# SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM



REPTON



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Tuesday 11th November 2008



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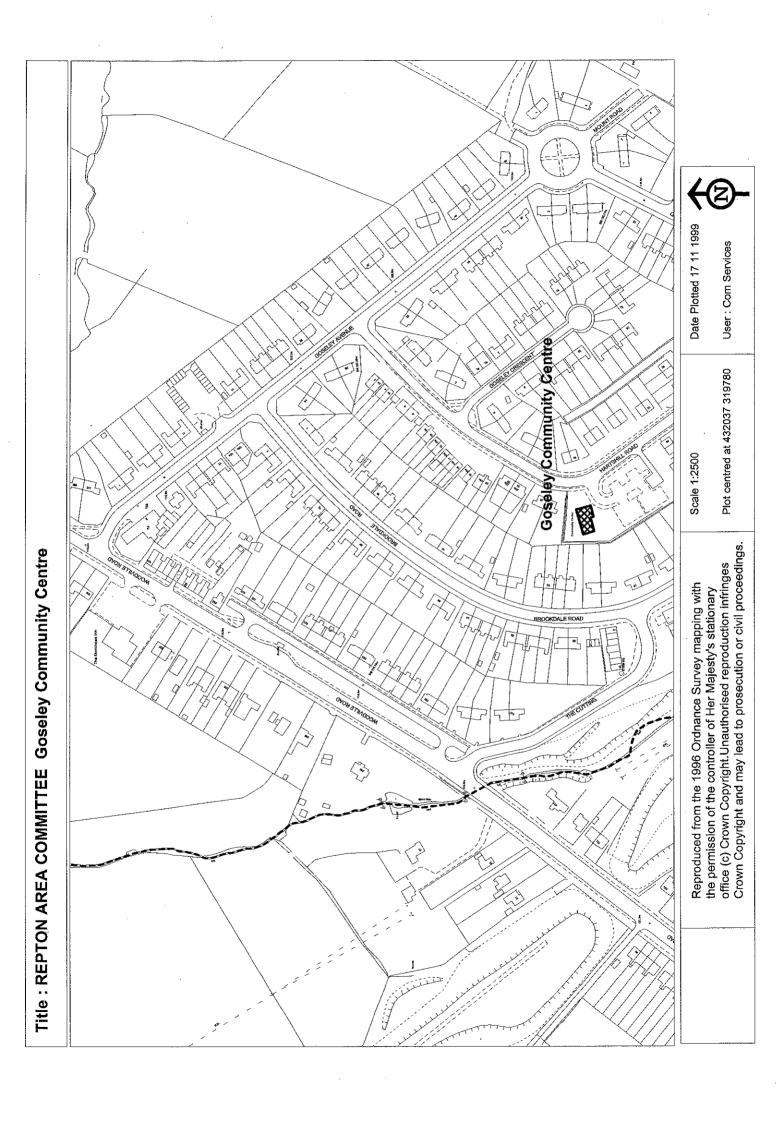
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### FORTHCOMING MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

Meeting	Date of Meeting
Development Control	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2008
COUNCIL	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2008
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday 20th November 2008
Development Control	Tuesday 25th November 2008
Housing & Community Services	Thursday 27th November 2008
Finance & Management	Thursday 4th December 2008
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday 10th December 2008
Development Control	Tuesday 16th December 2008
Audit Sub	Wednesday 17th December 2008 at 4.00 p.m.

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings will be held at the Council's Civic Offices and will start at 6.00 p.m.

#### SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM REPTON

(Covering Bretby, Hartshorne, Milton, Newton Solney, Repton, Willington and Woodville)

Meeting to be held at Goseley Community Centre, Hartshill Road, Hartshorne

on Tuesday 11th November 2008 at 7.00 p.m.

(Light Refreshments will be available at 6.30 p.m.)

#### Members:

District Councillors:

Councillor Bladen (Chairman), Councillor Ford (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors

Mrs. Gillespie, Mrs. Hood, Murray, Stanton, Taylor and Mrs. Wheeler.

County Councillors:

Councillors Ford, Jones and Southerd.

