



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

AREA PANEL 3

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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
Abbey ward		
1.1	Crossing at Kings Highway	Note
Arboretum ward		
1.2	Baseball Ground, Leacroft Road	Note and close
1.3	Street lighting in Derby City centre	Note and close
1.4	Petition – Tree pruning, Normanton Road	Note and close
1.5	Housing renewal area – Leopold Street	Note and close
Normanton ward		
1.6	Cameron Road Homezone improvements and wheelie bins	Note
1.7	Petition – Removal of road humps, Browning Street, Upperdale Road and Stanhope Street	Note
1.8	Stenson Road parking	Note and close
1.9	Left turning – Newdigate Street	Note and close
1.10	Land – Sackville Street / Kenilworth Avenue	Note
1.11	The Knoll, Village Street	Note
Normanton and Arboretum wards		
1.12	Traffic issues	Note
All wards		
1.13	Alcohol Free Zone	Note and close
Outstanding issues		
1.14	Items to be presented to a future meeting:	
	Petition - Antisocial behaviour, St Chad's Road area, Arboretum	Report back January 2007
	Fly tipping, Arboretum	Report back January 2007.

1.1 Ref: 306001 - Crossing at Kings Highway, Abbey - received 18.01.06

Issue: A resident asked the panel what progress had been made at this crossing, as it was extremely dangerous.

Action: Councillor Afzal to meet with the resident to attempt to resolve the matter.

Update: Since the last Area Panel meeting some progress has been made. Officers have received an approach from the site owners asking if we would be prepared to adopt the access road into the retail park. We have responded by stating that we would consider adopting the road but we would need the road brought up to a reasonable standard and this would include resolving the pedestrian crossing issues and sorting out other matters including street lighting. We have made it clear that we wish the road owners to bring proposals forward and we await their response. It is clear as a condition of adopting the road that a pedestrian crossing is installed. Councillor Afzal has arranged a meeting with the owners of the land to broker an agreement regarding the crossing. **Propose to note.**

Further information: David Gartside, Head of Traffic, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715025

1.2 Ref: 303045 – Baseball Ground, Leacroft Road, Arboretum – received 19.01.05

Issue: A member of the public raised the issue of restricted access to rear gardens adjacent to Shaftsbury Road. Parking problems had been created due to no waiting restrictions and residents had received parking fines as a result. Investigations were undertaken as part of the master planning for the Baseball Ground to create an additional rear access route for cars and the gardens; however, it was deemed as not possible as this required the demolition of one of the properties.

Action: Agreed to close at a previous meeting. Update to be provided on the recent master plan, and planning application when available.

Update: A Master plan for the scheme has been completed. Copies of the Master plan are available on request.

At its meeting on 24 August, Planning Control Committee considered a planning application for 147 houses and public open space on and around the site of the former Baseball Ground. The Committee agreed to authorise the Assistant Director - Regeneration to grant planning permission subject to negotiation and conclusion of a Section 106 agreement-covering matters set out in the report. **Propose to note and close.**

Further information: Rob Salmon, Head of Plans and Policies, Regeneration and Community, telephone 255020
Martin Gadsby, Private Sector Housing Manager, Resources and Housing, telephone 255236

1.3 Ref: 305012 - Street lighting in Derby City Centre, Arboretum – received 30.03.05 and 18.01.06

Issue: A member of the public commented that he had counted a large number of street lights out on the Wardwick and Uttoxeter New Road.

Action: To ensure works are completed to the defective lights and an officer to provide an update at the next meeting including action plans for work in the area.

Update: All works reported at the 21 June meeting have been completed.

Our night patroller recorded 2 outages on 21 August at Osnabruck Square, outside the Market Hall and Victoria Street, outside Boots. All other lights are in working order. We are still working with the Special Projects Group to adopt the lighting installed under the Connecting Derby scheme in the city centre.

We have repaired the Uttoxeter New Road outages. All but one lighting column near the city centre island is now lit. The remaining column has a cabling issue and will be repaired as soon as possible. **Propose to note and close.**

Further information: Alan Jaques, Street Lighting Manager, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715014

1.4 Ref: 306008 – Petition – Tree pruning, Normanton Road, Arboretum - received 22.03.06

Issue: A number of local businesses have requested that the trees outside their property should be pruned in the same manner as those on Hartington Street. The Trees are in the way of shop signs and boards so customers are having problems finding the businesses. In addition, the trees are higher than the properties, thus causing the properties to be shaded and the blocking of the sun is causing damp to the external walls.

The businesses are also concerned as they have been told that trees in close proximity to their property causes structural damage to the property and will hold the Council liable for any damage.

Action: To confirm works have been completed, and respond to Councillor Shiraz Khan and the local businesses.

