

ACTION LOG

Saffron Ward Community Meeting:

Tuesday 14th May 2024

5.30pm

Aylestone Leisure Centre, 2 Knighton Lane East, Leicester, LE2 6LU



Present

Cllr Ted Cassidy

Cllr Elly Cutkelvin (Chair)

Punum Patel – Ward Community Engagement Officer (WCEO)

Apologies

Leicestershire Police

Item	Action to note	Who
1.	Introductions & Apologies, Declarations	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Chair, Cllr Cutkelvin 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 including surgery information, attendance at residents meetings and litter picking events, introduction of community craft corner, developments at TikTok park and LRI.	
3.	Local Policing update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The meeting noted an update from Local Police – Appendix 1Invite representative from Riverside Beat Team to next meetingIssues with cars parked on pavement outside Kingz Auto Centre on Dartford Road/Boundary Road	WCEO Police
4.	City Warden update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The meeting noted an update from the City Warden – Appendix 2Invite City Warden to next meetingStatistics for number of PCN's issued in the ward over last 12 months to be provided at next meetingTo advise residents of new and most up to date social media pages to follow for up to date informationPatch walk to be arranged for St Andrews area of the ward	WCEO CW CW CW
5.	Highways update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The meeting noted an update from Highways – Appendix 3Information requested on current traffic calming measures on the FairwayInformation requested on if the Saffron Lane cycleway is to be extended past the Athletics StadiumList of streets affected in Aylestone Park by proposed 20mph zone and information on when it will be introduced to be presented at next meeting	HW HW HW

6.	Housing update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The meeting noted an update from Housing – Appendix 4 ▪ No actions noted 	

7.	Ward Community Budget	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The meeting noted a Ward Funding update Opening balance: £18,000 Number of applications supported: 17 Balance remaining: £0 24/25 Starting Balance £18,000 	

The meeting closed at 7.10pm.

Appendix 1 - Leicestershire Police

Priorities and actions taken:

Drugs – we have a number of drug warrants in the local area in the past few months, but we are aware it is still a prevalent issue. Officers will continue to make this a priority, building intelligence to disrupt dealing and deal with offenders. We have had several reports from you telling us about suspected drug dealing taking place on the estate. Officers have visited the areas and are now working to develop the intelligence further and disrupt the activity.

ASB - With the nights getting lighter, you have told us you are concerned ASB on Maris Lane and TikTok park will increase. Officers will be in these areas carrying out proactive patrols to reduce ASB related issues. They will be working with partner agencies and local schools to educate and engage with young people. Foot patrols have been completed at the mud dumps after a report of graffiti. Officers have also been patrolling Neston Gardens on the area around Maris Lane following reports of kids being involved in ASB.

Off road bikes - You have told us that e-scooters and off road bikes are being ridden across TikTok park and dangerously around the estate. With the nights getting lighter, we will be carrying out patrols to try and tackle this issue. Officers attended a report of four off road bikes weaving in and out of traffic on Knighton Lane East. Unfortunately, they had gone on arrival. A quad bike with a flat tyre was seen on TikTok park. Due to it not being seen ridden, it was not seized but checks have been done and the owner spoken to.

The priorities are determined from surveys via Neighbourhood Link and other data we generate. The priorities are reviewed every 3 months and action taken is updated monthly. The following link will allow people to find out more about their local beat team and their current local priorities: <https://www.leics.police.uk/area> - simply enter your postcode and you will be taken to the local team page that covers the area where you live.

To hear more from Leicestershire Police and the local policing team, people may be interested in Neighbourhood Link – this is an email messaging service used by Leicestershire Police. More information can be found at: www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk

We can also be found on Twitter (X) and Facebook by searching for 'South Leicester Police'.

