescent tubes.

Changes in legislation from Europe are making producers more responsible for their products and packaging, which will change the way things are collected and paid for in the future.

Responsibility

Richard Winter, Assistant Waste Management Officer, Street Care, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 716352

22. Ref: 405028 – Roadside Memorials, all wards – raised 28.09.05

Issue

.A resident asked about the policy regarding clearing up after roadside memorials. In difficult weather conditions they can cause problems and the flowers lain beside on Blagreaves lane are on the road.

Action reported at the meeting on 28 September 2005

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 28 September 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 28 September 2005

With regard to road memorials, Councillor Care confirmed that this can be classed as littering, but obviously it is not appropriate to be removed immediately unless it is hazardous or looking shabby. She acknowledged that this is a very delicate situation.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 28 September 2005

Update on Policy and investigate Blagreaves Lane.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 30 November 2005

This is a very delicate and emotive issue and one where we take care to deal with in a sensitive way. We do not have a policy on roadside memorials. Our street cleaning staff are instructed to give people time to remove any memorials they may want to keep. Flowers are removed once they have died to prevent them being blown around. From a safety point of view, we discourage the attaching of memorials to central reservations and barriers as people can be placing themselves in a dangerous situation amongst moving traffic.

A site visit to Blagreaves Lane location on 4 November noted that there were no flowers.

Responsibility

Richard Winter, Assistant Waste Management Officer, Street Care, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 716352