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Warning after tacks left on riverside footpath

POLICE are increasing their patrols after reports of tacks being maliciously left on the riverside footpath in Beeston Rylands.

The path, which leads along the River Trent between Attenborough Nature Reserve and Beeston Marina, is popular with dog walkers, cyclists and pedestrians.

A number of people have reported bicycle punctures caused by tacks and one member of the public informed staff at the Marina that he had removed a tack from his foot.

PC Chris Copley, beat manager for Beeston Rylands, said: "We are urging anyone using the footpath to be vigilant and report anything out of the ordinary. We would ask people who regularly use this route to call police immediately if they see someone depositing items here.

"Increased activity is taking place around the area to help us catch whoever is doing this," PC Copley continued. "There is a risk to the public and particularly to young children and animals. The police will take positive action against the offender, who is committing criminal damage."

Tim Sexton, Manager at Attenborough Nature Reserve, was a little more unrestrained with his comments. He said: "The person who has put these tacks down is extremely irresponsible. We assume that the tacks are intended to cause problems for cyclists using the footpath, but it isn't just cyclists who are affected, it affects all users of the footpath – the walkers, young children, and parents with buggies. One mother called at the Riverside Café, the tyre on her baby's buggy punctured by one of the tacks.

Anyone with any information is asked to contact Nottinghamshire Police on 0300 300 9999, or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Developer pulls out of town centre discussions by the Editor

AFTER a year of negotiation with Broxtowe Borough Council on one final critical point of the plans to redevelop Beeston town centre, leaseholder Henry Boot plc has pulled out.

If the property development company cannot be brought back to the negotiating table, then Beeston's 'master plan' for a fine new square and precinct collapses.

With its collapse goes the opportunity for Beeston to tempt bigger national retailers into the larger shop units that would emerge from the redeveloped square. Marks & Spencer and House of Fraser had both been mentioned.

The collapse also leaves the freeholder, Broxtowe Borough Council, without the resources to develop the land currently occupied by the disused fire station, the multi-storey car park and the bus station.

Further decline

That the precinct itself, with its row of sad and shuttered shop units, would fall further into decline as potential tenants look for something more suited to their retail needs is an inescapable outcome.

The reason for Henry Boot's decision to withdraw? The company refuses to be tied down by Broxtowe Borough Council's insistence that it starts work to develop The Square within four years. Henry Boot's lawyers are demanding a time frame of six years.

Despite a whole year of talks, the lawyers representing Henry Boot wrote to Broxtowe Borough Council on September 20 declaring the property company's intention to withdraw from all further negotiations.

Beeston has waited many long years for The Square to be redeveloped. The dreary 1960s-

style buildings on the south side, currently occupied by retail units stretching from Birds the Bakers to Wilkinsons and down to the bus station, looked dated almost before they were finished. Many of the units have limited floor space and are of no use to larger retailers looking for more room to swing their proverbial cat.

Shoppers and local residents have been waiting stoically for something to happen, knowing that all would be resolved eventually and Beeston would get its facelift, even if they disagreed with one or more of the elements.

Three vital issues

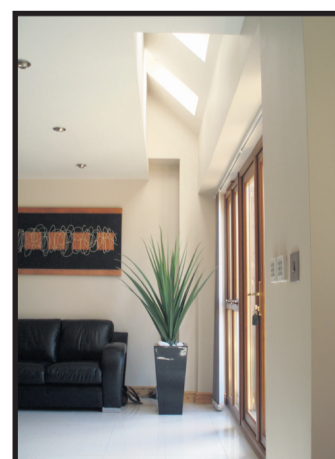
There were originally three major issues centred on Beeston Square: the derelict Shaw & Marvin site on Station Road; the proposed tram; and the redevelopment of The Square – so important to Beeston's future economic wellbeing – by its leaseholder, Henry Boot.

One of these issues, the Shaw & Marvin site, has been resolved with the building of the Tesco store. The tram proposal continues to wait for the coalition government to decide if it has the money to spare.

If the tram *doesn't* go ahead for any reason, Beeston will still be Beeston. It will have the new Tesco store where all was once derelict wasteland on one side of Station Road. But what will we have on the other?

- The dated, brown brick 1960s buildings of the precinct and The Square.
- The dreary, utilitarian bus station.
- The dark, intimidating and under-used multi-storey car park.
- The disused, boarded-up fire station.

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