

# ITEM 9



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

## AREA PANEL 3

17 JANUARY 2007

Report of the Head of Stronger and Safer Communities Unit, Derby  
Community Safety Partnership

### Area Panel 3 Community Issues Update Report

#### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Item no	Issue	Recommended panel action
<b>Abbey ward</b>		
1.1	Petition – St Alban's Road, junction of Manor Road	Note
1.2	Humbleton Day Care Centre	Note and close
<b>Arboretum ward</b>		
1.3	Petition – Road parking safety on Holmes Street	Note
1.4	Petition - Antisocial behaviour, St Chad's Road area, Arboretum	Note and close
1.5	Fly tipping, Arboretum	Note and close
1.6	Highways – between the Spot and Bradshaw Way	Note and close
1.7	Petition – Drug dealing, vandalism, theft and mugging	Note
1.8	Advertising on Wilson Street	Note and close
<b>Normanton ward</b>		
1.9	Land – Sackville Street / Kenilworth Avenue	Note
1.10	Petition – Removal of road humps, Browning Street, Upperdale Road and Stanhope Street	Note and report back March 2007
1.11	Belgrave Street – Introduction of a One Way system and white lighting	Note and close
1.12	Hedges and tree boundaries	Note and close
1.13	Alcohol Free Zone	Note and close
<b>Outstanding issues</b>		
1.14	Items to be presented to a future meeting:	
	Cameron Road Homezone	Report back June 2007
	Traffic issues	Report back June 2007

**1.1 Ref: 306020 – Petition – St Albans Road, junction of Manor Road, Abbey – received 20.09.06**

**Issue:** A petition submitted by 150 residents living along St Albans Road was submitted requesting the Council consider options to address the volume and speed of traffic on the road. The residents put forward a number of proposals to address the issues raised which include traffic calming measures, speed cameras and the option of making some roads one-way or no entry.

**Action:** To refer to Councillor Wynn, Cabinet Member responsible for Highways and Transportation for a response.

**Update:** We are still investigating this issue and hope to be able to report back to the Area Panel meeting on 21 March 2007. This was highlighted at the last Area Panel 3 meeting as one of their priorities for possible inclusion in the 2007/8 Highways and Transport programme. Officers are currently working to finalise this programme, which will be considered by Cabinet in February 2007. The final programme will be presented to all area panels in the March round. **Propose to note.**

**Further information:** Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 716090

**1.2 Ref: 306033 – Humbleton Day Care Centre, Abbey - received 15.11.06**

**Issue:** A resident asked a question regarding the Council's proposal to close the Humbleton Day Care Centre. The resident stated that the Council has been undertaking consultations with service users. As part of the consultation 54 of the 70 current service users do not wish to move locations. The resident wanted to know how can the Council justify its decision if it is not taking into account its own consultation with service users?

**Action:** To refer to the relevant department for a response.

**Update:** As part of the modernisation of Learning Disability Services, we need to take account of the fact that the Humbleton View has reached the end of its lifespan. Due to the failing structure of the building, it is not possible to guarantee that services can be maintained there beyond December 2007.

It is therefore important that we start to plan alternative services for the people who currently receive a service from Humbleton View, taking account of the recommendations made in Government White Paper Valuing People 2001.

Following extensive consultation with all stakeholders between March and June this year, we have taken the wide range of views and opinions into account. This includes the views from carers and service users across the service. Planning and assessment work is now underway. We will be reporting back to cabinet on the outcomes from this work early in the New Year. **Propose to note and close.**

**Further information:** Kate Wilson, Project Manager, Corporate and Adult Social Services, telephone 256606

**1.3 Ref: 306018 – Petition – Road parking safety on Holmes Street, Arboretum – received 20.09.06**

**Issue:** A petition was submitted by 45 residents highlighting the problem with parking along Holmes Street. Residents are particularly concerned about access for emergency services vehicles along the road due to poor parking in the area.

**Action:** To refer to the Councillor Wynn, Cabinet Member responsible for Highways and Transportation

**Update:** A report in response to the petition is item seven on the agenda at the meeting. **Propose to note.**

**Further information:** Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 716090.

**1.4 Ref: 305042 - Petition - Antisocial behaviour, St Chad's Road area, Arboretum - received 16.11.05**

**Issue:** Councillor Khan informed the meeting that he had received a petition from local residents regarding vandalism, antisocial behaviour and drug abuse in the area of St Chad's Road, Cromwell Road, Byron Street and Stonehill Road. There have been regular incidents where vehicles are vandalised, with windows smashed. Phone boxes are also vandalised, and are being used to sell drugs. He asked for something to be done.

**Action:** To provide an update at the January 2007 meeting.

**Update:** A report in response to the petition is item seven on the agenda at the meeting. **Propose to note and close.**

**Further information:**

Purjinder Gill, Neighbourhood Manager, Stronger and Safer Communities Unit, telephone 258538

Andy Thomas, Anti-Social Behaviour Team, Community Safety Partnership, telephone 256910

**1.5 Ref: 306003 - Fly tipping, Arboretum - received 16.11.05**

**Issue:** A local resident raised his concern over the persistent fly tipping in the area, and asked that CCTV be installed in the area to find out who is doing this.

