

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Town Hall, Main Road, Romford
16 April 2013 (7.30 - 9.00 pm)**

Present:

COUNCILLORS

Conservative Group Garry Pain (Chairman), Steven Kelly, Barry Oddy,
Frederick Thompson and Sandra Binion

Residents' Group Brian Eagling and John Wood

Labour Group Denis O'Flynn

**Independent Residents
Group** David Durant

Apologies were received for the absence of Councillors Denis Breading and Billy Taylor. Councillor Breading was substituted by Councillor O'Flynn and Councillor Taylor by Councillor Binion.

Councillors Andrew Curtin, Pam Light, Paul McGeary, Pat Murray and Lawrence Webb were also present for part of the meeting.

All votes were unanimous with no votes against unless stated otherwise.

There was no personal or prejudicial interests declared at the meeting.

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

95 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 19 March 2013 was approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**96 CHIPPENHAM ROAD - PARKING IMPROVEMENTS. OUTCOME OF
PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

Following a brief debate of the item in which members expressed support for the proposals with Councillor Murray arguing for the scheme to be implemented in its entirety the Committee considered the report and,
RESOLVED:

1. To recommend to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment that the various elements be implemented as detailed on Drawing QK063/02/05
 - a. that the green spaces adjacent to property numbers 84, 94, 145, 169 and the RSPCA Clinic Chippenham Road, be converted into parking bays.
 - b. that the kerb from East Dene Drive to no. 124 Chippenham Road be lowered to approximately 50mm where possible, to provide improved access to footway parking bays.
 - c. Install 'at any time' waiting restrictions to improve traffic flow, prevent obstructive parking and improve road safety.
 - d. Relocation of lighting columns to accommodate the half on footway parking – in all cases this would involve the upgrading of lanterns which was in line with the Council's energy efficiency programme.
2. That it be noted that the estimated cost of £264,000 would be met by funding from the Harold Hill Ambitions programme budget.

97 **PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS, KISS AND RIDE BAY AND PROPOSED LIMITED WAITING FREE BAYS - REPTON AND TUDORS, COMMENTS TO ADVERTISED PROPOSALS**

The Committee considered a report that detailed comments to advertised proposals to implement waiting restrictions in Repton Avenue, a kiss and ride bay in Tudor Avenue, limited wait free bays in Stanley Avenue, Woodfield Drive and Repton Avenue, following the completion of public consultation.

These proposals were to install 'At any time' waiting restrictions on bends and junctions, part time waiting restriction at the north-western end of Repton Avenue, the introduction of a kiss and ride parking bay, in Tudor Avenue, fronting Gidea Park College and implement a four hour limited waiting time in the existing free bays in Repton Avenue, Stanley Avenue and Woodfield Drive, at their junctions with Balgores Lane.

All the proposals for the 'At any time' waiting restrictions on junctions and apexes of bend within the Reptons and Tudors area, were progressed under powers delegated to the Head of StreetCare.

The report outlined the responses received arising from the public consultation on the parking bay elements of the proposals and the proposed Noon to 1:00pm waiting restrictions in Repton Avenue, which were considered to be contentious. Plans and descriptions of the proposals,

along with the responses received, staff comments and further courses of action for each location are outlined and appended to the report.

In accordance with the public participation arrangements the Committee was addressed by two local residents with one expressing his views for the scheme stating that the area was compounded with vehicles displaced from other restricted areas. He added that a minor accident occurred due to the current parking arrangement which hindered sight lines at junctions. The other speaker expressed his view against the scheme stating that part of the proposal would have an impact on his parking arrangement.

Councillor Andrew Curtin also addressed the Committee expressing his support for the scheme proposed. He added that the proposals were minimal intervention to deal with road safety and protect road junctions.

During general debate a member of the committee suggested that relocation of two informal or free parking bays be considered as an amendment to the scheme. In response the committee was informed that any amendments to the original proposal may require further statutory public consultation that may also lead to additional costs for advertisement and the consensus was reached that the matter could be addressed by officers.

The Committee **RESOLVED:**

To recommend to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment that:

- a. the minor parking schemes set out in the report and drawings, be implemented as advertised.
 - i) Drawing 1- Tudor Drive, Repton Avenue, Tudor Avenue and St Ivians
 - ii) Drawing 4 - Stanley Avenue & Woodfield Drive at the junction with Balgores Lane
 - iii) Drawing 5 -Tudor Avenue, Balgores Lane
 - iv) Drawing 7- Repton Avenue and Balgores
- b. the effect of the scheme be monitored;

Noted that the estimated cost of the scheme was £1700 and would be funded from the 2013/14 Minor Parking Schemes budget

The vote for the motion was passed by 8 votes to 1 abstention. Councillor Thompson abstained from the vote.

98 **FIRHAM PARK ESTATE - INCLUSION INTO THE HAROLD WOOD CPZ -
RESPONSES TO ADVERTISED PROPOSALS**

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

1. To recommend to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment that:
 - a. the minor parking scheme set out in the report to include the Firham Park Estate into the Harold Wood Controlled Parking Zone (Sector HWC) with the associated waiting restrictions and residents parking, as shown on drawing TPC195 be implemented as advertised.
 - b. the effect of the scheme be monitored.
 - c. Members note that the estimated cost of this scheme as set out in the report was £3,800 would be funded from the 2013/14 Minor Parking Schemes budget.

99 **HILLDENE SHOPPING AREA REVIEW - COMMENTS TO ADVERTISED
PROPOSALS**

The Committee considered a report on that outlined responses to the advertised proposals for the Hilldene Shopping Area Parking Scheme.

At its meeting on 20 September 2011, the Committee agreed in principal that a review of the parking in the area be undertaken.

