

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Town Hall, Main Road, Romford
19 February 2013 (7.30 - 8.05 pm)**

Present:

COUNCILLORS

Conservative Group Garry Pain (Chairman), Billy Taylor (Vice-Chair),
Steven Kelly, Barry Oddy and Frederick Thompson

Residents' Group Brian Eagling and John Wood

Labour Group +Pat Murray

**Independent Residents
Group** David Durant

Apologies were received for the absence of Councillor Denis Breading (Councillor Pat Murray substituting) .

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

All votes are unanimous unless the context state otherwise.

81 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor Pat Murray declared a prejudicial interest through predetermination in item 5.

82 MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 8 and 15 January 2013 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

83 MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Durant whilst not challenging the accuracy of the minutes sought clarification from officers that the scheme advertised in accordance with minute 76 (Parking & Loading arrangements at 69-79 Butts Green Road) was in accordance with the decision of the Committee. Officers confirmed that the advertisement was in accordance with the alternative proposal agreed by the Committee.

**84 PARKING IN THE HILLDENE SHOPPING AREA, HAROLD HILL -
MOTION REFERRED FROM COUNCIL**

(Councillor Murray declared a prejudicial interest through predetermination and left the meeting during discussion on the item and voting thereon.)

Further to the decision to consult on plans to prevent commuters from taking up available car parking spaces, which could be used by local businesses and residents in the Hilldene Shopping Area, Harold Hill, the Committee were advised that a motion (and amendment) had been referred to this committee by Council.

The design proposed that parking areas designated on plan QJ063 /02/06 were allocated for pay and display parking areas; resident and business permit parking and disabled parking bays. Furthermore it was proposed to introduce waiting restrictions to help improve traffic flow, prevent obstructive parking and improve road safety.

The Labour Group had submitted a motion to Council:
'This Council agrees to withdraw the Administration's proposal to introduce Pay & Display Parking and Resident Parking Permits at the Hilldene Shopping Area in Harold Hill.'

In response the Administration had submitted the following amendment:
'Hilldene shopping area's future relies on local communities continuing to use it. Therefore this Council believes that it should work towards ensuring that future demand for car parking is protected for local residents and that commuter parking is deterred.'

The motion and amendment had been referred to this committee for consideration.

The Committee considered the report and, following debate the amendment was called:

By a majority of 5 votes in favour, to two against and one abstention the Administration amendment was agreed.

The original motion was then put to the meeting and this was lost by 7 votes against and one abstention.

**85 BUS STOP ACCESSIBILITY GUBBINS LANE AND NORTH HILL DRIVE
2012/13 - OUTCOME OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

The Committee considered a report on responses to a consultation for the provision of fully accessible bus stops along Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood and North Hill Drive, Harold Hill. The three bus stops in Gubbins Lane were not contentious.

The proposal for a bus stop outside 80 to 90 North Hill Drive had attracted a response from the resident in the vicinity who used a specially adapted vehicle as they were only able to walk a short distance with crutches. Having discussed the matter with the carer involved officers had drawn up a revised scheme which accommodated these specific needs.

Although objections had been received in respect of the relocation of the bus stop from outside 98/100 North Hill Drive to outside 108 North Hill Drive/side of 2 North Hill Green officers had been unable to come up with an alternative proposal which met the requirement to provide a fully accessible bus stop.

The Committee considered the report and, following debate, **RESOLVED:**

1. To recommend to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment that the bus stop accessibility improvements set out in the report and shown on the following drawings be implemented;

Gubbins Lane

- QL020-OF-108A (1 stop)
- QL020-OF-109 & 110A (2 stops)

North Hill Drive

- QL020-OF-101 & 102A (2 stops)
- QL020 –OF-104 & 105B (stop outside 83 to 89 North Hill Drive)
- QL020-OF-106 & 107A (2 stops)

(Carried by 7 votes for, 1 vote against and 1 abstention.)

2. To recommend to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment that the bus stop accessibility improvements outside 80 to 90 North Hill Drive and shown on Drawing QL020-OF-104 & 105B be implemented, thereby reducing the bus stop clearway length by 4 metres to end at the boundary of Nos. 80 & 82.

(Carried by 8 votes for and 1 abstention.)

3. To recommend to the Cabinet Member for Community Engagement that the bus stop outside 98/100 North Hill Drive be relocated outside 108 North Hill Drive/side of 2 North Hill Green and made accessible, along with re-provision of footway parking as shown on QL020-OF-103B.

(Carried by 7 votes for, 1 vote against and 1 abstention)

4. To note that the estimated cost of £50,000 for implementation would be met by Transport for London through the 2012/13 Local Implementation Plan additional allocation for Bus Stop Accessibility for R294.

86 **ORANGE TREE HILL AND NORTH ROAD, HAVERING-ATTE-BOWER CHANGES TO TRAFFIC CALMING - OUTCOME OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

RESOLVED that consideration of the report be deferred until the next meeting pending further consultation with the Head of Streetcare.

87 **RESIDENTS PARKING ZONE RO5A - MARSHALLS PARK (OUTCOME OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION)**

RESOLVED that consideration of the report be deferred until the next meeting pending further consultation with the Head of Streetcare.

