

## TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES - 11 SEPTEMBER 2014

**Present:** Councillors Page (Chair), Ayub, Davies, Duveen, Hacker, Hopper, Jones and Whitham.

**Also in attendance:** Councillors Edwards and Ennis.

**Apologies:** Councillors D.L. Absolom, Terry and Willis.

### 22. FORMER TRANSPORT USERS' FORUM - CONSULTATIVE ITEM

#### (1) Questions

There were no questions submitted in accordance with the Panel's Terms of Reference.

#### (2) Presentation - Trends in Travel to the Town Centre

Ruth Leuillette, Deputy Head of Highways and Transport, gave a presentation and answered questions on Trends in Travel to the Town Centre

She explained that an annual Cordon Count was carried out each May between 7:00am and 7:00pm and counted the numbers and mode of transport of people crossing the Inner Distribution Road (IDR) into central Reading. The long term trend from 2001 to 2014 showed an increase in people using public transport, although it was accepted that annual fluctuations could have been affected by the weather.

Following questions from Councillors and members of the public, Ruth Leuillette agreed to circulate further information with regard to numbers of motorbikes and scooters and the occupancy of motorbike parking bays. It was also agreed that taxis should be included within public transport rather than with cars.

James Freeman, Chief Executive Officer, Reading Transport, explained that Reading rated fifth in the country for the number of journeys travelled by bus per head of population, and that the new Reading Station was also increasing the use of public transport.

**Resolved:**

- (1) That Ruth Leuillette be thanked for her presentation;
- (2) That James Freeman be thanked for his service with Reading Transport.

### 23. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of 25 June 2014 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### 24. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

There were no questions submitted in accordance with the Panel's Terms of Reference.

### 25. PETITIONS

- (a) Petition from Residents of Holmes Road - Requesting Reduction in Speeding and One Way Plug

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The Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services submitted a report on the receipt of a petition asking the Council to install a one way plug in Holmes Road in East Reading to reduce the speed of vehicles travelling within the road.

The petition, containing 12 signatures, read as follows:

*"The residents of Holmes Road, who have signed below are petitioning for the installation of a one-plug to prevent speeding traffic entering Holmes Road from the Wokingham Road, the current volume and speed of traffic in Holmes Road is putting lives at risk. We believe that this plug should go some way to alleviating the risk of serious accidents in Holmes Road".*

The report stated that the issues raised within the petition were to be fully investigated and a future report submitted to the Sub-Committee for consideration.

At the invitation of the Chair, lead petitioner Rachel Benwell addressed the Sub-Committee.

**Resolved:**

- (1) That the report be noted;
- (2) That the issue be investigated and a future report be submitted to the Sub-Committee for consideration;
- (3) That the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

(b) Consultation for 20 mph Limit in Caversham Park Village

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services submitted a report on the results of an informal consultation for a 20mph speed limit in Caversham Park Village, which had been carried out by Councillors Willis and Stanford-Beale.

The report stated that the results from this informal consultation would be fully investigated with the Peppard Ward Councillors and a future report be submitted to the Sub-Committee for consideration.

**Resolved:**

- (1) That the report be noted;
- (2) That the issue be investigated and a future report be submitted to the Sub-Committee for consideration;
- (3) That the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

(c) Petition to Tackle Traffic Speeding Related Issues - Recreation Road

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services submitted a report on the receipt of a petition requesting that the Council investigated and resolved traffic safety issues in Recreation Road and Blundells Road.

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The petition, containing 91 signatures, read as follows:

*"We, the undersigned residents of Tilehurst hereby call on Reading Borough Council to investigate ways of making our roads safer and slowing down the traffic that uses Recreation Road and Blundells Road as rat runs to avoid the traffic lights in School Road. Recreation Road serves entrances to both Blagrove Nursery and park so there are often parents with small children crossing the road. Our preferred options are for a 20mph limit along our roads and one-way plug at the junction of Blundells Road and Norcot Road.*

*Other ideas (e.g. speed humps and better enforcement) may also be worth considering but the numbers of cars and the speed they travel along our streets is not acceptable to residents and we want the council to act to calm the traffic, to prevent cars using our roads as a rat run and to make our streets safer for everyone. We call on the council to review the issue of traffic along Recreation Road and to present plan for improving road safety along this dangerous road."*

The report stated that the issues raised within the petition were to be fully investigated and a future report submitted to the Sub-Committee for consideration.

