

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Town Hall, Main Road, Romford
15 May 2012 (7.30 - 10.25 pm)**

Present:

COUNCILLORS

Conservative Group	Billy Taylor (Chairman), Frederick Thompson (Vice-Chair), Steven Kelly, Wendy Brice-Thompson and Garry Pain
Residents' Group	Brian Eagling and John Wood
Labour Group	Denis Breading
Independent Residents Group	David Durant

Apologies were received for the absence of Councillors Damian White and Lynden Thorpe. Substitute Members: Councillors Wendy Brice-Thompson (for Lynden Thorpe) and Garry Pain (for Damian White).

Councillors Linda Hawthorn and Dennis Bull were present for parts of the meeting.

There were eight members of the public present at the meeting.

There were no declarations of interest.

Unless the record of voting indicates otherwise all decisions were taken with no votes against.

The Chairman reminded Members of the action to be taken in an emergency

91 MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 20 March 2012 and 29 March 2012 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to the addition of the request by Councillor Wood for an amendment to the Minor Traffic and Parking Scheme Request (Reference TPC204) for the implementation of a loading ban on Elm Park Avenue / Broadway to refer to the fact that the applicant resident would be meeting with ward Councillors and Tesco representatives to discuss options.

The minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 17 April 2012, were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to an

amendment to include the addition of the request by Councillor Eagling for Officers to provide the Committee with a report with an updated list of minor traffic schemes that has been approved by the Committee but were yet to be implemented.

92 **AIRFIELD WAY PEDESTRIAN REFUGE - OUTCOME OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

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

1. To recommend to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment that the highway improvement works on Airfield Way as detailed in the report and shown on drawing QB035/01/01 be approved for implementation.
2. That it be noted that the estimated cost of the highway improvement works set out within this report is £18,000 would be funded by the developer under a Section 278/38 (Highway Act 1980) Agreement for the scheme.

93 **GIDEA PARK CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE - COMMENTS TO ADVERTISED PROPOSALS**

The report before the Committee outlined the responses received to the following advertised proposals for amendments to the waiting restrictions, disc parking bays and the inclusion of resident parking provision within the Gidea Park Controlled Parking Zone.

1. **Edward Close** - Plan No. EDW/01/01

The proposals were to introduce 'At any time' waiting restrictions for 10 metres on the north to south and east to west arms of the junction of Edward Close, also covering the remainder of the northern side of the east to west arm with 'At any time' waiting restrictions.

2. **Station Lane** - Plan No. BLGRS/01/03

The proposal was to introduce a Pay & Display parking bay, on the southern side of Station Lane, fronting the Post Office. It was proposed that the bay would 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).

The proposal would provide a much need parking facility for the Post Office and other local retailers.

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

The proposals were to introduce a residents permit scheme in both roads operational from 8.00am to 10.00am Monday to Friday inclusive. The scheme would be operational in the location of the existing lay-bys, Free Parking Bays and footway parking bays, 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.

4. 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. The implementation of a Saturday restriction was considered necessary due to the proximity of the road to local shops. Under the proposal the remainder of the road would be restricted with an 'At any time' waiting restrictions, to ensure emergency and service access.

5. The Main Consultation Area (including Crossways, Wallenger Avenue and Compton Avenue) - Plan No. BLGRS/01/02; GPS10/01/01; BALGRS/01/04; BLGRS/01/05

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 'At any time' waiting restrictions into 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 into Crossways, to a point opposite the north-easternmost kerb-line of Balgores Square.
 - 14) To implement 12.00pm to 1.00pm Monday to Friday waiting restriction in Squirrels Heath Avenue, between the common of Nos.36 and 38 to a point 10 metres south-east of the south-eastern kerblines of Balgores Crescent, in Crossways from the

northern boundary of No.1 to the extent of the proposed restrictions north of Wallenger Avenue and in Wallenger Avenue, from the northern boundary of No.2 to the extent of the proposed restrictions north of Compton Avenue.

