

ACTION LOG

Castle Ward Community Meeting:

Tuesday 7th May 2024

6.30pm – 8.30pm

Knighton Library, 165 Clarendon Park Road, Leicester, LE2 3AJ



Present

Cllr Patrick Kitterick
Cllr Liz Sahu
Leicestershire Police – Insp Nadia Rana, PC Joe Culverwell
Highways – Pravin Godhania, Steve Richards
Punum Patel – Ward Community Engagement Officer (WCEO)

Apologies

Leicestershire Police - Sgt Mike Green

Item	Action to note	Who
1.	Introductions & Apologies, Declarations	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Chair, Cllr Kitterick opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.No declarations were noted.	
2.	Councillors Feedback	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The meeting noted an update from Councillors.No actions to note.	
3.	Highways update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The meeting noted an update from Highways - Appendix 1Experimental Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) for Queens Road/Montague Road to be in place by July. Main concern raised related to potential access issues on Howard Road as a result of the experimental closure. To be reviewed at 1, 3 and 6 months to identify and address any issues or concerns. Cllr Kitterick and Cllr Sahu confirmed their support for the proposal.Request for outcomes of Queens Road consultation including traffic count data.Request for additional traffic warden patrols on University Road and at zigzag lines in the ward to deal with inconsiderate parking.Request for a 'Cyclists Dismount' sign at entrances to New Walk to deter cyclists from riding on there.Request for cycle paths be repainted at conflict points in Victoria Park.Request for photos and programme of events for Victoria Park Bandstand.Inconsiderate and obstructive parking, parking on double yellow lines – residents to take photos and email to parking-enforcement@leicester.gov.uk	<p>Highways, Cllrs, Residents</p> <p>Highways Parking Team</p> <p>Highways</p> <p>Highways/ Parks Residents</p>

4.	Local Policing update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The meeting noted an update from Local Police - Appendix 2 ▪ Request to monitor delivery drivers on electric bikes and e-scooters on Queens Road due to dangerous cycling. ▪ Residents to report crime to the Police via 101 or online at www.leics.police.uk/reportcrime 	<p>Police</p> <p>Residents</p>

5.	City Warden Update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The meeting noted an update from the City Warden - Appendix 3 ▪ No actions to note. 	

6.	Ward Community Budget	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The meeting noted a Ward Funding update: Opening balance: £10,876 Number of applications supported: 13 Balance remaining: £249.00 Starting balance for 24/25 = £18,249.00 	

Meeting Closed at 8.30pm

Appendix 1 – Highways Update

Montague Road – Experimental TRO

A proposal to prohibit motorised vehicles on Montague Road between its junctions with Queens Road and Edward Road on an experimental basis discussed at the meeting. Officers were in attendance to answer any questions.

Highways Maintenance Works

We continue to inspect the footways and carriageways around the ward and in the last 12 months have found actionable defects as follows:

- Carriageway – 543 orders
- Footway – 566 orders

In the previous financial year (2023/24) we completed a number of maintenance schemes within the ward:

- University Road (London Rd to Lancaster Rd)
- Dover Street & Albion Street
- Regent Road (Welford Rd to Waterloo Way)
- Greenhill Road

In the coming financial year we will be undertaking resurfacing work to the following streets:

- University Road (Lancaster Rd to Welford Rd)
- Wigston Street (Junction with Halford St)
- Wellington Street
- Avenue Road Extension (Welford Rd to Queens Rd)
- Longfellow Road
- Kingsley Street, Morris Road & Knighton Fields Road East

We have also recently installed 3 bollards on Queen Street, opposite Athena, to try to stop parking at night on the entrance to an EMAS paramedic parking area.

Flooding & Drainage

The risk-based gully cleaning trial in the Clarendon Park area was a success and will be used to shape our approach to heavily parked areas of the city going forward.

12 streets in the area were selected as part of the trial and Temporary Traffic Regulation Notices put in place to allow us to remove cars from the street, to allow us to clean gullies.

