

**AREA PANEL 4 COMMUNITY ISSUES – UPDATE REPORT  
BACKGROUND INFORMATION  
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**1. Ref: 402030 - Redevelopment of University of Derby Mickleover campus, Mickleover – raised 27.11.02**

**Responsible officer(s) for more information:**

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**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.

**Previous key points / action taken:**

**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.

**November 2005** - 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.

**June 2006** – the planning application had not been decided. Agreed to report back in January 2007 on progress.

**January 2007** - A summary of the activity over the last year is as follows:

- The planning application was reported to the City Councils Planning Control Committee on the 2 February 2006.
- The Committee Members resolved to notify the Secretary of State that the City Council was minded to grant planning permission for the development, subject to the applicants entering into a legal agreement.
- The requirements of that Section 106 agreement relate to affordable housing, mobility housing, public open space, major open space and replacement pitches, education, swimming pool, scout hut, highways and public art.
- On 24 March 2006, we received confirmation from the Government Office for the East Midlands that the Secretary of State did not intend to call the application in and that the City Council were able to determine the application.
- Since March 2006, negotiations have been on-going between the City Council and the Consortium of Developers to reach agreement over the terms of the section 106 agreement. These negotiations are not yet finalized, therefore a decision has not yet been issued on the planning application.

Regarding the future of the swimming pool, the City of Derby Local Plan Review's policy for the housing redevelopment of the Mickleover Campus requires the 'retention of the swimming pool facilities on the site'. It is therefore the developers' responsibility to ensure that the swimming pool is retained and remains open for a set period of time. The Section 106 Agreement being negotiated on the planning application will make sure that this happens.

The agreement, as drafted at the moment, requires the developers, or an approved body, to be responsible for managing the swimming pool. Should the developer or approved body fail to meet the terms of the Section 106 agreement, the Council will, subject to the total cost of provision being covered by the commuted sum and income generated by the pool, aim to establish a new management agreement with an organisation that is capable of managing the facility. We will report back to a future meeting when the details have been agreed.

**Response on 28 March 2007**

A resident asked if the Council can provide an indication of the anticipated timing of transfer to the swimming pool's long term owners. He also asked the extent of any likely major refurbishment and the corresponding implications for the continuity of the service to the pool's regular users.

He also supported the idea of a Steering Committee for Pool users as a place for discussions to be held about its future. Agreed to investigate if this was an opportunity.

**Actions agreed:**

Provide a response directly to the resident

Provide an update at the next meeting.

Investigate possibility of setting up a pool users steering group.

**Update:**

A response was sent to the resident in April stating that the Section 106 agreement is still not signed, but the principles have been agreed, it's now a case of getting the legal agreement drafted. From the moment the S106 is signed the developers have a legal responsibility to keep the pool open to the public and to the swimming clubs and school who use it now. There are of course allowances for closure due to health and safety reasons.

The developers have 3 years to set up a Trust or other management vehicle to run the pool. If they have not done that or fail to keep it open during that time the Council can step in and take ownership of the pool, if it so chooses. There is therefore no specific time when the pool is to be transferred to a management vehicle, but we are hopeful that the S106 agreement will be finalised and signed in the next few months.

The suggestion to form a User Steering Group has been put to the developer for discussion with the organization that has been established to manage the pool. They have responded stating that detailed negotiations are ongoing and well progressed to ensure that a swimming facility is retained for ongoing community use and that they will be considering the suggestion of a user group. **Note.**

**2. Ref: 407006 – Petition - Lighting around Vicarage Road Park, Mickleover - received 28.03.07**

**Responsible officer(s) for more information:**

Ken Richardson, Parks Manager, Environmental Services, telephone 716646

**Issue:**

A petition was presented to the meeting expressing concern regarding the lack of lighting around Vicarage Road Park in Mickleover. The petition referred to a Police Liaison meeting that took place on 14 February at the pavilion on the park. There was no lighting on any pathway from any direction to the pavilion, including the Vicarage Road entrance which has car access. People had difficulty walking to and from the meeting due to the lack of lighting and rough terrain and felt vulnerable from attack as there are lots of hedges around the path where people could hide. The petitioners asked that the matter is dealt with urgently to avoid injury or incident.

