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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE Council Chamber - Town Hall 5 December 2017 (7.30 - 8.00 pm)

Present:

COUNCILLORS

Conservative Group Frederick Thompson (Vice-Chair), John Crowder,
Dilip Patel and Jason Frost

Residents' Group Barry Mugglestone and Stephanie Nunn

**East Havering
Residents' Group** Darren Wise and Brian Eagling (Chairman)

UKIP John Glanville

**Independent Residents
Group**

Labour Group Denis O'Flynn

Apologies were received for the absence of Councillor David Durant.

Councillor Wendy Brice-Thompson and Councillor Melvin Wallace were also present for the meeting.

There were four members of the public present for the meeting.

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

Unless otherwise indicated all decisions were taken with no votes against.

146 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

None declared at the meeting.

147 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 7 November 2017 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

148 **CEDAR ROAD, ROMFORD - POTENTIAL RELOCATION OF ROAD CLOSURE**

The report before the Committee detailed responses to a consultation for the relocation of the existing modal filter in Cedar Road.

The report informed that by the close of consultation, five responses were received. Three were from residents and two were from businesses. Four of the responses were in support of the alternative location. One business while in support, felt that parking management was required to assist turning drivers and that some carriageway widening should take place at the entrance to Chesham Close.

Officers were of the view that the alternative location of the filter was the only option given the constraints. It was also noted that a parking management review would be considered once the filter was in place.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to recommend to the Cabinet Member for Environment Regulatory Services and Community Safety to the modal filter be relocated to a position at the common boundary of Nos.21 and 23 Cedar Road as shown on Drawing QQ042/101 of the report.

Members noted that the estimated cost of £0.0035m for implementation would be met by the Council's Capital Allocation for Minor Highway Improvements (A2225).

149 **BEECHFIELD GARDENS & CROW LANE - BROOKLANDS SCH40 - RESULTS OF FORMAL ADVERTISEMENT**

The report before the Committee detailed the responses received to the formal advertisement undertaken with the residents of the Beechfield Gardens and Crow Lane (between its junctions with Sandgate Close and Jutsums Lane).

Following the June 2017 meeting of the Committee it was agreed that that a residents parking scheme be designed and formally consulted.

It was stated that residents were formally consulted on a residents parking scheme operational 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday inclusive, with associated single yellow lines operational 8am to 6:30pm Monday to Saturday in line with the existing waiting restrictions and associated 'at any time' waiting restrictions for access and safety reasons.

Officers informed the Committee that given the very low level of objections to the formal advertisement and the results of the previous consultations, it was recommended that the residents parking scheme be implemented. It was further recommended that the advertised operational hours of Monday - Friday 8am-8pm were varied by a reduction to the operational period to Monday - Friday, 8am to 6:30pm.

The variation, to the advertised times, took account of two representations that described the advertised period as excessive as non-residential vehicles rarely arrive after 6:30pm. In officers view it was considered that the reduction to the operational hours would benefit guests of local residents who, under the advertised times, would have required a visitor parking permit between 6:30pm – 8pm.

The report informed the Committee that Ward Councillors had discussed the variation with residents and were happy for the restrictions to be implemented until 6:30pm with the effects monitored to ensure the hours of operation are sufficient.

In accordance with the public speaking arrangements the Committee was addressed by a resident who spoke against the variation to the advertised operational times of the scheme. The resident stated that the reduction to operational times would not deal with parking by evening commuters / shift workers including staff at the local hospital and the local post office facility. The resident raised particular concerns over the effect of the variation on Beechfield Gardens. .

With its agreement Councillor Viddy Persaud addressed the Committee. Councillor Persaud stated that Ward Councillors and a majority of local residents were in support of the revised operational period ending at 6.30pm. Councillor Persaud noted that the effectiveness of the scheme would be monitored. She concluded that there would be opportunities to work with businesses to develop better transport links in the area.

During the debate, a Member warned that reducing congestion in Crow Lane could open the road to fast movement of vehicles and increase road safety issues.

In response to a Member, officers confirmed that the proposed residents parking bays by the cemetery and post office sorting office would be monitored and if underused could be changed to dual use.

In response to a proposal to increase the operational hours for Beechfield Gardens to 8pm, officers stated that the preference was to maintain one set of restrictions in the area but that the scheme would be monitored and the operational hours for Beechfield Gardens could be changed in the future if warranted.

Following the debate, the Committee **RESOLVED** to recommend to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Regulatory Services and Community Safety that the proposals to introduce a residents parking scheme in Beechfield Gardens and Crow Land (between Sandgate Close and Jutsums Lane), operational Monday - Friday, 8am to 6:30pm (a reduction to the advertised times of Monday - Friday, 8am - 8pm), be implemented;

That the effects of the implemented proposals be monitored.

Members noted that the estimated cost of the scheme was £0.003m, which would be met through a virement from the revenue budget to the capital (A2017), as there are no funds within the capital budget to fund the project.

The voting to proceed with the scheme was 9 in favour of implementation with 1 abstention.

150 HIGHWAY SCHEME APPLICATION

The Committee considered a report showing the new highway scheme 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 had considered and agreed in principle the schedule that detailed the applications received by the service.

The Committee's decision was noted against the request and appended to the minutes.

Chairman

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Highway Schemes Applications Schedule

Item Ref	Location	Ward	Description	Decision
SECTION A - Highway scheme proposals without funding available				
A1	Belgrave Avenue	Squirrels Heath	Traffic calming to deal with speeding drivers	Agreed 9-1 abstention
A2	Upper Brentwood Road, by Beaumont Close	Squirrels Heath	Traffic calming by junction to reduce driver speed as emergent visibility from side road is poor and residents have difficulty emerging. Probably a speed table between Beaumont Close and Ferguson Avenue.	Agreed 9-1 abstention

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Item Ref	Location	Ward	Description	Decision
A3	The Mount/ Noak Hill Road	Heaton	Concerns about volume of traffic arising from removal of traffic signals (at Straight Road) and new developments. Full text appended.	Agreed 9-1 abstention
Page 2 A4	Heath Drive and wider estate	Pettits	Modal filter at A12 to prevent traffic leaving A12. Banned right turns from Main Road into Heath Drive. Area-wide 20mph Zone.	Agreed 9-1 abstention
A5	Hacton Lane, North of Ravenscourt Grove	Hacton	Request for speed table to reduce approach speeds to mini-roundabout.	Agreed 9-1 abstention
SECTION B - Highway scheme proposals on hold for future discussion or seeking funding (for Noting)				

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Item Ref	Location	Ward	Description	Decision
B1	Ockendon Road, North Ockendon	Upminster	Speed restraint scheme for North Ockendon Village	85% traffic speeds in village significantly above 30mph (44N/B, 45 S/B). 2 slight injuries 2012-2014. Request held as a potential reserve scheme for 2017/18 TfL LIP.
B2	Collier Row Road, west of junction with Melville Road	Mawneys	Request to remove speed table because of noise/ vibration.	Speed table is start of 20mph zone. Removal would reduce effectiveness of scheme. Funding would need to be provided.

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Full text of petition under A3

We the undersigned, wish to draw to your attention the dangerous conditions on Noak Hill Road. Since the removal of the traffic lights at Straight Road there is no traffic break for vehicles to safely exit the blind junction at The Mount especially as the speed limit is often ignored. A road calming hump would be an obvious solution. You may notice that there is no safe pedestrian crossing in this area either. We are concerned that it will not be too long before there is a serious accident.

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