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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Town Hall, Main Road, Romford
13 December 2011 (7.30 - 9.50 pm)**

Present:

COUNCILLORS

Conservative Group	Billy Taylor (Chairman), Frederick Thompson (Vice-Chair), Steven Kelly, Lynden Thorpe and Damian White
Residents' Group	John Wood and Clarence Barrett
Labour Group	Denis Breading
Independent Residents Group	David Durant

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Brian Eagling.

+Substitute Member: Councillor Clarence Barrett (for Brian Eagling).

Councillors Michael Deon-Burton, Linda Hawthorn and Wendy Brice Thompson were present for parts of the meeting.

The Head of Culture and Leisure Services was also present for part of the meeting. The Head of Services spoke in support of Item TPC155, contained in the Schedule of Minor Traffic and Parking Scheme Applications, and took questions from Members.

There were two members of the public present at the meeting.

All decisions were taken unanimously, with no votes against unless shown otherwise.

The Chairman reminded Members of the action to be taken in the event of an emergency.

There were no declarations of interest.

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The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 15 November 2011 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

55 GOOSHAYS DRIVE HEALTH CENTRE

The Committee considered a report that outlined various comments received in response to a public consultation on proposals for a new zebra crossing, junction table, removal of several pedestrian refuges and the provision of a short term parking facility outside Gooshays Health Centre, Gooshays Drive, Harold Hill.

The report informed the Committee that at the close of consultation, four responses were received, one from the Metropolitan Police Traffic Unit, one from Newlands Pharmacy, one from the NHS and from a ward councillor.

In response to comments made by the Metropolitan Police regarding the amount of zig-zags on the south-bound approach to the crossing, officers agreed that 8 sets would be appropriate.

The responses from the NHS, Newlands Pharmacy and the Ward Councillor were in support of the scheme.

Given the lack of objection, Staff recommended that the scheme be implemented.

During the debate a Member was of the opinion that the crossing should be relocated to the southernmost refuge by Trowbridge Road as this would prevent the need to remove established trees. The Member also suggested that the parking bay should be situated in front of the entrance to the Health Centre with the crossing to the north of Trowbridge Road.

In response officers explained to the Committee that there were technical reasons for the design and location of the crossing which was on the 'desire line' from the southern footway of Trowbridge Road. It was also explained that people walking north from the roundabout had a zebra crossing at the leisure centre and so the removal of the refuges would be appropriate to accommodate the needs of future developments in the area.

Officers explained that putting the parking bay outside the access to the Health Centre would have people accessing and leaving the bay opposite the Trowbridge Road junction which would adversely affect highway safety.

Another Member agreed with Officers recommendations for the positioning of the crossing.

A member asked if the lay-by could be moved further south. Officers explained that this would put it in the approach visibility to the crossing which would undermine highway safety.

The Committee considered the report and **RESOLVED**:

1. To recommends to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment that the various elements of the scheme be implemented as shown on the report drawings;
 - QK012/102 – Gooshays Health Centre
2. That it be noted that the estimated cost of £45,000 would be met from the 2011/12 Transport for London Local Implementation Plan for the Gooshays Drive/ Gubbins Lane Package.

The vote was 8 votes to 1 abstention. Councillor Durant abstained from voting.

56 **IMPROVEMENTS TO SUPPORT SCHOOL TRAVEL PLANS - MEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The Committee considered the report and without debate, **RESOLVED**

1. To recommend to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment that the School Keep Clear marking, as shown on Drawing QK009/mead/OF/01, be implemented.
2. That it be noted that the estimated cost of implementing the scheme was £200 which would be met from the 2011/12 Transport for London Local Implementation Plan allocation for School Travel Plans Implementation.

57 **UNION ROAD, NIGHTINGALE CRESCENT, RIVERSIDE CLOSE AND KIDMAN CLOSE**

The Committee considered the report and without debate, **RESOLVED**

1. To recommend to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment that the following proposals be implemented as shown on the relevant drawings,
 - (a) Union Road 'At any time' parking restrictions and 20mph zone, QE069.A
 - (b) Nightingale Crescent 20mph zone QA642/OF/01.A

- (c) Riverside Close 20mph zone QD023/OF/01.A
 - (d) Kidman Close 'At any time' parking restrictions and 20mph zone, QE067/OF/01.B
2. That the developers contribute 10% of the cost of the development works as Section 38 contributions, for the adoption of the roads listed above. The estimated cost of £1,000 for the implementation of the works detailed in the report would be met from these contributions.

