

**HAROLD HILL
AREA COMMITTEE
(Gooshays and Heaton Wards)
AGENDA**

7.30 p.m.	Thursday, 4 October 2007	St. George's Church and Centre, Chippenham Road, Romford RM3 8HX
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Members 6: Quorum 3

COUNCILLORS:

Keith Wells (Chairman)

Chris Fox (Vice-Chairman)

Gary Adams

Dennis Bull

Alan Bailey

Keith Darvill

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Harold Hill Area Committee 4 October 2007**Welcome to this Area Committee Meeting....****Some Frequently Asked Questions****What is an Area Committee?**

It is a formal meeting of all of the Councillors who sit for wards within the Area. Councillors are members of the Committee automatically; they are not appointed because they belong to any particular political party or group, or indeed to none.

What can it do?

The main purpose of an Area Committee is to enable local Councillors to meet with local people to deal with matters of local concern. Committees and other meetings at the Town Hall tend to deal with matters of borough-wide concern.

How many are there?

There are nine Area Committees, between them covering the whole of the borough. They are:

Area	Constituent wards
North Romford	Havering Park and Mawneys
Harold Hill	Heaton and Gooshays
Romford	Brooklands and Romford Town
Gidea Park	Pettits and Squirrels Heath
Emerson Park and Harold Wood	Harold Wood and Emerson Park
Upminster	Upminster and Cranham
Hornchurch	Hacton and St Andrews
Elm Park and Hylands	Elm Park and Hylands
South Hornchurch and Rainham	Rainham & Wennington and South Hornchurch

Each has six Members, three from each of its constituent wards.

Where does it meet?

Each Area Committee meets four times a year at a venue within its area, which it uses regularly for its meetings. Details for the coming meeting are usually published in "Living in Havering" or can be found out by asking Democratic Services at the Town Hall.

What will be on the agenda?

Generally, Area Committee agendas comprise five parts:

- The formalities of the meeting, including minutes of the last meeting
- A "surgery" at which the public can raise issues with Committee Members
- Reports on highways and other environmental issues

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- Information report on issues of current local concern; and
- Future business and meetings.

The precise agenda will vary from meeting to meeting, depending on what needs to be dealt with at any particular time.

A major component of the current issues is schemes for improving the use of the public highway.

Who runs the meeting?

The Committee each year elects one of its Members as Chairman and he or she will be in control. There is a Vice-Chairman who will take charge if the Chairman is absent for any reason.

A member of Democratic Services staff is also present: his or her job is to assist the Chairman with the smooth running of the meeting, to take the Committee's minutes and to deal with any issues that cannot be dealt with by any one else.

Who can attend?

By law, Area Committee meetings are open to anyone.

Who will attend?

- The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and other Members and the designated Democratic Services Officer
- Officers from StreetCare, and from other departments that have reports that the Area Committee will be dealing with
- Representatives of other official agencies, such as the police, are also often in attendance.

How can I raise an issue?

There are two ways you can raise an issue:

- *Before the meeting:* contact the Chairman, or the Democratic Services officer who deals with the Area Committee
- *At the meeting:* raise the issue during the public question time period (which usually lasts 30 minutes but, at the Chairman's discretion if there is time, can last longer)

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1. Area Committee meetings will be treated as just one element of community engagement and be used as a means by which community engagement can be promoted.
2. Area Committees will be constituted under the Local Government Act 1972 and will have the purpose set out in Article 10 of Part 2 of the Constitution (as revised).
3. There will be nine Area Committees, each covering two electoral wards as set out in Article 10 of Part 2 of the Constitution (as revised).
4. Each Area Committee will decide the fixed venue where it will hold its meetings except in exceptional circumstances as determined by the Chairman. Additional meetings would ordinarily be held at the same venue.
5. Ordinary Area Committee meetings will start at 7.30pm.
6. Area Committees will meet four times a year, but will have the facility for holding special meetings. The Chairman may also arrange informal meetings of the Area Committee, alone or jointly with others, where to do so is conducive to dealing with particular items of business.
7. Area Committees should and can –
 - (a) consult the public to inform the decision makers;
 - (b) be used for the Council to inform the public;
 - (c) be used for non-Council agencies to inform or consult;
 - (d) be entitled to specifically invite appropriate people or organisations to meetings.
8. Area Committee Chairmen –
 - (a) operate under the Job Description, as agreed from time to time by the Governance Committee;
 - (b) take the role of steering committee and collective Member activity, and
 - (c) be required to report to each area committee meeting on their activities since the last meeting as well as an annual report to be submitted to the last ordinary meeting of the Committee of the Municipal Year.
9. In respect of Public Question Time -
 - (a) 30 minutes be allocated for questions from the public at each ordinary meeting, with the Chairman having discretion to modify that length of time, as the first part of the Agenda;
 - (b) Area Committee Chairman be responsible for dealing with questions and co-ordinate their replies.
10. Area Committee Members appointed to area-specific bodies on behalf of the Area Committee by the Governance Committee be required to report to the Area Committee at least once a year on their activities.
11. Area Committees shall –
 - (a) make decisions in respect of traffic matters or (the parameters to be defined) from time to time by the Governance Committee to be recommendation-makers to those taking the decisions;
 - (b) be allocated a budget of £5,000 and be delegated authority to spend on minor locally-focused environmental initiatives (on the basis of criteria established by the Governance Committee from time to time).
 - (c) be entitled to bid for an allocation from a £45,000 budget held on behalf of Cabinet, such bid to be accompanied by a business case.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman or a member of staff on their behalf will announce details of the arrangements in case of fire or other events that might require the meeting room or building's evacuation.

