

Neighbourhood Action Group – East and West/Central Areas
Tuesday 14 October 2008 9am – 10.30am
Lion House

Present:

Julia Howlett (Chair - JH)	Cambridge Constabulary
Steve Kerridge (SK)	Cambridge Constabulary
Ted Hawkins (SC)	Cambridge Constabulary
Althea Mejias (AM)	City Services, City Council
Jim Meikle (JM)	Cambridge Fire Service
Vicky Hornsby (VH)	CAMBAC
Robert Osbourn (RO)	Environmental Health, City Council
Katie Wood (KW)	City Homes South, City Council
Paula Bishop (PB)	Children & Young People's Service, City Council
Paul Griffin (PG)	Safer Communities, City Council
James McWilliams (JMc)	Safer Communities, City Council

1. Apologies

Selwyn Anderson (SA)	Environmental Health, City Council
Sandra Farmer (SF)	City Homes South, City Council
Frances Swann (FS)	City Homes South, City Council
Andrew Latchem (AL)	City Homes North, City Council
Alastair Roberts (AR)	Safer Communities, City Council

2. Review of Actions against priorities set at last West NAG held 10th June 08, namely:

Anti-Social Behaviour and violent crime associated with night time economy

TH / SK reported:

- Sodium work, especially on a Friday and Saturday night. Including ensuring police are on the street at 5 or 6 o'clock in the evening to show an early presence to people visiting the pubs. Licensees are really keen on Sodium Patrols, this has been fed back via pubwatch
- Safe Socialising Awards launched
- CAMBAC has employed a store detective to work directly with the police, this is innovative work and has been well received
- Home Office funding available for up to £30k to support projects to tackle alcohol related violent crime, project ideas being considered.

Anti-social behaviour and environmental issues on Jesus Green, Christs Piece, Mill Pond and Parkers Piece

TH / SK reported:

- Community Alcohol Project running, hoped that this may have a positive knock on for this area.
- Issues in green spaces have changed from youth related ASB to concerns over robbery on these spaces

Tackling problems of anti-social cycling and driving in the city centre and improving road signs in the city centre

PG / JM reported back:

- Week of enforcement and education scheduled for week commencing 27 October. Various focus for this week but likely to be a focus on enforcing against cycling with no lights
- Issues of signage in the city to be looked at through the 'cycling demonstration town' project

Action PG / JMc to link in with this project.

3. Consider recommendations/issues raised at West/Central area committee held 18th September 08, namely

ASB and violent Crime associated with Night Time Economy –

- This is will be an ongoing priority. Work around Operation Sodium will continue, in particular work to ensure patrols take place in the early evening.
- Bid for Taxi marshalling has been submitted to the Safer City scheme
- Care tent to be run again over the Christmas period
- Shop lifting Team to be set up by SK, with a wide terms of reference that will incorporate this issue
- Sensible drinking being run by the CAMBAC team

Adopt as a priority: SK to lead

Robberies (Muggings) across the Neighbourhood

- Needs to be a focus on ensuring crime prevention messages are sent to the most vulnerable
- Links to the previous priority around Green Spaces as this is where the fear of robbery is at its highest.

Adopt as a priority: SK to lead

Cycle Crime across the Neighbourhood

- This priority links into ongoing work to tackle this issue and so will not need an additional set of resources of action planning
- The priority is to be renamed 'Theft of cycles and parts across the neighbourhood'

Adopt as a priority: SK to lead

Issues surrounding anti-social use of vehicles and cycling – promoting responsible use

- Work as highlighted in earlier section on this priority to be taken forward.

Adopt as a priority: PG / JMc to lead

No other issues raised as possible priorities, except for one individual raising concerns over speeding in King Street

4. Review of Actions against priorities set at last East NAG held 10th June 08, namely

Underage drinking on the green spaces across the neighbourhood

TH / SK reported:

- Community Alcohol Partnership specifically aimed at this area.
- GAP scheme running and had had positive feedback from parents after young people have been issued with these letters
- Are there problems in Flower Street, is it likely that CCTV is going into this open space?

Action – SK to investigate

‘Street life’ anti-social behaviour across the neighbourhood

- Section 30 order for Mill road renewed in July 08. Romsey ward removed from the area covered by the order
- Public meeting held on 29th July to discuss street life issues in Petersfield. General feeling that the issue had improved but that the situation needs continued monitoring
- CAP may have a knock on effect for this priority

Anti-social behaviour involving young people in the Thorpe Way Estate and surrounding areas

KW reported:

- Fire Action days have been held for some of the young people in the area to make them think about some of their actions. Keen to do more of these days, possibly making available for young people in East Chesterton.
- Acceptable Behaviour Contracts used in the area
- Crack house closure, home now taken possession
- Police and housing officers have conducted high visibility patrols
- New play equipment recently opened on Thorpe Way

Drug dealing in the Barnwell area

TH reported:

- Really significant enforcement work carried out by Police Officers. Issue here has subsided, although some concerns about displacement to the subway area

5. Consider Recommendations/issues raised at East Area Committee held 2nd October 2008, namely:

Under age drinking on the green spaces across the neighbourhood

Similar comments to other areas on this problem. Priority to be given to Coleridge and Vinery Recreation Grounds, Ravensworth Gardens and Norfolk Street.

Continue as a priority: SK to lead.

‘Streetlife’ ASB across the neighbourhood

It was noted that since the closure of Mill House on 1st May 2008 the situation in Romsey had improved considerably. However, problems were now more evident in the vicinity of Petersfield Pharmacy that was now prescribing the

majority of medication. It was stated that approximately 50 new faces had been seen in the city in the last few weeks.
More enforcement action is needed for 'Off Licences', a lot is being done, but more training for staff could improve the situation.
A review of the Task & Target meeting has been suggested and new procedures introduced regarding ABCs.
A huge amount of needles have been found at Mill Road cemetery.
Discussion with Magistrates is to take place following feedback concerning ASBO applications.

Continue as a priority: AR to lead.

Anti-social behaviour involving young people in the Thorpe Way Estate and surrounding areas including Ditton Fields

- Family safety day taking place in Ditton Fields on 30/10
- Thorpe way walk about scheduled for 23/10

Continue as a priority: KW and Shane Fasey to lead.

Anti-social behaviour, drugs, littering in the Norfolk Street area

- Issues in the Norfolk Street area associated with the Man in the Moon pub. Work taking place in this area by the Safer Communities section

Adopt as a priority: Safer Communities to lead

Issues raised at Committee in addition to priorities

- Concerns over burglary in Hedford Close.

Action: SK to ask Crime Prevention Officer to attend

- Environmental issues and concerns over drug dealing in Budleigh Close
- Number plates being stolen and not being recovered.
- Speeding. Speeding concerns were raised (Coleridge Road). This was requested to be a priority but the committee voted against this in favour of a feasibility study being conducted into the use of Speedwatch in the neighbourhood area.

Action: SK to work with PG and others to progress this area of work

6. AOB

- Recent review of license for Cellar Bar 8 taken place. More details available from RO

7. Date of next meeting

East and West/Central NAG 20th January 2009, Lion House