At the invitation of the Chair, lead petitioner Dan Van Der Kemp addressed the Sub-Committee.

**Resolved:**

- (1) That the report be noted;
- (2) That the issue be investigated and a future report be submitted to the Sub-Committee for consideration;
- (3) That the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

### 26. PETITION UPDATE - TOWN CENTRE ACCESS RESTRICTION OPERATIONAL TIMES

Further to Minute 4 of the meeting of 25 June 2014, the Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services submitted a report updating the Sub-Committee on the investigation carried out by officers following submission of a petition requesting a review of the Town Centre access restriction operational times.

The report stated that the adjustment to the traffic system and access times in Reading Town Centre had been made in April 2011 in preparation of the major changes associated with the redevelopment of Reading Station. The revised access restrictions had been introduced to strengthen the existing access and pedestrian zone restrictions to ensure that the central area was used appropriately both for the benefit of the Town Centre and the wider road network as the reliance on public transport meant that the peak hour bus operations had to be protected.

The report explained that the current access restriction was in place in St Mary's Butts (between Hosier Street and West Street), West Street, Friar Street west and Minster Street and operated between the hours of 7am and 11am and 4pm to 7pm. The majority of blue badge parking spaces in Reading Town Centre were still accessible at all times, with just 24 designated parking bays inaccessible at peak times. There were 292 on-street spaces

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accessible to blue badge holders in the central area and a further 179 disabled parking bays within the off-street Town Centre car parks which were accessible at all times.

Consequently, the report concluded that based on the existing high level of blue badge parking spaces in the Town Centre and the need to continue to protect the Town Centre road network for the benefit of all users, it was not recommended to adjust the operational hours of the access restriction in the Town Centre.

**Resolved:**

- (1) That the report be noted;
- (2) That, based on the existing high level of blue badge parking spaces in the Town Centre accessible at all times and the need to continue to protect the Town Centre road network for the benefit of all users, the operational hours of the access restriction in the Town Centre not be changed;
- (3) That the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

### 27. PETITION UPDATE - NEWTOWN VISITORS HOURS

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services submitted a report updating the Sub-Committee on the investigation carried out by officers following the submission of a petition to the Sub-Committee on 25 June 2014 (Minute 4b refers).

The petition read as follows:

*"We, the undersigned would like to see visitor's hours in the new section of permit parking in East Newtown changed from 10am-4pm to 8am-8pm. This would give us more flexibility on when people can visit, meaning less need for us to use our visitors permits."*

The report explained that an informal consultation had been carried out with residents of East Newtown in December 2011 regarding the introduction of a residents parking scheme and, following a positive response and the statutory consultation, the scheme had been introduced in September 2012. This shared use residents parking scheme was in operation Monday to Sunday 10am to 4pm and allowed two hours parking for visitors during this time without the use of a permit and was permit holders only at all other times.

The report stated that this 10am to 4pm differed from the historic 8am to 8pm times as, following a review of the entire residents parking permit scheme in 2011, it had been recommended that the 10am to 4pm shared use times be used. Subsequently the area of Newtown (West side) that had historically had Residents Parking used the 8am to 8pm times, whilst the new area within the East Newtown had the 10am to 4pm.

A review had been carried out on the new scheme in November 2013 and the hours of operation had not been raised as an issue by the residents. The report noted that a further statutory consultation would be required to amend the hours of the scheme as well as changing approximately 140 sign faces and so it was recommended that a consensus be reached between the 712 households within the East Reading area on their preferred hours of operation before any action was taken.

**Resolved - That the report be noted.**

**28. PETITION UPDATE - FOR ACTION AGAINST PARKING ON PAVEMENTS ON LOWER BULMERSHE ROAD AND HAMILTON ROAD**

Further to Minute 4c of the meeting of 25 June 2014, the Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services submitted a report updating the Sub-Committee on the proposals to limit footway parking on Bulmershe Road and Hamilton Road.

The report stated that Bulmershe Road and Hamilton Road ran parallel with each other and connected Crescent Road and Wokingham Road. Both roads were two way and had traffic calming features, with the only waiting restrictions being from the Wokingham Road end to enable visibility and flow of two way traffic.