The Chairman will remind members of the public present, that Councillors have to make decisions on the basis of the facts before them. The Chairman will also remind members of the public that the decisions may not always be popular, but they should respect the need for Councillors to take decisions that will stand up to external scrutiny for accountability.

PART 1

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (If any) – to receive

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members are invited to declare any interests in any of the items on the agenda at this point of the meeting. (Members may still declare an interest in an item at any time prior to the consideration of the matter).

4. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 10 July 2007 and to authorise the Chairman to sign them.

5. COMMUNITY AND POLICE CONSULTATIVE GROUP

To appoint the Area Committee's Representative on the Consultative Group.

PART 2

The time shown against this time indicates the expected duration and is given for guidance only. The meeting will close no later than 10:00pm, unless an extension is agreed at the meeting.

6. PUBLIC FORUM AND SURGERY (30 minutes)

Ward Councillors, and possibly other Council services and the Local Police where the Area Chairman has arranged, will be in attendance to give the chance for residents to raise issues with staff, the Police (if present) or Members.

PART 3**7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT****8. PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES – WHITCHURCH ROAD, HAROLD HILL****PART 4****9. RESTRUCTURING OF THE NORTH EAST LONDON MENTAL HEALTH NHS TRUST – Presentation****10. STRATEGY REGARDING EMPTY PROPERTIES - Presentation by the Environmental Health Service, LBH****11. ENVIRONMENTAL CAPITAL SCHEMES – Report to follow**

To consider a report giving details of spend to date and bids for the environmental capital schemes

PART 5**12. FUTURE AGENDAS**

Committee Members are invited to indicate to the Chairman items they would like to see on future agendas.

13. DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 23 January 2008.

14. URGENT BUSINESS

Other business can be considered at the meeting if the Chairman agrees that circumstances justify consideration on grounds of urgency. The reasons why the matters were considered will be recorded in the minutes.

CHERYL COPPELL
Chief Executive

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
HAROLD HILL AREA COMMITTEE**

**St. George's Church and Centre,
Chippenham Road, Harold Hill
10 July 2007 (7.30pm – 10.00pm)**

Present:

COUNCILLORS:

Keith Wells (in the Chair), Gary Adams, Keith Darvill and Chris Fox

Councillor Steven Kelly, Cabinet Member for Sustainable Communities, was present and Sgt Lambkin of the Safer Neighbourhood Team, a representative of the press and approximately 10 members of the public were also present. Councillor Geoff Starns was also present.

No Member declared an interest in the matters under consideration.

The Chairman advised Members and the public of action to be taken in the event of emergency evacuation of the Hall becoming necessary.

38. APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

Cllr Keith Wells was elected as Chairman of the Committee, and Cllr Chris Fox as Vice-Chair.

39. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 26 April 2007 were agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman

40. PUBLIC FORUM AND SURGERY

Members of the public present raised four issues, as set out in Appendix 1 to these minutes.

41. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman gave a report of some of the topics raised at the Area Committee meeting on 26 April 2007:

- a) Hitchin Close – there would be no increase in electricity costs to the tenants of Hitchin Close in December 2007, and a possibility of a reduction in fuel costs should there be a reduction in trade charges.

