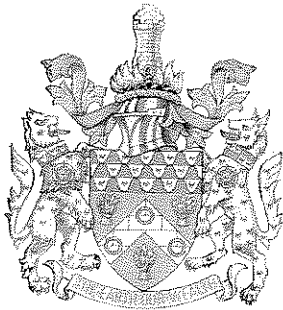


# SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM



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## ETWALL



**South  
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Wednesday 4th February  
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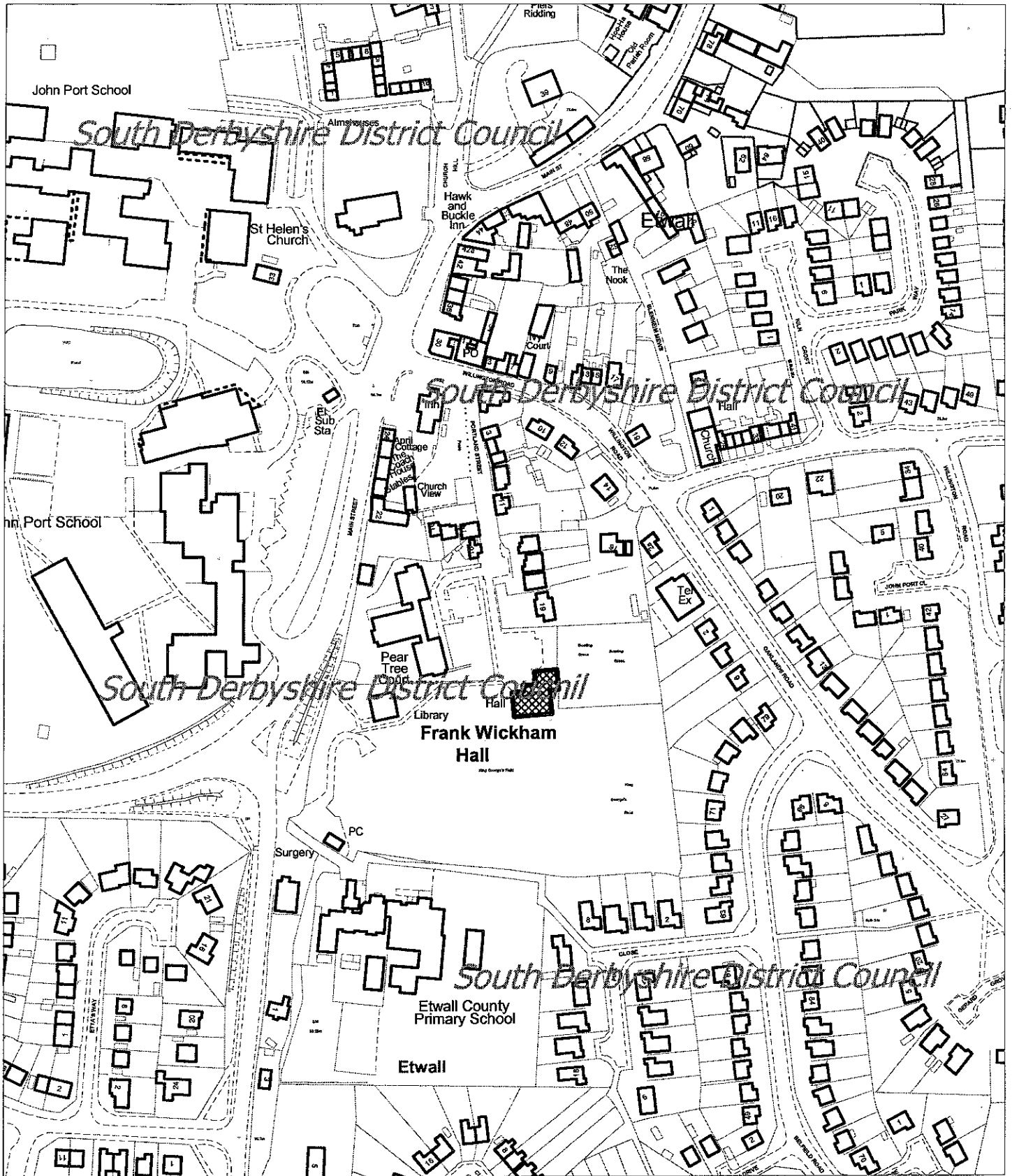
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Area Meeting Venue