The report explained that due to the historic build of the streets the width of the carriageway was approximately 5.8 metres and so drivers parked half on the footway which forced pedestrians to walk in the carriageway. The road was not wide enough to accommodate vehicular parking on both sides with all four wheels on the carriageway and maintain two-way traffic flow and so the only recourse would be the introduction of waiting restrictions on one side and to allow parking on the opposite side. This would mean a reduction in parking within these streets, but would be beneficial to pedestrians.

**Resolved -**

- (1) That the report be noted;
- (2) That, should Ward Councillors, following consultation with residents, wish to see waiting restrictions introduced within Bulmershe Road and Hamilton Road, these be considered within the biannual waiting restrictions review.

**29. PETITION UPDATE - FOR A ZEBRA CROSSING ON SOUTHCOTE LANE**

Further to Minute 98 of the meeting of 13 March 2014, the Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services submitted a report to update the Sub-Committee on the review of a petition received from residents of Southcote requesting a zebra crossing on Southcote Lane near Circuit Lane roundabout.

The report stated that the requirements for pedestrian facilities were laid down by central government whereby the type of facility to cater for the demand was determined by a pedestrian/vehicle count. A count had been undertaken from 9 to 13 June 2014 between the hours of 07:00-10:00 and 14:00-18:00 and the results had demonstrated that the pedestrian cross demand did not justify a formal zebra or puffin crossing.

The report explained that the officer recommendation was to improve the existing traffic island by enhancing the crossing point and upgrading the facility to a pedestrian refuge island, including tactile paving, widening the crossing area and implementing road markings to help reduce vehicle speeds.

At the invitation of the Chair, Councillors Edwards and Ennis addressed the Sub-Committee.

Resolved -

- (1) That the report be noted;
- (2) That the existing traffic island on Southcote Lane near Circuit Lane be upgraded to a pedestrian refuge island;
- (3) That Officers ensure that the concerns of the residents be taken into account when considering planning applications for this area and opportunity taken to provide safe crossing points where possible.

**30. DEE PARK REGENERATION - INFORMAL CONSULTATION ON TRAFFIC CALMING AND WAITING RESTRICTIONS**

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services submitted a report updating the Sub-Committee on the informal consultation on traffic calming measures and waiting restrictions on the Dee Park Estate.

The report stated that the Dee Park Estate was currently being transformed as part of a major regeneration scheme which included the rebuilding of houses and flats for social rent and private sale and extensive improvements to the public realm and community facilities. A major part of the regeneration had been the transformation of the highway network into a home zone environment and to complete this process Traffic Regulation Orders were required for traffic calming measures, traffic movement and waiting restrictions. An informal consultation had been undertaken with residents prior to the statutory process and the results were attached to the report at Appendix A. A site plan of the estate was attached at Appendix B and the proposals attached at Appendix C.

The report explained that residents and community groups at liaison meetings with the Council had commented that vehicle speeds on the estate were a concern and so a set of proposals had been put forward to address these concerns and these proposals had been the subject of an informal consultation of all the residents on the estate.

The proposal was to create a 20mph zone for the whole estate and to construct physical measures, including speed cushions, speed humps and the narrowing of roads, to ensure that speeds were contained as, although 91% of respondents to the survey supported the creation of an estate wide 20mph speed limit, they were concerned as to how this could be enforced. In addition, the consultation detailed plans to place waiting restrictions on the parking bays outside the new shops on Spey Road restricting parking to a maximum period of two hours to ensure that these spaces were used by shoppers.

Resolved -

- (1) That the report be noted;
- (2) That, based on the positive results of the informal consultation, the scheme be approved and, in consultation with the Chair of the Sub-Committee/Lead Councillor for Strategic Environment, Planning and Transport and Ward Councillors, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to advertise the Traffic Regulation Orders and, subject to no objections being received, to implement the proposal;

- (3) That any objections received during the statutory consultations, be reported to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee;
- (4) That an estate wide 20mph zone be implemented;
- (5) That speed cushions and ramps be installed as detailed on the plans in Appendix C;
- (6) That a one way system be implemented along the roads around Oak Tree House and Site 6B, as indicated on plan Dee Park/SK02/CS in Appendix C;
- (7) That parking be restricted in front of the new shopping parade currently under construction to a maximum period of 2 hours every 4 hours between 8am and 8pm.

**31. CIVIC OFFICES ACCESS ROAD AND ASSOCIATED PARKING BAYS - APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE A FORMAL PARKING SCHEME**

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services submitted a report to seek approval to carry out statutory consultation and implementation, subject to no objections being received, on a managed parking scheme for the access road and parking bays at the new Council Civic Offices, details of which were attached to the report at Appendix 1.