**Previous key points / action taken:**

New item

**Response on 28 March 2007**

Councillor Wynn confirmed that the petition had been seen by officers in Highways and Transport section and they were assessing who was best placed to investigate the issue because as the pavilion is situated on land managed by the Parks section.

A resident commented that there is lighting in the immediate area around the pavilion and car park but on the night of the Police Liaison meeting the lighting had not been turned on. Organisers of meetings need to make sure the Pavilion Management Committee is aware of meetings so that the lighting can be turned on to provide a safer environment.

**Actions agreed:**

To investigate the request for additional lighting along the paths and report back

**Update:**

Environmental Services report that there is no provision for new lighting within the existing parks budgets. However, officers are investigating other sources of funding and will report back at the Area Panel meeting in September 2007. **Note.**

**3. Ref: 407007 – Petition – Skate Park in Mickleover, Mickleover - received 28.03.07**

**Responsible officer(s) for more information:**

Ken Richardson, Parks Manager, Environmental Services, telephone 716646

**Issue:**

A petition was presented to the meeting asking for a skatepark designated specifically for use by BMX bicycles, skateboards and inline skates to be built in Mickleover. The petitioners state that these sports are rapidly growing and are almost as popular as basketball and football. Riding bikes and skateboards give the youth of today alternate sport outside team sports and give them something to strive for rather than getting into trouble and breaking laws. Mickleover does not have a park like this. The Police often ask people using boards to move on from areas like the one outside the Old School Tea rooms. People in Mickleover don't like seeing groups of teenagers just sitting around in the area and they shouldn't have to.

When the pavilion was built on Vicarage park no one asked teenagers around Mickleover what they really wanted. If the skatepark was built next to the pavilion and had good lighting it would encourage more people to use the pavilion. A skatepark would cut down litter because there wouldn't be groups in different places.

The nearest skateparks are Markeaton park, Alvaston and Hilton and are difficult to get to. The petitioners feel that the best place is a skatepark in Mickleover on Vicarage Road Park by the pavilion – even if it is only a small one like at Markeaton

**Previous key points / action taken:**

New item

**Response on 28 March 2007**

Councillor Allen noted that this was not the first petition asking for a skatepark in the area and asked that the response makes reference to the previous demands made for skateparks.

A resident commented that a lot of consultation had been done in Mickleover with local young people when the new pavilion was being developed.

**Actions agreed:**

Investigate and provide a report.

**Update:**

Environmental Services are aware of the demand for a skateboarding facility in Mickleover, likewise in Littleover, Derwent, Chaddesden, Spondon and the city centre. The issue is not one of willingness to provide the facilities but having the money to build them and then maintain them. In the currently identified capital programme for parks we intend installing skateboard facilities on the Racecourse in 2008/09 and at King George V Playing Fields, Littleover in 2009/10 as outlined in the response to the petition received in 2005 asking for a Skate park in Littleover. These add to those already existing at Alvaston Park, Sunnyhill Recreation ground, Osmaston Park and Markeaton Park. However, neither of the proposed facilities are certainties because the schemes depend on applications for external funding being successful.

A skateboard facility for Mickleover will be added to the list of capital works for future years.

There had been an idea to purchase a mobile skateboard facility, which would travel around the City to Park settings, but this is not being pursued at the moment due to the pressure of work in the Parks Division. It may be taken up again when skateboarding facilities have been established in each district around the city.

Note.

**4. Ref: 406001 – Petition, Car parking on Uttoxeter Road, Littleover, - received 18.01.06 and 27.09.06**

**Responsible officer(s) for more information:**

Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 716090

Inspector Shaun Skelton, Derbyshire Police, telephone 222184

**Issue:**

A petition had been received in December 2005 about the difficulty of getting out of driveways along Uttoxeter Road near to the City Hospital. This is because of cars parked by hospital workers, visitors and contractors between 8am and 5pm. There is very little space to manoeuvre and it is difficult to see oncoming traffic travelling at 40mph. Can the Council install double yellow lines as part of the list of improvements already proposed for the next few weeks.

