

# meeting notes

<b>Title:</b>	Ilkeston and North Community Forum
<b>Date:</b>	7pm Tuesday 7 July 2015
<b>Venue:</b>	Gladstone Lodge, Market Street, Ilkeston
<b>Apologies:</b>	Lewis Hall, Patrick Pritchett, Lorraine Poyser, Paul Jameson, Scott Cartledge

No.	Subject	Action / Lead Officer
1	<b>Welcome from the Chair</b> (Lesley Flint) Lesley Flint (LF) welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2	<b>Matters arising from the previous meeting</b>	
2.1	LF confirmed that all questions raised at the previous meeting on 21 February 2015 were answered within the meeting notes.	
3	<b>Ilkeston Travel Plan Presentation</b>	
3.1	<p>Fiona Coulson (FC), Erewash Borough Council Travel Plan Officer, introduced the Ilkeston Travel Plan, advising that it is a developing document and not solely focused on the proposed Ilkeston railway station.</p> <p>The Travel Plan will seek to reduce and alleviate existing traffic problems but will also take account of current and future development of brown field sites. FC added that these developments have the potential to add further travel or traffic problems and therefore need to be addressed as this may prove to be a deterrent to new businesses coming to the area.</p> <p>The views of Ilkeston residents are needed to help identify solutions which will help them the most. FC said a number of public events are to be planned and mentioned that the Travel Plan had been discussed with Erewash Youth Forum. The students provided feedback and ideas on their existing routes and how to improve their journey.</p> <p>The Travel Plan is ongoing seeks to reduce and alleviate existing traffic problems but will also take account of current and future development of brownfield sites. FC added that these developments have the potential to increase traffic problems but also present opportunities to provide and promote increased sustainable transport choices, commonly known as 'smarter choices', to the public, businesses and residents. This joint approach is regarded as key in enabling all those travelling into and</p>	

	<p>around Ilkeston to potentially enjoy easier journeys, increased employment opportunities and stronger local economy by keeping existing and attracting new businesses, plus health and environmental benefits.</p> <p>The development of the Travel Plan also supports and complements the re-generation of areas around and between the proposed Ilkeston railway station leading up into Ilkeston centre, as detailed in the Council's Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).</p> <p>The benefits of the Travel Plan will include improved transport provision, health and wellbeing of Ilkeston residents and visitors and increased business and employment opportunities. These will lead to a stronger local economy and may help attract more home buyers, visitors and businesses to Ilkeston.</p> <p>FC circulated a self-completion questionnaire asking for information on respondents methods of transport for travelling in and around Ilkeston and what factors would encourage alternative travel options to be considered. The survey findings are available on the Erewash Borough Council website.</p>	
4	<b>Questions for Officers</b>	
4.1	<p><i>Resident</i> Regarding the re-generation of Ilkeston, will the infrastructure be improved?</p> <p><i>Fiona Coulson advised:</i> <i>The Travel Plan will not assume new or extra roads will be built but to maximise opportunities to make better use of existing roads, liaise with bus firms on bus networks and enhance existing and develop new cycle and walking routes.</i></p>	
4.2	<p><i>Resident</i> Are there plans to extend the Tram network to Ilkeston?</p> <p><i>Fiona Coulson replied</i> <i>There are currently no plans to extend tram routes to Ilkeston.</i></p>	
4.3	<p><i>Councillor Glennice Birkin</i> With regard to Bath Street and the serious decline in the number of shops, what is happening about the centre of Ilkeston?</p> <p><i>Councillor Carol Hart (CCH) replied:</i> Ilkeston has changed and shoppers now shop differently. CCH added that the market is thriving and a recent Derbyshire Life article reported Ilkeston positively and it is therefore important to "talk up" and not "talk down" Ilkeston.</p>	
4.4	<p><i>Resident</i> Regarding the new Ilkeston railway station, as the roads and route details already exist and therefore are available, why can't work/improvements on these not start now, why wait till the work on the station site begins?</p> <p><i>Colin Handley, Community Engagement Officer, Erewash Borough Council:</i> In the absence of the Derbyshire County Council representative, Colin Handley (CH), Erewash Borough Council Community Engagement Officer,</p>	<p><b>Colin Handley to contact DCC</b></p>

	<p>to contact DCC and provide an update.</p> <p><i>Colin Handley (CH), Community Engagement Officer, Erewash Borough Council:</i></p> <p>Paul Jameson, Local Area Forum Liaison Officer advised on 29 July 2015 that he is waiting for feedback from a DCC meeting that had taken place on 28 July 2015 and will update CH as soon as possible. CH to add the update to the meeting notes.</p>	
4.5	<p><i>Councillor James Dawson (CJD)</i></p> <p>There is a proposal for an open cast mine at Cossall and Trowell, what routes will the lorries be using and what impact will the mine traffic have?</p> <p><i>Following the meeting Councillor Dawson contacted Nottinghamshire County Councillor (NCC) Ken Rigby who provided the following response:</i></p> <p>Planning has been granted with the route to Radcliffe power station via the A609 to the Balloon Woods junction, along Bilborough Road to access the M1 at junction 26 and vice versa.</p> <p>Discussions are on-going with the Highways Agency regarding allowing lorries to access the M1 via the service station with support from UK Coal. NCC have employed a consultancy to provide evidence to the Highways Agency that additional lorries will not cause any problems.</p>	
4.6	<p><i>Resident</i></p> <p>Could the three lights in the fountain in Ilkeston market be lit?</p> <p><i>Philip Wright, Operational Service Director, Erewash Borough Council, replied:</i></p> <p>He would ensure the fault was reported and an update will be provided. Colin Handley (CH), Community Engagement Officer to contact Erewash Borough Council Property and Estates Department.</p> <p><i>Colin Handley (CH)</i></p> <p>Erewash Borough Council advise that the fault is being investigated and more details will be provided by CH.</p> <p><i>Colin Handley (CH)</i></p> <p>The Council have now rectified the fault, 'blown bulbs', and the fountain is now illuminated.</p>	
4.7	<p><i>Resident</i></p> <p>Following the recent replacement of the kerb stones at the bus stops outside Ilkeston Town Hall, can those that were taken up be re-used on East Street where there are gaps and also outside the cinema? This would replace some quality that the town has greatly lost.</p> <p><i>In reply to an email from CH, Paul Jameson, Local Area Forum Liaison Officer, Derbyshire County Council:</i></p> <p>Contractors are generally instructed to remove old kerbstones to the tip where they will be recycled but is not something DCC carry out internally. Occasionally road signs are reused at new locations where appropriate and where signs are still fit for purpose.</p>	
4.8	<p><i>Resident</i></p> <p>As parking is now a civil matter, have the Police now taken a step back from irresponsible parking?</p> <p><i>Response from Sergeant Troup, Derbyshire Police:</i></p>	

	While it is now a civil matter, the police will deal with dangerous obstructions. Also, with regard to vehicles parked “half and half” on pavements, the police will only address a situation if the vehicle/blockage totally restricts pedestrian access on the pavement. In circumstances where this is the first time this problem has occurred at a particular location the police will offer advice.	
4.9	Sergeant Troup advised the meeting that vehicle crime is currently a concern and in particular incidents where vehicles were not locked. He added there were very low numbers of incidents where vehicles were broken into and asked for the forum and attendees to circulate the message to ensure unattended vehicles are locked at all times.	
5	The Chair closed the meeting at 810pm.	
6	<b>Date and time of next meeting</b> Tuesday 29 September 2015, 7:00pm, Gladstone Lodge, Market Street, Ilkeston.	