58 HIGHWAYS SCHEMES APPLICATIONS

The report presented Members with all new highway schemes requests in order for a decision to be made on whether the scheme should progress or not before resources were expended on detailed design and consultation.

The Committee would either make recommendations to the Head of StreetCare to progress the scheme or the Committee would reject the request.

The Committee considered and agreed in principle the schedule that detailed the applications received by the service.

The Committee's decisions were noted as follows against each request:

SECTION A - Highway scheme proposals with funding in place			
Item Ref	Scheme	Description	Decision
H1	Highfield Road, Collier Road	Traffic calming scheme as part of a "Highways Contribution" forming part of the S106 obligation for the redevelopment of Hampden Lodge set out in P0127.10	AGREED
SECTION B - Highway scheme proposals without funding available			
H2	Dagnam Park Drive	Remove set of speed cushions which is creating vibrations which is causing concern for a disabled resident who is housebound. Resident also concerned that cushions are not reducing speeds anyway.	REJECTED

H3	Redriff Road, Collier Row	Request for traffic calming as resident considers calming in Mawney road is diverting traffic to Redriff Road	REJECTED
H4	Amersham Road, Harold Hill	Request for speed restriction as resident is concerned about the speed people drive, has two schools in the area and feels something should be done before a child gets hurt.	REJECTED
H5	Osborne Road, Hornchurch	Remove speed cushions and provide zebra crossing near Hylands Park entrance	REJECTED

59 TRAFFIC AND PARKING SCHEMES REQUESTS

The report before the Committee detailed all Minor Traffic and Parking Scheme application requests in order for a decision to be made on whether the scheme should progress or not before resources were expended on detailed design and consultation.

The Committee would either make recommendations to the Head of StreetCare to progress the scheme or the Committee would reject the request.

The Committee considered and agreed in principle the schedule that detailed the applications received by the service.

The Committee's decisions were noted as follows against each scheme:

Minor Traffic and Parking Scheme Applications Schedule

Item Ref	Scheme	Description	Decision
SECTION A – Minor Traffic and Parking Scheme Requests			
TPC132	Howard Road Upminster	Request to install a free parking bay outside the boundary of nos. 6 and 8 to help with access issues to nos. 4 and 8.	REJECTED 4-3-1
TPC155	Cottons Park, Romford, Lodge Farm	Request to introduce pay and display in to selected park car parks to prevent long term commuter parking and	AGREED 5-0-4

	Park, Gidea Park; and Upminster Park, Upminster	encourage more leisure use of the car parks	
TPC156	Introduction of Pay by Phone	To provide additional method of payment for residents and visitors to the borough in Romford Town Centre car parks and a number of free bays in Upminster and Gidea Park where commuter parking is prevalent and dual usage of voucher bays in Crow Lane	DEFERRED To enable officers to provide Members with further details on the scheme to include the: number of free parking bays; effect on Council run and privately run car parks (to include planning obligations) ; extent of the scheme; clarification on all associated costs (to include phone charges)
TPC157	Ethleburga Road/King Alfred Road, Harold Wood	Request for additional residential parking bays	REJECTED
TPC158	Cherry Walk, Rainham	Request to extend the double yellow line restriction up to the flank wall of 107 Rainham Road to prevent obstructive parking	AGREED A Member requested that the report

			clarifies that the extension of the double yellow lines is to be implemented on both sides of the road.
TPC159	Vincent Road, Rainham	Request to remove footway parking bays and replace with restrictions to stop large vehicles parking in the bays and obstructing access to Vincent Road for refuse vehicles	REJECTED
TPC160	Tindall Mews, Hornchurch	Newly adopted narrow road, staggered restrictions only feasible option to deal with parking issues	REJECTED
TPC161	Hazelmere Gardens/ Brentwood Road	Request for junction protection at the junction with Brentwood Road to deter obstructive parking	REJECTED 7-2-0
TPC162	Essex Road, Romford	Request for junction protection at the junction with Cross Road to deter obstructive parking	REJECTED 7-1-1
TPC163	Wentworth Way, Rainham	Request to create residents only parking lay-by on existing green area	REJECTED
TPC164	Bryant Avenue, Romford	Request for double yellow lines for a distance of approx. 30 metres outside McDonalds to prevent vehicles parking and obstructing sightlines from the restaurant. Further to that	REJECTED 5-1-3