A second petition signed by 87 residents was received in September 2006 requesting car parking restrictions on Uttoxeter Road between Corden Avenue and the City Hospital roundabout on the left hand side as you travel into the city.

**Previous key points / action taken:**

January 2006 - A number of residents from Uttoxeter Road who live nearer to Corden Avenue reported that they also have the same parking and access problems caused by the people working at the Hospital for their contractor. It is very dangerous trying to get into and out of driveways and they asked that double yellow lines are provided.

**March 2006** – Reported that initial observations in February revealed a significant number of contractors working on the hospital development were parking along this stretch of Uttoxeter Road along with a smaller number of private cars. Skanska confirmed that provision had been made for contractors to park off the highway while working at the

hospital and they agreed to take action to reduce the inconvenience caused by their contractors.

Further monitoring over a one month period, at all times of the day, showed that the action taken by Skanska has virtually eliminated contractor parking. However, it also revealed that some parking remained that was a mixture of drivers visiting properties along Uttoxeter Road and drivers who parked and then walked in the direction of the hospital. Some of these drivers have since been identified as hospital staff.

In light of the improvements achieved by Skanska's actions and the minimal parking that remains it is felt unnecessary to install parking restrictions at this time. Therefore the request for parking restrictions along the length of Uttoxeter Road between the Corden Avenue junction and the City Hospital roundabout has been refused. However, officers will advise the hospital that some of their staff may be parking on Uttoxeter Road and will ask them to remind staff to use their car park.

The lead petitioner acknowledged that the problem has reduced but felt there is still sufficient parking by non residents to make it dangerous for residents to drive on and off their drives. She felt that when the hospital is providing its full range of services there will be nothing to prevent staff and visitors parking on Uttoxeter road. She asked that the officers reconsider their decision.

She also asked if the Council could provide white lines to prevent parking across driveways.

The panel recognised that the problem has reduced but were sympathetic to residents concerns about problems in the future. The panel approved the officers recommendation however, on the suggestion of Councillor Care, the panel requested that when the traffic improvements planned for the Uttoxeter Road/Corden Avenue junction are installed a cycle lane is provided on Uttoxeter Road going into the city.

In response to the resident suggestion Richard Smail advised the meeting that any resident can ask the Council to provide the white markings front of driveways, but at a cost to the resident of about £60.

**June 2006** - Further cycle improvements are planned for this junction as part of the overall improvements. This scheme is on the reserve list of schemes should funding become available in 2006/07. Skanska have reinstated regular parking patrols in May when some residents noted the problem had become worse. Now that Phase 1 has been completed Skanska now have relatively few contractors still on site. In addition, Skanska have been able to close up the Kings Drive gate once more to reduce the temptation to park on the road.

**September 2006** - Officers from Traffic Management met with residents from Kings Drive and some from Uttoxeter Road on 5 July. Officers gave the residents details of a possible controlled parking zone for the area around Kings Drive. The zone did not include Uttoxeter Road.

Since then officers have had some feedback from the Cabinet Member, Planning and Transportation, on the work programme priorities for this year 2006/07. As a result we intend to look at Kings Drive and the wider area around the city hospital, including this section of Uttoxeter Road in the 2007/08 financial year. This issue is included in the separate report on the agenda entitled "Consultation on the 2007/08 programme for highways and transport schemes" - see Table 1 on page 5 of the report.

A new petition was received signed by 76 residents requesting car parking restrictions on Uttoxeter Road between Corden Avenue and the City Hospital roundabout on the left hand side as you travel into the city. The lead petitioner explained that previous requests for action had been ignored. He had been passed from officer to officer without anyone taking



responsibility. He was also disappointed that the Littleover ward Councillors had not seen the petition.

He confirmed that the issue was all about safety for residents when accessing and leaving driveways. Hospital staff are parking on Uttoxeter Road from 8am throughout the day and into the evening, leaving little space between driveways and sometimes parking on the kerbs. He commented that it was neither staff working for the contractors nor visitors that were the problem. He wanted to know who ultimately decided if any work is done?

He asked why the cycle path marked on the Cycle Network map on this part of Uttoxeter road has not been completed.