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#### **BUSINESS**

- 1. Apologies for absence.
- 2. Declarations of Interest.
- 3. Police issues.
- 4. Chairman's Announcements.
- 5. To note the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2008 (copy attached).
- 6. Report back on issues raised at the last Meeting.
- 7. Public questions on issues raised by residents.
- 8. County Council issues 'Tell us about your priorities'
- 9. District Council issues.
- 10. Environmental Forum for South Derbyshire.
- 11. Dates of Future Meetings:

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at Repton Village Hall, Askew Grove, Repton Monday 20th April 2009 at Woodville Infants School, High Street, Woodville



#### REPTON AREA MEETING

#### 16th June 2008

#### PRESENT:-

#### **District Council Representatives**

Councillor Bladen (Chairman) and Councillors Mrs. Gillespie, Murray and Mrs. Wheeler.

J. Jones (Director of Corporate Services), P. White (Democratic Services) and B. Jones (Helpdesk).

#### **Derbyshire County Council Representatives**

Councillor Jones and P. Jameson (Forum Liaison Officer).

#### District Council/County Council Representative

Councillor Ford.

#### **Derbyshire Constabulary**

Sergeant S. Clough.

#### Parish Council/Meeting Representatives

D. Buchanan, S. Ellis and A. Topliss (Newton Solney Parish Council), R. Paulson (Repton Parish Council), K. Overton and P. Ricketts (Willington Parish Council).

#### Members of the Public

A. Aitken, C. Bilson, N. Cumming, A. Gifford, A. Gillespie, A. Mayger, J. Orme and C. Warner.

#### RA/1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

It was noted that Councillor Bladen was appointed Chairman of the Repton Area Meeting at the Annual Council Meeting held on 22nd May 2008.

#### RA/2. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from District Councillors Mrs. Hood, Southerd and Taylor; Mr. Adams, Mr. Atkin and R. Statham.

#### RA/3. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

It was agreed that Councillor Ford be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Repton Area Meeting for the ensuing year.

#### RA/4. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Repton Area Meeting held on 29th January 2008 were noted.

It was advised that Brian Lucas, rather than Peter Leigh, of the County Council's Environmental Services Department was currently involved in the appointment of Decriminalised Parking Officers which would now be delayed until autumn of this year.

#### RA/5. **POLICE ISSUES**

It was noted that a Safer Neighbourhood Meeting for the Repton Area had been held during the previous week.

## It was agreed that a letter of thanks be submitted to PC Chris Fearn in respect of the use of the mobile police station.

Sergeant Clough provided an update on traffic problems in relation to the marina development at Willington and advised that it was hoped that many of the problems would cease on completion of the development works due on 27th June 2008.

Further updates were provided with regard to the parking of vehicles outside the British Legion Public House, Repton; measures to control the behaviour of youths at Woodville Recreation Ground; the implementation of the 'Speed Watch' scheme in Safer Neighbourhood Area 2 during July, August and September for which additional volunteers were required; the use of the Mobile Police Station administered by PC Chris Fearn; 'Operation Relentless 3' targeting alcohol-induced offences including anti-social behaviour and violent crime; and the extension of the 'Pub Watch' scheme to a 'Canal Watch' scheme from September 2008.

The lack of a police presence at the Willington Raft Race was queried and Sergeant Clough advised that he had not been aware of the event, although localised events were normally manned through the local neighbourhood police, if necessary.

A resident stated that a diversion sign situated on The Castleway, Willington, advising eastbound drivers to turn left at the mini roundabout into the closed Etwall Road was in conflict with the closure.

Derbyshire County Council was requested to investigate the matter and remove the incorrect sign.

#### RA/6. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman advised that this was the last Meeting at which Barrie Jones would be administering the Helpdesk and thanked Barrie for his commitment and diligence in this role over the last few years.

#### RA/7. REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

Information had been circulated and a brief summary was given on the issues raised at the last Meeting and the follow-up action taken.

Proposals had now been considered for the implementation of any necessary improvements, adjustments or additional/alternative calming measures for High Street and Main Street, Repton. It had been agreed to remove one speed plateau due to noise issues and subsequently install a replacement further south on High Street, Repton (exiting the village in the direction of Swadlincote). There were also plans to improve the existing plateau, although there were noise issue problems. No additional traffic calming measures were planned for Repton.

Local residents raised concerns that the planned measures would be inadequate and have no effect on traffic speeds. It was considered that further speed reduction measures, including additional plateaus, were required on Main Street and High Street. It was also queried whether the County Council intended to install a vehicle activated sign on Main Street/High Street.

## It was agreed to request Derbyshire County Council to re-investigate this matter further and report back to the next Area Meeting.