- b) Proposed closure of Ingrebourne School – to be discussed in depth during a later agenda item
- c) Yellow traffic lines in Taunton Drive – no timetable given, but confirmation that the lines would be in place
- d) Barrier in Darlington Path – confirmation that the barrier would not be replaced at the present time.

42. **SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN – KING’S WOOD SCHOOL: PROPOSED HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS**

The Committee received a report concerning a school travel plan for King’s Wood School, which is a Transport for London funded scheme to improve safety near schools and reduce the need for car use. The proposal involves pedestrian crossing points, a zebra crossing, “school keep clear” restrictions, “at any time” waiting restrictions, and speed cushions.

Residents queried the location of the zebra crossing in Dagnam Park Drive, and Sgt Lambkin asked if railings could be placed along the kerbside outside the entrance to the school. Mark Butler said he would take these comments back to LBH highway engineers. Mark Butler said that the mobile CCTV patrol would discourage parents to park on the pavement outside the school.

Mark Butler told the audience that the travel plan was drawn up in consultation with the school, and that all residents living in the area concerned would be consulted on these proposals.

The Committee **agreed** the recommendations:

1. That the following proposals as shown on Drawings QF002/002 and QF002/003 are agreed in principle and staff are authorised to undertake a formal public consultation, together with statutory advertisement of the relevant traffic orders or features (where required);
 - a. Junction entry tables to provide level pedestrian crossing points at the following locations:
 - Junction of Dagnam Park Drive and Settle Road (Settle Road entry).
 - Junction of Settle Road and Sheffield Drive (whole junction).
 - Junction of Settle Road and Oakley Drive (whole junction).
 - b. A zebra crossing, immediately to the east of the junction of Settle Road and Dagnam Park Drive including footway build-out on the southern side;

- c. improved footway link to Settle Road on the northern side; removal of footway parking within the controlled area (zig-zags); pedestrian guardrail and bollards. Removal of existing refuge and speed cushions just east of the Settle Road/ Dagnam Park Drive junction.
 - d. New larger bus shelters to replace existing at the following locations:
 - Opposite 80 Dagnam Park Drive
 - Opposite 165/175
 - e. School Keep Clear restrictions at the following locations to be in operation from 8am to 5pm Monday to Friday:
 - Outside and opposite the access to King's Wood School on Settle Road. Total of 87.1 metres in length. Commencing 25 metres north of the northern kerb line of Sheffield Drive.
 - Outside the access to Pyrgo Priory and Dycorts Schools on the western side of Settle Road. Total of 50.6 metres long. Commencing 144 metres north of the northern kerb line of Sheffield Drive.
 - f. "At Any Time" waiting restrictions at the following locations:
 - Settle Road, from its junction with Dagnam Park Drive, 10 metres north of the northern kerb line of Dagnam Park Drive.
 - Junction of Settle Road with Oakley Drive, 10 metres on all arms.
 - Junction of Settle Road with Sheffield Drive, western side of the road, opposite existing restrictions on the eastern side from a point 10 metres south of the southern kerb line of Sheffield Drive, to a point 25 metres north of the northern kerb line of Sheffield Drive.
 - g. Speed cushions at the following locations:
 - In the vicinity of 157 and 159 Dagnam Park Drive (on the approaches to the existing pedestrian refuge).
 - In the vicinity of 82 Dagnam Park Drive (3 cushion set on the approach to the zebra crossing).
2. That the approval process be delegated to the Head of Technical Services in consultation with the Chairman of

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the Area Committee, if changes are required to the proposals before it proceeds to formal public consultation and advertisement of the relevant traffic orders and notices.

3. That the approval of the final scheme following the results of the formal public consultation and advertisement of the relevant traffic orders and notices be delegated to the Head of Technical Services in consultation with the Chairman of the Area Committee.
4. That the estimated cost of £75,000 is met from the 2007/08 allocation for School Travel Plans funded by Transport for London through the Local Implementation Plan, subject to finance being available.

43. FARINGDON AVENUE AND CAMBORNE AVENUE – LOCAL SAFETY SCHEME

The Committee received a report detailing the findings of the feasibility study carried out to identify accident remedial measures along these roads. The feasibility study proposed pedestrian refuges, a zebra crossing, upgrading existing zebra crossing lighting, speed cushions and speed control humps, “at any time” waiting restrictions, and centre line hatched and slow road markings.

Members were advised that details of this scheme would also be heard at the Harold Wood Area Committee.