A resident, who is a member of the Resident Liaison Group, confirmed that funding of £180,000 had already been provided by the hospital for the work around Kings Drive to be completed and therefore it should be used now by the Council and not retained until next year. He referred to the meeting on 5 July at which officers had shown plans and talked about costs for the Kings Drive scheme. No one had been informed that the planned work was now being stopped. The Residents Liaison Group was still consulting on the plans.

The panel apologised for the petition not being seen by the Littleover Councillors and it was explained that it had been sent in error to the Mickleover Councillors.

Peter Price confirmed that the revised work priorities for 2006/7 have meant that investigative work around the hospital has now been postponed until next years work programme. He explained that there are proposals for the panel to identify their future highways and transportation priorities and this work could be included.

The panel supported the petitioners' views about the parking problems and had recently visited the site. They confirmed that they were not satisfied with the response that the investigations and work to address the issues were now postponed until next year. Councillor Care confirmed that Councillor Wynn, the Cabinet member with responsibility for Planning and Transportation decides what work is included in the work programme.

Councillor Care explained that one of the reasons for work not being completed this year is a shortage of staff and that employing contractors to complete the work is very expensive and means less work will be done with the contribution from the hospital.

Councillor Care considered that the hospital should have a travel plan and should be doing more to address the problems.

Councillor Allen explained that there are competing priorities for work across the city and while this piece of work had been put back to next year it would not stop the local councillors lobbying to get the work made a priority.

The panel agreed to write to the hospital asking for a response to the local concerns and asked for progress made by officers to feedback outcomes of 5 July meeting to local residents.

**November 2006** - A report in response to the petition was presented to the meeting. It stated that a 'No Waiting at any Time' restriction was introduced on some of Uttoxeter Road in November 2005, this restriction extends from the City Hospital roundabout to the junction with Corden Avenue on the south side and from the roundabout for a distance of 150m on the north side.

It also stated that the Hospital Trust were asked what actions they had recently taken to minimise their impact on the surrounding road network and this included the hospital:

- actively discouraging on street parking; staff who offend are reprimanded by their managers
- providing patients with information about car parking at the hospital and transport alternatives

- opening a new 120 space car park in a few months adjacent to the Kings Treatment Centre
- continuing to support the introduction of the Kings Drive area Controlled Parking Zone.

Skanska considered their employees now have little impact on the parking situation because workers have to clock in at a new security office located near to the subway under Uttoxeter Road which is some distance away from the section of Uttoxeter Road where cars are parking. In addition their workforce had reduced from almost 2000 to about 250.

The report proposed officers undertake investigation and consultation with residents about the introduction of residents only parking and other waiting restrictions in Kings Drive and the surrounding area in the 2007/08 financial year, providing the Area Panel feels that this should be a priority.

Residents made comments and raised concerns in response to the report:

- Residents on Uttoxeter Road counted 1,756 vehicles using the road in one hour with 30 cars parked on the road
- Police have issued tickets for parking without lights on Uttoxeter Road
- The petitioners started the Police, Ambulance service and Trent Buses have all informed them they would support double yellow lines on Uttoxeter Road
- Residents Liaison Group have recently canvassed local houses and all but 4 have shown support for a residents parking scheme.
- Is it right that a traffic regulation order will take at least six months so the earliest any changes can be implemented will be at the end on 2007?
- Five cars are being parked on Muirfield Drive and the drivers using the local bus service
- Is there enough parking for staff and visitors at the hospital
- Is the car park open at the weekends?
- Springfield Road cannot be accessed by emergency vehicles because of parked cars
- More services will come to the hospital so the issue will get worse
- Why are the double yellow lines on Kings Drive not being enforced?
- Why are cars being allowed to park on the junctions?
- The work needs to be a priority
- Why has the work that was started been put back?

Councillor Allen referred to non local cars parked on Muirfield Drive and Heron Way and that action is likely to displace parking to another area, so it was important to identify what area was being included in the investigation

The Littleover Councillors confirmed that this issue will be one of their priorities for highway and transport schemes in 2007/8.

