

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Council Chamber - Town Hall
16 August 2011 (7.30 - 11.00 pm)**

Present:

COUNCILLORS

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

Councillors Wendy Brice-Thompson, Andrew Curtin, Barry Tebbutt and Linda Van den Hende were also present for part of the meeting.

There were approximately twenty 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.

20 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 12 July 2011 were agreed as a correct record subject to an amendment to item 13 which should have read that "staff concluded that a scheme should **not** be taken forward" with this amendment the minutes were signed by the Chairman.

21 GIDEA PARK CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE REVIEW

Councillor Kelly proposed a motion to defer the item to allow officers to carry out a wider consultation which would include consulting with local businesses and residents.

Councillor Breading seconded the motion.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment that the scheme be deferred for further consultation to be carried out in particular with Ward Members.

22 **AMBLESIDE AVENUE PARKING REVIEW**

The report before the Committee presented the views of those responding to a parking survey for the Ambleside Avenue area and proposed further action based on the responses received.

During discussions members felt that yellow lines on one side of the road would be excessive and that a one hour restriction may have been more suitable. It was also felt that the current arrangements in place were acceptable and a motion to reject the scheme was proposed by Councillor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Breading.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Committee recommend to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment the following Recommendation 1(c):-

The Head of StreetCare should not proceed further with the scheme

23 **PARK LANE AREA PARKING REVIEW**

The report presented the views of those responding to a public consultation on an extension to the Romford Controlled Parking Zone, parking restrictions at junctions and other minor parking alterations.

During discussions members debated whether to include all the reports recommendations or whether to implement just some of the proposed improvements.

Councillor Kelly advised that the scheme should be deferred to allow officers to revisit the area and ascertain what was originally asked for by the residents.

With its agreement Councillor Andrew Curtin addressed the Committee on behalf of the residents living in the affected area.

Councillor Curtin spoke for the residents of Clifton Road and outlined their need to be included in the existing Controlled Parking Zone.

Officers advised that the responses to the survey from residents in the Clifton Road area had been of a low level and did not show support for any traffic scheme.

Through Councillor Curtin several residents explained that the letter they had received had not been very clear and had not shown that a response was required.

Councillor Durant felt that only recommendations 1(e), 1(f) and 1(g) should be implemented.

Members again discussed the possibility of the area being revisited by officers to determine what was required by the residents.

Councillor Curtin advised that he was concerned that revisiting the site would lead to more delays in implementing any scheme that was agreed, a fact that was supported by officers who advised that following a twenty-one day consultation period a new scheme was unlikely to be in place for at least two to three months.

Councillor Kelly proposed a motion which was seconded by Councillor Thorpe that proposals 1(e) and 1(f) be implemented and that officers re-consulted on the Clifton Road and Park Lane elements by way of a compromise.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment that proposals 1(e) and 1(f) be implemented and that officers re-consulted on the Clifton Road and Park Lane elements.

The vote was 8 for and 1 against. Councillor Breading voted against the resolution.

24 **COLDHARBOUR LANE, RAINHAM -PROPOSED SPEED TABLE**

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

1. A recommendation be made to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment that the speed table on Coldharbour Lane be implemented.
2. It was noted that the estimated cost of implementing the scheme was £10,000 which could be met from the Rainham to the River 2011/12 Capital fund.

25 **ST EDWARDS WAY/MAWNEY ROAD-PROPOSED CHANGES TO JUNCTION**

The report before the Committee presented the views of those responding to a survey regarding the proposed changes to the junction of Mawney Road and St Edward's Way.

During the debate members discussed the possibility of traffic queues being created back onto the Brewery roundabout, a similar scheme that had taken place in Crow Lane, Romford that had had a similar layout working.

Officers advised that traffic modelling studies that had taken place indicated that traffic queues would not form back onto the Brewery roundabout.

There was also discussion regarding the width of the proposed cycle lanes and the possibility of cyclists and buses weaving in and out of lanes.

Councillor Kelly proposed a motion that the scheme be rejected, which was seconded by Councillor Eagling.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment that the scheme be rejected.

The vote was 7 votes in favour with 1 against and 1 abstention. Councillor Breading voted in favour of the scheme and Councillor Thompson abstained from voting.

26 **POND WALK PARKING REVIEW**

The report before the Committee presented the views of those responding to a parking survey for the Pond Walk area and proposed further action based on the responses received.

With its agreement Councillor Van den Hende addressed the Committee.

Councillor Van den Hende stated that she was in support of the proposals to consult with the residents regarding the introduction of double yellow lines.

Members question whether a double yellow line was needed for the length of the road.

Officers advised that the road was very narrow and parked cars were causing major obstructions.

The Committee, following the short debate, **RESOLVED** to recommend that the Head of StreetCare be authorised to publically advertise the proposals as outlined in the report and should any responses be received, they be reported to the Committee so a further course of action could be agreed.