Frank Wickham Hall Portland Street Etwall



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## FORTHCOMING MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>
Finance & Management (Special - NNDR)	Monday 26th January 2009
Repton Area Forum 7.00 p.m. at Repton Village Hall	Tuesday, 27th January 2009
Swadlincote Area Forum 7.00 p.m. St George & St Mary's Parish Rooms, Church Street, Church Gresley.	Wednesday, 28th January 2009
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday 29th January 2009
Newhall Area Forum, 7.00 p.m. Old Post Centre, High Street, Newhall.	Monday, 2nd February 2009
Linton Area Forum, 7.00 p.m. Netherseal Village Hall, Main Street, Netherseal.	Tuesday, 3rd February 2009
Etwall Area Forum, 7.00 p.m. Frank Wickham Hall, Portland Street, Etwall.	Wednesday, 4th February 2009
Housing & Community Services	Thursday, 5th February 2009
Melbourne Area Forum, 7.00 p.m. Stenson Fields Primary School, Heather Close, Stenson Fields.	Monday, 9th February 2009
Development Control	Tuesday 10th February 2009
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday 11th February
Finance & Management	Tuesday 17th February 2009
Audit Sub, 4.00 p.m.	Wednesday 25th February 2009
<b>COUNCIL</b>	Thursday 26th February 2009

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## SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

### **SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM ETWALL**

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**Meeting to be held at  
Frank Wickham Hall,  
Portland Street,  
Etwall**

**on Wednesday 4th February 2009  
at 7.00 p.m.**

**(Light Refreshments will be available at 6.30 p.m.)**

#### Members:

District Councillors: Councillor Lemmon (Chairman), Councillor Mrs. Plenderleith (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Bale, Mrs. Brown, Ford, Mrs. Hood, Mrs. Patten, and Roberts.

County Councillors: Councillors Ford and Hood.

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## **BUSINESS**

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Declarations of Interest.
3. Police issues.
4. Chairman's Announcements.
5. To note the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th October 2008 (copy attached).
6. Report back on issues raised at the last Meeting.
7. Public questions on issues raised by residents.
8. County Council issues: Presentation by the Library Service.
9. District Council issues: Progress on Council Priorities.
10. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 1st April 2008 at the Hatton Centre.



SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM  
ETWALL

8th October 2008

**PRESENT:-**

**District Council Representatives**

Councillor Lemmon (Chairman) and Councillors Bale, Mrs. Brown, Ford, Mrs. Patten and Mrs. Plenderleith

J. Jones (Director of Corporate Services), D. Townsend (Democratic Services), M. Guest (Corporate Performance & Policy Officer), S. Ryan (Policy Officer), K. Allies (Environmental Development Manager) and K. Ward (Helpdesk).

**Derbyshire County Council Representative**

Councillor Ford.

P. Jameson (Forum Liaison Officer), M. Evans and D. Meredith-Wood.

**Derbyshire Constabulary**

Sergeant M. Sisman.

**Parish Council/Meeting Representatives**

P. Coulter (Dalbury Lees Parish Council), B. Penney, P. Whittingham and B. Cowley (Egginton Parish Council), N. Ireland and I. Smith (Etwall Parish Council), S. Dunncliffe and L. Nash (Findern Parish Council), R. Smith (Foston & Scropton Parish Council), C. Thurman and T. O'Connor (Hatton Parish Council), B. Walton-Knight, G. Banton, L. Kolkman and J. Bates (Hilton Parish Council).

**Members of the Public**

S. Avery, F. Baston, D. Behnke, E. Behnke, J. Bilbie, Q. Butler, J. Clarke, S. Cowdrey, O. Emery, H. Hague, K. Holbrook, G. James, H. Keft, R. Matthews, Mr. & Mrs. Moor, J. Orme, J. Parkinson, L. Ramsey, S. Savage, L. Shaw, V. Stewart, M. Trow and T. Whorly.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Meeting and reported on the renaming of the public meetings from 'Etwall Area Meeting' to 'South Derbyshire Area Forum - Etwall'. He added that the crest of the District Council appeared on the cover alongside those of the County Council and Derbyshire Constabulary, to indicate that these were joint meetings for the area. He added that in future there would be greater involvement from the County Council to respond to questions on the functions that they were responsible for. In addition, the Police were continuing to be represented at these Meetings. However, their main role was to discuss partnership issues that concerned the police and other agencies. He reminded those present that the Safer Neighbourhood Meetings would continue and these were the main forum for police issues.



EA/1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

It was noted that Councillor Lemmon was appointed Chairman of the Etwall Area Meeting at the Annual Council Meeting held on 22nd May 2008.

