

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

7.30 p.m	Wednesday 13 January 2010	St. George's Church and Centre, Chippenham Road, Romford RM3 8HX
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Members 6: Quorum 3

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Chris Fox (VC)

Gary Adams

Keith Darvill

Dennis Bull

Mark Logan

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AGENDA ITEMS

1. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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 15 October 2009 and to authorise the Chairman to sign them.

PART 2

5. 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

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

PART 4

7. HAVERING LINK - Presentation

PART 5

8. FUTURE AGENDAS

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

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 31 March 2010 at St George's Church and Centre, Chippenham Road Harold Hill.

10. 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
15 October 2009 (7.30pm – 9.45pm)**

Present:

COUNCILLORS:

Keith Wells (in the Chair), Denis Bull, Keith Darvill, Chris Fox and Mark Logan

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Gary Adams.

Approximately 25 members of the public and a representative of the Press were present.

Unless indicated otherwise, all decisions were taken with no Member voting against. There were no declarations of interest.

The Chairman advised of action to be taken in the event of emergency evacuation of the Centre becoming necessary.

11. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2009 were agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

12. PCT PRESENTATION – HAVAERING POLYCLINIC

An Interim Director with NHS Havering gave the Committee a presentation on the plans for Polyclinics in Havering.

The Committee was informed of the following:

- That the four Polyclinics planned for Havering are being developed on the Polysystems strategy. It was envisaged that the Polysystems would develop as clinical/commercial hubs.
- That every Polyclinic would have an area of specialised expertise which will be developed with an identified partner.

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- Harold Wood Polyclinic and Mardyke facilities were scheduled for opening in 2010 to specialise in Long Term Conditions/Older People and People with Disabilities
- St Georges Polyclinic scheduled opening in 2011 to specialise in rehabilitation and screening
- Rainham Polyclinic planned to open in 2012 would specialise in children and young families
- Queens Hospital Polyclinic scheduled opening in 2012/13 to specialise in acute care
- That the Harold Wood Polyclinic is also proposed to provide three new GP practices with a full range of primary care facilities
- That the first phase of Mardyke facilities is aimed to open by February 2010 while the Harold Wood Polyclinic opens in late May 2010

13. PUBLIC FORUM

The Chairman invited comments from the public on any of the items contained within Appendix 1 of the minutes, or for any new issues to be raised.

14. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman presented his report to the Committee which covered the following issues:

1. Green Bag Charges

The Chairman reported that residents could dispose of or recycle garden waste in a number of ways but the collection was chargeable. They could subscribe to the wheeled bin collection service (charge from October - March £19.20 or £15.35 for concessions) which was a cheaper option than buying green sacks.

Alternatively residents could home compost their garden waste (subsidised home composters were available) or use the other option of taking their waste to the Gerpins Lane Re-use and Recycling Centre free of charge.

Where residents dumped garden waste on the street enforcement action would be taken.

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The Chairman informed residents that waste and recycling sacks should be placed on the property at the boundary nearest the street. Bags should not be stacked or placed on the road or pavement or grassed verges. This eliminated the risk of people tripping over sacks of waste, stopped highways obstructions and encouraged residents to take more care of how their waste was presented which in turn reduced litter caused by animals or vandals attacking the sacks.

Sacks which were placed outside the boundary of the property may be investigated and the appropriate enforcement action taken.

The Chairman added that if anybody had a complaint about bags being stacked outside their property, they were advised to contact the Council's streetcare department and report the matter for further investigation.

3. Shortage of litter bins in shopping area

The Chairman informed residents that Streetcare officers had advised him that there were 28 litter bins within the Hilldene shopping area.

4. Area Committee Budget Spend

The Chairman informed the Committee that £900 had been awarded to the St John's Ambulance by way of a contribution of one third of the cost of a defibrillator.

5. Harold Hill Ambitions

Councillor Steven Kelly would provide an update on progress at the next meeting.

6. One way system for East Dene Drive & West Dene Drive and HGV's on local roads / Articulated lorries on local roads

The Chairman reported that part of the regeneration scheme for the Hilldene shopping centre would include looking to make a one-way system to help large vehicles physically access the rear of the shop units which are currently very hard to access because of road width and parking.

The Principal Engineer added that the service were working on a one way system for Eastdene Drive and Westdene Drive

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which would make it easier for HGVs to service the shops and avoid the need to try and get through the residential streets.

7. Bus Issues on Harold Hill

Councillor Roger Evans, Havering's representative at the London Assembly also addressed the meeting on current issues that were raised at previous meetings relating to bus numbers 74 and 496 from Harold Wood not turning up and not turning in to the Queens Hospital. The Committee was informed that there was an issue with capacity of buses operating to the Queens hospital and that there were currently 17 buses operating to the Queens. More countdown screens were been rolled out to give passengers information on bus movements.

15. SUSTRANS CONNECT 2 (Phase 1 – Noak Hill to Harold Wood)

Following Cabinet's approval in principle at its meeting of 15 July 2009 for the Ingrebourne Valley Sustrans Connect 2 scheme, this report was provided as an update on the scheme.

The report also sought the recommendation of the Area Committee to the Regulatory Services Committee that works within the public highway be approved in principle, as Phase 1 of the scheme was split between the Harold Hill and the Emerson Park & Harold Wood Area Committees.