27 **PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS**

The Committee considered a report that outlined the responses received to various advertised waiting restrictions, which had previously been agreed by the Committee, and recommended further course of actions in each case.

1) Belgrave Avenue

It was proposed to introduce 'At any time' waiting restrictions in Belgrave Avenue from the red route boundary of the Southend Arterial Road in to Belgrave Avenue for 18.4 metres, extending into the unnamed service road fronting the Southend Arterial Road, for a distance of 10 metres.

Members noted that one letter of representation had been received from a resident of Belgrave Avenue opposing the scheme.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment that the scheme be rejected.

The vote was 6 votes in favour with 1 against and 1 abstention. Councillor Thompson voted in favour of the scheme and Councillor Thorpe abstained from voting.

2) Campion School

It was proposed to introduce a 43.5 metre 'School Keep Clear' marking in Wingletye Lane fronting the main vehicular access to the Campion School site, which prohibited stopping from 8.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday inclusive.

The Committee noted that one letter of representation had been received supporting the scheme.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment that the scheme be implemented.

3) Norfolk Road

It was proposed to introduce a short stay parking bay for two vehicles in Norfolk Road to the side of 148 Upminster Road, operational from 8.00am to 6.30pm Monday to Saturday. The bay would permit a one hour maximum stay, prohibiting a return to the bay within two hours

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment that the scheme be implemented.

4) Dell Court – Ravensbourne Grove

It was proposed to introduce a nine metre long Ambulance Bay in the lay-by area fronting Dell Court, which prohibits stopping 'At any time' except for Ambulances.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment that the scheme be rejected

The vote was 8 votes to 1. Councillor Breading voted in favour of the scheme.

5) Mavis Grove

It was proposed to introduce six Pay & Display parking bays operational from 8.00am to 6.30pm Monday to Saturday inclusive, with a maximum stay of two hours, on the southern side of Mavis Grove, between its junction with Station Lane and the entrance to Draper Court. It was also proposed to introduce 'At any time' waiting restrictions on both sides of the road to cover the vehicular entrances to Draper Court and Ripon House and to restrict the remainder of the unrestricted area of the road with an 8.00am to 6.30pm Monday to Saturday waiting restriction.

Members noted that there had been two letters of representation one in favour and one opposing the scheme.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment that the scheme be rejected

The vote was 6 votes to 3. Councillors Durant, Thompson and Taylor voted in favour of the scheme.

6) Market Link

It was proposed to introduce 'At any time' waiting restrictions and a 4.00am to 8.00pm loading ban in all of Market Link, the area of Ducking Stool Court that was proposed to be readopted, and in The Mews, to the south-western boundary of Emma Court.

Members noted that eight letters of representation had been received, all of which objected to the scheme.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment that the scheme be rejected

28 **HIGHWAYS ADVISORY WORK PROGRAMME**

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	395 - 405 Brentwood Road	Provision of loading/ parking bay in connection with new development (Ref P0018.11)	AGREED
H2	Kidman Close, Gidea Park	Provision of double yellow lines on both sides of road in advance of adoption as is the current layout.	AGREED
H3	Heath Park Road Railway Bridge Structural Weight Limit	Provision of 3T Structural Weight Limit & 6' 6" width restriction following notification by Network Rail, including closure of Manor Road.	AGREED
SECTION B - Highway scheme proposals without funding available			
H4	Crossways	Request for traffic calming and pedestrian crossing facilities	REJECTED
H5	North Hill Drive, near Ashbourne Road, Harold Hill	Provide pedestrian crossing to assist elderly people accessing bus stop, who currently struggle because of high traffic flow	REJECTED
H6	Heather Avenue, Romford	Request for speed humps or no-entry onto A12 Eastern Avenue	REJECTED
H7	Beechwood Gardens/ Huntwood Close	Request for traffic calming via small chicanes	REJECTED

H8	Faircross Avenue, Collier Row	Request for speed humps to be removed or width restriction put in to prevent lorries over 7.5 tonnes ignoring weight limit and using street - such lorries are causing noise and vibration.	REJECTED
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29 **TRAFFIC AND PARKING SCHEMES REQUEST WORK PROGRAMME**

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:

Item Ref	Scheme	Description	Decision
SECTION A – Minor Traffic and Parking Scheme Requests			
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	Defer for a wider review of the area
TPC71	Leamington Close, Harold Hill	Request for junction protection at junction with Leamington Road as vehicles are less than 10 metres from the junction obstructing sightlines exiting the Close.	Rejected
TPC72	Rutland Drive, Hornchurch	Request for junction protection at junctions with	Rejected