Following a request for the implementation of traffic calming measures on Burton Road, Repton, Derbyshire County Council had advised that there were now plans to reduce the derestricted zone from 60 mph to 50 mph at the entrance to the village.

Following weight restriction issues on Boot Hill Bridge, Repton raised at the previous meeting, residents advised that they had witnessed Severn Trent Water lorries using Boot Hill/Brook End, Askew Grove and Springfield Road, Repton.

## It was agreed to request Derbyshire County Council to investigate this matter further.

Derbyshire County Council had advised of a number of traffic calming and highway improvement measures to be undertaken in Newton Solney. Local residents stated that there had been a spate of recent accidents and considered that the proposed measures would be insufficient to counter any further incidents. In particular, it was queried whether speed plateaus could also be introduced throughout the village, in line with the proposals at Repton discussed earlier.

## It was agreed to request Derbyshire County Council to investigate this matter and report back to the next Meeting.

Concerns had previously been raised about the one-way system in the Swadlincote bus station car park not being clearly indicated and it was now noted that the car park was owned by the District Council, rather than the County Council as initially thought. Any works required could be incorporated within the District Council's ongoing improvement programme.

It was noted that, although the Area Committee's concerns about reductions in passenger rail services had been conveyed to East Midlands Trains, a response had not been received. A further discussion ensued on this matter and particular concern was raised that the bus and train operating companies did not provide complimentary services.

## RA/8. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE LOCAL DISCUSSION ITEMS

It was reported that a heat map identifying home insulation levels applying to Willington had identified residential properties built in the last ten years as being inefficient. It was also noted that such information was a requirement of Housing Information Packs (HIPs) when a residential property was sold. The District Council advised that any report provided arising from the application of the heat map was for advisory purposes only. The maps produced were updated on a three-yearly basis and there were funds in next year's budget for the next update. It was also queried whether a date could be added to the maps.

#### It was agreed that the District Council would submit a report to the next Meeting to explain the interpretations of the heat maps.

Concerns were raised regarding the new traffic signals at the junction of Findern Lane/Etwall Road, Willington. The recent temporary signals had caused queuing and vehicles to stop on the level crossing in one direction, with further queuing across the two mini-roundabouts in the other direction. There was concern that the situation could recur when the permanent traffic signals were installed.

#### Derbyshire County Council was requested to investigate the situation when the traffic signals were fully operational and provide a report to the next Area Meeting.

A resident raised the issue of a rumoured proposal to remove all parking restrictions in Repton.

A resident also claimed that Derbyshire County Council had previously promised an improved chevron sign at the western end of Newton Solney village, on the bend proceeding towards Burton.

## It was agreed that Derbyshire County Council would investigate the above issues further.

An issue was raised regarding the condition of the former Willington Power Station site at Twyford Road, Willington and reference was made to the District Council's powers under the provisions of Section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, which enabled steps to be undertaken requiring land to be tidied when its condition adversely affected the amenity of the area.

## It was agreed that the District Council would investigate this matter further.

The Chairman advised that the inaugural meeting of the Joint Highways Forum would be held at 10.00 a.m. on 26th June 2008 in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Swadlincote. All Parish Councils/Meetings had been advised of the Forum and each invited to send two representatives.

#### RA/9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Details of the date and venue of the next Repton Area Meeting would be confirmed in due course.

J. BLADEN

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 8.05 p.m.

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(Covering Bretby, Hartshorne, Milton, Newton Solney, Repton, Willington and Woodville)

11th November 2008

#### REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

At the last Repton Area Meeting held on 16th June 2008, at Newton Solney Village Hall, Main Street, Newton Solney the following issues were raised. The issues are listed below, together with progress made to date:-

