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## **Freemen Ward Action Plan 2009-10**

### **Priorities for Freemen Ward**

This follows the work done on our ward community plan for 2008-9. It describes the priorities that the ward community meeting decided it wanted to achieve by 31 March 2009. These priorities were agreed at the ward community meeting on 3 July 2008.

This may not seem like many priorities. But by choosing a small number we will make sure we concentrated our work on what we know are important and achievable. We can now choose further priorities for action within the Ward.

In some cases, the priority will not be able to be completely solved in one year. If so, the Ward Action Plan should say what it aims to do **towards** solving the problem by the end of the year, in a way that measures that progress.

As well as information from ward meetings, data drawn from polling surveys within the area, on behalf of the Council and talking to residents in-depth about the issues that concern them, may be used to provide information for further development of the Ward Action Plan

Throughout the year council officers will monitor whether agreed actions are taking place. The report set out below summarises actions taken so far following the development of the 2008-2009 Ward Action Plan

**Priority code** Freeman 2010 / 1

**What is the problem?**

Traffic density and behaviour, including traffic enforcement, along Aylestone Road and surrounding streets.

**How do we know it's a problem?**

Raised at successive meetings of the Ward committee by those who attended the meetings.

**What action will be taken by March 2010?**

police liaison  
Parking enforcement officers  
street scene wardens

### **How will we measure success?**

Closer co-operation between community who are concerned about the problem and Council agencies

Reduced incidence and complaints about traffic problems

### **Progress on June 2009**

Traffic and transport issues have become the highest priority for wards across the city. Senior officers from the Transport and Regeneration Team will attend meetings, report progress on particular issues and take back concerns which do arise.

The first presentation is due at this meeting in June 2009.

**Priority code** Freeman 2009/2

**What is the problem?**

Antisocial behaviour, particularly associated with the Velodrome site, and including graffiti problems.

To work towards reducing drug use and the supply of drugs (namely heroin and crack cocaine) in the area of Neston Gardens and Neston Road – police priority for the ward.

Nuisance parking complaints

Dog fouling

Joint working with the police on graffiti removal.

Removing fly posters

**How do we know it's a problem?**

Reported as major issue at Ward Community meetings which asked the community to identify the biggest issues or problems facing the area.

Police consultation with community has identified drug issues in part of the ward

**What action will be taken by March 2009?**

Demolition of unsafe structures and securing of the Velodrome site.  
Completed by December 2008

Police action plan updated to include working with partners and residents to reduce the impact of graffiti in the alleyway between Marriott Road and North End Close.

Police to work with partners and local businesses to reduce under-age drinking and associated antisocial behaviour in the area of Southfields Drive and Stonesby Avenue

### **How will we measure success?**

Demolition and securing of site (completed)

Reduced level of reporting of issues to the local police and police community support officers

Reduced reporting of the issue to community meetings and councillors

### **Progress on 4 June 2009**

MORI data confirms that graffiti continues to generate a high level of concern on the Saffron estate. In other respects there has been a reduction in crime concerns and awareness in this area.

**Priority code** Freeman 2009/3

**What is the problem?**

Lack of youth provision and the need to connect with youngsters and to find out what they want or need.

**How do we know it's a problem?**

Reported as issue at Ward Community meetings

**What action will be taken by June 2009?**

Support for community events and for youth-based community groups. A number of applications relating to youth-based projects have been received by councillors and supported.

Strong support for the community-based summer fete

### **How will we measure success?**

Support for community events through funding of the Ward committee.

Support for youth projects through grant aid

### **Progress on June**