

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Town Hall, Main Road, Romford
15 April 2014 (7.30 - 8.55 pm)**

Present:

COUNCILLORS

Conservative Group	Melvin Wallace (Chairman), Frederick Thompson (Vice-Chair), Jeffrey Brace, Steven Kelly, Barry Oddy and +Lesley Kelly
Residents' Group	Brian Eagling and John Wood
Labour Group	Denis Breading
Independent Residents Group	David Durant

Apologies were received for the absence of Councillors Lawrence Webb and Damian White.

+Councillor Lesley Kelly substituted for Councillor White.

Councillor Linda Hawthorn, Pat Murray, Robbie Misir, Pam Light and Linda Trew were also present for part of the meeting.

There were 15 members of the public present at the meeting.

Unless otherwise indicated all decisions were agreed with no vote against.

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

77 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 18 March 2014 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

78 **MAWNEY ROAD - TPC355 PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION OF 'AT ANY TIME' RESTRICTIONS - COMMENTS TO ADVERTISED PROPOSALS**

The report before the Committee detailed responses received to the advertised proposals to introduce 'At Any Time' waiting restrictions in Mawney Road outside and opposite the entrance of King Georges Park.

These proposals were designed to deter motorists from parking in the vicinity of the pedestrian island which had been reported to be causing a conflict to traffic movements and congestion, especially to the local bus services.

The proposals were designed to ensure that traffic flow was maintained on one of the busiest roads in to Romford, especially during traffic sensitive times, mornings and evenings. This design would also improve journey times for the transport services as this area will remain free from obstruction allowing larger vehicles to negotiate the traffic island. Additionally this would offer improvements to forward visibility for pedestrians and other road users.

A ward Councillor had reported incidents of anti-social behaviour at this location where local residents had been verbally abused by people that were parking inconsiderately.

The report stated that officers fully supported the scheme as advertised and the effects would be monitored.

With the agreement of the Committee, Councillor Linda Trew addressed the committee.

Councillor Trew explained that local residents had been verbally abused by people who had parked inconsiderately in front of resident driveways.

A Member of the Committee was of the view that the parking helped to slow the traffic down on this stretch of the road as motorists were known to be speeding on Mawney Road.

The Committee was in agreement that the double yellow lines were required to ensure that traffic flow was maintained on this road.

Following the brief discussion, the Committee, **RESOLVED**

- a. To recommend to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment that the 'At Any time' Waiting Restrictions which would prevent obstructive parking and improve traffic flow in the vicinity of the pedestrian refuge be implemented as detailed in appendix A of the report and the effect of the scheme be monitored

- b. That the estimated cost of the scheme as set out in the report at £800 would be funded from the 2014/15 Minor Parking Schemes budget.

The voting was eight in favour, one against and one abstention.

79 **TPC339 PROPOSED SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR MARKINGS AND CONVERSION OF EXISTING OPERATIONAL HOURS - ANNAN WAY & AYR WAY - COMMENTS TO ADVERTISED PROPOSALS**

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

- a) To recommend to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment the proposals to change the existing operational hours of the School Keep Clear markings in Ayr Way from 8:15 - 9:15am & 3:00 - 4:15pm Monday to Friday to 8am - 5pm Monday to Friday.
- b) To convert the existing 8:15 - 9:15am & 3:00 - 4:15pm Monday to Friday waiting restrictions and implement School Keep Clear markings the full extent of Annan Way, with operational times of 8am - 5pm Monday to Friday.

The effects of the scheme would be monitored once implemented for a period of six months.

80 **TPC 357 BUTTS GREEN ROAD, HORNCHURCH PARKING REVIEW - COMMENTS TO ADVERTISED PROPOSALS**

The Committee considered a report that detailed responses received to the advertised proposals for the Butts Green Parking Review.

At its meeting on 12 November 2013, the Committee agreed in principle that a review of the parking in the Butts Green Road area and in the vicinity of the new Tesco Store be undertaken.

Residents and business owners of 33 addresses in the area perceived to be affected by the proposed scheme were advised by letter enclosing a plan detailing the proposals. Eighteen statutory bodies were also consulted and site notices were placed within the area. The proposals were also advertised in the Romford Recorder and the London Gazette.

The report detailed that the design principles was to prevent commuters from taking up available car parking spaces which would be used by the customers of local businesses. Appendix A detailed proposed site plans to convert to pay and display parking areas.

The proposal also outlined extending the existing 'At Any Time' waiting restrictions in Walden Road and Wykeham Avenue to help improve traffic flow, prevent obstructive parking and improve road safety.

Another part of the proposal detailed implementing 'At Any Time' waiting restrictions on Butts Green Road on the opposite side to the shops to improve traffic flow for all road users.

At the close of the public consultation, a petition was received from one of the businesses, containing 17 signatures stating that the proposals would not benefit businesses, residents or customers of this area and they requested no changes to the current parking arrangements.

The report detailed the view of officers that the proposals were designed to enhance the Butts Green Road area by deterring long term parking outside of the shops and businesses and to ensure free flow of traffic in the adjoining roads.

The introduction of pay and display parking in popular local shopping areas had proved beneficial in promoting vitality in the local area and managing out commuter parking.

The pay and display parking facilities on Butts Green Road would be operational between 8.00 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. on Monday to Saturday inclusive.

The introduction of waiting restrictions in the proposed area would lead to fewer delays for emergency vehicles, bus services and delivery/refuse vehicles operating in the area, particularly on narrow streets, heavily trafficked roads and around busy junctions as was the case for Butts Green Road, Wykeham Avenue and Walden Road.

