

ACTION LOG
Beaumont Leys Ward Community Meeting:
Thursday 5th March 2026
6pm – 8.15pm



Present

Cllr Hemant Rae Bhatia (Chair)
 Cllr Hazel Orton
 Cllr Paul Westley
 Tracy Glover – Head of Sport and Leisure, De Montfort University
 Sgt Wayne Chapman – Leicestershire Police
 PCSO Kurtis Hurst – Leicestershire Police
 Robert Bateman – Special Projects Manager, Highways
 Mandy Smith – District Manager, Housing
 Ben Austin – Engagement Officer, Housing
 Punum Patel – Ward Community Engagement Officer (WCEO)
 Residents - 38

Apologies

Crispin Clark - Sport and Active Recreation Manager
 Carldean Graham - City Warden

Item	Action to note	Who
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1.	Introductions, Apologies and Declarations	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Chair, Cllr Bhatia opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. ▪ Apologies received from Crispin Clark - Sport and Active Recreation Manager, and Carldean Graham - City Warden. ▪ No declarations were noted 	

2.	DMU Beaumont Park Football Club update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The meeting noted an update from residents, Cllrs, representatives from DMU Beaumont Park FC, Tracy Glover from DMU, and a written update – Appendix 1 - from Crispin Clark – Sport and Active Recreation Manager at LCC. The meeting noted discussions around inconsiderate, illegal and obstructive parking especially on Maplewell Drive and Pinewood Close during activity times, non-compliance by club users, disregard of requests made by Police, the club and residents to use the Speedway car park, and ideas for resolution. ▪ Request for additional patrols by Civil Enforcement Officers and PCSO's, especially at peak times e.g. Tuesdays 4pm, and 7pm to 8pm. ▪ Residents to contact the Parking Enforcement Team on 0116 454 2525 or parking-enforcement@leicester.gov.uk, to continue to report hotspot areas, illegal, obstructive and inconsiderate parking. ▪ Request to stagger activities at the club to help decrease volume of traffic entering the area. ▪ Request for DMU to produce information leaflet for local area and club users. ▪ Request for additional lighting along pathway from the Speedway car park to the club. 	Parking Residents BPFC DMU Lighting

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Request for club to provide mobile number for residents to report inconsiderate parking and car registrations to help identify repeat offenders. ▪ Request for dedicated Civil Enforcement Officer for wider local area, that can be deployed to hotspots as reports come in. ▪ Stakeholder meeting to take place to discuss proposal for introduction of a car park pass/ticketing system, to ensure club users utilise the Speedway car park. 	<p>BPFC</p> <p>Parking</p> <p>Cllrs, Police, DMU, BPFC, Crispin Clark</p>
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3.	Highways update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The meeting noted an update from the Highways Special Projects Manager including St Mellions, flooding, school streets programme, parking on footways legislation, patch walks and inconsiderate parking measures. ▪ Request for extension of double yellow lines on Pinewood Close. ▪ Request for information on how to apply for 'H line' markings for dropped kerbs. ▪ Request to resurface the road on Maplewell Drive. ▪ Request for parking enforcement to include visits to Farrier Lane due to inconsiderate parking at Babington at school run times, and to Maplewell Drive and Pinewood Close at shift start and finish times due to factory workers parking inconsiderately. ▪ Request to look into bollard options to deter kerb corner parking on Maplewell Drive and Pinewood Close. ▪ Request to utilise the large tree on the roundabout on Krefeld Way, closest to the Beaumont Shopping Centre. Tree to be prepared for Christmas, lit and decorated, grass to be maintained and uplighters to be added. Stakeholder meeting to take place to move forward. ▪ Request to add litter bins near Leicester Leys Leisure Centre, Anstey Lane/Calver Hay Road near Gilroes, and Astill Lodge Road. ▪ Request for trees/bushes to be looked at on Krefeld Way / Beaumont Leys Lane junction to aid line of sight for pedestrians. ▪ Request for pedestrian crossing outside Beaumont Lodge and Heatherbrook Primary Schools. ▪ Request to install a mirror or speed hump at Astill Lodge Road / Bennion Road mini roundabout to aid line of sight. ▪ Request for solution for constantly flooded and muddy paths at Astill Lodge Park. ▪ Request to check flickering light on 'cut through path' from Farrier Lane to Strasbourg Drive. ▪ Residents to send specific lighting issues to Cllrs. ▪ Inconsiderate and obstructive parking, parking on double yellow lines – residents to call 0116 454 25252, take photos and email to parking-enforcement@leicester.gov.uk or report via the Love Clean Streets app. 		<p>Highways Highways Highways Parking</p> <p>Highways</p> <p>Highways, Cllrs, Shopping Centre Cleansing</p> <p>Highways</p> <p>Highways</p> <p>Highways</p> <p>Parks Lighting</p> <p>Residents Residents</p>