Many of the gullies were found to have high levels of silt, but after cleaning most gullies functioned correctly. Those that did not were identified for future repair work.

Residents will see this approach adopted in high-risk areas, that also have a high number of parked cars.

School Streets

We are working on a Park and Stride location at the University car park (Brookfield site, off Holmefield Rd) for Leicester Islamic Academy. If this works, then we may look to extend to St John the Baptist School. We are also looking at signage and potentially bollards to discourage pavement parking around the Dukes Drive entrance to the school.

Traffic Regulation Orders

York Road

We have carried out the 1st Stage formal TRO consultation for York Road, which will introduce a second shared use loading /disabled bay (1 already is there) and will amend the section of between the exit of the car park to Welford Road.

Station Street area

We are currently looking at improvements affecting taxis around the rail station area.

City Centre amendments

We are looking at minor changes to certain existing restrictions to bring them in line with surrounding restrictions. Cank St (Pedestrian Zone 'PZ' in line with main PZ for the city), Belgrave St (loading bay to be in line with City PZ)

Other Schemes

Welford Road front walls improvement scheme is in progress. Letters have been sent to owners to seek their permission to work on their properties. There are a maximum of 42 properties in the scheme if everyone signs up.

Old Town Street nameplates scheme is in progress. The sign schedule has been issued to Street Lighting to review proposals ahead of sending on to our contractors for manufacture and refurbishment. We currently plan for installation Autumn 2024.

Appendix 2 – Local Policing Update

Queens Road / Clarendon Park Road

Anti-social behaviour in this area has been raised as a beat priority for the April to June period (priorities are reviewed quarterly).

This will include aggressive begging, alcohol / drug related matters and rowdy / disorderly behaviour.

In response, we have done:

Partner agencies have been liaised with in relation to two of the homeless people that sit on Clarendon Park Road and Queens Road, as they have accommodation and joint work is taking place to tackle issues raised in relation to them.

We have investigated an allegation of assault against a homeless male by another homeless male and all relevant support has been offered.

Clarendon Park Gardens have been identified as an area which is being frequented by young people and others for drug taking and ASB. We are liaising with the council in relation to securing the gardens and toilets at night.

An increase in targeted patrols has resulted in one male being found in possession of a knife and small amount of cannabis.

We are continuing to engage with residents and businesses in the area and will continue to maintain a presence through engagement events and increased patrols (which include uniform and plain clothes police activity).

We continue to emphasise the importance of prompt reporting of crime and ASB through the use of 101 or online reporting.

Three-year crime data available on police.uk shows a general downward trend across all combined crime types.

The beat team for Clarendon Park are:

Sgt Mike Green, PC Des Bauser, PCSO Hector Hand & PCSO Ammo Sanghera

Appendix 3 – City Warden Update

Clarendon Park / Queens Road

Areas around Clarendon Park are being monitored on a weekly patrol.

Queens Road - there has been no issues.

The bins on streets will be starting again but this will be in September / October when the new students arrive. The previous project is ongoing.

There have been no serious Fly Tips in the area.

City Centre

City Warden along with cleansing Services have been conducting patch walks from 5am in the city centre to tackle issues that would be normally missed (we were also joined by the Councillors of the Castle Ward)

9 x Fixed Penalty Notices Issued for Fly Posting which are now pending for prosecution in court.

Multiple areas of private land in the city centre have been issued with notices to clear waste on their land and maintain the area with positive results.

Ongoing discussion with and steps taken in NCP Car Parks in the city centre in relation to public safety matters.

Regular Duty of Care checks on businesses ensuring that commercial waste is being disposed of legally.

City Wardens took part in the nationwide 'Keep Britain Tidy' campaign and carried out a littler pick around St Georges roundabout earlier in May.

Should you have any issues then feel free to email City.Warden@leicester.gov.uk and also to use the Love Clean Streets app.