

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES - 8 MARCH 2018

Present: Councillor Debs Absolom (Chair).
Councillors Ayub, Ballsdon, Davies, Duveen, Jones, Page, Terry, and White.

Apologies: Councillors Hacker and Hopper.

70. FORMER TRANSPORT USERS' FORUM - CONSULTATIVE ITEM

Presentation - Hour Bike

The Sub-Committee received a presentation from Tim Caswell, owner and Managing Director of HourBike, on the operation of the ReadyBike cycle hire scheme. Mr Caswell responded to questions from the public and from the Sub-Committee.

A copy of the presentation slides was made available on the Reading Borough Council website.

Resolved - That the presentation be noted.

71. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of 11 January 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

72. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

Questions on the following matters were submitted, and answered by the Chair:

Questioner	Subject
Councillor White	Improving Crescent Road Safety
Councillor White	Tackling Air Pollution
Councillor White	Pay & Display parking at Leisure Centres

(The full text of the questions and replies was made available on the Reading Borough Council website).

73. WAITING RESTRICTIONS REVIEW - OBJECTIONS TO WAITING RESTRICTION REVIEW 2017 (B) & REQUESTS FOR WAITING RESTRICTION REVIEW 2018 (A)

Further to Minute 59 of the meeting held on 11 January 2018, the Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services submitted a report informing the Sub-Committee of objections received in respect of the traffic regulation order, which had recently been advertised as part of the waiting restriction review programme 2017B. This involved proposed implementation and amendments of waiting restrictions at various locations across the Borough.

The report also presented the forthcoming list of requests for waiting restrictions within the Borough that had been raised by members of the public, community organisations and Councillors, since September 2017.

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To recommend that the list of issues raised for the bi-annual review was fully investigated and Ward Councillors were informed of the results of these investigations and the Officer recommendations, a further report would be submitted to the Sub-Committee requesting approval to carry out the Statutory Consultation on the recommended schemes.

The following appendices were considered:

Appendix 1 - a summary of letters of support and objections received to the 2017B proposals. This had been circulated separately from the Agenda, following the end of statutory consultation on 1 March 2018.

Appendix 2 - Requests for the waiting restrictions review programme 2018A.

Resolved -

- (1) That the report be noted;
- (2) That, having considered the objections noted in Appendix 1, the 2017B waiting restriction proposals be progressed as indicated in the report, except that the Denbeigh Place proposal be adjusted to include only the double-yellow lines at the central junction.
- (3) That the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to seal the resultant Traffic Regulation Order and no public inquiry be held into the proposals;
- (4) That the objectors be informed of the decision of the Sub-Committee accordingly;
- (5) That the 2018A requests made for waiting restrictions as shown in Appendix 2 be noted and, subject to the removal of Hemdean Road and Cumberland Road from the list, officers investigate each remaining request and share their recommendations with Ward Councillors;
- (6) That, should funding permit, a further report be submitted to the Sub-Committee requesting approval to complete the Statutory Consultation on the recommended schemes for the 2018A programme.

75. RESIDENT PERMIT PARKING - NEW AND OUTSTANDING REQUESTS & RESULTS OF FORMAL CONSULTATIONS

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services submitted the first of the twice-annual reports for 2018 providing the Sub-Committee with an update on the progress of previously-prioritised Resident Permit Parking (RPP) proposals across the Borough. The report invited the Sub-Committee to consider and prioritise new and outstanding proposals.

The report explained that officers had completed informal consultations for the Lower Caversham area, Harrow Court and East Reading Study area and the outcome of these consultations was set out in the report.

The following appendices were attached to the report:

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Appendix 1 - provided a list of requests for Resident Permit Parking across the Borough that were yet to be investigated, or had received previous approval by the Sub-Committee for progression.

Appendix 2 - provided the results of the area informal consultations.

Resolved -

- (1) That the report be noted;
- (2) That officers revisit the list in Appendix 1 of the report to consider how requests could be organised into separate wider area schemes for informal consultation, and report back to the Sub-Committee;
- (3) That it be noted that following the results of informal consultation, officers will prepare design proposals in respect of Lower Caversham, Harrow Court and East Reading Study Area as set in Appendix 2 to the report, for initial consideration by the Lead Councillor for Strategic Environment, Planning and Transport, the Chair of the Traffic Management Sub-Committee and respective Ward Councillors.

76. RESULTS OF STATUTORY CONSULTATIONS - BUS LANES AND ON-STREET PAY & DISPLAY

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services submitted a report informing the Sub-Committee of comments and objections that had been received in respect of the Traffic Regulation Orders, which had recently been advertised following reports to the Sub-Committee in January 2018 regarding on-street Pay & Display and Bus Lane restrictions (Minutes 60 and 64 refer).

The report explained that at its meeting on 11 January 2018, the Sub-Committee had been asked to support the undertaking of statutory consultations for the South Reading MRT bus lanes, the Beresford Road and Garrard Street bus gates and the use of an experimental Traffic Regulation Order to implement the Kings Road inbound bus lane restriction, as well as undertaking of the statutory notice procedures necessary for the implementation of a new controlled pedestrian crossing on London Street.

The report explained that Statutory consultations had been conducted for the Beresford Road and Garrard Street proposals. Statutory consultations had also been conducted for the South Reading MRT bus lane proposals, although the consultation for the section on Bridge Street was yet to be conducted. Any comments or objections to these proposals would be submitted to a future meeting.

The following appendices had been circulated separately from the report, following the end of statutory consultation on 1 March 2018:

Appendix 1 summarised the comments and objections that had been received during the consultation period for the proposals to place new/amend existing bus lane restrictions for the South Reading MRT scheme, at Garrard Street and Beresford Road.