4.	Councillors Feedback	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The meeting noted an update from Cllrs including housing case work, general case work, pedestrian crossings, fly tipping, street lighting, patch walks, meetings with stakeholders and the Local Plan. ▪ Request to contact Places for People regarding the Play Park on Glaisdale Close. 		<p>Cllrs</p>

5.	Housing Update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The meeting noted an update from the Housing Manager including staffing, environmental budget, improvement requests and patch walks – Appendix 2. ▪ Request to arrange regular patch walks with Cllrs 	Housing

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

7.	Local Policing update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The meeting noted an update from Local Police including information on local priorities, inconsiderate parking, safer streets campaign and general crime statistics. ▪ Sign up to Neighbourhood Link at www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk for news and updates on policing matters in your local area. ▪ Residents to keep reporting incidents through Love Clean Streets App, 101 and online at www.leics.police.uk/reportcrime ▪ Localised information can be found at www.leics.police.uk/area/your-area/leicestershire/west-leicester/beamont-leys 	Residents Residents

8.	Ward Community Budget	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The meeting noted a Ward Funding update ▪ Ward Funding April 2025 – March 2026 - £18,000.00 ▪ Number of applications supported to date: 24 ▪ Balance remaining: £345.00, to be carried forward to 2026/2027 	

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Appendix 1

Statement on Parking Issues Affecting Beaumont Park and surrounding Areas

Residents have raised ongoing concerns about parking pressures in and around Maplewell Drive, particularly at peak times and weekends. The Council fully recognises the frustration this has caused locally and understands the strength of feeling within the community.

This is a complex issue to address. While action is being taken, it is important to acknowledge that parking problems are often linked to individual behaviour and that both the Council and the police operate within specific legal limits on enforcement.

The Council is continuing to work closely with **Leicester City Council**, **Leicestershire Police**, local Police Community Support Officers, and partner organisations including **De Montfort University**. A number of actions are currently underway:

Signage and visitor guidance

- Work is progressing on a new entrance sign to direct visitors to use the Speedway car park. This is being developed by the University as part of a planning application.
- Replacement of Brown highway direction signs towards the Speedway are scheduled for installation.

Pathway safety and visibility

- Repairs to lighting along the pathway between the Speedway site and Beaumont Park have been instructed to improve safety and visibility.
- Hedgerows and trees along this route have been scheduled for clearance by Parks officers, these will be conducted once essential equipment repairs are completed.

Enforcement and police powers

- Council Parking Enforcement Officers will continue to patrol the area, particularly at weekends. Their powers are limited to issuing Penalty Charge Notices where vehicles breach existing restrictions, such as parking on double yellow lines.
- Police officers can take action where parking creates a serious and immediate safety risk, including blocking driveways, fully obstructing footpaths, blocking the carriageway, or parking dangerously near junctions or bus routes.
- In situations where vehicles are parked inconsiderately but still allow pedestrian access and adequate driver visibility, enforcement action is not always proportionate or supported by legislation. Officers must apply consistent legal thresholds, meaning not all poor parking behaviour can result in formal action. For example, since January there have been collectively 155 visits across Bennion Road, Maplewell Drive and Astill Lodge Road but only 5 x PCNs have been issued.

