

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Town Hall, Main Road, Romford  
10 July 2012 (7.30 - 8.55 pm)**

**Present:**

**COUNCILLORS**

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

An apology was received for the absence of Councillor Barry Oddy. Substitute Members: Councillor Wendy Brice-Thompson (for Barry Oddy).

All decisions were taken with no votes against.

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

**7 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 19 June 2012 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**8 SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL IMPROVEMENTS - WYKEHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL (ALBANY ROAD JUNCTION WITH BARTON ROAD & DORIAN ROAD)**

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

1. To recommend to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment that the speed table with associated 'at any time' parking restrictions and shown on drawing QL021/NC/04.A be approved for implementation as detailed in the report.
2. That it be noted that the estimated cost of the scheme would be £30,000 which would be met from the 2012/13 Transport for London

Local Implementation Plan allocation for School Travel Plans Implementation.

**9 HYLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL PARKING REVIEW - OUTCOME OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

The Committee considered a report that made recommendations based on the outcome of the public consultation held for the proposed School Keep Clear road markings as part of the Hylands School Primary parking review.

As part of the Highways consent for the construction of Hylands Primary School on land east of Granger Way, conditions were placed on the approved planning application (P1948.08).

Condition 10 of the application stated that the new development would not be brought into occupation until a review of the restrictions around the school entrances was undertaken

The review was limited to investigating the school keep clear road markings and junction protection lining

Hylands Primary School opened mid 2011 coinciding with the closure of Edwin Lambert School, but part of the development saw the closure of Manor School at the end of the 2009 summer term.

Due to the school being on a new site it was then decided by the Highway Authority that a review once the school was operational would be more appropriate and would allow for monitoring during the first few months.

The Highway Authority received informal requests from residents' and parents requesting that the entrance and egress points be kept clear of parked cars to improve visibility and to stop these areas being congested with cars during the school peak times.

Following this, once it became apparent that the alleyway access to the school would be open almost constantly, residents' and parents that lived in Globe Road became concerned about the prospect of Keep Clear markings affecting parking provision in the area.

A site review was carried out on the 20 October 2011 in which past comments and concerns from residents' and member of staff were taken into consideration.

In November 2011, approximately 100 letters were hand-delivered to residents potentially affected by the scheme with a closing date of 2 December 2011 for receipt of comments.

By the close of consultation, 9 written responses had been received from residents and were summarised the report.

All of the responses were noted as objections with a combination of reduced parking for residents' and providing a passing place for traffic on Globe Road being the main points of objection.

Residents' of Benjamin Close regarded the times of the school keep clear as inadequate as vehicles associated with the school enter the close before and after the proposed times, however, it was also stated that any restriction would cause inconvenience to residents.

Residents of Globe Road were concerned with creating a passing place for fast moving traffic on a road where double sided parking is common throughout.

Both sets of residents suggested that the lack of parking enforcement at present would be continued, rendering the proposed restrictions, counterproductive. It was suggested that better and more stringent enforcement of the existing restrictions would improve safety more effectively.

Residents' were also of the impression that a better school/ parent relationship with respect to school travel initiatives would be of greater benefit than increasing the waiting restrictions.

Given the local opposition and lack of support from the school or parents, Staff recommended that the proposals be rejected.

In accordance with the public participation arrangements the Committee was addressed by a resident who expressed his views against the scheme.

During the debate members noted the recommendations contained in the report, the public consultation responses and the views of ward Councillors, in agreement that the scheme should not proceed.

The Committee **RESOLVED**:

- 1.To recommend to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment that the proposed parking scheme as part of the Hylands Primary School parking review detailed in the report be rejected.

## 10 HIGHWAY 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
<b>SECTION A - Highway scheme proposals with funding in place</b>			
H1	Upminster Road South	Remove recently extended pedestrian crossing zig-zags near junction with Cowper Road as they now prevent people stopping to drop off passengers for Osteopath/ Chiropody clinic	REJECTED 6 ABSTAINED 3

Item Ref	Scheme	Description	Decision
H2	Brunel Close, Dickens Way, Caxton Way	Residents' parking scheme within 3 streets to coincide with road adoptions.	DEFERRED
<b>SECTION B - Highway scheme proposals without funding available</b>			
H3	Lambs Lane North	Request for humps to reduce traffic speed approaching bend by park	REJECTED 8 - 0 - 1 (abstention)
H4	Knightsbridge Gardens, Romford	No indication that staff of garage are behaving in such a way and a difficult matter to justify in the absence of evidence.	REJECTED
H5	Great Gardens	Speed humps on each approach to bend in street as traffic is diverting from adjacent roads which have been traffic calmed	REJECTED

H6	Gleneagles Close	Widen section of narrow road to allow residents to pass parked vehicles.	REJECTED
H7	Vanguard Close	Convert highway verge into parking area	REJECTED

**11 APPLETON WAY PROPOSED PAY AND DISPLAY PARKING PROVISIONS - COMMENTS TO ADVERTISED PROPOSALS**

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

To recommend to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment that :

1. The proposals as outlined on plans be implemented as advertised and for the effects of implementation to be monitored; or

The vote was 8 votes in favour to 1 against the proposal.