**Action:** Provide a report back to the next meeting on local initiatives to address fly tipping in the area.

**Update:** Derby City Council is currently part of the Derby/South Derbyshire BREW Waste Crime Campaign. Work has been focused on enforcement and over 60 businesses have been visited in the Normanton area to provide advice on Duty of Care issues and waste management practices. An enforcement officer has now been appointed in the City. Work has been taking place in partnership with Derby Community Safety Partnership to set up an overt surveillance camera at a problem fly-tipping spot

in Derby. The BREW campaign has been successful to date and received a great deal of media coverage. **Propose to note and close.**

**Further information:**

Pop Gill, Neighbourhood Manager, Community Safety Partnership, telephone 258538  
Kiran Dhanda, Action Area Co-ordinator, Community Safety partnership, telephone 256933

**1.6 Ref: 306003 – Highways – between the Spot and Bradshaw Way, Arboretum ward – received 15.11.06**

**Issue:** A resident raised a number of issues relating to the condition of highways and pavements in the area.

1. London Road – the surface is dangerous and heavily soiled every day.
2. Osmaston Road – the road is heavily soiled
3. The Spot: Red brick surfacing was installed in 1992/3 for Promenade and was supposed to be permanent as were the trees in the area. All have been removed and the surfacing has been replaced with Yorkshire Stone, which is extravagant, and a waste of mineral resources – why?
4. At the Area Panel 3 in January 2005, residents were assured that the public would be fully informed of current local development issues in the area but have not been.

The resident has requested that there be an explanation of these persistent failures and has requested costings and an estimated time for a remedy.

**Action:** Provide a response to the next meeting.

**Update:** The surface of London Road is due for reconstruction early in 2007. The road surface was due for renewal before the construction of the Westfield Shopping centre began. The council decided to carry out minor temporary works and then reconstruct following completion of the building project. This has avoided having a new road surface damaged and excavated as a result of the building works.

There have been occasions when there has been soiled debris on the London Road and Osmaston Road, however the building contractor has maintained a mechanical sweeper and washer vehicle to continually clean the roads in the area. This has been at the expense of the developer. Occasionally, usually during very poor weather conditions the sweeper vehicle has not been able to carry out effective cleaning. During these periods we have instructed the developer to carry out additional cleaning at nights. Again all costs have been covered by the developer.

The design and material choice has been made by architects working for Westfield. All of the new materials and the cost of laying the materials have been met by Westfield. The blocks that have been removed have been taken to the council depot for re-use to maintain the other pedestrian areas. The blocks are no longer manufactured, so we rely on having a recycled supply.

The development of the Eagle Centre and the reconstruction of Bradshaw Way, Traffic Street and the junction improvements have been public knowledge for many years. The development of the centre has also been widely known and discussed for several years.

If the question relates to more specific issues, this probably needs to be addressed directly to the City Council Planning Team. **Propose to note and close.**

**Further information:** Nigel Brien, Traffic Manager, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715106

**1.7 Ref: 306003 – Petition – Drug dealing, vandalism, theft and mugging, Arboretum – received 15.11.06**

**Issue:** A local resident submitted a petition signed by 215 residents to highlight the various issues that are blighting his community. He raised the following matters with the Area Panel:

- White lighting
- One way system to be enforced to update and enforce a time line (when will it be implemented)
- Enforcement of Alcohol free zone – (remove benches as the bins have already been removed on (Moore Street))
- Anti graffiti paint on exposed walls and telecommunications
- Removal of telephone boxes at Mill Hill Road (timescale for removal)
- Signs to prevent and deter criminals – contact number for the local police to be prominent on these signs (0845 1233333)
- To address the alleyway problem of drug dealing at western road via the alleyway to Gordon Road
- Enforce CCTV cameras in prominent locations and junctions of known hotspots in this area, i.e. Belgrave St, Mill Hill Road

The resident stated that they would like to work with other agencies to address the problems in their area and there is a need for a neighbourhood charter.

**Action:** Provide a response to the next meeting.

**Update:** A report in response to the petition is item seven on the agenda at the meeting. **Propose to note.**

**Further information:** Purjinder Gill, Neighbourhood Manager, Stronger and Safer Communities Unit, telephone 258538

**1.8 Ref: 306024 – Advertising on Wilson Street – received 20.09.06**

**Issue:** A member of the public commented that Wilson Street has acquired a chemist shop, which has two large A frame advertising boards located at each end of the street, and multiple banners all over the building, which did not seem acceptable. She asked for the relevant department to investigate.