Monitoring and next steps

- Joint working between the Council and local PCSOs is continuing, with clearer shared guidance on when enforcement or police action is appropriate.
- PCSOs are issuing a neighbourhood survey to Maplewell Drive residents to better understand the scale and nature of the problem and to inform any further measures.

The Council will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates to Councillors as further actions progress. Engagement with the University and the police will also continue alongside local community feedback to ensure concerns are properly understood and addressed.

Appendix 2

Housing Update

Environmental Budget proposals

£66k is split across the West District which includes Beaumont Leys, Mowmacre, Abbey Rise, Stocking Farm, New Parks, Braunstone Frith and West End.

Limited in what projects we can put forward, Councillors have asked for Peppercorn Close to be considered regarding better lighting, removal/cutting back of bushes and trees, I will look at the responsibilities of the area and look to fund anything covered by Housing.

Portmore Close and Lime Grove have also been suggested by Councillors as an area to have attention, the Housing Officer/Team Leader will carry out a visit to the area and invite Councillors.

Also staff have been reminded to book in quarterly patch walks and to invite all Councillors.

Staffing – Sheltered Housing Officer vacancy at Barnett Janner House- recruitment is taking place.

Pop Up Sessions - These sessions are proving successful. A Housing Officer and an officer from Repairs attend weekly, these sessions are managed by the Engagement Team.

Appendix 3

City Warden Update

Since my full return back to the ward's in January I can report the following:

- More abandoned skips and trolleys have been found and reported for removal, being so close to the shopping centre I understand this may continue but I'm actively on the look out for it and investigating any bin bags which are inside to possibly find evidence and take further enforcement action.

Multiple Section 34 Duty Of Care requests have been sent to businesses in and around the Beaumont Leys Area, this resulted in multiple fixed penalty notices issued to companies which failed to produce documentation.

Going forward - I aim to make this a monthly duty of mine to ensure businesses are storing and more importantly, removing waste using the correct procedure and waste carriers.

I'll be creating a list each month and requesting documentation, I'm hoping word of mouth will get around between the companies, which will create a healthier environment, which is my main concern and priority.

- Contact has been made with numerous housing occupants and housing associations, I've had a few neighbour disputes which have been resolved through visits in person and contact made with each individual's association, happy to report since these visits were made, I've received no further reports of disputes.
- Community protection warning notices for untidy land and deposit on highways have been issued and all have been complied to, the guys over at cleansing have also done an amazing job at getting waste removed in hotspot locations.

In February, working with the team over at housing, over 70 notices were issued to help assist the issues in and around the Gresley Close area, we've continued to liaise together and hope to make an impact in creating a healthy environment for all occupants.

Also, over 80 notices sent to homes in and around Peppercorn Close to ensure bins and waste are being stored correctly, again, hoping to make an impact in creating a healthy environment for all within the area. I will patrol this area once a week to ensure this is being done and investigating any fly tips for possible further action and will liaise with housing to ensure housing occupants are correctly storing waste in this area.

- Interview's have been carried out for fly tip's in hot spot areas where evidence has been found.

Multiple bird feeding signage and dog fouling signage replaced, I currently have an issue with signage being removed by locals passing by.

Weekly patrol for flyposting and fixed penalty notices issued when found.

- Additional weekly patrol on foot and vehicle in all areas using tracking device.

Lastly - environmental hazards in front and back gardens have all been cleaned and removed within the time frame given, contact has been made with both complainants and those responsible and on all occasions all parties were a pleasure to talk to and resolve the issues with which shows the great community we do have in Beaumont Leys.

Please bring any issues you are facing to the Council's attention by using the Love Clean Streets app. The app is easy to use and you can report litter, fly-tipping, dog fouling or any other environmental problem. The advantage is that you can take a picture of the problem and upload it, tagging the location and including other details so the appropriate team can fix the issue quickly. More information about the app is available here: love.leicester.gov.uk/reports/home