**12 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:

Item Ref	Scheme	Description	Decision
<b>SECTION A – Minor Traffic &amp; Parking Scheme Requests</b>			
<b>T&amp;ET2</b>	Junction Romford Road,	Request for additional permit bays to be removed from Schemes Work Programme	APPROVED 8 – 0 – 1 (abstention)

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<b>TPC257</b>	James Close and Fairholme Avenue, Gidea Park	Request to change the single yellow lines to double yellow line in Heath Park Road between James Close and Fairholme Avenue	REJECTED
<b>TPC258</b>	Bancroft Chase, Hornchurch	Request for double yellow lines on the bend in Bancroft Chase between numbers 56 & 58. Vehicles parking in this location cause a blind bend for vehicle travelling in both directions and there have been several accidents including a head-on collision between two vehicles in May 2012	REJECTED
<b>TPC259</b>	Masefield Crescent, Harold Hill	Request for 1) Junction protection on the junction of Byron Way with Masefield Crescent 2) Restriction opposite Byron Way on Masefield Crescent to improve access and traffic flow 3) Junction protection at the junction of Masefield Crescent with Straight Road to prevent vehicles parking in close proximity to the crossing point	REJECTED
<b>TPC260</b>	Laburnam Avenue, Hornchurch	Request for double yellow lines on the bend opposite 77 Laburnum Avenue to replace a "no parking area" bay as lines have become worn and it now reads 'parking area'	REJECTED 8 – 1
<b>TPC261</b>	Havering Road and Ashmore Gardens, Romford	Request for double yellow lines at the junction of Havering Road and Ashmore Gardens to prevent parking at this junction especially during the school run (Parklands)	REJECTED
<b>TPC262</b>	Mildmay Road, Romford	Request for yellow lines to be installed across the drive at 46 & 48 Mildmay Road to deter inconsiderate drivers who block residents access to their property	REJECTED
<b>TPC263</b>	Off-Street Car Parks	Introduction of 'The Overnighter', a new season ticket. <i>NB Committee requested that officers produce a detailed outline of the proposal to be resubmitted to HAC at the earliest opportunity</i>	REJECTED
<b>TPC264</b>	Fentiman Way, Hornchurch	Request for keep clear markings or further restrictions outside Goldsmere Court to deter obstructive parking by delivery drivers	REJECTED 5 – 1 – 3 (abstentions)
<b>SECTION B – Minor Traffic &amp; Parking Scheme Requests on hold for future discussion or funding issues</b>			
<b>TPC70</b>	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	NOTED

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		the Lake Rise/Rosemary Avenue Area	
<b>TPC130</b>	Cheshire Close, Emerson Park	Request for footway parking bays	NOTED
<b>TPC181</b>	Mawney Road, Romford	Request to remove restrictions in Mawney Road in the area north of the A12	NOTED
<b>TPC195</b>	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	NOTED
<b>TPC204</b>	Elm Park Avenue/Broadway, Elm Park	Request to review options of "loading ban" outside Tesco to ease traffic flow	NOTED
<b>TPC206</b>	Brentwood Road, Romford	Request for review of parking provision in Brentwood Road (near Drill roundabout) and surrounding area following opening of Tesco Express	NOTED
<b>TPC213</b>	Wolseley Road Area, Romford	Request of residents parking scheme to alleviate the problem of parking overspill from Queens Hospital	NOTED
<b>TPC232</b>	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	NOTED
<b>TPC233</b>	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	NOTED
<b>TPC252</b>	Balgores Crescent, Gidea Park	Request to look at further parking facilities in Balgores Crescent for the shops and businesses in Main Road	NOTED
<b>TPC255</b>	Petersfield Avenue, Harold Hill	Request for restrictions in Petersfield Avenue at the junctions of Hucknal Close and Redruth Road. Buses (496) having to divert as vehicles parked 'legally' too close to islands making it difficult for them to proceed on their route	NOTED

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**Chairman**