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		Essex Gardens, Cheshire Close and Rutland Approach and double yellow lines on apex of bend in Rutland Drive. Plus request to stagger existing footway bays to allow for larger vehicles	
TPC73	King Edward Road, Romford	Request to reduce the number of business permit and meter bays and increase the number of resident parking bays	Retain the existing facilities and look at possible further facilities
TPC74	Hyland Way, Hornchurch	Request for junction protection at junction with Hillcrest Road due to vehicles parking up to the junctions obstructing sightlines entering and exiting Hyland Way	Rejected
TPC75	Bridge Close, Romford	Request for loading restrictions on flank wall opposite garages and rear access to residential properties to deter parking on current SYL restriction causing obstructions to residents exiting and entering their properties	Progress to advert
TPC76	Yale Way, Elm Park	Request for junction protection at junction with Cowdray Way due to vehicles parking up to the junction obstructing sightlines	Rejected
TPC77	Cecil Avenue, Hornchurch	Request to extend the junction protection at the junction with Birch Crescent	Rejected
TPC78	Hornford Way, Romford	Request for single yellow line restriction on one side of the road to deter commuter parking by Queen's Hospital employees	Design and consult 8am to 6.30pm Mon – Sat restrictions on the north side of the road
TPC79	St Andrews Avenue, Elm Park	Request to extend single yellow lines at junction with Windermere Avenue to mirror the SYLs at the	Rejected

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		junction with Carforth Gardens	
TPC80	Hacton Parade, Hornchurch	Request for double yellow lines around the roundabout to deter vehicles parking on the roundabout itself	Rejected
TPC81	Ingrave Road, Romford	Request to replace parking meter bays with resident parking bays for residents of Dunton Road	Defer, committee requested info on income from the parking meters in Ingrave Road
TPC82	Lodge Lane, Collier Row	Request for double yellow lines on one side or alternately up to Frinton Avenue as current parking on both sides is dangerous and causes congestion	Defer for further info from Cllr Wallace
TPC83	Brookdale Close, Upminster	Measures to deal with obstructive weekend and evening parking, causing obstruction	Rejected
TPC84	Hornchurch Road, Hornchurch	Convert disc parking bays at front and side of the shops to Pay and Display as shopkeepers are losing residential and passing trade	Design and advertise
TPC85	Dereham Place, Collier Row	Request for restrictions to prevent motorists parking for the local Co-op and causing obstruction to residents entering and exiting Dereham Place	Rejected
TP86	Wennington Road, Rainham	Request for bus stop clearway at the beginning of the parade of shops by Ferro Road	Approved subject to TFL funding along with a further proposal to change the Disc bay to P&D
TP87	Salisbury Road, Romford	Request for the extension of double yellow lines at apex of bend as this is a blind spot for drivers	Rejected
TPC18	A1306/Wentworth Way	Request for junction protection at A1306 junction with Wentworth	Deferred for further comments from the police

		Way	
TPC19	Anchor Drive, Rainham	Request for restrictions to ensure emergency access to the sheltered accommodation after the ambulance services could not attend an emergency on 8th March 2011	The further signing and lining works proposed for the footway parking scheme were considered to be sufficient and therefore no further action was required
Item Ref	Scheme	Description	Decision
SECTION B – Minor Traffic and Parking Scheme Requests on hold for future discussion or funding issues			
TPC2	Short term parking for shops around Main Road commercial area	Provision of meter style parking in area as not everyone has a disc and some areas have long term parking after 10am	NOTED
TPC6	20 Tudor Avenue	Extend existing restrictions to prevent obstructive parking by parents of Gidea Park College with concern about safety	NOTED
TPC7	22 Tudor Avenue	Extend existing restrictions to prevent obstructive parking by parents of Gidea Park College with concern that resident cannot leave property to pick up own child	NOTED
TPC13	18 Tudor Avenue	Request to extend existing restrictions to numbers 18-24 Tudor Avenue to deter inconsiderate parental parking for Gidea Park College and Gidea Park Primary School	NOTED
TPC27	Durham/Elvet Avenues	Request for CPZ extension due to the impact of the redevelopment of the Snowdon Court site	NOTED
TPC34	Weald Way (off London Road)	Request for residential parking due to Nissan employees utilising the road to park, blocking driveways and access to resident visitors	INFORMAL CONSULTATION AGREED

TPC45	25 Tudor Avenue	Request for short-term restrictions to deter increasing amount of 'all day' commuter parking	NOTED
TPC55	Clockhouse Lane, Collier Row	Request to bridge existing single yellow line restriction by 12-13 metres outside North Romford Community Centre, current gap is being utilised and causing an obstruction	NOTED
TPC64	Gelsthorpe Road, Collier Row	Request for double yellow line restrictions on apex of bend outside number 86 and neighbouring properties	NOTED

30 **SUSPENSION OF COMMITTEE PROCEDURE RULES**

During the discussion of remaining items on the agenda the Committee **RESOLVED** to suspend Council Procedure Rule 9 to allow the conclusion of consideration of the remaining items on the agenda.

31 **URGENT BUSINESS**

Following a brief discussion regarding the proposed use of electronic voting at future meeting of the Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** that the electronic voting system be used at future meeting of the Committee.

The vote was 7 for and 2 against. Councillors Breading and White voted against the proposal.

Chairman