The report added that parking on junctions and the apexes of bends causes traffic conflict, congestion and safety issues for all road users. Forward visibility was greatly compromised for pedestrians when vehicles are turning into side roads from Butts Green Road.

Officer concluded that they would monitor the effects should the scheme be implemented and report any requests for further parking restrictions to the Highways Advisory Committee.

During the general debate Members discussed whether the scheme would actually improve parking issues and road safety faced by residents, businesses and visitors in the area. The Committee was generally not in support of the Pay & Display scheme proposed. A Member also suggested that the 'At Any Time' waiting restrictions in Walden Road and Wykeham Avenue be implemented only on the North side of the roads.

The Committee **RESOLVED:**

To recommend to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment that the Pay and Display proposal be abandoned and the proposed waiting restriction for Walden Road and Wykeham Avenue shown on the appended plan be implemented only on the north side in each road. And that the effects would be monitored for a duration following the implementation with remedial action being considered.

81 **TPC 331 - WARRINER AVENUE - PROPOSED PAY & DISPLAY**

The report before the Committee detailed responses to the advertised proposals for the change of use of a Free Parking bay in Warriner Avenue, alongside the doctor's surgery, to a Pay & Display parking bay.

At its meeting on July 2013 the Committee agreed in principle to design and consult on proposals to convert the existing free parking bay to a Pay and Display parking area.

A Member of the Committee was of the view that a limited stay parking bay would be ideal in the area instead of the proposed pay and display. He added that a similar scheme was in place in Harold wood and working well.

The Committee considered the report and **RESOLVED:**

- a. To recommend to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment that the proposals shown on Appendix A detailing the Pay and Display operational Monday to Saturday 8am – 6.30pm be Implemented as advertised and effect be monitored;
- b. That the estimated cost of the scheme estimated at £5,000 would be funded from the 2014/15 Minor Parking Schemes budget.

82 **LESSINGTON AVENUE - TPC329 PROPOSAL TO INSTALL SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR MARKINGS AND NO WAITING AT ANY TIME WAITING RESTRICTIONS**

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

- To recommend to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment that the No Waiting at anytime restrictions and School Keep Clear markings shown on Appendix 1 of the report be implemented as advertised;
- That the estimated cost of the scheme as set out in the report was £1000 and would be funded from the 2014/15 Minor Parking Schemes budget.

The voting was nine in favour and one abstention.

83 PETTITS LANE - TPC 259 - MARSHALLS PARK SCHOOL. PROPOSED EXTENSION TO THE SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR

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

- To recommend to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment that the proposals shown on appendix A of the report be implemented as advertised and the effect of the scheme be monitored.
- That the estimated cost of this scheme as set out in the report was £500 and would be funded from the 2014/15 Minor Parking Schemes budget.

84 HIGHWAYS SCHEMES APPLICATION - WORKS PROGRAMME

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 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	Location	Description	Decision
SECTION A - Highway scheme proposals with funding in place			
H1	Ockendon Road, by Sunnings Lane	Provision of pedestrian refuge to assist people crossing the road	REJECTED
H2	Dagnam Park Drive, near Settle Road, Harold Hill	Request to remove speed cushions as residents are experiencing vibration (Committee decided that Officers look at the cushions and report back)	Proposal to Reject LOST 4-6 AGREED 6-4
H3	Cambourne Avenue,	Request for 20mph speed limit or other restriction to deal with skip lorries, large vans etc. using street to access	DEFERRED

	Harold Hill	Farringdon Avenue rather than Tangent Link	
H4	Hacton Lane, Junction with Alma Avenue	Signalisation of junction	REJECTED
H5	Philip Road, junction with New Road, Rainham	Reinstatement of banned right turn onto New Road and U-turn ban on eastbound side of New Road at this junction.	REJECTED 6-4
H6	Slewins Lane, Emerson Park	Request for a pedestrian crossing near Haynes Park to improve pedestrian access to park and local bus stops (possibly a zebra crossing)	REJECTED
H7	Dagnam Park Drive, near Brookside School from 30mph to 20mph.	In response to serious concerns for pupils safety, crossing the road to attend Brookside Infant & Junior School, request to reduce speed limit	DEFERRED 9-1

85 TRAFFIC AND PARKING SCHEMES REQUEST

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 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
TPC425	Kyme Road	Conversion of disc parking to parking meters	AGREED
TPC426	London Road St Andrews Road Norfolk Road Knighton Road Longsdale Road Cromer Road Kensington Road Eastbury Road	Convert the existing disc bays in London Road and the side roads into short term pay and display and metre parking	AGREED
TPC427	Crow Lane	Request for double yellow lines either side of the cemetery entrance by 10 metres.	AGREED
TPC428	Petersfield Avenue	Request for double yellow lines to prevent parking near pedestrian refuges at the parade of shops	PROPOSAL TO PUT ON HOLD FOR SIX MONTHS 7-3
TPC429	Clydesdale Road/South Street, Romford	Request to extend the existing CPZ into South Street for residents residing in maisonettes at corner of Clydesdale Road and South Street	REJECTED 7-3
TPC430	Hornchurch Road	Request from St. Mary's Catholic Primary School for School Keep Clear Markings across both entrances	REJECTED
TPC431	Hornford Way	Request for 'At any time' waiting restrictions within the turning head located in Hornford Way	REJECTED 8-2
TPC432	Neptune Close	Request for 'At any time' waiting restrictions in the access road due to vehicles parking causing obstructions	REJECTED 8-2

Chairman