The scheme's overarching aims were to improve local travel in 79 communities around the UK by creating new walking and cycling networks for everyday journeys.

By means of bridges, tunnels and other crossings, barriers such as busy roads, rivers and railways can be overcome to make travelling on foot or bike easier and more direct. With each new crossing linking to a local network of walking and cycling routes, there would be direct access to local schools, shops and workplaces, as well as green spaces.

In terms of design, the route was being designed for pedestrians and both the experienced and inexperienced cyclist. For unaccompanied child cyclists, the design was aimed at those of around 12-years of age, who would already have some ability to cycle on quiet roads. This was supported by the Council's "Bikeability" programme of cycle training for children in their final year of primary school.

Sustrans and the Council were promoting a scheme for the Ingrebourne Valley which would build on, connect to and improve existing routes, some of which have been in place for some time.

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The 13 mile Ingrebourne Valley Connect 2 route started in Noak Hill and ended at Rainham Marshes, running through Harold Hill, Harold Wood, Harold Park, Cranham, Upminster, Hornchurch, Elm Park and South Hornchurch.

The Area Committee **Agreed** the following:

1. In principle to support the scheme following Cabinet approval on 15 July 2009.
2. To recommend to the Regulatory Services Committee that staff be authorised to undertake public consultation, together with statutory advertisement of the proposed waiting restrictions, footway to cycle track conversions, cycle lane creation and all associated works.
3. That it be noted that the estimated cost of the whole scheme is estimated to be £1,558,000 and would be delivered in three phases.
4. That it be noted that the Cabinet Member for Regeneration had been delegated the approval for each phase to be taken forward only when the appropriate funding was in place, subject to any other consents.

16. DARTFIELDS AREA - PROPOSED 20MPH ZONE

The Committee received a report that outlined a feasibility study carried out to identify speed restraint measures in the area within the boundary of Chippenham Road, Trowbridge Road, Gooshays Drive, Faringdon Avenue and Chatteris Avenue.

A bid was submitted to Transport for London for funding and was successful for work to be undertaken during the financial year 2009/10. The proposed speed restraint measures involve the following.

- Speed limit changes from 30mph to 20mph.
- Speed control humps
- Gateway measures including red surfacing, 20/30 mph roundels and road signs
- 20mph roundels

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The Area Committee **Agreed** the following in principle:

1.
 - (a) That the proposals of speed limit changes, speed control humps, red surfacing, 'At any time' waiting restrictions, 20mph signs and 20 mph roundels be agreed. The locations of the proposals are summarised below:
 - (i) Lowering the existing 30 mph speed limit to 20 mph in Bosworth Crescent, Chatteris Avenue, Chippenham Walk, Cricklade Avenue, Dartfields, Dewsbury Close, Dewsbury Gardens, Dewsbury Road, Dunstable Close, Dunstable Road, Dulverton Road, Dudley Gardens, Dudley Road, Gooshays Gardens, Guildford Gardens, Guildford Road, Kings Lynn Road, Tansy Close and Trowbridge Road .
 - (ii) Speed control humps along Cricklade Avenue, Dartfields, Dewsbury Road, Dudley Road, Dulverton Road, Dunstable Road, Kings Lynn Road and Trowbridge Road as shown in the report
 - (iii) Gateway measures and 20mph roundels as shown in the report
 - (b) To authorise staff to carry out a public consultation on the proposals.
 - (c) To authorise the preparation and advertising of the traffic orders necessary to introduce the speed limit changes, 'At any time' waiting restrictions and statutory notices to introduce speed control humps as shown.
 - (d) To delegate the approval process to the Head of Streetcare in consultation with the Chairman of the Area Committee, if changes are required to the proposals before going to public consultation.
 - (e) To delegate approval of the final scheme in the light of the results of the public consultation to the Head of Streetcare in consultation with the Chairman of the Area Committee.
2. To note that the estimated cost of £75,000 be met from Transport for London's (TfL) 2009/10 financial year

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allocation to Havering for Local Safety Schemes.

17. FUTURE AGENDAS

The Area Committee agreed that the following items be included on future agendas:

- Invitation to the Borough Police Commander
- Harold Hill Ambitions Project update
- Invitation to the Chief Executive Homes in Havering

APPENDIX 1**MATTERS RAISED AT THE MEETING BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC****(a) Incident on Briar Road Estate**

A resident commented that the positioning of one of the CCTV cameras was ineffective as they were unable to provide evidence/footage to assist police in their investigation of an incident. This camera was being obstructed by trees. In reply, the Chairman and a Police representative stated that there was currently a police investigation taking place in relation to an incident and that there was no further information that could be given at this stage.

(b) Motor bike users

A resident complained about motor bike rider being a nuisance on the Briar Estate. In reply, a Police representative at the meeting stated that they were aware of the individual but can only arrest when they are present. Residents were urged to continue to ring the police.

(c) CCTV System

A resident enquired as to the reasons why the CCTV system in Harold Hill was not linked direct to the Police. In reply, the Committee was reminded that this system is operated by Homes in Havering.

(d) Tenants Concern over CCTV Charges

A resident raised the matter of tenant charges by Homes in Havering tenants in relation to CCTV services.