The Committee **agreed** the recommendations:

1. That the Area Committee recommends the Head of Technical Services in consultation with the Chairman of the Regulatory Services Committee to:
 - (a) Agree in principle the proposals of pedestrian refuges, zebra crossing, upgrading existing zebra crossing, speed cushions, speed control humps, ‘At any time’ waiting restrictions, centre line hatched and slow markings as shown on Plan Nos.QE180/01 to 08.
 - (b) Authorise the preparation and advertising of draft traffic management order and traffic notices to introduce at any time waiting restrictions, new zebra crossing, speed cushions and speed control humps as shown on the above plans.
 - (c) Authorise staff to carry out a public consultation on the above proposals

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2. That the estimated cost of £70,000 be met from the Transport for London's (TfL) 2007/08 financial year allocation to Havering for Local Safety Schemes.

44. REVIEW OF PRIMARY EDUCATION

The Committee received a presentation outlining proposals for the re-organisation and investment in Havering's primary schools, which had been considered and agreed by Cabinet on 1 May 2007.

Members noted that there was a long standing issue with the quality of the Council's school building estate which would need approximately £100 million to bring up to an acceptable standard. It was proposed to commence with the modernisation of some primary schools by the investment of £20 million in building new schools and the improvement of others. Members noted that currently some schools had surplus places in excess of 25% of the school's quota and that the modernisation programme aimed to deliver a surplus target of between 5% and 8%. It was advised that schools received their funding based on pupil numbers and that if a school had a surplus of places then its funding would be lower.

Members were advised that several mergers and closures were proposed to allow the building and modernisation of other schools. It was noted that in regards to the Harold Hill area the proposal is to close Ingrebourne School with effect of September 2008. Members were advised that Ingrebourne School had 27% surplus capacity.

Members noted that a further report with the proposals or adjusted proposals would probably go to the autumn Cabinet meeting.

In response to enquiries, the Committee were advised that:
capital assets would be realised, and the school provision in Harold Hill will be included in the Harold Hill Ambitions project;
a commitment that all comments by residents and interested parties would be taken into account before the final report is approved by Cabinet;
no development proposals were being considered for the land Ingrebourne School occupies, until the consultation results were available.

45. THE COUNCIL'S LICENSING OF GAMBLING RESPONSIBILITIES

The Licensing Divisional Manager gave a short presentation on licensing functions carried out by council officers.

The Committee was advised that since November 2005 it had been the responsibility of the Council to carry out licensing activities under the Licensing Act 2003 instead of the local Magistrates Court as had

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previously happened. Members noted that the four principal concerns the legislation dealt with were

- (i) The prevention of crime and disorder
- (ii) Public safety
- (iii) Prevention of public nuisance
- (iv) The protection of children from harm

The Committee was advised that licensable activities were

- (i) The sale by retail of alcohol
- (ii) The supply of alcohol by or on behalf of a club to, or to the order of, a member of the club
- (iii) The provision of (regulated) entertainment
- (iv) The provision of late night refreshment (between the hours of 23.00 and 05.00)

The Committee was advised that the act dealt with two specific areas firstly Premises Licences; these were required for any place offering regulated entertainment (including cinemas & theatres), refreshment at night and or alcohol. The other area was Personal Licences these were issued to individuals allowing them to sell and supply alcohol for consumption on or off the premises.

Members were advised that a review could be initiated with problem premises. The review could be requested by the Responsible Authorities and local residents (but not the licensing authority) if they had sufficient evidence that the licensing objectives were not being met.

The Committee was informed that the Council would assume responsibility for licensing gambling premises from September 2007. The premises which would be regulated were casino's, bingo halls, lotteries, betting shops, tracks and arcades.

The Gambling Act 2005 contained three principal objectives:

- (i) Prevent gambling being a source of, or associated with, crime and disorder
- (ii) Ensure gambling is conducted in a fair and open way
- (iii) Protect children and vulnerable adults from gambling

Similarly to the Licensing Act, the Gambling Act allowed for the request of a review of a premises license. The review could be requested by the Responsible Authorities (including the licensing authority) and local residents if they had sufficient evidence that the licensing objectives were not being met.

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The Committee was advised that if there were any specific queries these could be raised with the licensing team directly.

46. HAROLD HILL AMBITIONS

The Committee received an oral presentation from the Cabinet Member for Sustainable Communities, updating Members on the proposals for the regeneration of Harold Hill. It was explained that the project had begun, and that during the next five months consultations with residents would continue. The Cabinet Member informed Members that once all views had been taken into account, specific details of the project would be discussed with residents. One resident complained that Homes in Havering did not respond to written complaints, and the Committee were assured that Homes in Havering were reviewing their complaints procedure.

