

Time commenced : 6.00 pm
Time finished : 8.10 pm

**AREA PANEL 3 (ABBEY, ARBORETUM AND NORMANTON)
15 NOVEMBER 2006**

Present: Councillor Williamson (Chair)
Councillors Afzal, Dhindsa, R Khan, S Khan, Lowe and
Nath

Derby City Council and other officers:

Sarah Dosunmu	-	Area Panel Manager
Gemma Barlow	-	Constitutional Services Officer
Sarah Turner	-	Constitutional Services Officer
Sara Allmond	-	Constitutional Services Officer
Christine Durrant	-	Assistant Director – Highways and Transport
Martin Gadsby	-	Private Sector Housing Manager
Richard Winter	-	Assistant Waste Management Officer
Patrick Lee	-	Neighbourhood Manager (Stockbrook)
Verica Kecovitch	-	Community Development Officer (Stockbrook)

24 members of the public were in attendance.

29/06 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hussain and Mitchell.

30/06 Late Items to be Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

31/06 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

32/06 Minutes

The minutes of the Area Panel 3 meeting held on 20 September 2006 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

33/06 Chairs Report

The Chair provided a verbal report on current activities, progress on projects

and successes in Area Panel 3.

Agreed to note the report.

34/06 Petitions

To receive new petitions

Petition relating to drug dealing, vandalism, theft and mugging

One new petition was presented to the Panel on the prevention of drug dealing, vandalism, criminal damage, car theft, physical assault and muggings, on and around Salisbury Street, Belgrave Street, Moore Street, Western Road, Dashwood Street, Bailey Street, Mill Hill Road, Renals Street, Avondale Road and Mill Hill Lane.

Agreed to investigate the petition and report back to a future meeting of the Panel.

To consider responses to petitions received

Introduction of the Recycling Scheme on Vincent Street

The Panel considered a report from the Cabinet Member for Leisure and Direct Services that detailed a response to a petition opposing the introduction of the new recycling scheme on Vincent Street. It was reported that the Rethink Rubbish scheme had been implemented to 12 of the 15 refuse collection rounds. It was noted that before the scheme was implemented to a round the properties were surveyed to ensure their suitability to accommodate the recycling bins. Richard Winter reported that if a resident did not want a particular bin, it could be removed.

Agreed

- 1. to note the report.**
- 2. to write to each resident to inform them that the scheme will be introduced, outlining details of the bins.**
- 3. to deliver bins/bags with information packs to all households in the area and offer the opportunity of a visit by a Waste Management Officer.**
- 4. to invite residents to attend their local neighbourhood forum where officers from Waste management will attend to answer queries.**

Reginald Street

The Panel considered a report from the Cabinet Member for Leisure and Direct

Services that detailed a response to a petition requesting that the trees and branches overhanging the rear of properties on Reginald Street be cut back. It was reported that following an inspection of the trees, it was proposed that crown cleaning work would be undertaken to meet health and safety regulations.

A resident noted that the proposed works do not address the problems of leaves in the gutters of the properties.

Cllr. Williamson suggested that an arboricultural officer could attend a future meeting or the residents may raise the matter at their local neighbourhood forum meeting.

Agreed

- 1. to prune the trees to remove deadwood and broken branches**
- 2. to remove lower growth to a height of 3-4 metres (crown raise/lift) and complete the works by the end of the year.**

35/06 Hartington Street Housing Renewal Area

The Panel considered a verbal report from Martyn Gadsby that detailed the work being undertaken in the Hartington Street Housing Renewal Area. It was reported that work had been completed on 45 houses on the street, in addition to boundary wall replacements, new fencing, street lighting renewal and resurfacing. It was noted that two specialist Environmental health Officers had been appointed to help with enforcement relating to private sector housing.

Resolved to note the report.

36/06 2007/08 Programme for Highways and Transport Schemes

The Panel considered a report from the Assistant Director - Highways and Transportation that detailed suggestions for the 2007/08 programme of highways and transport schemes. It was reported that all of the suggestions put forward would be assessed for their contribution to specific objectives and targets.

Christine Durrant – Assistant Director Highways and Transportation - presented the report to the Panel reporting on the progress so far in identifying local area transport schemes to be put forward for possible inclusion in the Capital Scheme for next year. Schemes would be prioritised and there would be no guarantee which schemes would be included in the programme. Schemes would be finalised by Council Cabinet in February 2007. Ward Councillors in each of the Area Panel 3 wards were asked to consider and identify the five schemes in each of the wards that they considered a higher priority. The priorities were:

Abbey ward

1. St Albans Road – Traffic management and speed reduction measures
2. St Albans Road/Manor Road - Junction improvements
3. Burton Road/Whittaker Road – Targeted engineering improvements
4. Woods Lane - Installation of yellow lines to ease parking congestion to address restricted access for bus services

Arboretum ward

1. Belgrave/Becher and Molineux Streets – Introduction of one way streets
2. Grove Street Car Park – Improved lighting and the introduction of a parking charges scheme
3. Avondale Road – Re-design of the bend in the road to prevent accidents

Normanton ward

1. Normanton study – pool of area based studies of traffic management and implementation of actions that arise from the study
2. Upperdale Road – provision of alternative traffic calming measures
3. Traffic roundabout, the Cavendish – Replacement with a low maintenance island
4. Harrington Street – Introduction of one way street

The following Highway Maintenance Schemes were prioritised:

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| 1. Bramfield Avenue | Footway reconstruction/resurfacing |
| 2. Carlton Road (phase 2) | Footway reconstruction/resurfacing |
| 3. Crewe Street | Slurry sealing |
| 4. Woods Lane to Farm Street | Footway reconstruction/resurfacing |

Agreed:

1. **To note the report and the list of schemes that had been put forward for consideration and assessment against the overarching objectives of the Local Transport Plan.**
2. **To request a further report to a future Area Panel 3 meeting outlining the schemes that would be delivered in the local areas during 2007/08.**

37/06 Area Panel Updates

The Panel considered an update report on the progress of community issues raised at the last meeting. The report included details of the issues raised, proposed actions, progress to date and the City Council officer responsible.

