

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Town Hall, Main Road, Romford
20 September 2011 (7.30 - 10.35 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

Councillor Linda Hawthorn was also present for part of the meeting.

There were approximately thirty 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.

32 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 16 August 2011 were agreed as a correct record subject to an amendment to the members of the Committee being present which should have read that Councillor Lynden Thorpe was present and Councillor Linda Trew was not present. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

33 PROPOSED TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS AT A125 WATERLOO ROAD/EXCHANGE STREET JUNCTION ROMFORD

The report before the Committee presented the views of a consultation to relocate the existing pedestrian crossing in Waterloo Road on the south side of Exchange Street to provide a direct route for pedestrians and cyclists

between St Andrews Road and Exchange Street, Romford and proposals to alleviate traffic congestion in Exchange Street.

The Committee considered the report and without debate **RESOLVED** to recommend to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment that the following measures be implemented:

1. New Shared crossing in Waterloo Road by Exchange Street, Romford

- 1.1 That the proposal to abandon the existing shared crossing in Waterloo Road, situated on the north side of Exchange Street be carried out as shown on drawing no. QK011-of-201.
- 1.2 That the proposal to provide a shared crossing in Waterloo Road on the south side of Exchange Street be implemented as shown on drawing no. QK011-of-201.
- 1.3 That the proposal to provide a dedicated cycle track commencing from the southern end of St Andrews Road, extending eastwards for 30 metres up to the western kerbline of the northbound carriageway of Waterloo Road be implemented as shown on drawing no. QK011-of-201.
- 1.4 That the proposal to provide a dedicated footway for pedestrians be implemented. The new footway would commence from the southern end of St Andrews Road and extend eastwards up to the western kerbline of the northbound carriageway of Waterloo Road as shown on drawing no. QK011-of-201.

2. Shared cycle facility in Exchange Street

That the existing footway on south side of Exchange Street be converted for shared use for pedestrians and cyclists. The shared use would commence from the eastern kerb line of the southbound carriageway of Waterloo Road, extending eastwards for 170 metres. as shown on drawing nos.QK011-of-201/202

3. Widening western end of Exchange Street, Romford

- 3.1 That the proposals to widen the western end of Exchange Street at its junction with Waterloo Road be implemented. The widening would commence from the eastern kerbline of the southbound carriageway of Waterloo Road and continue eastwards for 40 metres along the southern kerbline of Exchange Street as shown on drawing no. QK011-of-201.

New traffic lanes in Exchange Street, Romford

- 3.2 That the new layout of traffic lanes at the western end of Exchange Street at it's junction with Waterloo Road be implemented as listed and shown on drawing no. QK011-of-201.

- i) An addition of a traffic lane (near side) of 3 metres wide to be dedicated for left turning traffic from Exchange Street into Waterloo Road (southbound carriageway).
 - ii) The second traffic lane (off side) of 3 metres wide to be dedicated for right turning traffic from Exchange Street into Waterloo Road (northbound carriageway).
4. That the cost for implementing the proposals of £100,000 would be met by Transport for London through the Local Implementation Plan for 2011/12, at no cost to the Council.

34 **ATLANTA BOULEVARD KISS & RIDE PARKING BAY**

The report before the Committee set out the responses to a public consultation for a proposed “Kiss & Ride” parking facility in Atlanta Boulevard to serve Romford Station.

The report outlined that at its meeting of 15 July 2008, the former Romford Area Committee agreed to a proposal in principle and subject to public consultation the introduction of a proposed “Kiss & Ride” parking facility.

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

1. Recommend to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment that the scheme be implemented as shown on Drawings B0928800/Atlanta Boulevard/1A Rev 2 and B0928800/DFT Approval/Sign 2 Rev 1a.
2. It be noted that the estimated cost of £1,000 for implementation would be met from the Council’s 2011/12 revenue budget for Minor Parking Schemes.

35 **GIDEA PARK CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE REVIEW**

At its meeting on 16 August, the Committee deferred this matter in order for officers to undertake a wider consultation which would include consulting with local businesses and residents.