Councillor Wynn, Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation replied and stated: Consultation was originally planned to start before Christmas but a strategic review of city wide highway and transport issues meant it has been put back

Traffic regulation orders take six to nine months

Blue badge holders are often those responsible for parking on double yellow lines and while they are allowed to for up to three hours, they cannot park by junctions or return to their cars to change the time on their badges.

The Police will be asked to monitor the parking on junctions

The Parking Enforcement section will be asked to target the area as a priority

The money, for the resident parking scheme and improvements provided by the hospital, is in place but what is not yet available is the officer time to investigate and implement the proposals. The Council does not have sufficient highway engineers to complete all the schemes at one time.

As the Littleover councillors have confirmed the scheme is one of their priorities he will make it one of his priorities and will aim to start consultation in January, implement any ensuing Traffic regulation orders as soon as possible and aim to have started work on the solutions by September 2007.

The panel thanked Councillor Wynn for his commitment to making the issue a priority. The panel approved the proposals that investigations into resolving the Uttoxeter Road issues are included within the investigations into the Kings Drive area scheme.

The Littleover Ward Councillors agreed to prioritise this issue as one of their priorities for the 2007/08 highways and transport schemes as part of the report in item 10 on the agenda. Also that should any scheme be implemented that officers monitor the situation on Uttoxeter Road.

**January 2007** - The parking enforcement team undertake regular patrols around the City Hospital. As part of their enforcement effort they check for misuse of disabled persons' blue badges, taking action where appropriate, and this will continue to be the case. Council Cabinet will make a decision about the 2007/8 highways and transportation programme in February 2007 and a report brought back to the panel in March 2007. Councillor Care reported that consultation information had been distributed today along Uttoxeter Road and she encouraged residents to return their forms.

#### **Response on 28 March 2007**

Reported that consultation confirmed strong support for the need for no waiting at any time restrictions on Uttoxeter Road and I can confirm that the statutory procedure for introducing such restrictions has commenced. The restrictions will be introduced as soon as possible but I am unable to suggest exactly when this will be as the process varies dependant upon the comments or objections that are received during the periods of statutory and public consultation.

During the consultation in the Kings Drive area there was also much support for a residents' only parking restriction. However, due to the complexity of these types of restrictions, a number of different views were expressed about the precise details of an acceptable scheme. These differing views have all been considered and a basis for the scheme has now been determined. A leaflet will be sent to all residents in April 2007 explaining the outcome of the consultation and the details of the proposed scheme. Providing there is general acceptance, the statutory process can commence.

At the meeting on 27 March residents were concerned that comments made in November 2006 by Councillor Wynn that the Traffic Regulation Order - TRO, could be progressed early, had come to nothing. They had been informed by the Legal Section that it would take only two months to introduce the order and asked why they were being informed it would still take at least six months.

Councillor Wynn responded explaining that he had understood there was a way to introduce the TRO earlier but has since been informed by officers that it is not possible and he apologised for the error. He explained that there have been no significant objections raised during the recent consultation and therefore the TRO can progress as planned with an expectation that Uttoxeter Road double yellow lines and the residents parking scheme will be in place by October 2007. He responded to the claim that it only takes two months to introduce the TRO by summarising some of the detailed work that

needs to be completed over the coming months. He confirmed that a residents meeting was being arranged at Wren Park school at some time in April, but details of availability of the school still needed confirming, but details will be sent out to everyone.

Residents were concerned about the short notice that would be provided for such an important meeting.

Councillor Care raised a problem with blue badge holders parking illegally on Jackson Avenue.

A resident reported that the Hospital needs to do more to provide signs for people looking for somewhere to park.

**Actions agreed:**

Police to investigate illegal parking by blue badge holders in Jackson Avenue/Kings Drive area.

Councillor Marshall to raise issues with improved signs needed to direct people to the hospital car park.

Update on progress to introduce waiting restrictions on Uttoxeter Road

Update on progress to introduce residents parking scheme in Kings Drive/Jackson Avenue area.

**Update:**

**Blue badge holders parking** – Police update at the meeting on 27 June.

**Hospital parking signs** – over the last year additional signs have been installed to direct visitors to the main car park 2. The Hospital has again recently reviewed their parking signs and is planning no immediate changes. They will be reviewing the parking signs again in autumn 2007 when new services open on site.