Appendix 2 summarised the comments and objections that had been received during the consultation period for the proposals to expand on-street Pay & Display restrictions.

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Appendix 3 summarised the comments and objections that had been received during the consultation period for the proposals to extend the hours of operation for existing on-street Pay & Display restrictions in the Town Centre.

The Sub-Committee noted that the bus lane proposal on London Street involved no loss of capacity for south-bound traffic as it simply involved removing the central road-hatchings to make better use of the road-space.

Resolved -

- (1) That the report be noted;
- (2) That, having considered the comments and objections noted in Appendices 1, 2 and 3, the proposals for Bus Lanes and On-street Pay & Display be implemented as outlined in the report;
- (3) That Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to seal the resultant Traffic Regulation Orders and no public inquiry be held into the proposals;
- (4) That the objectors be informed of the decision of the Sub-Committee, following publication of the meeting minutes.

77. REQUESTS FOR NEW TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services submitted a report informing the Sub-Committee of requests for new traffic management measures that had been raised by members of the public, other organisations/representatives and Members of the Borough Council. These were measures that had either been previously reported, or those that would not typically be addressed in other programmes, where funding was yet to be identified.

Appendix 1 of the report provided a list of schemes and proposals together with officer comments.

Resolved -

- (1) That the report be noted;
- (2) That the schemes set out in Appendix 1, attached to the report, be supported for further officer investigation subject to the request relating to Stone Street being removed from the list and the request relating to Morpeth Close being brought into the wider area review of the Hexham Road estate.

78. WEST READING AREA STUDY

Further to Minute 30 of the Sub Committee meeting held on 13 September 2017, the Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services submitted a report informing the Sub-Committee of progress with the West Reading Transport Study.

The report explained that the West Reading Transport Study had been established in June 2015, with the purpose of identifying, defining and prioritising transport schemes within

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Southcote and the western section of Coley Park. The overriding objective of the study was to take a balanced approach to enhancing the local area and connecting links, through measures that improved accessibility, road safety for all users, better managing traffic and parking, and encouraging the use of public transport, cycling and walking.

The following Appendices were attached to the report:

- Appendix 1 - Study area list of proposals
- Appendix 2 - Southcote area, indicative drawing of walking improvements
- Appendix 3 - Coley area, indicative drawing of walking improvements
- Appendix 4 - Southcote area, indicative drawing of 20mph and traffic calming
- Appendix 5 - Coley area, indicative drawing of 20mph and traffic calming

Resolved -

- (1) That the report be noted;
- (2) That officers continue with delivery of the West Reading Study as detailed in the report, subject to removing the Wensley Road one-way proposal as previously advertised to allow officers to explore any alternative options for future consideration;
- (3) That officers serve notice for the pedestrian crossings in accordance with the road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 (s23).

79. OXFORD ROAD CORRIDOR STUDY

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services submitted a report informing the Sub-Committee of progress with the Oxford Road Corridor Study.

The report explained that the Oxford Road corridor study had been established with the purpose of identifying, defining and prioritising transport schemes following the opening up of Cow Lane to full height vehicles. The overriding objective of the study was to take a balanced approach to enhancing the local area and connecting links, through measures that would improve accessibility, road safety for all users, better managing traffic and parking, and encouraging the use of public transport, cycling and walking.

The report explained that drawings associated with the study were available on the Council's website.

Drawings 1, 2 and 3 showed the Cow Lane layout on completion of the current works.

Drawing 4 showed a proposed westbound bus lane between Grovelands Road the Norcot Road roundabout. This bus lane required re-advertising as it has been in excess of two-years since the previous statutory consultation took place.

Drawings 5, 6 and 7 showed proposals to promote the Oxford Road corridor as a good cycling route.

Drawings 8 and 9 showed proposals for changes to improve bus and cycle facilities between Prospect Street and Eton Place.

Resolved -

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- (1) That the report be noted;
- (2) That the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to undertake statutory consultation to re-advertise the bus lanes on Oxford Road and as detailed within this report (incorporating revision of the bus lanes between Eton Place and Prospect Street), in accordance with the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996
- (3) That subject to no objection(s) being received, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to make the Traffic Regulation Orders.
- (4) That any objection(s) received, following the statutory advertisement, be submitted to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.
- (5) That no public inquiry be held into the proposals

80. MAJOR TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS PROJECTS - UPDATE

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services submitted a report providing the Sub-Committee with an update on the current major transport and highways projects in Reading, namely:

Cow Lane Bridges - Highway Works

South Reading Mass rapid Transit

Green Park Station

TVP Park & Ride and East Reading Mass Rapid Transit

National Cycle Network Route 422

And the following unfunded schemes:

Reading West Station

Third Thames Bridge

Scheme drawings for the National Cycle Network Route 422 were attached to the report as an Appendix.

Resolved - That the report be noted.

81. CYCLE FORUM NOTES

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services submitted a report informing the Sub-Committee on the discussions and actions from the Cycle Forum held on 27 February 2018.

Resolved - That the notes from the Cycle Forum held on 27 February 2018 be received.

82. 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 Items 20 and 21 below, as it was likely that there would be disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of that Act.

83. 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 nine applicants, who had subsequently appealed against these decisions.

Resolved -

- (1) That applications 5 and 8 be approved subject to the necessary documentation and conditions being met, as set out in the report, the permits are discretionary, personal to the applicant and charged at the first permit fee;
- (2) That application 7 be deferred and officers advise the applicant regarding an application for a Blue badge;
- (3) That application 9 be refused;
- (4) That the Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services' decision to refuse applications 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 be upheld.

(Exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 2).

(The meeting started at 6.30 pm and finished at 8.00 pm).