**Action:** Refer to the planning department for investigation and a response to the resident by letter.

**Update:** officers have inspected the property. One of the banners across the railings outside the premises have now been removed as a result of the inspection and a second banner across the side of the building was found not to be compliant. The owners have been contacted and advised on how to remedy the situation. The planning

department will pursue the matter. **Propose to note and close.**

**Further information:** Rob Salmon, Head of Plans and Policies, Regeneration and Community, telephone 255020

**1.9 Ref: 306012 – Land, Sackville Street/Kenilworth Avenue, Normanton – received 22.03.06**

**Issue:** There is a piece of land on the corner of Sackville Street/Village Street and Kenilworth Avenue that is currently creating an eyesore. A local resident asked the panel for clarification on who owns the land, and what was going to be its intended use.

**Action:** To provide an update on ownership and clearance of the land.

**Update:** The Neighbourhood Team has contacted the landowners and is still awaiting a response. **Propose to note.**

**Further information:** Purjinder Gill, Neighbourhood Manager, Stronger and Safer Communities Unit, telephone 258538

**1.10 Ref: 305040 – Petition – Removal of road humps, Browning Street, Upperdale Road and Stanhope Street, Normanton – received 16.11.05**

**Issue:** A petition was received at the meeting requesting the removal of the traffic humps on Browning Street, Upperdale Road and Stanhope Street in Normanton. It stated that the road humps on the roads were very intrusive and damage cars and other vehicles. They are also having a negative impact on the elderly, infirm – particularly those with back problems, and the general public who travel in vehicles over them. It was noted in the petition that these types of humps had been removed from various roads in Sinfin and Boulton.

**Action:** To submit report to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation - Executive Member briefing meeting to be held in December for decision

**Update:** A report went to the Individual Cabinet Member meeting on 13 December. It was recommended that:

1. The request for the removal of traffic calming is refused.
2. The speed cushions on Upperdale Road and Stanhope Street are reshaped to lessen their impact on vehicles while retaining the road safety benefits that they bring.

No funding is available in the current financial year to undertake this reshaping. This was highlighted at the last Area Panel 3 meeting as one of their priorities for possible inclusion in the 2007/8 Highways and Transport programme. Officers are currently working to finalise this programme, which will be considered by Cabinet in February 2007. The final programme will be presented to all area panels in the March round.

**Propose to note and report back in March 2007.**

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

**1.11 Ref: 305035 – Belgrave Street, Normanton ward - received 07.09.05**

**Issue:** A resident reported that having lived on the street for his whole life, he has seen it change extensively, but not for the better. Many of the local residents in the area are in agreement with his view. There are difficulties with parking on the road, disabled residents in particular struggle to park near their home. Children are unable to cross the road safely without supervision from an adult. Cars are continually broken into. The resident highlighted that these problems could be improved with the installation of white lighting in the area and also asked about the introduction of a one way system on the road to tackle speed and volume of traffic on the road.

**Action:** To respond directly to the resident and refer the issues to the neighbourhood team.

**Update:** With regards to the introduction of a one way system on Belgrave Street, this was highlighted at the last Area Panel 3 meeting as one of their priorities for possible inclusion in the 2007/8 Highways and Transport programme. Officers are currently working to finalise this programme which will be considered by Cabinet in February 2007. The final programme will be presented to all area panels in the March round.

The Neighbourhood Team are providing an update in the form of a presentation to the 17 January 2007 meeting. White lighting is to be installed on Belgrave Street. **Propose to note and close.**

**Further information:**

Pop Gill, Neighbourhood Manager, Community Safety Partnership, telephone 258538  
Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 716090.

**1.12 Ref: 305018 – Hedges and tree boundaries – received 22.06.05, reraised 20.09.06**

**Issue:** A member of the public asked who was responsible for cutting back hedges from pavements and when they hung over boundaries.

**Action:** Report back to the next meeting and respond directly to the resident.

**Update:** An inspection of the areas has been undertaken. Letters to the offending properties were sent out week commencing 13.12.06. **Propose to note and close.**

**Further information:** John Edgar, Maintenance Manager, Highways and Transportation, telephone 715067

**1.13 Ref: 305035 – Alcohol Free Zone, All wards - received 07.09.05**

**Issue:** A local resident stated that the additional signs are not in place.

**Action:** To confirm additional signs have been erected.

**Update:** The signs have now been installed. **Propose to note and close.**

**Further information:**

Inspector Shaun Skelton, Derbyshire Police, telephone 222184

### 1.14 Outstanding issues

Issue	Outstanding action	Date to report back
Ref: 305006 - Cameron Road Homezone improvements and wheelie bins, Normanton	Report back on the outcomes of the study	June 2007
Ref 306015 - Traffic issues, Normanton and Arboretum	Report back on the outcomes and actions arising from the Normanton study	June 2007

### PROPOSED ACTION

2.1 To consider and note the report.

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<b>Background papers:</b>	Area Panel 3 community issues update report, background information on Council Management Information System <a href="http://www.derby.gov.uk">www.derby.gov.uk</a>
<b>List of appendices:</b>	None