

**Minutes of the meeting to discuss the location of the  
Cowsley Local Housing Office**

**5<sup>th</sup> March 2003, held at Cardinal Square**

**Present:**

Maria Murphy	Derby Homes
Farooq Malik	Derby Homes
Carol Hardwick	Derwent Community Team
Ian Smith	Derwent Community Team
Ciron Edwards	Fluid Consultancy
Pete Southall	Derby Homes
Alice Sanghera	Derby Homes
Jo Solbé	Derby Homes

**Apologies:**

Phil Davis	Derby Homes
Andrew McNeil	Derby City Council

**1. NDC Update**

Ian explained that NDC's capital expenditure forecast is £43 million until the end of the programme. The Derwent NDC is hoping to attract additional Government funding in view of their good performance.

Derwent NDC have noted in their Delivery Plan for year 3, that a feasibility study would be completed to agree the site for the new Cowsley Local Housing Office. Good links have been made between Derby Homes and Derwent Build. 'Derwent Build' will build the new Cowsley Local Housing Office, using local labour.

**2. Locations and Service Delivery**

The following locations for the One Stop Local Housing Office were discussed:

- The Gateway
- The Grandstand site
- The Farm (At the end of Cowsley Road on Cornwall Road)
- Pembroke Street
- Industrial Centre, Nottingham Road

It was agreed that the Farm site would be the preferred choice. It was thought that the area could include an open space with a multi games area for young people.

Match funding for the relocation of the One Stop Shop could be attracted from Derby Homes, DAAT, Police and from other service providers who would like to offer their services from this base.

The key to Neighbourhood Management is to include positive services for residents to access. This could include Jobcentre Plus, The Pensions Board, CACTI Centre and the Police.

### **3. Actions to take forward**

It was agreed that Ciron would carry out a feasibility study of how the Farm site could be used. In addition, Ciron would develop a visual model, which would be used to consult local residents and agencies.

### **4. Date of next meeting**

A date would be arranged when the feasibility study and the model has been completed.