EA/2. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from County Councillor Hood, District Councillor Mrs. Hood, Mr. Beresford, Mr. Cramp, Mrs. Dove, Mr. Gerrard and Mrs. Penlington.

EA/3. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

It was agreed that Councillor Mrs. Plenderleith be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Etwall Area Meeting for the ensuing year.

EA/4. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman advised the Meeting of the current arrangements for discussing planning issues. He confirmed that arrangements for Area Committees (as they were originally called) were approved by the Council in May 1997. At this time, the framework was set and it was explicitly agreed that matters relating to planning applications would not be permitted at Area Meetings. In addition, there was an issue, particularly for Members of the Development Control Committee, that discussing such items in a public forum, could risk an accusation of pre-determination. Therefore, any matters that related to a current, or potential application could not be discussed at this forum.

EA/5. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Etwall Area Meeting held on 21st May 2008 were noted subject to the amendment of Minute No. EA/19, the penultimate paragraph on page 2, which referred to parking on Sutton Lane. It was requested that this was changed to Main Street in Etwall, as there was no pavement on Sutton Lane.

In addition, in referring to Minute No. EA/19, third paragraph on page 2, it was pointed out that the Chief Executive had offered to pursue a matter with the Planning Department, however, there was no reference to this within the report back.

**It was requested that a response to this item be provided to the next Meeting.**

EA/6. **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

The Chairman reviewed those items raised at the last Meeting and reported the progress made in each case.

With regard to the item on recycling facilities in Hilton, concerns were once again raised about the need for additional facilities. It was pointed out that two previous planning applications had been granted and that recycling facilities had not been included.



**The Chairman agreed to look into this in conjunction with the Planning Department and would report back to the next Meeting.**

With regard to the Willington Marina, a resident requested that Derbyshire County Council be thanked for the work that they had done in providing a footpath between Willington and Findern.

Councillor Ford added that in the vicinity of the new Marina, Derbyshire County Council had been asked to undertake a speed limit review in the interests of road safety around this area.

With regard to the item concerning the diversionary route from the A50, it was questioned if, in view of the response received from Balfour Beattie, the District or the County Council had made any further representations in an attempt to identify alternative options. Paul Jameson responded that Derbyshire County Council had accepted the response, as there appeared to be no alternative options. It was suggested that it might be useful if Balfour Beattie were approached requesting that they consider entering into a consultation process with local residents. With reference to this item, an email was read out at the request of Mr. Beresford, who was unable to attend the Meeting.

**It was requested that this item remained on the agenda, and that Derbyshire County Council pursued this with Balfour Beattie due to the strength of concern of local residents.**

With regard to the item concerning heavy goods vehicles using Marston Lane, it was pointed out that difficulty was caused by non-English speaking drivers and the use of satellite navigation. It was suggested that better signage would assist with this problem, in addition to Nestle being contacted, requesting that their drivers were made aware of this problem. It was pointed out that not only was this causing considerable inconvenience to local residents, but hedgerows and verges were also being damaged.

**Derbyshire County Council agreed to follow-up this item and report back to the next Meeting.**

In response to Derbyshire County Council's reply with regards to the pedestrian refuge or crossing on Station Road, Hatton, it was stated that a temporary refuge had been installed in the past and had proved very successful.

**Derbyshire County Council agreed to look into this issue again and report back to the next Meeting.**

Concerns had been raised over the proliferation of developer signs in Hilton, and it was reported that this had improved. However, it was queried whether the appropriate authorisation had been received for a number of Redrow signs that were now present on verges.

**Derbyshire County Council agreed to look into the Redrow signs.**

**EA/7. POLICE ISSUES**

Sergeant Sisman reported that PC Bateman and Sergeant Cadman were now responsible for the local area. The Police had recently pursued a suspect with regards to graffiti, and hoped to have a further update at the Safer Neighbourhood Meeting. He also added that two new PCSO's would become operational in South Derbyshire at the end of November.

A resident asked about the current situation at the 'T' junction on the B5008 adjacent to the development of Willington Marina. He added that although there was the possibility of traffic lights in the future, currently there were 'no right turn' signs, which HGV's were ignoring, and causing a traffic hazard by turning right. Sergeant Sisman responded that he would follow this up. He believed that the lorries in question were accessing Bardon Quarry. P. Jameson added that traffic signals were due to be installed at this location by early November 2008.

A resident congratulated the police on the lack of issues that were outstanding in the area. He believed the police were providing a very efficient service. Sergeant Sisman added that PC Bateman was contributing greatly to the success in the area. Councillor Lemmon added his thanks and appreciation to the police for their work.