#### **Derbyshire County Council Issues**

- 1. At the last meeting, it was stated that a diversion sign situated on The Castleway, Willington, advising eastbound drivers to turn left at the mini roundabout into the closed Etwall Road was in conflict with the closure. Derbyshire County Council has agreed to remove the incorrect sign.
- 2. Following concern that Derbyshire County Council's planned traffic calming measures for Repton reported at the last Meeting would be inadequate and have no effect on traffic speeds, the County Council has now confirmed further proposals to help alleviate the situation. These include the provision of a new plateau outside Zytek Engineering and consideration is also being given to a possible replacement plateau, away from any dwelling, near to where the previously removed feature was situated. There is, however, no guarantee that a suitable position will be found. The proposals are to be submitted to the Parish Council.
- 3. The County Council has confirmed that there are no proposals to install a vehicle activated sign on Main Street/High Street, Repton. The only sign that the County Council would consider installing has been rejected by the Parish Council.
- 4. Following a request for the implementation of traffic calming measures on Burton Road, Repton, the County Council has no further proposals at present, other than the reduction of the derestricted zone from 60 mph to 50 mph at the entrance to the village, as reported at the last Meeting.
- 5. Arising from the reported sighting of Severn Trent Water lorries using Boot Hill/Brook End, Askew Grove and Springfield Road, Repton, the County Council has confirmed that weight restriction regulations carry an exemption for access. Severn Trent Water vehicles are therefore entitled to use the route to access premises, if required.
- 6. Following a request for further traffic calming measures in Newton Solney at the last Meeting, the possible provision of appropriate measures is still being determined by the County Council. The proposed speed limit changes were advertised from 18<sup>th</sup> July 2008. Objections have already been lodged which will delay any subsequent changes being introduced.

- 7. At the Meeting, concern was raised regarding safety of the new traffic signals for the junction of Findern Lane/Etwall Road, Willington. The County Council has now confirmed that the permanent signals will operate more effectively than the temporary signals. The signals have been fitted with a 'hurry call' feature for Etwall Road (from the direction of the level crossing). Essentially, this means that if queues start to extend as far as the cemetery, Etwall Road will be given a green light to alleviate the queuing.
- 8. Following the issue raised of a rumoured proposal to remove all parking restrictions in Repton, the County Council has confirmed that this was a proposed option that has been put to the Parish Council. The Parish Council has not yet confirmed whether it wishes to pursue this proposal.
- 9. Derbyshire County Council has confirmed that improved chevron signs have now been provided at the western end of Newton Solney village, on the bend proceeding towards Burton.

#### South Derbyshire District Council Issues

- 1. Following a request to explain the interpretations of heat maps, it has been confirmed that occasionally, the heat loss map shows an anomalous result. For example, the maps show that a property has a red colour code (meaning high heat loss), even though it may be newly built or fully insulated. This is because the infra red camera used for the survey detects light to some extent, as well as heat. Although the survey was carried out at night to reduce this effect, some roof materials, due to their age, pitch/angle or material type, may be more reflective than others and may therefore give a slightly misleading result. In addition, there may have been variations in precipitation, frost, cloud cover and light from the moon over the duration of the survey and it can therefore be seen that the survey is not an exact science. However, the majority of readings appear to be valid and numerous comments and feedback have been received from residents who have found the map very useful. The important point to grasp is that everyone should try to improve the insulation to their homes as far as possible and the heat map can act as a useful guide to show where improvement could be made.
- 2. Following the reported unsatisfactory condition of the former Willington Power Station site at Twyford Road, Willington, the District Council's Enforcement Officer has investigated the matter and taken the necessary action to ensure that the site is cleared.

## Tell us about your priorities:

# Understanding people and places in Derbyshire – an exercise to help you influence decision making

Over the next two pages you will find 19 priorities which partner organisations have agreed to focus on to improve Derbyshire in the future. We know these issues are important to local people as residents' views were used in deciding these priorities. However you now have the opportunity to add more information, i.e. not only **what** issues are most important to you but **why**.

- 1. Think about (or discuss in your group) the following priorities and how much they affect your life and your local community
- 2. Decide your top 5 priorities and say why they are important
- 3. Identify any things that are not a priority and say why
- 4. Complete the questionnaire on the attached sheet to ensure your views are heard
- 5. We will then discuss what makes these priority or non-priority areas.