The report before the Committee outlined further proposals suggested by staff in consultation with Squirrels Heath Ward Members and recommended a further course of action within and around the fringe of the Gidea Park Controlled Parking Zone.

The report detailed the following proposals for the consideration of the Committee.

1.1 Balgores Crescent/ Squirrels Heath Avenue

The proposal was to introduce 'At any time' waiting restrictions for 15 metres on all arms of the Balgores Crescent and Squirrels Heath Avenue junction.

1.2 Crossways, Wallenger Avenue and Compton Avenue area - Plan No. BLGRS/01/02

The proposals were:

- 1) To convert and extend the existing Free Parking bay on the south-eastern side of Crossways to a Pay & Display parking bay operational from 8.00am to 6.30pm Monday to Saturday inclusive, with a maximum stay period of two hours.
- 2) To implement 'At any time' waiting restrictions in Crossways, fronting no. 76, from a point opposite the western boundary to a point opposite the northern boundary.
- 3) To implement 8.00am to 6.30pm Monday to Saturday waiting restrictions on the western side of Crossways, from the common boundary of nos. 72 and 76 to the common boundary of nos. 58 and 60.
- 4) To implement 8.00am to 6.30pm Monday to Saturday waiting restrictions on the eastern and south-eastern sides of Crossways, between a point 15 metres south of the southern kerb-line of Wallenger Avenue and the existing Taxi Rank to the rear of Gidea Park Station.
- 5) To implement 'At any time' waiting restrictions at the Crossways junction with Wallenger Avenue, in Crossways, on its eastern side, from the common boundary of nos. 73 and 75, to a point 15 metres south of the southern kerb-line of Wallenger Avenue. To extend in to Wallenger Avenue on its southern side to a point 15 metres north-east of the north-eastern kerb-line of Cranbrook Drive and on its northern side, to a point 10 metres north-east of the eastern kerb-line of Crossways.
- 6) To implement 'At any time' waiting restrictions in Wallenger Avenue, on its western and north-western sides, from the common boundary of nos. 58 and 60 to the existing Free Parking bay along the flank wall of no. 75 Crossways.

7) To implement 8.00am to 6.30pm Monday to Saturday waiting restrictions on the eastern side of Wallenger Avenue, from a point 15 metres north-east of the north-eastern kerb-line of Cranbrook Drive, to a point 15 metres south of the southern kerb-line of Compton Avenue.

8) To implement 8.00am to 6.30pm Monday to Saturday waiting restrictions on the western side of Wallenger Avenue, from the common boundary of nos. 48 and 50 to the common boundary of nos. 58 and 60.

9) To implement 'At any time' waiting restrictions in Wallenger Avenue, on its eastern side, from a point 10 metres north-west of the northern kerb-line of Compton Avenue to a point 15 metres south of the southern kerb-line of Compton Avenue, extending into Compton Avenue on its northern side for 10 metres and on its southern side for 15 metres

10) To implement 'At any time' waiting restrictions for 10 metres on all arms of the Compton Avenue and Pemberton Avenue junction.

11) To implement 'At any time' waiting restrictions for 10 metres on all arms of the Cranbrook Drive and Eyre Close junction.

12) To implement 'At any time' waiting restrictions in Cranbrook Drive, on its northern side, from its junction with Wallenger Avenue, to the common boundary of nos. 1 and 3 and on its southern side from its junction with Wallenger Avenue, to the common boundary of nos. 2 and 4.

13) To implement 'At any time' waiting restrictions in Balgores Lane on its north-eastern side, from a point opposite the north-western building line of no.81, extending north-westwards and north-eastwards to a point opposite the north-eastern kerb-line of Balgores Square.

1.3 Station Lane - Plan No. BLGRS/01/03

The proposal was to introduce a Pay & Display parking bay, on the southern side of Station Lane and fronting the Post Office. It is proposed the bay be operational from 8.00am to 6.30pm Monday to Saturday inclusive, with a maximum stay period of two hours (due to the proposed bay being located on a bus route). This should provide a much need parking facility for the Post Office and other local retailers.