- 15) To implement 'At any time' waiting restrictions for 10 metres on all arms of the Balgores Crescent and Squirrels Heath Avenue junction.
- 16) 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.
- 17) 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 will 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).
- 18) 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 bays directly in front of nos. 31, 34 and 36. To 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.

In accordance with the public participation arrangements the Committee was addressed by a speaker who expressed her views and concerns over parking issues in Balgores Lane.

Each element of the Scheme was presented to the Committee and voted on as a separate item.

1 Edward Close

The Committee considered the report and after a short debate RESOLVED to recommend to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment implementation of Part 1 of the scheme and that the effects of implementation be monitored.

2 Station Lane

The Committee considered the report and after a short debate RESOLVED to recommend to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment the implementation of Part 2 of the scheme and that the effects of implementation be monitored.

3 Durham Avenue and Elvet Avenue

The Committee considered the report and after a short debate RESOLVED to recommend to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment the implementation of Part 3 of the scheme and that the effects of implementation be monitored.

4 Chalforde Gardens

The Committee considered the report and after a short debate RESOLVED to recommend to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment the implementation of Proposal 4 of the scheme and that the effects of implementation be monitored. In addition consideration is to be given to the extension of the Proposal 4 to include maisonettes No's 107 to 113 Balgores Lane following public consultation.

5 The Main Consultation Area (including Crossways, Wallenger Avenue and Compton Avenue) the Committee considered the report and after the debate RESOLVED to recommend to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment the implementation of Proposal 5 of the scheme with the effects of implementation to be monitored subject to the following amendments (the amendments were voted on as individual items):

5.1 the proposed 8.00am to 6.30pm Monday to Saturday restrictions in Wallenger Avenue, between Cranbrook Drive and Compton Avenue, reduced to operate from 12.00pm to 1.00pm Monday to Friday.

The Committee RESOLVED to approve the amendment unanimously.

5.2 proceed with design and public advertisement of further changes to the 8.00am to 10.00am Monday to Friday restrictions in Cranbrook Drive and Eyre Close to operate 12.00pm to 1.00pm Monday to Friday;

The Committee RESOLVED to approve the amendment unanimously.

5.3 8.00am to 6.30pm Monday to Saturday restrictions in Crossways, behind the station to remain unchanged.

The Committee RESOLVED to approve the amendment by 8 votes in favour to 1 vote against.

5.4 proceed with design and public advertisement of proposals to restrict the free parking bays in Repton Avenue, Stanley Avenue and Woodfield Drive, at there junctions with Balgores Lane, with a maximum stay period of 4 hours, operational 8.00am to 6.30pm Monday to Saturday

The Committee RESOLVED to approve the amendment by 8 votes in favour with one abstention.

5.5 the extension of the 12.00pm to 1.00pm restriction in the area of Pemberton Avenue and Hall Road.

The Committee RESOLVED to approve the amendment by 8 votes in favour with one abstention.

94 **HIGHWAYS SCHEMES APPLICATION**

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	Balgores Lane/ Station Road, Gidea Park	Provide mini-roundabout to help traffic flow	REJECTED
H2	Park End Road, Romford	Remove speed cushions outside 41/48 as resident and neighbours are concerned about vibrations to their buildings caused by driving over cushions	REJECTED

H3	Petersfield Avenue/ Petersfield Close	Traffic calming at junction following recent collision. Concern from residents that speeding traffic is making it more risky exiting the close	REJECTED
H4	Hainault Road (north of A12)	Better speed humps, 20mph speed limit and HGV restrictions	REJECTED

95 TRAFFIC AND PARKING SCHEME 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:

London Borough of Havering

Traffic & Parking Control - StreetCare

Minor Traffic & Parking Schemes Applications Schedule

Item Ref	Location	Description	Decision
TPC238	Hornchurch Town Centre area	Request for further Taxi parking facilities requested by TfL	REJECTED

