

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Town Hall, Main Road, Romford
21 February 2012 (7.30 - 9.45 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 Mylod

Labour Group

Independent Residents Group David Durant

Apologies were received for the absence of Councillors Denis Breading and John Wood.

+Substitute Member: Councillor John Mylod (for John Wood)

There were no declarations of interest

Councillor Barry Tebutt was present for the meeting.

There were five 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 an emergency.

69 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 24 January 2012 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

70 SUSTRANS CONNECT 2 - PHASES 2 & 3 HIGHWAY WORKS (PAGES WOOD TO RAINHAM VILLAGE)

The Committee considered the report that recommended that various highway improvement works between Pages Wood (Harold Wood) and

Rainham Village are approved for implementation to support the Sustrans Connect 2 scheme, following the completion of public consultation.

At its meeting of 15 July 2009, the Council's Cabinet approved the Sustrans Connect2 scheme for the Ingrebourne Valley in principle. This approval was subject to funding (with Cabinet Member for Regeneration approvals for each phase) and various consents being in place.

The scheme was supported with £880,000 of Big Lottery grant funding provided through Sustrans and additional Council capital funding, grants via the Transport for London Local Implementation Plan and Veolia Havering Riverside Trust.

The scheme's overarching aim was 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 will 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, both the experienced and inexperienced cyclist and equestrian riders where possible.

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 had been in place for some time.

The 13 mile route, called the "Ingrebourne Way" would form the new National Cycle Route No.136, starting in Noak Hill and ending at Rainham Marshes, running through Harold Hill, Harold Wood, Harold Park, Cranham, Upminster, Hornchurch, Elm Park and South Hornchurch.

The project was split into three phases with Phase 1 (Noak Hill to Pages Wood) had been completed.

The current focus of activity was now Phases 2 & 3 which would complete the scheme between Pages Wood and Rainham Marshes by March 2013.

As well as any statutory consultation processes, the project was overseen by the Connect 2 Steering Group which sought to engage various stakeholders in the development of the route. The group included Council Staff, Sustrans, local walking and cycling groups, Forestry Commission, Environment Agency, biodiversity groups and others as required.

The route and design of the various features had also been reviewed by Sustrans both from a network planning and engineering point of view and fully acceptable to the organisation.

In accordance with the public participation arrangements the Committee was addressed by three residents who expressed their views for and against parts of the scheme.

In accordance with the public participation arrangements, the Committee was addressed by an objector followed by two speakers in support of the scheme.

With its agreement Councillor Tebbutt addressed the Committee. Councillor Tebbutt raised questions in relation to the proposed move of the bus stop; external funding; public consultation requirements.

During the debate members raised general concerns over the design of the scheme including the safety of having mixed use, cycle and pedestrian, paths through Upminster Park. Members also queried the technical specification of the proposed cycle lanes and raised concerns about the proposed 3 meter width of the lanes.

A **motion** was moved to defer the item in order to give officers sufficient time to consider the various design and safety issues raised by members. The Committee noted that, due to the timetable for external funding, the item may need to be dealt with at a special meeting of the Committee.

The motion to defer was seconded.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to defer the item by 6 votes in favour, 1 abstention and 1 against.

71 **395 - 405 BRENTWOOD ROAD (LAY-BY PARKING CONTROLS)**

The Committee considered the report and after a brief debate, **RESOLVED** to reject the recommendations of the report. The Committee considered that the scheme would be suitable for inclusion as part of a comprehensive parking review for the area.

72 **SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL IMPROVEMENTS - RAINHAM VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The report before the Committee recommended improvement works to the school crossing facility outside Rainham Village Primary School following the completion of public consultation.

During a brief debate the Committee questioned whether the east bound bus stop outside the clinic could be better placed by moving it towards Rainham Village to allow for drop offs at the clinic.

A motion was moved to recommend the implementation of the scheme with further consideration given to the positioning of the east bound bus stop by the Head of Street Care in conjunction with London Buses. The motion was seconded.