**Waiting restrictions Uttoxeter Road** - The proposals to introduce a No Waiting At Any Time restriction on Uttoxeter Road have recently been advertised for public comment. Any objections received will now need to be considered by the Assistant Director - Highways and Transport. If there are no objections or those that are received are overruled, the necessary Traffic Regulation Order can be made, meaning the restriction would be introduced towards the end of July.

**Kings Drive Residents parking scheme** – a report is currently being drawn up for the Cabinet Member giving details of the consultation results. A decision will then be made as to the final design of the scheme. It will then be necessary to go through the legal process to make the order including consultation with ward councillors. Details of the final scheme will then be delivered to all residents with further information on what they'll need to do to obtain a permit. Although the timescale for implementation is still dependant on whether any objections are received, it is hoped to have a scheme in place by the end of this year.

**Note.**

**5. Ref: 406020 – Traffic on Haven Baulk Lane, Littleover- received 27.09.06**

**Responsible officer(s) for more information:**

Inspector Shaun Skelton, Derbyshire Police, telephone 222184

Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Regeneration and Community telephone 715019

**Issue:**

A new resident of Haven Baulk Lane raised her concern over the excessively high speed of traffic using Haven Baulk Lane. It made it difficult for pedestrians to cross the road, made it unsafe for children and parents to walk to school and made it unsafe to park your car on the road. She asked the panel if anything could be done.

**Previous key points / action taken:**

Councillor Allen confirmed that this has been a major issue for some time, with petitions and local action groups being set up in the past but with limited action taken. There had been proposals to review the need to develop a scheme once changes to Rykneld Road had been implemented but Rykneld Road had been postponed and it was important to get Haven Baulk Lane back on the agenda.

Peter Price stated that this issue could be included as a local priority by the Area panel for the transport plan for 2007/08.

Reference was made to the article in the Area Panel bulletin that refers to the Police continuing to conduct speed checks on the lane.

**November 2006** - Police speed checks are being made and we are awaiting results from these.

The issue is included as one of the items to consider in the report titled 'Consultation on Area Panel 4 2007/08 programme of highways and transport schemes' found in item 10 on the agenda.

Noted speed checks being carried out.

The Littleover Ward Councillors agreed to prioritise this issue as one of their priorities for the 2007/08 highways and transport schemes as part of the report in item 10 on the agenda. A decision on which schemes are approved, as part of the 2007/08 programme for highways and transport, will be known after the Cabinet meeting in February 2007.

**January 2007** - A resident was concerned that it had been two years since the issue was raised and nothing had been done. He commented that residents had been waiting a long time for information on speed checks.

Councillor Care reported that the issue had been included by the Littleover Councillors as one of their priorities for action in next years highways and transport programme. She referred to a report recently received from officers that indicated it was not being considered as a priority for next years programme and expressed her disappointment. It was noted that the decision about what would be included would be taken by Cabinet in February.

**Response on 28 March 2007**

Reported that 2007/08 Highways and Transport work programme report, as agreed by Council Cabinet on the 20 February 2007, states that the traffic calming and footway improvements for Haven Baulk Lane are not considered a priority for 2007/08.

Also reported that there is an opportunity to secure significant funding for local improvements through the expansion of Heatherton residential development. The timing is dependent upon when the developer seeks planning permission and the start of work on site, but it would be wise to deliver more comprehensive work in the area at that time, to mitigate the transport impacts associated with the new development, alongside any improvements at a more local level.

Inspector Skelton reported that Derbyshire Police arranged for the speed checks to be carried out as agreed. He reminded the meeting that speed checks had originally been completed in 2005 along with an analysis of accidents on the road. More checks have been completed recently in 2007 and while the average speed was over 30mph it was under 40mph. Casualty statistics have remained low. Five drivers were stopped and cautioned for speeding. Depending on the scale of the issue the Police consider areas under one of four categories – No action, Local police action, Road police action or Safety Camera Partnership action. The Haven Baulk Lane area has been prioritised for action by

Local police and will continue to be monitored.

**Actions agreed:**

None.

**Update:**

No further information to add from Highways and Transport.