There was discussion regarding the empty retail units in Harold Hill, and the Committee were assured that the Harold Hill Ambitions project would also investigate means to attract local businesses into the area.

47. FUTURE AGENDAS

The Committee was invited to propose topics to be considered at future meetings. A suggestion was made for a separate meeting to be held to discuss in depth the Harold Hill Ambitions project along with Committee Members for Harold Wood. The Cabinet Member for Sustainable Communities agreed to arrange a meeting for the Committee Members.

48. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Committee agreed the next meeting of the Harold Hill Area Committee would take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 4 October, in the St George's Church and Centre, Chippenham Road, Harold Hill.

49. URGENT BUSINESS

The Committee received an application for funding of £450 from Douglas Croxall of St John Ambulance funding to purchase new resuscitation dummies, in order to teach First Aid. Councillors agreed to meet separately to discuss this request, and report back to Mr Croxall.

Appendix 1**MATTERS RAISED AT THE MEETING BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC****(a) Rubble on the footpath in Stratton Walk**

A member of the public asked the Chair when the rubble on the footpath in Stratton Walk would be removed. The Chair agreed to investigate this.

(b) Consultation responses regarding the Harold Hill Regeneration Project

A member of the public asked how many consultation responses had been received regarding the Harold Hill Regeneration Project. Cllr Steven Kelly, Lead Member for Sustainable Communities and Health, answered that over 100 responses had been received from the initial consultation form that appeared in "Living in Havering".

(c) Anti-Burglary Seminar

Sergeant Mark Lambkin requested £1000 from the Area Committee funds to host an event in Harold Hill aimed at reducing distraction burglary, and informing residents how to keep their homes safe. The event would cover two days, and be held in Heaton and Gooshays Wards. Councillors agreed to meet separately to discuss this request, and report back to Sgt Lambkin.

(d) Racial disharmony in Heaton Ward

A member of the public asked if any further disturbances had been reported following an incident, and asked what steps the Council had taken to eliminate any repeat incidents. Councillor Adams reported that he had met with some of the residents of the Briar Estate, and that a "World Fair", bringing together the various cultures in the area, was being looked into. Sergeant Mark Lambkin reported that the Safer Neighbourhood Teams across the three wards had joined to create a larger visible presence in the area.



COMMITTEE	DATE	ITEM
HAROLD HILL AREA COMMITTEE	04 TH OCTOBER 2007	8

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

SUBJECT: PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES – Whitchurch Road, Harold Hill

Wards: Gooshays

SUMMARY

Pedestrian facilities – Various locations was one of the schemes approved by Transport for London for funding. A feasibility study has recently been carried out to identify pedestrian facilities along Whitchurch Road, Harold Hill.

This report details the findings of the feasibility study. The proposals include pedestrian refuge, centre hatch and slow markings. It is recommended that the pedestrian facilities at the identified location should be approved in principle.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Area Committee approves the following in principle to:
 - (a) Agree the pedestrian facility proposals along Whitchurch Road as shown on Plan No. QE184/05.
 - (b) Authorise staff to carry out a public consultation on the above proposals.

- (c) Delegate the approval process to the Head of Technical Services in consultation with the Chairman of the Area Committee, if changes are required to the proposals before going to public consultation.
 - (d) Delegate the approval of the final scheme in the light of the results of the public consultation to the Head of Technical Services in consultation with the Chairman of the Area Committee.
2. That, the estimated cost of £8, 000 be met from the Transport for London's (TfL) 2007/08 financial year allocation to Havering for Local Safety Schemes.

REPORT DETAIL

Background

1. In December 2006, Transport for London approved funding for a number of local safety schemes as part of 2007/08 Havering Borough Spending Plan settlement. Pedestrian facilities – various locations was one of the schemes approved by TfL. A feasibility study has been carried out to identify pedestrian facilities along Whitchurch Road. The proposals, as described in the recommendations are considered to improve pedestrian facilities along Whitchurch Road by Tees Drive. This location was originally requested by residents and occupiers.