The Committee **RESOLVED**:

1. To recommend to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment that the work to the pedestrian crossing facility outside Rainham Village Primary School be approved for implementation as shown on drawing: QK009/NC/41.A
2. To recommend to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment that the addition of two new bus stop clear ways on Upminster Road South and in the vicinity of Rainham Village Primary School be approved for implementation the position of the east bound bus stop is to be the subject of a further review by the Head of Street care in conjunction with London Buses whose findings will be presented to this in a further report to this committee.
3. That it be noted that the estimated cost of the scheme would be £600 which would be met from the 2011/12 Transport for London Local Implementation Plan allocation for School Travel Plans Implementation.

73 **PROPOSED PARKING SCHEMES - COMMENTS TO ADVERTISED PROPOSALS**

Each scheme was presented to the Committee and voted on as a separate item

1. Oldchurch Road/ Dagenham Road – Drawing No. DAG/01/03

The Committee considered the report and without debate, **RESOLVED** to recommend implementation of the scheme.

2. Heather Glen– Drawing No. HG/01/01

The Committee considered the report and after a short debate, a **motion** was moved to reject the scheme on the basis that the scheme would not solve the parking problems on the road.

The **motion** was seconded.

The Committee **RESOLVED** that the scheme be rejected.

3. Pond Walk – Drawing No. FLP/01/01

The Committee considered the report and after a short debate a **motion** was moved to implement the 'At any time' waiting restriction as advertised and shown on drawing FLP/01/01 and to reject the proposed 8.00am – 6.30pm waiting restriction. The **motion** was seconded.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to recommend implementation the 'At any time' waiting restrictions by 7 votes in favour to 1 against.

4. Collier Row Road, Clockhouse Lane and Associated Waiting Restrictions – Drawing Nos. QK056-OF-101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108. FLP/01/01

The Committee considered the report and after a short debate a **motion** was moved to implement the scheme with the following amendments:

- proposed free parking bay on drawing QK056-0F-102 to be changed to residents bay to assist residents of flats and shopkeepers
- proposed free parking bay on drawing QK056-0F-103 to be changed to residents bay
- proposed free parking bay on drawing QK056-0F-107 to be changed to residents bay

The **motion** was seconded.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to recommend the scheme as amended.

5. Hacton School

The Committee considered the report and after a short debate, a **motion** was moved to reject the scheme. The **motion** was seconded.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to reject the scheme.

6. Clunas Gardens – Drawing No. QJ123-OF-101

Without debate, a **motion** was moved to reject the scheme. The **motion** was seconded.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to reject the scheme by 7 votes in favour to 1 against.

74 **HIGHWAYS SCHEMES APPLICATIONS**

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 en bloc.

The Committee's decisions were noted as follows against each request:

Item Ref	Scheme	Description	Decision
SECTION B - Highway scheme proposals without funding available			
H1	Lodge Lane, Near Frinton Road Request for zebra crossing	Feasible but not funded	REJECTED
H2	Lodge Avenue, crossing outside Gidea Park school 160 signature request for zebra crossing outside Gidea Park School because parking makes it difficult for pedestrians to see and be seen	A zebra crossing would only be used twice a day and rarely out of school hours. Motorists may become used to nobody crossing and so reduces impact. Would remove residents' parking on a permanent basis. It might be better to look at a speed table with additional school keep clear restrictions, which would remove residents' parking, but not all the time. May be held for future STP bid.	REJECTED
H3	Main Road 160 signature request for pedestrian guardrail along substantial length of Main Road.	Exiting footways are wide and we do not believe there is justification. Will not provide physical protection from errant vehicles, creates a safety issue for cyclists (pinned between vehicles and PGR), pedestrians will walk the wrong side and costly.	REJECTED
H4	Junction Road 160 signature request for pelican crossing at entry to	Pelican crossings should not be placed within 15 metres of a junction because of the risk of	REJECTED