Crossing at Kings Highway

A resident circulated to the Panel a copy of a letter expressing concern at the

safety of residents crossing the road at Kings Highway.

Housing Renewal Area, Leopold Street, Arboretum

A member of the public asked if signage could be displayed stating the urban renewal area status.

Advertising on Wilson Street

A resident noted that the issue of the A boards had been referred to the disability team, however they considered that the issue was that there were multiple banners over the chemist. A response from the Planning department was requested to clarify the permissions required for advertising banners.

Painting of Yellow Lines

A member of the public raised concerns that they had not received a letter that was agreed at a previous meeting. It was agreed to forward a copy of the letter to the resident.

Cameron Road, Normanton

A resident raised further concerns that a fire engine was unable to gain access down Cameron Road. Cllr. Williamson responded that a study of the Homezone is underway and the fire service will be consulted as part of the study.

Alcohol Free Zone, All Wards

A member of the public raised concerns that the additional signs designating the alcohol free zones had still not been erected.

Bonfires, All Wards

A resident asked why the Council cannot pass a bye law. Cllr. Williamson responded that with the introduction of the new White paper – greater controls for local authorities will give the Council more flexibility to introduce bye laws. Once the White Paper is implemented then the council will consider the request.

Hedges and Tree Boundaries

A resident asked who was responsible for cutting back hedges from pavements and when they hang over boundaries.

38/06 Public Question Time

The following issues were raised by members of the public:

Highways between the Spot and Bradshaw Way, Arboretum

A member of the public raised concerns about 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. It was considered that all have been removed and the surfacing has been

replaced with Yorkshire Stone

4. It was considered that 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.

Area Planning Partnerships, All Wards

A resident asked how the members for the Area Planning Partnerships were chosen. They asked how they would know what the neighbourhood agenda was and would Area Panels be fed the outcomes of the meetings?

The resident was informed that the area planning partnerships are a pilot at the moment and that meetings of the partnership were not public meetings and are aimed at providing a strategic response to issues in the area. Members had been selected from the service providers in the area and residents/community voluntary groups involved in the Neighbourhood Forums. In terms of the neighbourhoods agenda, residents are kept fully informed through the neighbourhood Forums. Outcomes of the pilot of area planning partnerships would be reported back to the area panels.

Graffiti, All wards

A resident reported that there appeared to be upsurge in the number and incidences of graffiti across the area over the past few weeks. Certain TAGS are being seen across the area and this seems to have increased since the new school/university terms have started. The resident wanted to know what is being done proactively to address the problem, whether the neighbourhood teams are dealing with the issue and whether areas are being checked on a regular basis.

Cllr Williamson responded that the issue of graffiti was an on-going problem within the city and that the neighbourhood teams have been successful in identifying and removing graffiti. He stated that the neighbourhood Teams which has its own NEAT team can respond swiftly to reports and is also patrolling areas on a regular basis.

He reported the Neighbourhood teams were working together across the area to respond to the recent increase.

Humbleton Day Care Centre

A resident asked a question regarding the Council's proposal to close the Humbleton Day Care Centre. The resident stated that the Council had 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?

Belgrave Street – One Way system and white lighting, Normanton

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.

Cllr Williamson responded that the introduction of one way street on Belgrave Street had been put forward as a priority as part of the 2007/08 Highways and Transportation scheme. The issue of white lighting had been raised as part of the petition submitted at the meeting and the matters the resident raised would be considered as part of the petition and a response sent directly to the resident.

Housing Inspection Enforcement Officers

A resident reported that there had been a deterioration in the area in the past 35 years which had been mainly due to the impact of the increasing number of investment properties and absentee landlords.

Martin Gadsby responded that the Housing Act introduced in 2004 gave local authorities the powers through the licensing of Houses of Multiple Occupation. This enabled local authorities to address issues such as housing condition and tenancy agreements.

39/06 Area Panel Budget Proposals 2006/07

A report of the Director of Derby Community Safety Partnership was considered which set out details of two applications for funding, which had been received:

- To consider whether to support the application received from the No.1 Community Centre for kitchen facilities. Amount requested £2000.
- To consider whether to support the application from Stockbrook Colts for the hire of premises. Amount requested £525.

Agreed to award funding to the applications in the following way:

- 1. No.1 Community Centre – granted £2000 from Normanton ward allocation**
- 2. Stockbrook Colts – granted £525 from Abbey ward allocation.**

40/06 Health Briefing From Greater Derby and Central Derby Primary Care Trusts

A briefing paper on Health Services was considered.

Agreed to note the contents of the briefing paper.

41/06 Arrangements for the Next Meeting

It was agreed that Councillor Williamson would be the Chair of the next meeting, to be held at St Giles Church Hall, Village Street. Councillor Nath would be the Vice Chair.

MINUTES END