Proposals

2. It is proposed to provide pedestrian refuge, centre hatch and slow markings along Whitchurch Road as shown on Plan No. QE184/05. Since three bus stops are located in the vicinity of Whitchurch Road / Tees Drive junction, the proposed pedestrian refuge would help to cross this road. Additionally, the vehicle speeds are high along this section of Whitchurch Road, the proposals would help to reduce

these speeds. The proposals would provide pedestrian facilities and minimise accidents at this location.

Consultation

3. The proposals will be publicly advertised and all parties including emergency services and bus companies, affected by the proposals, will be consulted during the consultation period.

Financial Implications and Risks

4. The estimated cost of the proposals is £8, 000. Pedestrian facilities – various locations including Whitchurch Road was one of the schemes approved by TfL which is to be implemented from Havering's 2007/08 allocation for Local Safety Schemes. This scheme is fully funded by TfL.

Legal Implications and Risks

5. None.

Human Resources Implications and Risks

6. None.

Equalities and Social inclusion Implications and Risks

7. There would be some visual impact from the pedestrian facility proposals, however these proposals would generally improve safety for both pedestrians and vehicles.

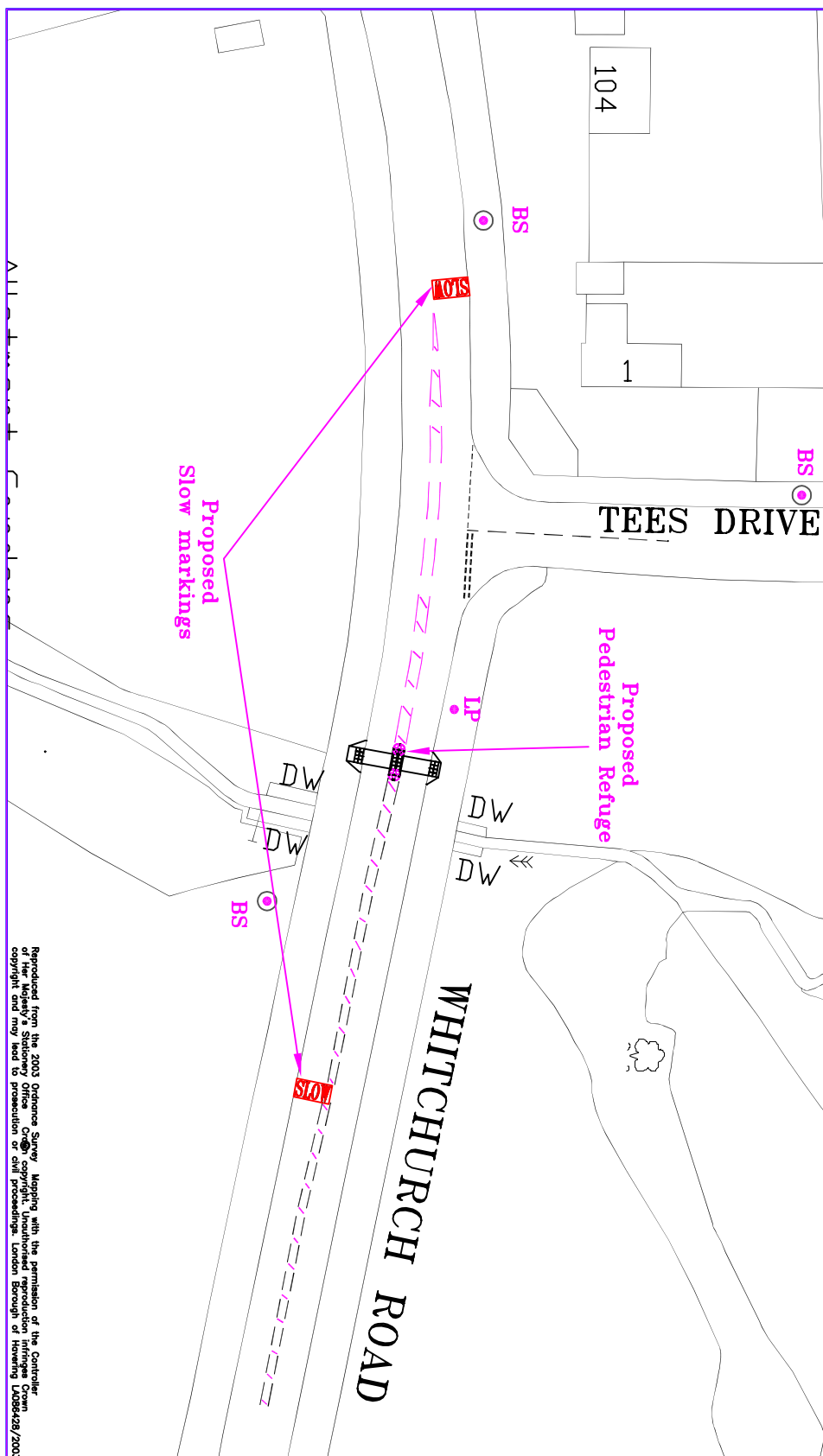
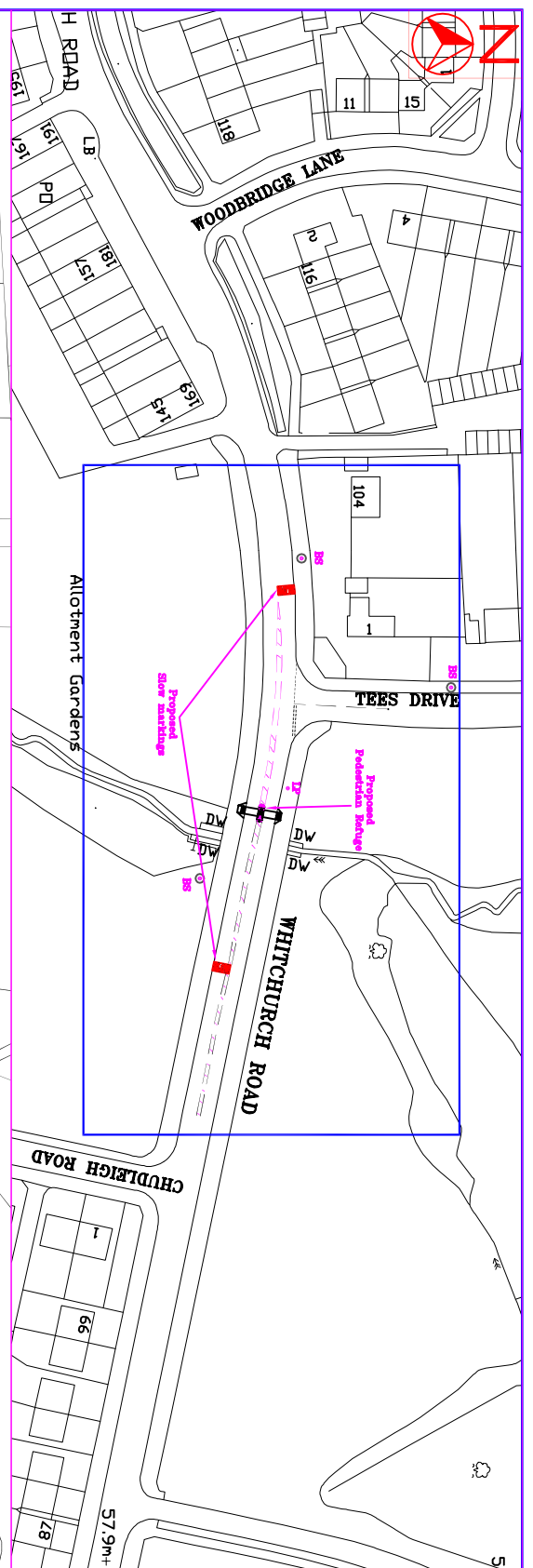
Conclusions