#### Strengthening a sense of community

#### This priority covers the following topics:

Community activities, community facilities, people from different backgrounds getting on well together, influencing decisions by service providers, supporting the voluntary and community sector, reaching all sectors of the community, supporting the local democratic process, volunteering

Tackling climate change

#### **Topics**

Saving energy, energy advice, grants available to the public, using your car more effectively using renewable energy, adapting to climate change

#### Highways, roads and transport

#### Topics

Road condition, pavement condition, verges, parking on pavements, traffic congestion, pollution, street lighting

#### Access to services

#### **Topics**

Public transport, walking and cycling, car parking, electronic access e.g. websites, libraries

Parks and open spaces

#### **Topics**

Play areas, parks, flower displays, 'in Bloom' awards, access to nature

Support people to live independently

#### **Topics**

Social care support, helping vulnerable people live independently, grants for people with disabilities to make adaptations in their home, support for carers and vulnerable people, services for disabled people, end of life care

#### Affordable decent housing

#### **Topics**

Delivering affordable homes, providing grants for home improvements to make them a decent standard

#### Improve fire safety

#### **Topics**

Deaths and injuries caused by fires, fire prevention

## Reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and fear of crime

#### **Topics**

Vehicle crime, burglary, violent crime including domestic violence, preventing re-offending, young offenders, anti-social behaviour, drug misuse and adult drug treatment, CCTV, bullying

Reduce road traffic collisions

#### **Topics**

Road traffic deaths or serious injury, traffic calming

Improve qualifications, skills and job prospects

#### **Topics**

Increase income levels, increase post-16 skills and qualifications, skilled jobs, retaining graduates, increase number of young people in education, training and employment, adults with learning disabilities in employment, people out of work in deprived areas

Vibrant town and village centres

Develop the local economy, regeneration projects, more businesses, public toilets, car parking, paving, street furniture e.g. 

Improve health and well-being

#### Topics

Reduce obesity, increase breastfeeding, reduce under 18 pregnancy, reduce alcohol related hospital admissions, increase life expectancy, health promotion

#### Reduce, re-use, recycle

#### **Topics**

Reduce waste sent to landfill, increase and promote recycling e.g. plastics, maintain/improve the condition of recycling facilities

Clean streets

Litter, graffiti, fly posting, enforcement

#### Activities for adults

#### **Topics**

Increase the number of adults participating in sport, leisure and cultural activities

Activities for children and young people

#### **Topics**

Sports and leisure, arts, young people being involved in their local community, youth centres, youth service provision Tourism

#### Topics

Promotion of tourism, enhance positive impact on the local economy, increase day and staying visitors, tourist information centres

#### Educational attainment

#### **Topics**

Increase attainment at all key stages in Maths and English, reduce absenteeism, increase attainment levels of children in care

Please complete this questionnaire and hand it back at the end of the meeting.

**Top Priorities** Why is this important? 5

Non- priorities		
1	Why is this not important?	
2	Why is this not important?	
3	Why is this not important?	
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5	Why is this not important?	
Please provide the following details so we know which area of South Derbyshire you are from and (if applicable) which group you represent		
Name of organisation/ group		
Town or village		
Postcode		
If you wish to receive feedback on how this information has been used please provide contact details		
Name and email address		
Postal address (if applicable)		
Thank you for taking the time to contribute		

#### **Local Strategic Partnership**

#### Vibrant Communities Working Group

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Nov 2008

### RE: New Environmental Forum for South Derbyshire!

A new Environmental Forum for South Derbyshire is being set up by local environmental groups, parish councils and individuals who want to share ideas about environmental projects. They are being supported by the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) and South Derbyshire District Council (SDDC)

The Forum will involve:

- A networking group to which groups and individuals will be invited. The group will meet twice a year at different venues. Meetings will usually include formal and informal information sharing and consultation, plus a walk or talk by a local group about their area. This networking group is being set up in partnership with 'Findern Footpaths' group, and through consultation with other people who have asked for a group or support network to help them with environmental projects.
- Occasional written or email consultation about plans which local organisations including SDDC might have regarding environmental projects or improvement schemes.

The first Forum meeting took place on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2008. We expect the next meeting to be in April or May 2009. If you would like to make suggestions for topics to be covered at future meetings, would like to come to meetings &/or would like to go on the consultation/mailing list, please fill in the attached reply slip

Best wishes

KMules

Kate Allies

Environmental Development Manager, South Derbyshire District Council

On behalf of South Derbyshire Local Strategic Partnership



## South Derbyshire Environmental Forum

## Circulation List Confirmation:

Name

Address & postcode

Email address

Organisation(s) and your position

Please fill in as appropriate:

- (1) My ideas for the Forum: (please use back of form if necessary)
- (2) I would like to be invited to future Forum events Y/N
- (3) I would like to be involved by email & post Y / N

  I agree to my contact details being shared within the Forum group for consultation/ information purposes: (please sign)
- (4) Any other comments:

Please return this form to:

**Environmental Forum** 

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