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**These are the main issues that
the
City Wardens can help with:**

- ▣ **Educating the public and raising awareness of environmental crimes**

ENFORCEMENT ISSUES:

- ▣ **Littering**
- ▣ **Rubbish on private land**
- ▣ **Small scale fly tipping**
- ▣ **Failure to produce Waste Transfer Documents**
- ▣ **Pan Spitting**
- ▣ **Dog fouling & Dog Control Orders**
- ▣ **Skips & Scaffolding**
- ▣ **Bins on the street (Domestic & Commercial)**
- ▣ **Vehicles for sale on the road**
- ▣ **Repairing vehicles on the road**
- ▣ **Bird Feeding**
- ▣ **Fly posting**
- ▣ **Graffiti**

SAFFRON WARD



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CITY WARDENS WORKING WITH YOU TO IMPROVE THE CITY'S ENVIRONMENT

CITY WARDEN UPDATE

I AM THE NEW CITY WARDEN FOR THE AREA DAWN EAGLAND AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU ALL TO HELP IMPROVE THE AREA YOU LIVE IN.

FLY-TIPPING

Fly-tipping is a city wide problem. Several investigations have been conducted throughout the ward and there are a couple more ongoing. I regularly patrol hotspot areas to ensure that they are kept clear and working with other departments to achieve results. We are working hard to educate residents/businesses in how they should dispose of their waste legally.

Information of the Recycling Centres and bulky Waste collections can be found at www.Leicester.gov.uk/your-environment/recycling-and-waste.

COMMUNITY PROTECTION NOTICE WARNING LETTERS CITY WARDEN HAS ISSUED **35** TO PROPERTIES ACROSS THE SAFFRON WARD FOR FLY TIPPING.



If you have any issues that you would like to report then please speak to the City Wardens or contact the service via www.Leicester.gov.uk/lovecleanstreets

Bins on Streets – Residential & Commercial

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Working with residents and landlords to remove bins from the pavements along with businesses to remove commercial bins once they have been emptied. Abandoned bins are removed as quick as possible from our streets.

Within the Saffron Ward **250 Fixed Penalty Notices** have been issued to properties leaving bins on the pavements.

Please help to keep our streets clean, and ensure your bin is removed from the public highway after collection and not left on the street.