8. The proposals including pedestrian refuges, centre hatch and slow markings are proposed to improve pedestrian facility and safety along Whitchurch Road. It is therefore recommended that the proposals in the recommendation should be approved in principle.

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Background papers: None



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AREA COMMITTEE
(Gooshays and Heaton Wards)**

**SUPPLEMENTARY
AGENDA**

7.30 p.m.	Thursday, 4 October 2007	St. George's Church and Centre, Chippenham Road, Romford RM3 8HX
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11 ENVIRONMENTAL CAPITAL SCHEMES

Please find attached the report marked as to follow on the agenda.

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REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

SUBJECT: Area Committee Capital Projects

WARD: Gooshays & Heaton

SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the current position regarding the Area Committee Capital spend projects for 2006/07 and 2007/08.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the report and progress schedule be noted.
2. Those Area Committees that have not made decisions on their projects are requested to do so.

REPORT DETAIL

On 15th November 2005 Governance Committee agreed that there be a “Local environmental improvement budget (for) expenditure on capital projects, for the well being of the local community, It is proposed that this initially be £5,000 per Area Committee. Additionally, subject to the compilation of a business case, Committees will be entitled to bid for an allocation from a £45,000 budget held on behalf of Cabinet.”

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The Council later adopted the recommendations of the Governance Committee for the administration of the scheme. The funds are held by Public Realm.

Every Area Committee made bids against their own allocation in 2006/07 and these bids were approved via Area Committee Chairs decision. A report on the progress of these bids is attached as Appendix 2. Different Area Committee submitted bids for the corporate pot at different times. This resulted in decisions not being made until March 2007.

A Form A was signed by Council Ramsey on 14 March 2007 agreeing the allocation of the corporate pot. At that time it became clear that the bids submitted exceeded the £45,000 provision for the Corporate Pot and that even though Upminster Area had waived their Area spend to support the Upminster Park toilet refurbishment there was still a shortfall of some £3,230. Given the desirability of these competing bids the lead Member for Environment & Technical services agreed to meet the shortfall and vire money to the Corporate pot from the Parks Capital Programme to enable them to proceed.

The approval of these Environmental Improvements bids needs to be made in the year in which the budget is allocated. This means that decisions are needed this cycle to enable the work to be programmed and delivered on time.

Area Committees which have not made decisions on the allocation of the £5,000 are requested to do so. The current bids for the corporate pot are being progressed.

Financial Implications and risks:

The sums involved in this scheme are relatively minor but are allocated and spent within the existing framework for spending capital. There are risks to the Councils reputation if, having made a commitment to spend capital on small local projects these do not proceed due to lack of input by Members. .

Legal Implications and risks:

There are none.

Human Resources Implications and risks:

There are none.

Environmental implications

This scheme addresses some of those local environmental issues that concern residents and councillors and will assist in the protection, enhancement and enjoyment of the local environment.

Equalities implications:

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Many of the schemes approved and implemented last year made our services and facilities more accessible and welcoming to those members of the community who had previously not used them.

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Background Papers List

Minutes of Governance Committee 21 November 2006.

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Area Committee capital spend 2007/08. £5000 per area

	Bid Submitted	Current situation
Elm Park & Hylands	None	
Emerson Park & Harold Wood	None	
Gidea Park	No bid will be submitted as budget already allocated to parking scheme approved last year	
Harold Hill	None	
Hornchurch	None	
North Romford	Donation to Metropolitan Police for purchase of police tactical bikes, one each in Mawneys and Havering Park	
Romford	None	
South Horn. & Rainham	None	
Upminster	None	

Corporate Pot - £45,000 in total		
Bid made by	Bid submitted	Amount bid for:
Cllr Binion	Fencing works to banks of River Rom	18,558
Cllr Galpin	Fencing to playsite area Park Lane Recreation Ground	10,000

Area Committee capital spend 2006/07

	Approved bid	Current situation
Elm Park & Hylands	Equipment for Park Lane Recreation Ground.	Installed
Emerson Park & Harold Wood	Equipment for Harold Wood Park Donations to Met Police for purchase of bikes.	Equipment Installed Bike delivered to SNT.
Gidea Park	Traffic Management study in Hare Hall Lane	Scheme will have to be carried out over two capital years
Harold Hill	Donations to Met Police for purchase of bikes and donation to Community Housing Group.	CHG sent cheque to Met Police 9 May 07 and they report that bikes on order
Hornchurch	Equipment for St. Andrews Park.	Equipment installed
North Romford	Equipment for Chelmsford Avenue Play site and bin for Lodge Lane.	On order
Romford	Speed gun for Met Police Safer Neighbourhood Team,.	Speed gun delivered to SNT
South Horn. & Rainham	Fencing for the Glen Playing Field	Installed
Upminster	Contributed allocation to support bid for refurbishment of Upminster Park Toilets.	Allocation added to corporate pot when bid approved.

Corporate Pot		
Bid made by	Bid Approved	Current situation
Cllr J Mylod	Repaint Orangery at Langtons and Lawn edging at Langtons	Orangery painting complete. Lawn edging to begin at end of growing season.
Cllr Galpin	Teen shelter Park Lane Recreation Ground	Will be delivered and installed w/c 17 September.
Cllr Light	Wooden Bollards to stop dangerous parking Harold Wood Park	Installation complete
Cllr Ford	Upgrade toilets in Upminster Park	Works on-going
Cllr Binion	Fencing Kiln Wood Lane/St. Johns Road	Installed
Cllr Gregory	Refurbishment of Pavilion Raphaels Park	Works to begin at end of cricket season.