

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - 3 MARCH 2022

Present: Councillor Ayub (Chair);
Councillors Barnett-Ward, Carnell, Ennis, Gittings, Hacker (Vice-Chair), Leng, Mitchell, Page, R Singh, Terry and Whitham

(Councillor Duveen was unable to attend in person, so attended and contributed remotely via Microsoft Teams, but did not vote on any of the items, in line with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1972)

40. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting of 13 January 2022 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

41. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS

Questions on the following matters were submitted, and answered by the Lead Councillor for Strategic Environment Planning and Transport on behalf of the Chair:

| Questioner | Subject |
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| Sarah Britten-Jones | The Mount |
| Councillor James | Speeding in Katesgrove |
| Councillor Whitham | Enforcement of Permit Parking Zones |
| Councillor Whitham | Palmer Park to Woodley Town Centre Active Travel Scheme |

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

42. WAITING RESTRICTIONS REVIEW

The Executive Director for Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services submitted a report informing the Sub-Committee of objections that had been received during statutory consultation for the agreed proposals that had formed the 2021B programme.

The following appendices were attached to the report:

Appendix 1 - Feedback received during statutory consultation for the 2021B programme and the advertised drawings for those proposals;

Appendix 2 - Feedback received during the statutory consultation for the Norcot Road proposals and the advertised drawings for those proposals;

Appendix 3 - New requests for consideration in the 2022A programme.

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The report explained that the consultation for the contents of the programme had also included proposed alterations to the parking restrictions on Norcot Road that would be necessary to deliver the designed zebra crossing that had received local CIL funding. The report also provided the Sub-Committee with a list of requests for possible inclusion in the 2022A programme

At the invitation of the Chair Stuart Singleton-White and Paul Bennett attended the meeting and addressed the Sub-Committee against the proposal in respect of The Mount. At the invitation of the Chair Niki Haywood attended the meeting and addressed the Sub-Committee in support of the proposals for The Mount.

Resolved -

- (1) That the report be noted;
- (2) That the following proposals made under the waiting restriction review 2021B programme, as set out in Appendices 1 and 2 attached to the report, be implemented, amended or removed from the programme as follows:
 - Valpy Street - implemented as advertised;
 - York Road - removed from the programme;
 - Foxglove Gardens - implemented as advertised;
 - Cranbury Road - implemented as advertised;
 - Heron Island - implemented as advertised;
 - Rufus Isaacs Road - implemented as advertised;
 - Star Road - implemented as advertised;
 - Staverton Road - implemented as advertised;
 - Wentworth Avenue - implemented as advertised;
 - Winton Road - implemented as advertised;
 - Lyndhurst Road - implemented as advertised;
 - Knowle Close - implemented as advertised;
 - Brownlow Road - implemented as advertised;
 - St Saviours Road - implemented as advertised;
 - Helmsdale Close - removed from the programme;
 - Bulmershe Road - implemented as advertised;
 - Crescent Road - implemented as advertised;
 - St Peters Road - implemented as advertised subject to the north-west section (23m + 13m) being removed from the programme;
 - Palmer Park Avenue - implemented as advertised;
 - Surley Road - implemented as advertised;
 - The Mount - decision deferred until the next meeting to allow Ward Councillors to carry out further work and discussions with residents and the Progress Theatre;
 - Shire's Head Close - removed from the programme;
 - Albert Road - implemented as advertised;
 - Callington Road - implemented as advertised;

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- Chagford Road - implemented as advertised;
 - Copenhagen Close - implemented as advertised;
 - Forest Dean - implemented as advertised;
 - Long Barn lane - implemented as advertised;
 - Norcot Road - decision deferred to allow officers to carry out further work to investigate moving the crossing nearer to Blundells Road and, in consultation with Ward Councillors, the Chair of the Sub-Committee and the Lead Councillor for Strategic Environment, Planning and Transport, a feasible solution be found and submitted to a future meeting;
- (3) That the Assistant Director 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 respondents to the statutory consultation be informed of the decision of the Sub-Committee accordingly, following publication of the agreed minutes of the meeting;
- (5) That having considered the requests made for waiting restriction changes, as set out in Appendix 3 attached to the report, the requests be investigated by officers as part of the 2022A review programme, subject to:
- Maitland Road - removed from the programme;
 - St Saviours Road - it being noted that this appeared to be the same area being addressed in the 2021B programme, see (2) above;
 - Wensley Road - removed from the programme;
 - Norris Road - decision deferred to allow Ward Councillors to have further discussions about changes to restrictions across the wider zone;
 - Foxhill Road - removed from the programme;
- (6) That the officer recommendations, following investigation of the new requests, be shared with Ward Councillors, providing opportunity for local consultation (informal) and for their comments be included in the next report to the Sub-Committee;
- (7) That should funding permit, a further report be submitted to the Sub-Committee seeking agreement to conduct the Statutory Consultation on the recommended schemes for the 2022A programme.