The report stated that Simmonds Street, which formed part of the access road to the new Civic Offices, already had some double yellow line provision and that discussion with the land manager indicated a desire for a formal parking scheme which would benefit the area. Although the access road was not part of the public highway, it was treated as such due to the number of properties that required access from it. With the agreement of the land owners, formal waiting restrictions could be applied.

The report explained that consideration was being given to on-street pay and display which would be available for use by town centre shoppers, disabled drivers, residents and casual visitors to the new Civic Centre. At the end of Simmonds Street there were parking bays within land associated with the new Civic Offices that would need to be formally managed to cater for the various needs of the new building operation, in particular access to the community car share scheme and the nursery drop-off.

**Resolved -**

- (1) That the report be noted;
- (2) That, in consultation with the Chair of the Sub-Committee/Lead Councillor for Strategic Environment, Planning and Transport and Ward Councillors, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to carry out statutory consultation and advertise a managed parking scheme for the access road and parking bays associated with the new Civic offices;
- (3) That any objections received during the statutory advertisement be reported to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee;

- (4) That, subject to no objections being received, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to make the Traffic Regulation Order;
- (5) That the Head of Transportation and Streetcare, in consultation with the appropriate Lead Councillor, be authorised to make minor changes to the proposals;
- (6) That no public enquiry be held into the proposals.

## 32. OBJECTIONS TO ADVERTISED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services submitted a report updating the Sub-Committee on the objections received to Traffic Regulation Orders that had been advertised since the last meeting on 25 June 2014.

### 20mph Eastern Area (Phase Two)

The report stated that following workshops and a consultation carried out with residents within the University/Hospital and Eastern Area, studies and a statutory consultation on a 20mph zone had been carried out. The areas were shown in a map attached to the report at Appendix 1. No comments or objections had been received in relation to the 20mph Eastern Area (Phase Two) consultation; however support for a 20mph limit in some of the roads within this second area had been expressed during the first phase of consultation in June 2014.

### Waiting Restrictions Review (Order A) 2014

The report stated that following Ward Councillor discussions, statutory consultation had been carried out on a number of changes to waiting restrictions during August 2014. Objections to the scheme along with officer recommendations were attached to the report at Appendix 2 for the following schemes:

- (a) Queens Road
- (b) Norcot Road Resident Parking
- (c) Norcot Road Nos. 115-127
- (d) Harrow Court
- (e) Tazewell Court
- (f) College Road and Culver Road
- (g) Heath Road
- (h) Lancaster Close
- (i) Peppard Service Road and Newlands Avenue
- (j) Chagford Road
- (k) Whitley Wood Lane
- (l) Whitley Wood Road.

At the invitation of the Chair, Councillor Hopper addressed the Sub-Committee on the scheme for College Road/Culver Road and Councillor Whitham addressed the Sub-Committee on the scheme for Heath Road.

Resolved -

- (1) That the report be noted;



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- (2) That the schemes detailed in Appendix 2, except for the proposals relating to Heath Road and Lancaster Close, be implemented as advertised;
- (3) That the scheme for Heath Road not be progressed;
- (4) That the proposal for Lancaster Close be removed from the current programme and a revised proposal of No Waiting Monday-Friday 8am-6.30pm be consulted with the residents in the next waiting restriction review programme;
- (5) That, with regard to Tazewell Court, the southern turning head and the stretch along the side of No. 9 Tazewell Court be included in the next waiting restriction review programme;
- (6) That the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to seal the Traffic Regulation Orders and no public inquiry be held into the proposals;
- (7) That the objectors be informed of the decisions of the Sub-Committee accordingly.

(Note: In accordance with Paragraph 7.4.4 of the Member Code of Conduct, Councillor Hopper declared a pecuniary interest in the above Item insofar as it related to College Road/Culver Road, as he was a resident of Culver Road. Councillor Hopper addressed the Sub-Committee on the matter and then left the meeting and took no part in the Sub-Committee's discussion).

### 33. HIGHMOOR ROAD/ALBERT ROAD - PETITION FOR A SAFER CROSSROADS - UPDATE

Further to Minute 3 of the meeting of 16 January 2014, the Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services submitted a report on a review of the road safety improvement options to reduce accidents and the concern of accidents at the crossroads of Highmoor Road and Albert Road.