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TPC239	Moor Lane & Chipperfield Close, Cranham	Request to extend double yellow lines on right hand side (looking up Chipperfield Close from Moor Lane) by approx 30m and on left hand side by approx 15m to keep access clear (petition from 25 residents)	REJECTED 7 votes in favour with 2 abstentions
TPC240	73 Douglas Road, Hornchurch	Request to remove parking bay across dropped kerb at this address and replace with double yellow lines	AGREED
TPC241	Victoria Road/South Street, Romford	Request for double yellow lines on westbound approach to traffic signals in Victoria Road to prevent parked vehicles, after 6:30pm, causing traffic flow issues and affecting visibility for the pedestrian crossing phase at the junction	REJECTED
TPC242	Alder Avenue, Upminster	Request to implement 'At any time' restrictions at the junction of Alder Avenue and Hacton Lane to prevent obstructive parking close to the junction	REJECTED 4 votes in favour with four votes against and 1 abstention – the Chairman's casting vote rejected application
TPC243	Petersfield Close & Petersfield Avenue, Harold Hill	Request for junction protection at the junction of Petersfield Close and Petersfield Avenue to improve sightline for drivers exiting the close and prevent further accidents.	REJECTED

SECTION B - Minor Traffic and Parking Scheme Requests on hold for future discussion or funding issues

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TPC70	Mashiters Romford Walk,	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	DEFERRED To be retained on the List for future discussion
TPC93	Engayne Upminster Gardens,	Request to remove or convert to residents' parking bays a free parking bay on the corner of Engayne and Ashburnham Gardens	REJECTED To be removed from the List
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	REJECTED To be removed from the List
TPC130	Cheshire Close, Emerson Park	Request for footway parking bays	DEFERRED To be retained on the List for future discussion
TPC136	29 Hill Romford 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	REJECTED To be removed from the List with view to inclusion in a wider review of area By 8 votes in favour with 1 abstention

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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	REJECTED To be removed from the List By 8 votes in favour with 1 abstention
TPC156	Introduction of Pay by Phone	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 voucher bays in Crow Lane	REJECTED To be removed from the List By 8 votes in favour with 1 abstention
TPC181	Mawney Road, Romford	Request to remove restrictions in Mawney Road in the area north of the A12	DEFERRED To be retained on the List for future discussion
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	REJECTED To be removed from the List
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 To be retained on the List for future discussion
TPC204	Elm Park Avenue/Broadway, Elm Park	Request to review options of "loading ban" outside Tesco to ease traffic flow	DEFERRED To be retained on the List Officers, Ward Councillors and local resident to meet with Tesco representatives and discuss options
TPC206	Brentwood Road, Romford	Request for review of parking provision in Brentwood Road (near Drill roundabout) and surrounding area following opening of Tesco Express	DEFERRED To be retained on the List for future discussion

TPC208	Oxford Road, Harold Hill	Request for suitable measures to deal with the expected parking problems in Oxford Road as a consequence of the forthcoming building development in that road	REJECTED To be retained on the List
TPC213	Wolseley Road Area, Romford	Request for residents parking scheme to alleviate the problem of parking overspill from Queens Hospital	DEFERRED To be retained on the List for future discussion
TPC232	Philip Avenue, junction with Rush Green Road	Request for double yellow lines at junction of Philip Avenue and Rush Green Road and the introduction of footway parking along the flank walls of Philip Avenue	DEFERRED To be retained on the List for future discussion
TPC233	Leonard Avenue junction with Rush Green Road	Request for double yellow lines at junction of Leonard Avenue and Rush Green Road and the introduction of footway parking along the flank walls of Leonard Avenue	DEFERRED To be retained on the List for future discussion with view to inclusion in a wider review of area

96 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.

The vote for the proposal was passed by 8 votes to 1 against, Councillor Breading voted against the proposal.

97 URGENT BUSINESS

The Committee agreed that officers should provide Committee Members with a list of those outstanding minor traffic schemes that had been recommended for approval by the Committee but had not been carried out together with the reason for the delay in carrying out the works and the

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estimated cost of those works. The list is to be provided to the Committee at its October 2012 meeting.

Chairman