88 **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 Street Care 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:

SECTION A - Highway scheme proposals with funding in place			
Item Ref	Scheme	Description	Decision
H1	Main Road/North Street Corridor - Implementation	Upper Brentwood Road/ Main Road junction review; North Street/ A12 junction review	AGREED - Unanimously
H2	Main Road/ North Street Corridor - Feasibility	Balgores Lane/ Main Road junction review	AGREED - Unanimously
H3	Freight Loading Facilities	Programme to provide accessible loading facilities around town, district and local centres across Havering	AGREED - Unanimously
H4	Review of Lower Bedfords Road/ Straight Road junction	Continuance of multi-year programme. Links to Ambitions and Whitworth/ Broxhill sites development and S106 funding to be triggered in future.	AGREED - Unanimously

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H5	Romford Public Realm Enhancement	Continuance of multi-year scheme to repave, declutter and landscape core of Town Centre	AGREED - Unanimously
H6	Upminster Road South Public Realm Improvements	Improvements around shipping parade near Brights Avenue. Continuance of multi-year scheme	AGREED - Unanimously
H7	Improving reliability of public transport (improving bus reliability)	Borough-wide	AGREED - Unanimously
H8	Ingrebourne Valley Connect 2 programme	Connect 2 Route, final year works	AGREED - Unanimously
H9	Bus Stop Accessibility Improvements	Havering Road and Pettits Lane North	AGREED - Unanimously
H10	Improvements to A124 cycle route - Upminster to Rush Green	A124 Corridor	AGREED - Unanimously
H11	Squirrels Heath / Ardleigh Green Road junction feasibility	Squirrels Heath/ Ardleigh Green junction	AGREED - Unanimously
H12	Improvements in Hornchurch for Taxis	Hornchurch Town Centre	AGREED - Unanimously
H13	Gubbins Lane Public Realm and Environmental Improvements Package	Gubbins Lane	AGREED - Unanimously
H14	Romford Casualty reduction package (129 accidents in 5 years)	Brentwood Road, Balgores Lane, Victoria Road, Heath Park Road	AGREED - Unanimously
H15	Rainham Package (147 accidents over 5 years)	A1306 from Dover's Corner to Thurrock borough boundary, Upminster Road North, Airfield Way, Suttons Lane	AGREED - Unanimously
H16	Collier Row Package (37 accidents over 5 years)	Collier Row Lane, Havering Road, Clockhouse Lane, etc.	AGREED - Unanimously
H17	Feasibility for 2014/15 Casualty Reduction Packages	Borough-wide	AGREED - Unanimously
H18	Collier Row to Harold Hill Cycle Safety Improvements	Chase Cross Road/ Havering Road junction, Noak Hill Road/ Lower Bedfords Road junction	AGREED - Unanimously
H19	Highway improvements to pedestrian access from Harwood Hall Lane to Oakfield Montessori School	Harwood Hall Lane	AGREED - Unanimously

H20	Highway improvements to pedestrian access to Gidea Park School from Lodge Avenue	Lodge Avenue	AGREED - Unanimously
H21	Bus turn around area for increased frequency to St Francis Hospice feasibility study	North Road	AGREED - Unanimously
SECTION B - Highway scheme proposals without funding available			
H22	Hainault Road, north of A12	50 signature petition to close the road to through traffic.	REJECTED 8 votes for rejection 1 abstention
H23	Marlborough Road, Mawneys	Street being used as a "mini race track" and a hump is needed to slow traffic down. Road/A127.	REJECTED 8 votes for rejection 1 abstention
H24	Faircross Avenue, Havering Road end	7ft width restriction	REJECTED 8 votes for rejection 1 against
SECTION C - Highway scheme proposals on hold for future discussion (for noting)			
Nothing reported this month			

89 TRAFFIC AND PARKING SCHEMES 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 Street Care 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:

SECTION A – Minor Traffic and Parking Scheme Requests			
Item Ref	Location	Description	Decision
	Nothing reported this month		
SECTION B – Minor Traffic and Parking Scheme Requests on hold for future discussion or funding issues			
Item Ref	Location	Description	Decision
TPC279	Brooklands Ward	As requested at the April 2012 HAC meeting a parking review of the Brooklands Ward was requested to be undertaken. Draft designs have been produced and are to be presented to the Committee. The proposals incorporates schemes approved for implementation.	AGREED to move to Section A of the Schedule and proceed to consultation unanimously
TPC280	Romleighs Estate	This item is based on numerous requests and reports and petitions received in recent months from both residents and Ward Cllrs of the Romleighs Estate to address the parking issues	AGREED to move to Section A of the Schedule and proceed to consultation unanimously
TPC281	The Drive, Harold Wood	Request to change the existing Disc Parking bay in The Drive to a Pay & Display parking bay.	AGREED to move to Section A of the Schedule and proceed to consultation unanimously

In response to questions from the Committee officers advised that they would be submitting a progress report on all Minor Traffic and Parking Schemes to the next meeting.

90 **CALENDAR BRIEF**

The Committee were reminded that Council had amended the constitution to extend the delegations to the Head of StreetCare to include:

- (u) To authorise the creation, amendment and removal of disabled persons' parking bays, footway parking days and at any time waiting restrictions at bends and road junctions.
- (r) To approve local highway management schemes in principle for public consultation.
- (gg) To approve or reject for further consideration proposals made to the Council for local highway management schemes in accordance with the criteria agreed from time to time by the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment, provided that the proposal has previously been notified to members via Calendar Brief and no member has requested within 7 days of the notification that the proposal be referred to the Highways Advisory Committee for consideration.

The Constitution has been revised in respect of Part 3 Section 3.6.3 paragraphs (u) and (r) and is to be amended in respect of (gg) above. Under the revised arrangements which were approved by Council the Head of StreetCare would publish two lists on the CalBrief each week. The first list would be schemes which he did not have delegated powers to implement and would therefore need to be referred to this committee. The second list would contain details of schemes which he had delegated powers to implement and would not require a final decision from this committee. It is this second list from which members can ask for schemes to be referred to this Committee for consideration.

A detailed update will be presented to a subsequent meeting of the Committee to ensure members are fully aware of the new arrangements.

Chairman