The report stated that following the petition and a subsequent public meeting, a list of options had been considered and these were attached to the report at Appendix 1 with an officer recommendation of the best solution. By closing the west to east movement from Highmoor Road across Albert Road to general traffic the risk of collision was almost completely removed. Access would be available for public transport, emergency service vehicles, cyclists and public service vehicles via the creation of a short length of 'bus lane'.

The report explained that the review of the junction formed part of the annual road safety programme and the authority to carry out statutory consultation for waiting and movement restrictions had been granted by the Sub-Committee at the meeting of 13 March 2014, (Minute 100 refers).

At the invitation of the Chair, Dr Michael Johnson addressed the Sub-Committee.

Resolved -

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- (1) That the review of the options to improve safety at the junction of Highmoor Road with Albert Road, attached to the report at Appendix 1, be noted;
- (2) That the officer recommendation to remove general traffic movements across the junction (Option 1) be approved;
- (3) That in consultation with the Chair of the Sub-Committee/Lead Councillor for Strategic Environment, Planning and Transport and Ward Councillors, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to advertise the Traffic Regulation Orders associated with the Option 1 scheme in accordance with the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996;
- (4) That the results of the statutory consultation process be submitted to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee and, subject to no objections being received to the proposal, that Option 1 be implemented;
- (5) That the Head of Transportation and Streetcare, in consultation with the appropriate Lead Councillor, be authorised to make minor changes to the proposals.

### 34. BI-ANNUAL WAITING RESTRICTION REVIEW - REQUESTS FOR WAITING RESTRICTIONS 2014

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services submitted a report informing the Sub-Committee of forthcoming requests for waiting restrictions within the Borough that had been raised by members of the public, community organisations and Councillors since March 2014.

The report recommended that the list of issues raised for the bi-annual review, as attached to the report at Appendix 1, were fully investigated and Ward Councillors consulted. This part of the waiting restriction review enabled Ward Councillors to undertake informal consultations, which ensured that any new restrictions had the support of residents and reflected requests from the community prior to a further report being submitted to the Sub-Committee seeking approval to commence a statutory consultation.

Resolved -

- (1) That the report be noted;
- (2) That the requests for waiting restrictions as shown in Appendix 1 be noted and that officers investigate each request and consult on their findings with Ward Councillors;
- (3) That requests for waiting restrictions in Bexley Court (Minster) and Bulmershe Road and Hamilton Road (Park) be added to the proposal;
- (4) That, should funding permit, a further report be submitted to the Sub-Committee requesting approval to complete the Statutory Consultation on the approved schemes.

**35. HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE UPDATE**

Further to Minute 13 of the meeting of 25 June 2014, the Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services submitted a report on the current position regarding additional pothole repairs.

The report stated that inspection of the Priority 1 to 6 roads listed in Appendix 1 had been completed. However where the roads received their scheduled safety inspection any further potholes meeting the criteria for repair under this improvement plan would be recorded and repaired. The number of potholes identified and repaired in each category was currently as follows:

PRIORITY	POTHOLES IDENTIFIED	POTHOLES REPAIRED
Priority 1	260	260
Priority 2	22	22
Priority 3	786	786
Priority 4	159	159
Priority 5	222	222
Priority 6	159	159

The roads included in each category were detailed in Appendix 1.

**Resolved - That the report be noted.**

**36. READING STATION - HIGHWAY WORKS UPDATE**

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services submitted a report providing a progress update on the Reading Station Redevelopment Project and the associated highway works and highlighted the key programme dates for future associated works.

The report stated that approval had been granted at Policy Committee on 17 February 2014 (Minute 93 refers) to progress the modified Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) and Side Roads Order (SRO) in order to facilitate improvements to the existing highway and where necessary the stopping up of highway adjacent to Cow Lane and Cardiff Road and the closure and re-provision of private means of access. Following a statutory consultation in June and July 2014, objections had been received by some of the affected landowners and, in accordance with the CPO and SRO procedures, the Secretary of State for Transport had confirmed that it would be necessary to hold a Public Inquiry. This would delay the construction programme for the Cow Lane Highway works by approximately 12 months.

The report explained that negotiations with the objectors continued and if the proposed agreements were approved and the objections withdrawn, there was a possibility that the Public Inquiry would not be required.