		vehicles are parking on the grass verge	
TPC165	Wedlake Close, Hornchurch	Request to implement 'At any time' restrictions at apex of bends and junction with North Street to prevent obstructive parking	REJECTED Members were notified that the Agenda incorrectly stated that Councillor Durant had requested the implementation of the scheme. Officers informed Members that the scheme had been requested by a resident.
TPC166	Gooshays Drive, Harold Hill	Request to implement 'At any time' restrictions outside the Health Centre opposite Trowbridge Road to stop obstructive parking	REJECTED 8-1-0
TPC167	Junction Road and Oaklands Road, Romford	Request for Police vehicle only parking bays in both Junction Road and Oaklands Road	REJECTED A Member noted that the report lacked detail and failed to clarify the applicants proposal
TPC168	Harold Wood Station	Request to reduce the taxi rank length and introduce a limited time stopping bay for picking up/dropping off at the station	AGREED

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TCP169	Lodge Lane, Collier Row	Request for a weight restriction on vehicles above 2 tonnes	REJECTED
TCP170	Willow Street, Romford	Request to introduce 'At any time' restrictions on the apex of the bend opposite The Willow Rooms to prevent obstructive parking	REJECTED 8-0 (Councillor White was not present for Vote)
TCP171	Benjamin Close/Globe Road, Romford	Request to implement a separate residential CPZ for residents of Benjamin Close and Globe Road	REJECTED 8-1-0
TCP172	Squadrons Approach/Ca rbury Close/ Bennions Close/Frankli n Road, Hornchurch	Request for restrictions to deter visitors to Hornchurch Country Park parking obstructively and not utilising the car park facilities in the Country Park	REJECTED 8-0 (Councillor White was not present for Vote)
TCP173	Hamlet Road, Collier Row	Request for junction protection at the junction with Romford Road due to obstructive parking	REJECTED 8-0 (Councillor White was not present for Vote)
TCP174	Clydesdale Road/South Street, Romford	Request to extend the existing CPZ in to South Street for residents residing in maisonettes at corner of Clydesdale Road and South Street	REJECTED 7-1-0 (Councillor White was not present for Vote)
TCP175	Westmorelan d Avenue, Gidea Park	Request to extend the part-time (8am till 10am) restriction operational in Westmoreland Avenue in to the most recently constructed southern section of the road to prevent inconsiderate and obstructive	REJECTED 8-0 (Councillor White was not present for Vote)

		parking	
SECTION B – Minor Traffic and Parking Scheme Requests on hold for future discussion or funding issues			
TPC70	Mashiters Walk, Romford	Request for single yellow line restriction between 10am and 11am following increase in commuter parking as a result of the restrictions recently implemented in the Lake Rise/Rosemary Avenue Area	Noted Deferred for wider review
TPC93	Engayne Gardens, Upminster	Request to remove or convert to residents' parking bays a free parking bay on the corner of Engayne and Ashburnham Gardens	Noted
TPC 120	Ruskin Avenue, Spenser Crescent, Masefield Drive and Hall Lane, Upminster	Request for junction protection at junction of Ruskin Avenue with Masefield Drive, Spenser Crescent with Masefield Drive, Spenser Crescent with Hall Lane and Masefield Drive with Hall Lane plus double yellow lines at the apex of bends in Masefield Drive to deter obstructive parking by users of Upminster Hall Playing Fields	Noted Deferred for wider review
TPC 124	Beaully Road Romford	Request for junction protection marking on the Beaully Road at its junction with Pettits Lane	Noted Members were notified that the item would be incorporated into a wider scheme and would be removed from the list.
TPC 130	Cheshire Close, Emerson Park	Request for footway parking bays	Noted Deferred for wider review of

			the Essex Gardens Estate
TPC 136	29 Hill Grove	Request for restrictions in Hill Grove due to increased number of vehicles parked in the road following the implementation of restrictions in Cedric Avenue.	Noted. Deferred pending wider review of area
TPC 149	Chase Cross Road, Collier Row	Request for restrictions near the junction with Havering Road to be implemented from the bus stand back to the zebra crossing	Noted Deferred for further review

Chairman

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