Update: The works were completed on 17 and 18 June 2006. **Propose to note and close.**

Further information: Jon Oakes, Assistant Arboricultural Officer, Environmental Services, telephone 715539

1.5 Ref: 306009 – Housing renewal area, Leopold Street, Arboretum – received 22.03.06

Issue: A resident raised concern that several weeks ago a serious fire related incident happened in Leopold Street at some Council premises. This had happened two years

previous, and the two houses have been bricked up ever since. As Leopold Street is part of a regeneration neighbourhood, the resident asked when the regeneration will happen, and when will a difference be made.

Action: Provide detailed update on the Hartington Street Renewal scheme and the timetable for CPO of properties in the area.

Update: Housing Options have just completed an updated action plan for Hartington Street Renewal area. As part of the action plan there is the compulsory purchase order (CPO) - of a number of properties in the area. The process for CPOs is complex and requires specialist legal knowledge and experience, which we currently do not have within the Council. As a result external solicitors are to be contracted to provide legal advice and support to officers.

In order to CPO a property 'Statements of Case' need to be prepared and submitted to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State then makes a decision as to whether a local authority can proceed with the CPO. Statements of case have been prepared for the properties in question and officers are awaiting legal advice before submission to the Secretary of State. At present the Secretary of State is taking 6 – 9 months to decide on cases.

The department has set a target of December 2006 for submission of all CPOs to the Secretary of State. Whilst the Council is in the legal process of investigating properties for CPO the department cannot provide further detailed information as this may prejudice applications for CPOs. **Propose to note and close.**

Further information:

Martin Gadsby, Private Sector Housing Manager, Resources and Housing, telephone 255236

1.6 Ref: 305006 - Cameron Road Homezone improvements and wheelie bins, Normanton - received 19.01.05

Issue: A written question was submitted to the panel, asking the Council to enforce that wheelie bins are put away by every resident, as they are a hazard on the pavements, particularly for the blind and disabled. He also asked that the tree guards that are being installed are painted white instead of black, so that they are more visible to car drivers at night. Residents submitted a further petition on Cameron Road outlining the parking problems in the area and issues relating to the home zone. In addition, a local resident provided pictures and written correspondence complaining about the state of the roads and pavements in the home zone area.

Action: To note the item and report back at the next meeting. A response to the petition on Cameron Road to be discussed at the next meeting and a response to the resident regarding road works in the area within the next seven days.

Update: Report to be presented as a response to the petition in an earlier item on the agenda. **Propose to note.**

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

1.7 Ref: 305040 – Petition – Removal of road humps, Browning Street, Upperdale Road and Stanhope Street, Normanton

Issue: A petition was received at the meeting requesting the removal on 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 Council Cabinet to consider removal of the road humps and report back to a future meeting.

Update: We have been asked to seek further information and report our findings to Cabinet. We plan to report to Cabinet in early October following which we will update the Panel at the next meeting in November. **Propose to note.**

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

1.8 Ref: 305048 – Stenson Road parking, Normanton - received 16.11.05

Issue: A member of the public was concerned about parked vehicles at the Stenson Road and Village Street junction. He claimed that they were creating a danger at the brow of the hill, near to the pedestrian crossing and outside the shops. Parked cars are blocking the pavement, and causing problems to people with disabilities. Visibility is poor causing vehicles coming over the hill to drive in the middle of the road approaching the roundabout. He asked the panel to consider resurveying Stenson Road and consider traffic measures, possibly full traffic light controls, and daytime parking restrictions.

Action: To report back on waiting restrictions at the meeting in September 2006.

Update: A number of visits have been carried out to investigate parking at the junction of Stenson Road and Village Street and between this junction and the roundabout with the A5111. During this time there have been no observations of any particular problems associated with parking on the carriageway, which could warrant the introduction of waiting restrictions. Whilst the occasional vehicles were parked inappropriately - partly on the footway, they weren't causing an obstruction or danger to other road users. **Propose to note and close.**

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

1.9 Ref: 306011 – Left turning, Newdigate Street, Normanton - received 22.03.06

Issue: A resident reported that at least once a day a vehicle turns left from Newdigate Street into Balaclava Road. The resident requested an additional more prominent sign at the point to discourage the offence and requested what can be done in terms of enforcement.

Action: To provide a response at the next meeting.

Update: Signs are appropriate and in place. This has been discussed with the resident who raised the concerns. The Police are also in agreement with this view. **Propose to note and close.**

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

1.10 Ref: 306012 – Land, Sackville Street/Kenilworth Avenue, Normanton

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 it was going to be its intended use.

Action: To contact the landowner to make sure that action is taken.

Update:

The NEAT team cannot clear the area, as it is private land. The Environmental Health team have visited the site and recommended clearance. Currently, we do not have details of the new landowner to enable us to pursue the matter. **Propose to note.**

Further information: Richard Ziemacki, Environmental Services, telephone 715293

1.11 Ref: 306015 –The Knoll, Village Street, Normanton - received 21.06.06

Issue: A resident asked the panel about possible proposals for the area, as it had been suggested that the Knoll would close.