1.4 Main Road/ Balgores Crescent area - Plan No. BALGRS/01/04

The proposals were:

1) To convert the existing Disc Parking Bay on the western side of Heath Drive and the eastern side of Crossways to a Pay & Display parking bay operational from 8.00am to 6.30pm Monday to Saturday inclusive, with a maximum stay period of two hours.

2) To convert the existing Disc Parking Bay on the north-eastern side of Balgores Crescent to a Pay & Display parking bay operational from 8.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Saturday inclusive, with a maximum stay period of two hours. (This would provide further free parking for the residents of the maisonettes fronting this area in the early evening, encourage parental usage when dropping off and picking up children attending Gidea Park College and provide a more convenient parking facility for users of local retailers and banks).

3) To convert the existing Free Parking bay on the south-western side of Balgores Crescent to a Pay & Display parking bay operational from 8.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Saturday inclusive, with a maximum stay period of two hours. (This will reduce the level of long term parking in the bay whilst providing a further parking facility for parents dropping off and picking up children attending Gidea Park College and provide additional parking facilities for users of the local retailers and banks). However, this proposal may have an impact on the long term parking facilities for residents of the maisonettes.

1.5 Squirrels Heath Avenue area - Plan No. BLGRS/01/05

The proposals were to extend the existing residents parking scheme for the GP1 area to the common boundary of nos. 36 and 38 and to introduce a Resident Parking bay directly in front of nos. 34 and 36. To also implement 'At any time' waiting restrictions on the approach and exits of the central island area and to extend the associated waiting restrictions throughout the remainder of the road.

1.6 Chalforde Gardens - Plan Nos. CHLG/01/01, 02.

The proposals were to introduce a residents permit scheme in the road operational from 8.00am to 6.30pm Monday to Saturday inclusive (Saturday being due to the road's proximity to local shops) and to restrict the remainder of the

road with an 'At any time' waiting restriction, to ensure emergency and service access.

1.7 Durham and Elvet Avenues Plan Nos. - DHA/01/01, 02 and 03.

The proposals were to introduce a residents permit scheme in both roads operational from 8.00am to 10.00am Monday to Friday inclusive, broadly in the areas of the existing lay-bys, Free Parking Bays and where the existing and footway parking bays are located, whilst retaining the existing 'At any time', 8.00am to 6.30pm Monday to Saturday and 8.00am to 10.00am Monday to Friday waiting restrictions throughout the estate.

1.8 Edward Close - Plan No. EDW/01/01

The proposals were to introduce 'At any time' waiting restrictions for 10 metres on all arms of the north to south and east to west arms of the junction of Edward Close, also covering the northern side of the east to west arm and restricting the remaining unrestricted area of the east to west arm with an 8.00am to 10.00am Monday to Friday inclusive waiting restriction.

1.9 A wider review area

To consult with Romford Town Ward Members on a more extensive review of the zone and undertake further consultation to amend the part-time restriction throughout the zone from 8.00am to 10.00am Monday to Friday to 12 noon to 1.00pm Monday to Friday.

During the debate, the Committee requested that officers include the following proposals as part of the scheme:

- Design in to the proposals for Squirrels Heath Avenue, a residents parking bay outside No.31
- Reduce the proposed 'At any time' waiting restrictions at the junction of Balgores Crescent and Squirrels Heath Avenue to 10 metres on all arms of the junction
- Retain the existing free parking bay in Balgores Crescent, on its southern side, near its junction with Balgores Lane.

The Committee **RESOLVED:**

1. To recommend to the Head of Streetcare that all of the schemes proposed in the report be publicly advertised, and should any

comments be received, they be reported back to the Committee in order that a further course of action could be agreed.

2. That the Committee recommend to the Head of Streetcare to amend the 8.00am to 10.00am Monday to Friday waiting restrictions in Crossways, Squirrels Heath Avenue and Wallenger Avenue to 12noon - 1pm Monday to Friday, in areas of these roads that are not otherwise outlined in the report.
3. That subject to detailed agreement the Committee recommends to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment, that the above schemes be implemented in unison.
4. That further consultation with adjoining Ward Members be carried out for a possible further review of the Zone.

36 **HAVERING 2012/13 LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FUNDING SUBMISSION**

The report before the Committee sought the endorsement of the draft list of schemes proposed to be included in Havering's 2012/13 LIP Funding Submission to Transport for London (TfL).