	Junction Road	motorists assuming the whole junction is controlled by traffic signals. Those seeing a green light may assume priority in the junction and so creates a significant crash risk. Placing a pelican crossing further into Junction road would mean that pedestrians are unlikely to divert into the road to use is and therefore it would be a little used and costly scheme.	
H5	Pettits Lane 160 signature request for pedestrian guardrail at Pettits Lane	Exiting footways are wide and we do not believe there is justification. Will not provide physical protection from errant vehicles, creates a safety issue for cyclists (pinned between vehicles and PGR), pedestrians will walk the wrong side and costly.	REJECTED

75 TRAFFIC AND PARKING SCHEMES REQUESTS

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			
TPC21	Market Link/Ducking Stool/The Mews	Request for double yellow lines and a no waiting/no loading ban due to serious obstruction and road safety issues for Market	Agreed

		Traders particularly from 5am	
TPC191	London Road, Romford	Request to remove existing parking bays and install yellow line restrictions outside Ilford Motors, 137-143 London Road to prevent parked vehicles obscuring the view of passing trade.	Rejected
TPC192	Norfolk Road, Upminster	Request for Residents Parking Scheme - resident in rented property with no off street parking	Rejected
TPC193	Windermere Avenue, Elm Park	Request to review marked bays in Windermere Ave and install junction protection at the junction with St Andrews Ave as sight line of driver obstructed when exiting his drive and the Avenue	Rejected
TPC194	299-307 Collier Row Lane, Romford	Request for loading bay outside Romford Mazda to allow drivers to load/unload vehicles without getting PCNs	Rejected 7-1
TPC195	Firham Park Estate, Harold Wood	Request from resident and visitor to estate for parking restrictions to deter commuter parking and junction protection to deter inconsiderate parking on corners obscuring sight lines.	Deferred for further report to committee to include consultation with local residents and costing. Consideration to be given to include proposals in wider scheme dealing with parking issues in the Firham Park Estate.
TPC196	Merlin Road, Romford	Request for junction protection at junction of Merlin Road and Avalon Road	Rejected
TPC197	Paignton Close, Romford	Request for yellow lines in Paignton Close to deter inconsiderate parking	Rejected
SECTION B – Minor Traffic and Parking Scheme Requests on hold for future discussion or funding issues			
TPC70	Mashiters Walk, Romford	Request for single yellow line restriction between 10am and 11am following increase in	Noted

		commuter parking as a result of the restrictions recently implemented in the Lake Rise/Rosemary Avenue Area	
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	Noted
TPC120	Ruskin Avenue, Spenser Crescent, Masefield Drive and Hall Lane, Upminster	Request for junction protection at junction of Ruskin Avenue with Masefield Drive, Spenser Crescent with Masefield Drive, Spenser Crescent with Hall Lane and Masefield Drive with Hall Lane plus double yellow lines at the apex of bends in Masefield Drive to deter obstructive parking by users of Upminster Hall Playing Fields	Noted
TPC124	Beaully Road Romford	Request for junction protection marking on the Beaully Road at its junction with Pettits Lane	It was noted that this item had been included in a bus stop accessibility scheme being designed by Traffic and Engineering. Agreed to be removed from the list.
TPC130	Cheshire Close, Emerson Park	Request for footway parking bays	Noted
TPC136	29 Hill Grove	Request for restrictions in Hill Grove due to increased number of vehicles parked in the road following the implementation of restrictions in Cedric Avenue	Deferred pending wider review of the area – item noted
TPC149	Chase Cross Road, Collier Row	Request for restrictions near the junction with Havering Road to be implemented from the bus stand back to the zebra crossing	Noted
TPC156	Introduction of Pay by Phone provision	To provide additional method of payment for residents and visitors to the borough in Romford Town Centre car parks and a number of free bays in Upminster and Gidea Park where commuter parking is prevalent and dual usage of	Noted

		voucher bays in Crow Lane	
TPC181	Mawney Road, Romford	Request to remove restrictions in Mawney Road in the area north of the A12	Deferred to September 2012 following local Planning issue decision – item noted
TPC188	Hall Lane, Upminster	Request to extend the yellow line further north on the east side of Hall Lane, with restrictions applicable Sunday 9am to 1pm only, to assist with problem parking during football games	Deferred pending wider review of the area – item noted

Chairman