Action: To provide a report at the next meeting and write to the resident to respond to the query.

Update: Consultations have taken place regarding the Knoll and provision generally for residents with a learning disability. A report was presented to Council Cabinet with all the consultation documentation on 1 August 2006. These papers are available on the Learning Disability web site of the Council and on CMIS. The report recommended that we undertake further detailed work to look at the re-furbishment of The Knoll at the request of some carers. Therefore, there is no planned closure for the facility at present. The Government White Paper Valuing People 2001 and best practice indicates that it is no longer acceptable for people with learning disabilities to live in large style hostel type buildings such as the Knoll without the facilities that should be expected from 21st century services. **Propose to note.**

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

1.12 Traffic issues – Normanton and Arboretum

Issue:

Ref 304034 - Traffic issues – Normanton and Pear Tree, Normanton and Arboretum

A resident raised concern over the bad traffic congestion problems within the area, and commented that there was no room to increase access for traffic. This also affected the air quality. She asked the panel what the Council were doing to apply the Road Traffic Reduction Act of 1997.

Ref: 304054 - Renals Street and Avondale Road, Arboretum – request for a one-way system

The Council received a petition signed by 31 residents in September 2004. It concerned the installation of a one-way system to improve traffic flow. The main problems included inconvenience caused when having to give way to opposing traffic, congestion and inconsiderate parking, particularly during the morning peak, associated with parents taking children to St Joseph's School, and difficulty in finding parking spaces due to commuter parking during the day

Ref: 305016 - Wilfred Street, Sale Street and Molineux Street, Arboretum - request for a one-way system

The Panel received a petition signed by 162 requesting a one-way traffic system on Wilfred Street, Sale Street and Molineux Street to deal with parking problems and speeding traffic. The petition had been referred to the Director of Development and Cultural Services to provide a full response to the next meeting.

Ref: 305007 - St Giles Road, Normanton – request for a one-way system

The panel received a petition requesting a one-way traffic system on St Giles Road because of traffic congestion, and parking problems. The petition was referred to the Director of Development and Cultural Services to provide a detailed response.

Ref: 305034 - Parking – Upperdale Road, Normanton

A resident raised concerns over the parking on Upperdale Road, outside the shops, on double yellow lines, asking if it was in fact illegal to park on them, as people are doing so, due to the lack of parking spaces in the area, and the police are not actually addressing it.

Ref: 305039 - Harrington Street, Normanton - request for a one-way system

A member of the public asked whether Harrington Street could be made one way to accommodate traffic for weddings and other big events, even though the residents want resident parking only. He thought the general public had a right to use streets as well as residents. He thought the residents should be encouraged to petition for a one-way street in the central part of Harrington Street.

Action: To report back in September 2006

Update: Consultants will provide an update on the Normanton Road study in response to the issues outlined above as an item on the agenda. Residents are encouraged to contribute to the consultation currently underway, consultation leaflets are enclosed with the papers. The consultants will provide feedback on responses received to date and recommendations for Normanton Road. **Propose to note.**

Further information: Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 716090.
Pop Gill, Neighbourhood Manager, Stronger, Safer Communities Unit, telephone 258538.

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

Issue: A member of the public asked when the alcohol free zone would be enforced, as they had understood it would be during the week, but as yet no signage had been erected.

Action: Propose to note and receive a report back from the local Police in September 2006.

Update: The Neighbourhood Co-ordination team have undertaken a walkabout of the area to confirm location of signage and to map where additional signage is required. The Police have undertaken targeted activity in the area and will be available at the meeting to provide more details. There is an outstanding issue of enforcement of the Alcohol Free Zone in Arboretum Park. Signage for the park has yet to be erected and there are difficulties in terms of enforcing the AFZ in the park as the police have stated that the AFZ does not cover the park.

This has been exacerbated by the problem drinkers moving from Normanton Road, which is within the boundaries of the AFZ onto the park. The Neighbourhood team will lead on arranging the inclusion of the park within the AFZ. **Propose to note and close.**

Further information: Nick Keene, GIS Officer, Corporate and Adult Social Services, telephone 255840

Inspector Ryan Henderson, Derbyshire Police, telephone 222184

Ian Wheatley, Grounds Maintenance Manager, Environmental Services, telephone 716530

Stuart Leslie, Chief Legal Officer, Corporate and Adult Social Services telephone 255450

1.14 Outstanding issues

Issue	Outstanding action	Date to report back
Ref: 305042 – Petition - Antisocial behaviour, St Chad's Road area, Arboretum- received 16.11.05	Report back on crime and community safety matters	January 2007
Ref: 306003 - Fly tipping, Arboretum - received 16.11.05	Report back	January 2007

PROPOSED ACTION

2.1 To consider and note the report.

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Background papers:	Area Panel 3 community issues update report, background information on Council Management Information System www.derby.gov.uk
List of appendices:	None