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

The draft 2012/13 LIP Funding Scheme Submission as detailed in Appendices A and B and the indicative allocations set out in Appendices A and B of the report be recommended to the Cabinet Members for Community Empowerment and Environment.

37 **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	Philip Road	Conversion of 2 sets of speed cushions to humps and 2 additional speed humps.	REJECTED (8 TO 1)
H2	North Road/ Orange Tree Hill	Review and adjustment of pinch points to improve passability and cyclist safety.	AGREED
H3	67-69 Squirrels Heath Road, Harold Wood	Remove section of on-street parking bay to side of development in Rosslyn Avenue to accommodate new access for development with planning consent P1338.08.	AGREED
H4	Victoria Road, Romford	Redesign layout of bus stop on the exit from the junction with South Street to make fully accessible and potentially create pay-and-display car parking spaces.	REJECTED (8 TO 1)
H5	Academy Fields Road & Estate (off Heath Park Road)	Provision of 20mph Zone and one-way loop in advance of road adoptions.	AGREED
SECTION B - Highway scheme proposals without funding available			
H6	Newbury Road, Harold Hill	Measures to prevent use of street by articulated vehicles serving Hilldene Shops	WITHDRAW 8 TO 1 (TO BE CONSIDERED WITHIN A WIDER PARKING SCHEME)
H7	Ewan Road, Harold Wood	Speed humps to slow speeding traffic	REJECTED
H8	Carter Drive, Collier Row	Remove speed cushions	REJECTED 8 WITH 1 ABSTENSION

H9	Archway, Harold Hill	Speed bumps to stop speeding traffic between Grange Road and bend in Archway	REJECTED
H10	Alma Avenue, near junction with Standen Avenue, Hornchurch	Traffic island to stop vehicles cutting corner of junction or additional speed hump in Alma Avenue to reduce approach speeds.	REJECTED
H11	Osborne Road	(i) A system of pinch points along the road with alternate priority, (ii) Raising the level of the carriageway at Towers School to the level of the footway, to be paved with "knobbly" paving as has been provided in Brentwood High Street, (iii) Gate Osborne Road at school times to prevent through traffic, placed near Grosvenor Road so that the bus route is not affected,	REJECTED 8 WITH 1 ABSTENTION

38 **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.

39 **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			
TPC88	Spring Gardens	Additional double lines to provide two-way traffic flow	Rejected (8 TO 1)
TPC89	Wykeham Avenue, Emerson Park	Request for part-time restriction until 10am to deter all day commuter parking	Rejected
TPC90	Amersham Close, Harold Hill	Request for junction protection at junction with Amersham Road	Rejected
TPC91	Cambridge Avenue, Gidea Park	Request for junction protection at junction with Belgrave Road	Rejected
TPC92	Ferguson Avenue, Gidea Park	Request to extend the double yellow lines on the northern side of the road from the junction of Ferguson Court to the junction of Montrose Avenue	Rejected
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	Deferred
TPC94	Lichfield Terrace, Upminster	Request for junction protection at junction with Lichfield Terrace and Chester Avenue	Rejected (4 – 3 with 2 abstentions)
TPC95	515 Upper Brentwood Road	Request for double yellow lines beside 515 and to introduce a residents parking scheme in the area	Rejected
TPC96	Granton Avenue & Aldborough Road, Upminster	Request for double yellow lines at the apex of the first and second bends in Granton Avenue from Hacton Lane and the first bend in Aldborough Road from Granton Avenue due to dangerous parking on the bends	Rejected
TPC97	Wennington	Request for a single yellow	Progress to