Sergeant Sisman reported that the next Safer Neighbourhoods Meeting was to be held on 1st December 2008 at Hilton Village Hall, and encouraged residents to attend.

**EA/8. PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS**

The Chairman advised the Area Forum that he was in receipt of a letter from a local resident. He advised the Forum that, as the letter raised issues which were dealt with by many different agencies, it was being pursued outside the Meeting and a response had been provided direct to the resident.

It was reported that as speed bumps in Hilton had been incorrectly sited, Derbyshire County Council had advised that following consultation, a central hump would be put in, on the first and third sets of humps. It was pointed out that none of the local residents had been consulted, and that the requirement for a third hump on the middle set was the most important. Residents added that they would prefer gateways to humps at this location. It was also pointed out that the crossing was poorly sited and a request was made that this be considered.

**Derbyshire County Council agreed to pursue this issue and report back to the next Meeting.**

It was reported that there were currently two gypsy sites in South Derbyshire and a liaison meeting was already in place, however participation in this was limited. It was asked if this could be opened up to include local residents, the District Council and representatives of parish councils.

**Derbyshire County Council and Councillor Lemmon, on behalf of the District Council agreed to look into this issue and report back to the next Meeting.**

A resident felt that the Area Forum was the correct place to discuss local issues, including the proposed railhead site. He asked that if this could not be discussed in specific terms, a general overview of railheads be given. Councillor Lemmon responded that there was currently a Government initiative to identify possible sites for the transfer of goods onto or off of the railway in an attempt to reduce the amount of road transportation of goods. He also confirmed that a need had been identified for nine railheads throughout the Country.

Councillor Mrs. Brown responded that this was an important issue for local residents, and that this forum should be used to discuss the possible siting of a railhead in the locality. Councillor Lemmon responded that it was explicitly agreed within a Council report that the discussion of matters relating to planning applications would not be permitted. In addition, it was particularly difficult for Members of the Development Control Committee to discuss such items in a public forum, as they could risk being accused of predetermination.

Councillor Mrs. Brown and several members of the public left the Meeting.

EA/9. **COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES – TELL US ABOUT YOUR PRIORITIES**

M. Evans addressed the Meeting and explained the purpose of this presentation and consultation was to understand local priorities, to help shape future priorities, and understand why, and what action could be taken either by organisations, communities or individuals to achieve them. It was important to get a sense of priority at local level, and the County Council were attempting to find out if anything was missing, and what things were important in having a good quality of life. It was requested that those present split into groups, each with a facilitator to discuss these issues further.

Several of those present responded that they would have liked advance notice in order to prepare and consider their priorities, and that they would prefer to do this by another method. It was agreed that, as the District Council was in the process of writing to all parish councils, they would incorporate this consultation.

EA/10. **ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM FOR SOUTH DERBYSHIRE**

Kate Allies (Environmental Development Manager) advised that a new Environmental Forum for South Derbyshire was being set up by local environmental groups, parish councils and individuals who wanted to share ideas about environmental projects. These were being supported by the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) and South Derbyshire District Council.

The Forum would involve a networking group to which groups and individuals would be invited. Meetings would usually include formal and informal information sharing and consultation, plus a walk or talk by a local group about their area.

It was confirmed that the first meeting would be held at Repton Village Hall on Tuesday, 4th November at 7.00 p.m. A reply slip was attached to the agenda and people were requested to return this if they were interested in being involved in the Forum.

EA/11. **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Dates for future Meetings were confirmed as Wednesday, 4th February 2009 at Frank Wickham Hall, Etwall, and Wednesday, 1st April 2009, at the Hatton Centre.

J.L. LEMMON

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated 8.25 p.m.

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4th February 2009

### **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

At the last Etwall Area Meeting held on 8th October 2008, at the Hilton Village Hall, the following issues were raised. The issues are listed below, together with progress made to date:-

#### **Traveller Issues**

At the last meeting, an enquiry was made about Traveller Liaison Meetings. This has been researched by both the County and District Councils. Historically, there was a Liaison Committee for the site at Woodyard Lane at Foston. More recently, two meetings took place, one for service providers and the other for local businesses in the area. The latter meeting might have been the more suitable, but is being replaced by an informal police liaison group, which will be for local businesses. Any further enquiries can be made to Michelle Thompson at South Derbyshire District Council who will be part of this group and can raise residents' concerns. Michelle can be contacted on 01283 595824 or e-mailed at [Michelle.Thompson@south-derbys.gov.uk](mailto:Michelle.Thompson@south-derbys.gov.uk)

#### **Derbyshire County Council Issues**

##### **1. Diversion Route For A50 Road Closures**

An email was submitted to the last forum, in response to the previous response from DCC. A copy of the e-mail was forwarded to a representative at Balfour Beatty (BB) who has replied with the following comments.