The Police report that the issue will be monitored by local police officers that have responsibility for enforcement of speed checks and there will be high visibility patrols by Police Community Support Officers. They are currently awaiting the repair of the hand held speeding device, which will be used to monitor speeds at this location when available.

**Note and close**

**6. Ref: 406019 – Maintenance on Pastures Hill, Littleover - received 27.09.06**

**Responsible officer(s) for more information:**

John Edgar, Maintenance Manager, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715067

**Issue:**

Concern was raised over two maintenance issues on Pastures Hill. The drains are all blocked, resulting in water swilling down the road and because they are positioned below the road surface they are a hazard to cyclists. Also, during a recent repair the new tarmac appears to have been laid incorrectly and it is now in a poor condition.

**Previous key points / action taken:**

**September 2006** - Councillor Care acknowledged the problems on Pastures Hill, stating that there had been problems with some of the drains collapsing under the road. Had the planned work to Pastures Hill not have been postponed these issues would have been resolved. When the roads are relaid, officers need to make sure that the drains are working correctly. She stated that transport and highway improvements in this area may be included in the highways and transportation scheme for 2007/08.

Peter Price agreed to contact the maintenance officers to investigate the drains and highway surface.

**November 2006** - This issue has been placed on the list for consideration for the 2007/08 highways maintenance programme. Put in outstanding issues report until March 2007.

**January 2007** - None. In outstanding issues table.

**Response on 28 March 2007**

As the drains at Pastures Hill have not been operating well, we have arranged for them to be jetted out. The works will be done before the end of March 2007.

Councillor Care noted that the drains still had been jetted as of 28 March but more importantly she was concerned it would make no long term difference because she understood from information provided by officers previously that the drains had collapsed along Pastures Hill

**Actions agreed:**

Agreed not to close the item and receive an update on the condition of the drains.

**Update:**

Some jetting work has been completed, but further works are required. Due to a staff shortage, it is unlikely that these will be carried out until August 2007. We will report back

at the September meeting. **Note.**

**7. Ref: 407001 – Petition – Parking time limit sign in Sunny Hill post office car park, Blagreaves - received 31.01.07**

**Responsible officer(s) for more information:**

Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 716090

**Issue:**

A petition had been submitted to the Council on 4 January 2007. The petitioners are supporting the introduction of a parking time limit in the Sunny Hill post office car park to stop the parking of vehicles by residents and customers in the car park for over two hour periods.

**Previous key points / action taken:**

**January 2007** – The son of the lead petitioner explained that there are seven spaces in the car park with two marked out for disabled car parking spaces. He reported that the markings are not clear and need repainting especially as everyone was parking in the designated disabled spaces. He reported that the spaces are regularly taken up by residents not using the post office and often by the immediate neighbours. He has approached those responsible but it has made no difference. This results in post office users either parking out of the bays causing disruption and a safety hazard or moving onto another post office resulting in a loss of business. He suggested that the introduction of a parking limit of 30 minutes could resolve the issue. He recognised the need to enforce the regulations but felt that having it in place is what is needed. He confirmed that they keeping a diary and that video evidence has been collected that is available to the Council.

Councillor Skelton sympathised with the petitioner and asked for the panel to propose that a traffic regulation order is passed to resolve the issue. Councillor Skelton suggested that if the stumbling block is funding then the area panel could consider funding it. Councillor Marshall thanked the lead petitioner for a well presented petition and supported the proposed action. Councillor Care also supported the proposal and the panel agreed to recommend this action.

**Response on 28 March 2007**

A report of the Cabinet member for Planning and Transportation, in response to the petition, was presented to the meeting recommending that the Area Panel agrees that waiting restrictions are not necessary, that the carriageway/parking markings have been relined and that the petitioners be informed accordingly.

The report outlined the investigations that started in July 2006. It was noted that throughout the survey, residents from the property next door to the Post Office parked a couple of their vehicles in the parking spaces on a regular basis. Nevertheless, the remaining spaces were well used by Post Office customers for short stay parking and there appeared to be a high turnover of vehicles. Further, parking was also available on the Post Office forecourt which always seemed to have unoccupied spaces. It was reported that as a result of the extensive investigations, it is not considered that waiting restrictions could be justified at this location. Whilst officers understand the issue, there was no evidence of any motorists turning away or being unable to park.