	Road, Rainham	line restriction 8.30am till 9.30am and 2.30pm till 4pm Monday to Friday outside Brady School to deter inconsiderate parental parking	advert
TPC98	Kew Close, Chase Cross	Request for a double yellow line restriction on one side of the road to deter obstructive parking as the carriageway is only 4.5 metres wide	Progress to advertisement (8 TO 1)
TPC99	Allen Road, Rainham	Request for junction protection at junction with Upminster Road North	Rejected (7-1 with 1 abstention)
TPC100	Hornminster Glen, Hornchurch	Request for double yellow lines in the hammerhead area of Hornminster Glen to deter obstructive parking causing access and egress issues for residents	Rejected
TPC101	Links Avenue, Gidea Park	Request for one hour restriction to deter increasing amount of all day commuter parking	Rejected (8 TO 1)
TPC102	Frazer Close, Romford	Request for residential parking due to increasing amount all day commuter parking for Queen's Hospital and Romford Station	Rejected (8 TO 1)
TPC103	Stewart Avenue, Upminster	Request for footway parking bays	Rejected (5-2 with 2 abstention)
TP104	Hillfoot Road, Collier Row	Extend double yellow lines a short distance from pinch point into Hillfoot Road to help motorists align with pinch point.	Rejected
TP105	Grosvenor Road, Romford	Request for restrictions or a residents parking scheme to be introduced to deter long term commuter parking from Queen's Hospital	Rejected (8 TO 1)
TP106	Fairfield Avenue, Upminster	Request for parking restrictions to deal with long term commuter parking	Rejected (6-2with 1 abstention)
TP107	The Parade, Colchester Road	Request for one hour restriction to deter all day	Rejected

		commuter parking	
TPC108	Heath Park Road, Romford	Request for double yellow lines in front of her garage (access to garage from Salisbury Road)	Rejected
TPC109	Sunrise Avenue, Hornchurch	Request for junction protection at junction with Abbs Cross Lane	Rejected (8 with 1 abstention)
TPC110	Chiltern Gardens, Hornchurch	Request for junction protection at junction with Kenilworth Gardens	Rejected
TPC111	Arbour Way/Coronation Drive/Calbourne Avenue/Maylands Avenue/Spring Gardens, Elm Park	Request to review the parking facilities and restrictions as a result of the expansion of Elm Park Primary School	Rejected
TPC112	Lonsdale Road, Romford	Request for residents parking scheme due to increased long term commuter parking in the area	Rejected
TPC113	Witham Road, Gidea Park	Request for restrictions on one side of the road up to the access route for the flats opposite No. 2 to deter obstructive parking	Rejected (7-1with 1 abstention)
TPC114	Elvet Avenue Car Park, Gidea Park	Request to restrict car park to resident permit holders only	Move to Gidea Park review
TPC115	Oaklands Avenue, Romford	Convert meter bays to Pay and Display to free up meter head and de-clutter street furniture in the area	Progress to advertisement
TPC116	Hilldene, Farnham Road, East Dene Drive, West Dene Drive, Chippenham Road (in part)	Complete review of the parking provision in the area	Approved
TPC117	Appleton Way, Hornchurch	Request to implement pay and display in free parking areas to rear of retailers and restaurants	Rejected
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	Move to Gidea Park review
TPC6	20 Tudor Avenue	Extend existing restrictions to prevent obstructive parking by parents of Gidea Park College with concern about safety	Move to Gidea Park review
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	Move to Gidea Park review
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	Move to Gidea Park review
TCP18	Wentworth Way	Request for junction protection at A1306 junction with Wentworth Way	Rejected (8 – 1)
TPC27	Durham/Elvet Avenues	Request for CPZ extension due to the impact of the redevelopment of the Snowdon Court site	Move to Gidea Park review
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	Rejected
TPC45	25 Tudor Avenue	Request for short-term restrictions to deter increasing amount of 'all day' commuter parking	Move to Gidea Park review
TPC55	Clockhouse Lane, Collier Row	Request to bridge existing single yellow line restriction by 12-13 metres outside North Romford Community	Move to Collier Row Town Centre review

		Centre, current gap is being utilised and causing an obstruction	
TPC64	Gelsthorpe Road, Collier Row	Request for double yellow line restrictions on apex of bend outside number 86 and neighbouring properties	Move to Collier Row Town Centre review
TCP70	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 wider review
TCP81	Ingrave Road, Romford	Request to replace parking meter bays with resident parking bays for residents of Dunton Road	Rejected (8 – 1)
TCP82	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	Rejected (6 – 1 with 2 abstentions)

Chairman