With regard to the use of the Trunk Road Overhead Matrix Signs, we can confirm that, whilst we do not have control of these assets, we do request they are used to advise the travelling public of possible delays when road works and diversions are in operation on the A50. The signs are controlled by the Highways Agency Regional Control Centres and, in general, they are able to assist us with such a request.

It should be noted that the signs do have limitations. The wording available to be shown on the signs is limited and careful consideration has to be given to what can actually be displayed on them. Also, whilst the RCC's will assist when possible, if a more major issue occurs elsewhere in their area, our request will be over-ridden and our message removed. However, given the generally short duration of our works, such coincidences are minimal.

With regard to the proposed meeting, it is our belief that such a general meeting would not provide any meaningful output. We would be happy to deal with any specific issues raised individually by the relevant stakeholders affected by our route and would discuss such issues with our client, Connect A50 Limited and the Highways Agency, to explore any possible

resolutions available.

Regarding the reference to the A50 drainage system "not functioning" as designed. We are unaware of any such issues, and should this be a comment regarding the DBFO route, we would ask that the details are provided so that we may investigate this matter fully.

#### 2. Marston Lane: HGV Signage.

In response to DCC's comments at the last meeting, that the signage at the junction was satisfactory, residents raised further concerns about drivers from abroad and satellite navigation equipment. It was also questioned if there were more 'visual' signs that can be used to better instruct drivers of the lack of HGV access. Traffic & Safety Officers will investigate the possibility of providing an additional sign here to make the access restriction clearer to foreign HGV drivers.

#### 3. Station Road, Hatton: Pedestrian Crossing Facilities

At the last meeting, further clarification was sought about the difficulties associated with providing a pedestrian refuge in Hatton. The resident stated that a temporary refuge had been situated at the proposed location in the past and couldn't understand how a permanent refuge would cause any problems. Peter Leigh, the area Traffic & Safety Manager has recently met with the Parish Council, to discuss this issue, and agreed to carry out a further survey and pedestrian count in the next financial year, to ascertain whether a pedestrian refuge would now be viable.

#### 4. Main Street, Hilton: Traffic Calming

A number of concerns were raised by residents over proposed improvements to the existing traffic calming measures on Main Street, Hilton, relating to the consultation arrangements, the provision of extra, 'middle' speed humps and whether improvements were planned for the humped crossing. The following additional information has been provided:

- a) Consultation was not carried out in this instance as the scheme involves only minor improvements, consisting of enhancements to traffic calming measures that are already in place.
- b) Enhancements to the middle hump were not proposed, due to some issues with ground vibration and an objection from a nearby resident.
- c) Signing and marking for the humped crossing is considered adequate and, there are no plans for improvements at present.

#### 5. The Mease, Hilton: Illegal Developer Signs

Concerns had been raised previously over the proliferation of developer signs in Hilton. It was queried whether the appropriate authorisation had been received for a number of Redrow signs that were present on verges. Details of these concerns have been passed on to the area Care Manager and Clerk of Works, with a request that any illegal signs be removed, when in the area, as resources allow.

#### 6. Rural Transport Study

A resident queried why it was decided that the boundary of the Rural Transport Study would be the A50, thus excluding Scropton. It was felt that Scropton had accessibility problems – residents have been asking for a regular bus service through the village for many years – and should have been included in the study area.

It has been confirmed that the area for the Rural Transport Study was decided upon between representatives of Derbyshire County Council, South Derbyshire and Derbyshire Dales District Councils. An area to the south of Ashbourne was identified as having specific accessibility problems following the loss of bus services. The A50 was agreed upon as the boundary simply for the reason that a defined area was required to carry out the study; one could argue that, wherever the boundary was drawn, there would always be an excluded neighbouring area.

The exclusion of Scropton from this particular study does not mean to say that DCC considers

the village to be free of accessibility problems. Indeed, we would be interested to hear of any accessibility concerns that residents of Scropton may have. Alistair Morley, of the South East Derbyshire Accessibility Partnership, is responsible for identifying accessibility problems and boundary issues in this area and can be contacted should residents wish to discuss any related matters (tel. 01629 580000 extension 7681).