At the meeting Councillor Wynn reported that he had made some additional observations

when invited to see the issue for himself earlier in the week. He stated that he now wished to remove recommendation 2.1 from the report that waiting restrictions are not necessary and to replace it with a recommendation that more monitoring will be conducted for a further month. He acknowledged that the issue was not as straightforward as outlined in the report and that a number of local residents were misusing the car park and causing concern for shop users.

The son of the lead petitioner reported that he was disappointed with the original report response because it had not given a fair reflection of the issue.

A resident who parks in the car park commented that he was not doing anything illegal and does not park in the two bays marked with disabled markings.

Councillor Troup confirmed his preference to having waiting restrictions introduced.

The Area Panel agreed to refer the report back to the cabinet member to reconsider and supported the proposal to monitor for a further month before reporting back.

**Actions agreed:**

To amend recommendation 2.1 of the report to state that additional monitoring will continue for a month.

**Update:**

The additional monitoring/surveys that were agreed have now been completed, but the information still requires further analysis. We will be reporting back to the Area Panel meeting in September. **Note.**

**8. Ref: 407008 – Traffic on Littleover Lane, Blagreaves - received 28.03.07**

**Responsible officer(s) for more information:**

Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 716090

Inspector Shaun Skelton, Derbyshire Police, telephone 222184

**Issue:**

A resident reported that traffic uses Littleover Lane as a rat run and when she conducted her own survey she found that over 500 vehicles use the lane between 8am and 9am and also between 3.15pm and 5pm. Parked cars have been damaged, including one car that has been damaged 10 times. She asked what could be done about it.

**Previous key points / action taken:**

New item

**Response on 28 March 2007**

Another resident confirmed that Littleover Lane is used as a rat run and that there has been an increase in traffic. When the road is less busy traffic appears to travel above the speed limit. He asked if traffic calming measures could be considered to address both problems.

Councillor Wynn responded that no resources have been included in the 2007/8 transport and highways programme to investigate or address this issue. However, there could be an opportunity to do something if there is an underspend during the year.

The Police will be invited to investigate the speed of traffic.

**Actions agreed:**

Report back on what action can be taken to respond to the request for traffic calming.



Police to respond to suggestion of investigating speed of traffic.

**Update:**

The Highways and Transport Work Programme for 2007/08 has already been agreed at the Council Cabinet on 20 February 2007. We have added this issue to the list of Highways and Transport issues to be put forward for possible inclusion in the 2008/09 Highways and Transport Work Programme.

Officers have informed the residents who raised this issue.

The Police report that casualty data between June 2003 and May 2006 was 1 injury collision. The last speed survey was conducted in December 2004. The issue is being addressed by high visibility patrols by our Police Community Support Officers. We are currently awaiting the repair of the hand held speeding device, which will be used at this location when available. **Note and close.**

**9. Ref: 407010 – Inspection of Highway Repairs, all wards - received 28.03.07**

**Responsible officer(s) for more information:**

John Edgar, Maintenance Manager, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715067

**Issue:**

A resident commented on the poor standard of highway repair that he had seen and asked if the Council inspect work before it is completed. He referred to an example on Carlisle Avenue where kerbs were not completed and the surface was crumbling.

**Previous key points / action taken:**

New item

**Response on 28 March 2007**

Councillor Wynn responded stating that work is inspected but there were some issues with performance of the current contractor and that the contract was ending later this year. He confirmed that there were some problems with quality of work but assured the meeting that payment is not made for work that does not meet the specification.

A resident asked why a contractor is allowed to work to the end of the contract if there are problems with their work. Councillor Wynn responded explaining that there is no opportunity in the terms of a contract for the Council to justify ending a contract while the majority of the work is completed to the accepted standard.

**Actions agreed:**

Check Carlisle Avenue work.

**Update:**

There have been issues on Carlisle Avenue that our Clerk of Works is aware of. The issues include some defective kerbing works. A letter was sent to the residents to explain about the delay to the completion of the Carlisle Avenue scheme. **Note and close.**