Approximately 230 letters with the plans of the proposal were hand delivered to those perceived to be affected by the scheme over an extended consultation period of 35 days, ending on Friday 18 January 2013. The plans were also displayed for the duration of the consultation at Harold Hill Library and within the entrance of the Homes and Housing office in Chippenham Road.

On 30 January 2013 Full Council considered a motion by an opposition group to withdraw the Administration's proposals to introduce Pay & Display Parking and Resident Parking Permits at the Hilldene Shopping Area in Harold Hill.

Full Council decided to refer the motion and the final decision whether to implement the scheme or not to the Highways Advisory Committee who in turn recommended a final course of action to the Lead Member for Community Empowerment.

The report detailed the following key features of the scheme:

- To prevent commuters from taking up available car parking spaces, which could be used by the customers of local businesses and residents.
- Introduce waiting restrictions to help improve traffic flow, prevent obstructive parking and improve road safety.
- Introduce a one-way system in East and West Dene Drives' to assist with traffic movement, especially to improve access for larger vehicles delivering to the rear of the Farnham Road and Hilldene Avenue shops.
- To assist further with deliveries, to install additional loading facilities to the rear of the shops in Hilldene Avenue, West Dene Drive and Chippenham Road.
- To increase the number of parking spaces for residents and businesses of the area, it was proposed that garages to the rear of the shops on East and West Dene Drive be removed to create additional parking. Extra spaces would also be created by converting a grass verge area in East Dene Drive.

Thirty-six responses were received by the close of the consultation, majority of the responses were against parts of the parking proposals, with three responses being in favour of all the proposals, two responses were in favour of implementing the proposed one-way system and two being in favour of further street lighting improvements.

A petition was received from 286 signatories objecting to East Dene and West Dene areas becoming permit parking area, and the proposed one-way system. They also objected to Hilldene Avenue parking area becoming a Pay & Display car park.

A further petition was received outside the statutory consultation period signed by 1110 signatories opposing the introduction of Pay & Display parking and Residents Parking Permits at Hilldene Shopping area.

Staff consider that these schemes were designed to further enhance the Hilldene area by significantly increasing the number of available parking spaces for all visitors, limiting long term non-residential parking, allocating specific area to residents and businesses, providing improved loading facilities and improved traffic flow ensuring that parking spaces are turned over regularly and supporting the disabled and elder community.

With its agreement, Councillors Lawrence Webb, Pat Murray and Paul McGeary addressed the Committee expressing their objections to the introduction his support for the scheme proposed. They stated that there would be a social blight if the scheme was implemented in the area and that there was no convincing need for these parking charges to be introduced

and that there was overwhelming disapproval of the pay and display scheme.

During general debate the following view were raised by member of the committee:

- That since the introduction of parking charges in Elm Park, the parking spaces in the area had benefitted from regular turnover of commuter vehicles
- That the area had benefitted from improved footfall for shopkeepers and will also benefit from the parking and loading available at the back.
- A member was of the view that he was a regular user of the parking facilities and had no problem with finding a parking space in the area.
- A two hours free parking with no return was proposed
- A member added that there was no evidence of commuter issues in the area.

The Committee **RESOLVED:**

To recommend to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment that:

The proposals shown on drawing no QJ063/02/06 of the report be implemented as follows:

1. That the On Street Pay & Display charging regime originally proposed and consulted on be amended to the tariffs listed in the table below subject to Cabinet approval, as set out in the report being submitted by the Head of Streetcare to Cabinet on Wednesday 17th April. These proposals also include the increase of maximum stay periods up to 3 hours from the current 2 hr max stay period on Pay and Display.

Tariff Band	Current On Street Pay & Display & Original Proposal	<i>Proposed On Street Pay & Display</i>	Outlying Car Parks	Parks
0 – 1hr	£0.20p			
0 – 1.5 hrs	£1.40p			
0 – 2 hrs	£2.00 max stay	<i>£0.20p</i>	£0.20p	£0.20p
2 – 3 hrs		<i>£0.50p Proposed new max stay</i>	£0.50p	£0.50p

2. That the proposed allocation of resident and business permit parking and disabled parking bays be implemented as proposed.

3. That the waiting restrictions to help improve traffic flow, prevent obstructive parking and improve road safety be implemented as proposed.
4. The one-way system in East and West Dene Drives to assist with traffic movement, especially larger vehicles delivering to the rear of the Farnham Road and Hilldene Avenue shops be implemented as proposed.
5. That the loading facilities to improve access to the rear of the shops in Hilldene Avenue, West Dene Drive and Chippenham Road be implemented as proposed.
6. That the garages to the rear of the shops on East and West Dene Drive are approved to be removed to create additional parking, with extra spaces created by converting a grass verge area in East Dene Drive to the side of 198 East Dene Drive.

Should any of the above proposals be implemented then the effects will be monitored for a duration following the implementation with remedial action being considered.

The vote for the motion was passed by 5 votes to 4 against. Councillors O'Flynn, Durant, Eagling and Wood voted against the motion.

100 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:

Item	Location	Description	Decision
H1	Ockendon Road	Make both bus stops outside Upminster Cemetery fully accessible in support of Condition 3 of planning consent to extend	Rejected unanimously

		cemetery (P0071.13 - cemetery expansion)	
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101 **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 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
TPC304	Bevan Hornchurch Way,	Request for yellow line restrictions around roundabout in Bevan Way to deter vehicles parking on it	AGREED 8-1
TPC305	South Street	Request to convert the disc parking bays into Pay and Display area	AGREED

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TPC318	Kew Close	Introduce waiting restrictions opposite No 2 to improve access and egress	REJECTED 7-2
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Chairman