

Councillors Surgeries – a chance to meet with your local ward councillors

If you have a concern or question about services, facilities, or general issues in your area, your councillors are available to help you. The next surgeries will be held as detailed below:

Blagreaves – Councillors Ruth Skelton, and Robert Troup

Friday 5 October	6.15 - 6.45 pm	Blagreaves Library, Blagreaves Lane
Friday 2 November	10 – 11 am	King George V Playing fields, community room

Blagreaves – Councillor Sean Marshall

Monday – Friday	9 – 5 pm	7 Wellesley Avenue, Sunnyhill
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Littleover – Councillors Lucy Care, Les Allen and Michael Carr

Friday 5 October	6.15 – 6.45 pm	St Peter's C of E Primary School, Church Street
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Mickleover – Councillors Maggie Hird, Hilary Jones and Fay Winter

Thursday 18 October	10 – 11am	Mickleover Library
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Community Panels

Derby Homes supports a citywide network of community panels for people living in or around Council owned properties. The next local meetings are:

Littleover – covers Harpur Avenue and Oaklands Avenue areas.

The panel has not arranged any future meeting dates at this time.

Villages - covers Mickleover, Austin Estate, part of Normanton and Littleover Lane area.
Tuesday 23 October , 1.30 – 4pm, Derby Tenants Resource Centre, Ground Floor, St. Peters House, Gower Street

Police Liaison Meetings

Derbyshire Police arranges regular meetings for residents to raise policing issues. Residents are invited to attend the Mickleover and Littleover Police Liaison meeting. The next meeting is on Thursday 20 September at the Masonic Hall, Burton Road in Littleover village.

Neighbourhood Forums for Blagreaves, Littleover and Mickleover wards

The Council approved a new framework for neighbourhood working at its meeting on 18 July 2007. On 12 September Council agreed the final proposals on the working arrangements and constitutional changes. The final round of Area Panel meetings will be in September/early October. The last Area Panel 4 meeting will be on 26 September 2007. New Neighbourhood Forums and Boards will then be established over the following months. In Area Panel 4 some work has already started with local ward Councillors to identify suitable dates of the Neighbourhood Forum meetings.

- Blagreaves Neighbourhood Forum on Wednesday 14 November at 6.30pm at a venue to be confirmed
- Littleover Neighbourhood Forum on Thursday 25 October at 6.30pm at a venue to be confirmed.
- Mickleover Neighbourhood Forum on Wednesday 28 November at 6.30pm, venue to be confirmed.

For more details about Blagreaves and Littleover forums please contact Sarah Dosunmu Neighbourhood Manager.

For more details about Mickleover forum please contact Richard Smail, Neighbourhood Manager, 01332 258505

Consultation on the 2008/09 Highways and Transport Programme

During 2006 and early 2007 consultation was undertaken with Area Panels as part of the process of developing the highways and transport work programme for 2007/08. The schemes included in the work programme are largely funded from capital budgets allocated through the Local Transport Plan process.

Following the consultation, at the March/April 2007 round of Area Panels we provided details of the schemes included in the 2007/08 highways and transport work programme in each Ward. The full programme was approved by Council Cabinet on 20 February 2007.

Following a Council review of the current arrangements for area and neighbourhood working, it is proposed that a new framework will be introduced which transforms Area Panels into Neighbourhood Forums in each of the Council's 17 Wards.

The move to the new neighbourhood framework means that this year we will be seeking the views of Ward Councillors and residents through the Neighbourhood Forums and Neighbourhood Boards on the issues they feel need to be focused on and transport schemes or initiatives we could consider implementing to try and address them.

The consultation with Neighbourhood Forums and Neighbourhood Boards will form part of the way in which we develop the detailed highways and transport work programme for the 2008/09 financial year. We will also consult with other groups and organisations across the city.

A final programme will be presented to Council Cabinet for approval in February 2008.

A report will be presented to Neighbourhood Boards in March/April 2008 outlining the elements of the Council Cabinet approved Highways and Transport Work Programme 2008/09 within their Ward.

For more information contact Michelle Spamer, Area Coordination Officer, 01332 715064

This event diary has been produced by Richard Smail, Neighbourhood manager, Derby Community Safety Partnership. Tel 01332 258505 or email Richard.smail@derby.gov.uk . This is the last Area Panel 4 meeting, in future look out for dates of your local Neighbourhood Forum.

Street Lighting Private Finance Initiative – PFI, Update

The contractor, Balfour Beatty, started the Street Lighting PFI service on 25 June 2007. The PFI will run for 25 years. During the first 5 years the core investment programme will be delivered which will result in two thirds of the city's street lights and most of the lighted bollards and street signs being replaced. Due to the consultation period, the first column is planned to go in the ground on 11 July 2007 in the Derwent area of the city.

Derwent Community Team has contributed funding towards the Street Lighting PFI in order to enhance the type of lighting in the Derwent area. Due of the provisions surrounding the time limits for spending the additional funding, the Derwent area has been given an advancement in the contractor's programme. It is expected that the works in Derwent will run from 11 July and be completed by Christmas 2007.

During the first 12 months of the PFI contract, a full survey will be carried out of the lighting stock in the city and this information will bring the database up to date. At the same time, a structural assessment will be carried out to determine the contractor's priorities for years 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the core investment programme period. Lighting columns will be replaced based on the structural integrity of the stock.

In addition, Derby Homes have also made a contribution to the PFI funding. As a result, the contractor also plans to tie in Derby Homes areas all over the city with replacing the oldest lighting columns and those not structurally sound. This will mean that most areas of the city will see some work carried out as part of the replacement of those lighting columns falling into this category. However, the majority of the work on the 5 year core investment programme will take place in years 2, 3, 4 and 5.

There is a new website which can be found at www.lightingderby.com which provides information on the street lighting PFI contract and will also detail a full month's rolling programme of the works to be carried out. There is also a hotline number for street lighting – Derby (01332) 715002. On the lightingderby website there are a series of frequently asked questions including:

What does the work involve?

It will involve the installation of new columns, electricity supply cables and then the removal of the old columns.

Will the new columns be in the same position as the old columns?

Yes in some cases, but many of the new columns will be in different positions. This is because the current standards require a minimum light level and a consistency of illumination, which may not be achievable without changing the position and spacing of the lighting columns

If a new column is installed outside my house, will I be disturbed by light shining through my window?

Modern design and technology ensures that light from the lanterns is only aimed where it is needed, that is the public road and footpath.

Can I express my views on the street lighting installation service?

Yes, a questionnaire will be delivered to your house, which will enable you to make comments. All completed questionnaires will be evaluated with a view to improving the service to the public