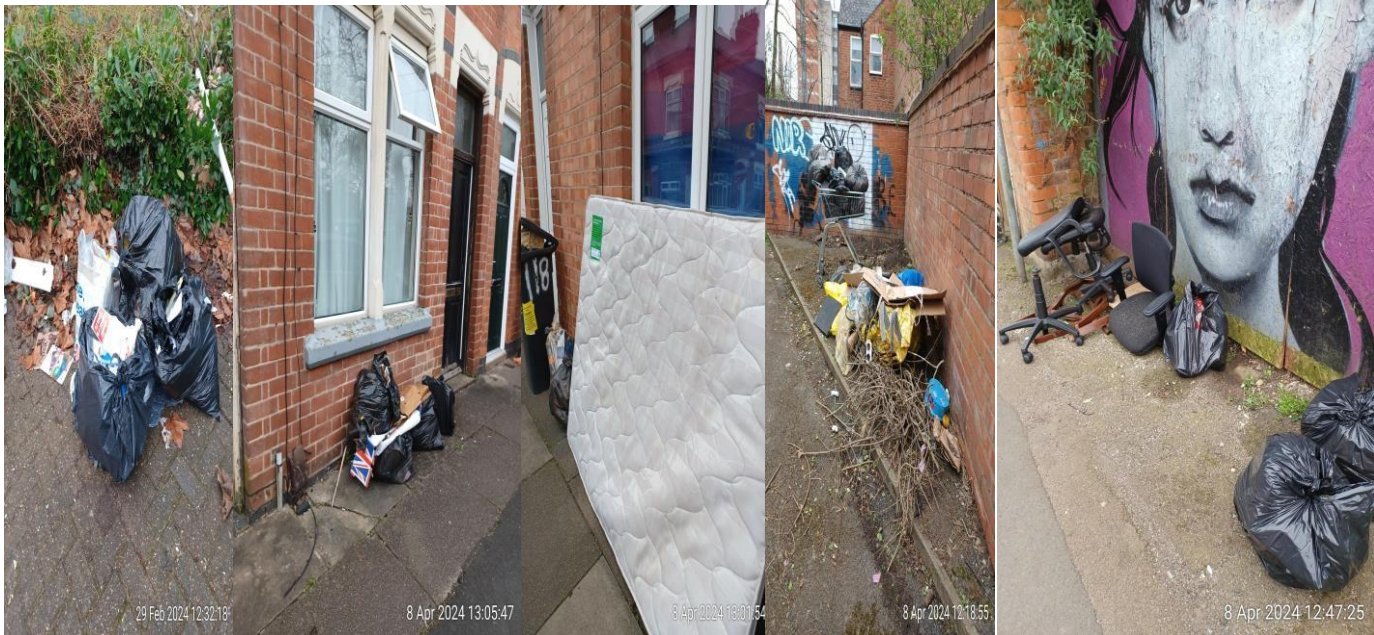
Private = Untidy Land

Community Protection Notice issued on Lansdowne Rd and land now being cleared of waste by landowner.



Fly tips and Untidy Land

Investigations completed where evidence is gained enforcement action is taken. Letters are sent to residents and property owners



Fly Posters

Over the last few months 18 Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued within the Saffron Ward for Businesses attaching posters and A Boards to street furniture without permission. With some pending court cases.

Obstructions

Building Materials left on the Public Highway Enforcement Notices sent to properties and materials removed.

Commercial Business premises within Saffron Ward

Inspections will commence shortly to ensure business waste is disposed of correctly under Section 34 of The environmental Protection Act 1990.



Appendix 3 - Highways Update

Highways Maintenance Works

We continue to inspect the footways and carriageways around the ward and repair actionable defects as we find them on our inspections.

Works completed 23/24

- Saffron Lane (Burnaston Road to Pork Pie Island) Carriageway Resurfacing - completed – July 2023.
- Eastern Boulevard – (Upperton Road to Mill Lane) Carriageway Resurfacing – Completed April 2024 - Speed Cushion remains to be completed. *See works programmed 24/25*
- Freeman's Common Road – Footway Works – (Counting House Road to Commercial Square) - Completed March 2024.

Works Programmed 24/25

- Saffron Lane – Carriageway Resurfacing (Cyprus Road to Fayhurst Road)
- Eastern Boulevard – Speed cushion installation on 20th May, for approximately 5 days

Road Safety Schemes

School Streets

Sustrans are working with Hazel Primary School to deliver road safety assemblies and walking and cycling activities. We will also be delivering Bikeability training with them in the upcoming term.

In addition, we continue to undertake school patrols with our parking enforcement team:

Hazel Street Primary had programmed visits on the 7th April and 2nd May 2024, with an extra visit carried out on 17th Jan 2024.

Marriot Primary was visited on 18th January and will be visited again in May.

Major Utility Schemes

Severn Trent Water will be closing the left turn from Counting House Road onto Freemens Common Road from 19th July until 6th September. This is to allow them to install a new water main.

Appendix 4 – Housing

Tenancy sustainment across the city for the past financial year (23/24) overall was 97.12%. This equates to Leicester City Council tenancies being sustained for at least 365 days. The tenancy sustainment in the Saffron ward was 95%.

The total void properties (LCC stock) is currently 492. This consists of 51 properties being ready to let and awaiting new tenants to be signed up, 10 properties selected for projects. 11 Supported living properties, 27 properties being used as decants by Housing Management, 79 acquisition properties (where LCC have purchased them) and 314 are categorised as all other voids 20 of which are Homeless Pathway voids and 31 properties are priority request. Of the 51 properties that are ready to let 18 properties are for Homeless Pathway cases.

Current voids in Saffron ward	25
Ready to Let voids in Saffron ward	2

The Zip Building on Rydal Street which was purchased last year is currently being converted in to flats from its previous usage as student accommodation this will create approximately 50 new flats. A percentage of the properties have been assigned to the Help Beyond Housing Team, as trainer flats to enable those tenants who require help and support to sustain a tenancy, the team will have an office in the building to assist with the support to their tenant. It is envisaged that potentially new tenants will possibly be moving into the building around mid-June.

Officers from the Public Health Team are piloting a Community Growing Project on Meadow Gardens this is to enable the residents in the bungalow to commence growing their own produce with the assistance of the Public Health officers and volunteers who work closely with the team. The project is being piloted here first and discussions have been had to potentially look at other areas across the city to engage with other tenants enabling them to also grow their own produce.