43. RESIDENT PERMIT PARKING: UPDATE ON REQUESTS FOR NEW SCHEMES

The Executive Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services submitted a report providing the Sub-Committee with an update on requests that the Council had received for the introduction of Resident Permit Parking (RRP) Schemes, including progress of any

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developing schemes. The updated list of requests for RRP Schemes was attached to the report at Appendix 1.

The report explained that scheme development timescales would be dependent on the delivery of active RRP schemes, identifying budgets and availability of staff resources in the context of other active programmes/projects/schemes. The Covid-19 pandemic had been, and continued to be, very impactful and it was possible that one of these impacts had been on the way people now worked, which was causing less of the commuter parking issues that had previously been reported in residential areas. This could still be a temporary impact and officers were also conscious of the financial impacts of the pandemic and cost of living pressure that the media were reporting. The development of schemes was also very resource intensive, which had a cost to the Council both literally and in terms of the impact this had on the development of other initiatives. The Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy contained agreed savings against further development of RRP; the expected savings for 2021/22 had not been delivered as a result of schemes not being agreed for delivery.

Officers were not presently recommending adding the development of schemes, as set out in Appendix 1, to a programme of works and instead had commenced engagement with local Ward Councillors to ascertain whether there still appeared to be local demand for the development of these schemes. It was intended that a future update report would make recommendations about whether schemes should be programmed for development or should be removed from the list. Officers would continue to add any new requests to the list, should there be a demonstrable level of demand.

Resolved -

- (1) That the report be noted;**
- (2) That having considered the requests, set out in Appendix 1 attached to the report, they be retained for future development subject to:**
 - **Carsdale Close - removed from list of requests;**
 - **Avon Place - removed from the list of requests;**
- (3) That Officers continue to engage with Ward Councillors to consider whether there remains a demand for the requests set out in Appendix 1, attached to the report, and a report on recommendations be submitted to a future meeting.**

44. REQUESTS FOR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES

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

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The following appendices were attached to the report:

Appendix 1 - List of requests that were new to the update report with initial Officer comments and recommendations;

Appendix 2 - List of requests that had been previously-reported, where significant amendments were proposed, with Officer comments and recommendations;

Appendix 3 - Principal list of requests, updated following the report to the Sub-Committee in September 2021 and containing the prioritised list of cycling and walking measures from the LCWIP.

The Sub-Committee discussed the report and it was noted that with the forthcoming changes to Ward boundaries the list set out in Appendix 3 would need to be changed following the election in May 2022.

Resolved -

- (1) That the report be noted;
- (2) That having considered the officer recommendation for each request in Appendix 1, attached to the report, they be retained on the primary list of requests, as set out in Appendix 3 attached to the report;
- (3) That having considered the officer recommendation for amendments to each request in Appendix 2, attached to the report, they be retained on the primary list of requests, as set out in Appendix 3 attached to the report, subject to it being noted that item 2, 20mph scheme, was not intended as a single Boroughwide scheme but was for implementation when it was possible to do so;
- (4) That the previously reported items in Appendix 3 attached to the report, be noted and the list updated to reflect the changes to Ward boundaries following the elections in May 2022.

45. 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 46 below, as it was likely that there would be disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of that Act.

46. APPLICATIONS FOR DISCRETIONARY PARKING PERMITS

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The Executive Director for Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services submitted a report giving details of the background to the decisions to refuse applications for Discretionary Parking Permits from sixteen applicants, who had subsequently appealed against these decisions.

Resolved -

- (1) That, with regard to applications 4, 6 and 8 a first discretionary permit be issued, personal to the applicants;
- (2) That, with regard to application 5 a first discretionary permit be issued, personal to the applicant for one year;
- (3) That, with regard to applications 7, 10, 14 and 16 a first discretionary permit be issued personal to the applicants subject to the applicant submitting all the required proofs;
- (4) That, with regard to application 12 a second discretionary permit be issued, personal to the applicant;
- (5) That with regard to application 13 a discretionary visitors permit book be issued up to the normal charge allocated;
- (6) That with regard to application 15 a charged discretionary visitors permit book and temporary permit of eight weeks be issued up to the normal charged allocated;
- (7) That the Executive Director for Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services' decision to refuse applications 1,2, 3,9 and 11 be upheld.

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

(The meeting closed at 8.27 pm)