**Resolved -**

- (1) That the report be noted;

- (2) That the delay to the highway improvements at Cow Lane Bridges be acknowledged due to the requirement by the Secretary of State for Transport to hold a public inquiry.

### 37. EASTERN AREA TRANSPORT STUDY UPDATE

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services submitted a report updating the Sub-Committee on progress with the implementation of the pedestrian and cycle schemes being delivered through the Eastern Area Transport Study.

Resolved - That the report be noted.

### 38. LOCAL SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT FUND UPDATE

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services submitted a report updating the Sub-Committee on progress with delivery of the Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) Small Package, for which £4.9m funding had been approved by the Department for Transport (DfT) in July 2011 and the LSTF Large Partnership Package, for which £20.692m funding had been approved by the DfT in June 2012.

The report provided an update on each of the five delivery themes of the LSTF programme, with particular focus on projects that had reached milestones within the previous three months, including the Readybike cycle hire scheme.

Resolved - That the report be noted.

### 39. LOWER CAVERSHAM WAITING RESTRICTION REVIEW - INFORMAL CONSULTATION

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services submitted a report informing the Sub-Committee of the results from an informal consultation on waiting restrictions in Lower Caversham to tackle commuter parking. The results of the consultation for St Stephen Close, Cardinal Close and Wolsey Road were attached to the report at Appendices 1 and 2 and the results of the consultation for Patrick Road were attached to the report at Appendices 3 and 4.

The report stated that the Council had received many requests from residents and Ward Councillors to review the current on-street parking provision and existing restrictions in individual roads and streets in the Lower Caversham areas where there were issues with non-residents parking and visiting the local businesses or the Town Centre. Two questionnaires had been distributed; one in Patrick Road for a proposed Resident Parking Scheme and another in St Stephen Close, Cardinal Close and Wolsey Road for the proposed waiting restrictions. The consultations had run between 23 June and 18 July 2014.

The report explained that half of Patrick Road benefited from off-street parking and so the proposed resident permit scheme would only include property numbers 1-21 and 6-24. A total of 19 out of 22 households responded to the consultation and the majority of these (13 out of 19) were in favour of a Resident Parking Scheme. Following a discussion at the meeting, it was agreed that the proposal in the statutory consultation would be to introduce a 'Shared use Resident Parking Monday-Friday 9am-5.30pm' model.

With regard to the proposed parking schemes in St Stephen Close, Claydon Court, Cardinal Close and Wolsey Road, the report indicated that the majority of households and

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businesses that responded to the consultation voted against the proposals and wanted no further action to be taken.

At the invitation of the Chair residents of Patrick Road, Mr Wells, Mrs Woods and Mr Norcross addressed the Sub-Committee.

Resolved -

- (1) That the report be noted;
- (2) That in consultation with the Chair of the Sub-Committee/ Lead Councillor for Strategic Environment, Planning and Transport and Ward Councillors, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to carry out statutory consultations and advertise the proposed residents parking scheme in Patrick Road and, subject to no objections being received, to make the Traffic Regulation Order;
- (3) That any objections received during the statutory consultations, be reported to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee;
- (4) That the Head of Transportation and Streetcare, in consultation with the appropriate Lead Councillor, be authorised to make minor changes to the proposals;
- (5) That no public enquiry be held into the proposals;
- (6) That the proposed scheme in St Stephen Close, Cardinal Close and Wolsey Road not be progressed.

### 40. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved -

That, pursuant to Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) members of the press and public be excluded during consideration of Item 41 below, as it was likely that there would be disclosure of exempt information as defined in the relevant Paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of that Act.

### 41. APPLICATIONS FOR DISCRETIONARY PARKING PERMITS

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services submitted a report giving details of the background to her decisions to refuse applications for Discretionary Parking Permits from a total of four applicants, who had subsequently appealed against these decisions.

Resolved -

- (1) That with regard to application 1.2, three discretionary agency permits be issued, to staff selected by the Health Centre, subject to work being carried out by the Health Centre within one month of this decision to make three new marked spaces available for frail and elderly patients in the Health Centre's off-street car park;

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- (2) That with regard to application 1.3, a residents permit be issued and reconsideration be requested in respect of the planning informative so that the property could be included within the residents parking scheme zone 07R;
- (3) That the Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services' decisions to refuse applications 1.0 and 1.1 be upheld.

(The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 9.20pm).