

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES - 12 SEPTEMBER 2018

Present: Councillor Ayub (Chair)
Councillors Debs Absolom, Barnett-Ward, Hacker, Hopper, McGonigle, Page, R Singh, Stanford-Beale and Terry.

Apologies: Councillors Ennis and Jones.

13. FORMER TRANSPORT USERS' FORUM - CONSULTATIVE ITEM

(1) Questions

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

Questioner	Subject
Janet Allen	Changes to the Parking in the Hospital and University Areas: Re-advertisement
Janet Allen	Parking Restrictions on Morgan Road
Janet Allen	Changes to Parking in the Hospital and University Areas: Morgan Road
Adam Hewitt	Zebra Crossings
Adam Hewitt	20mph Speed Signage on Allcroft Road

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

(2) Presentation - National Highways and Transport Satisfaction Survey 2018 Results

Simon Beasley, Network and Parking Services Manager, gave a presentation on the National Highways and Transport Network Survey Report 2018 for Reading. He explained that the survey response rate had been over 20% and that the results had been benchmarked against the national picture and against Reading's results from the 2016 survey. Overall satisfaction had been recorded at 55%, which was around the national average. The presentation covered the results from the survey in terms of satisfaction by the themes of accessibility, public transport, walking and cycling, traffic congestion, road safety and highway maintenance.

In terms of national trends there had been a big shift to rail use with a 44% increase over the previous ten years, changes in technology and the way people worked, for example the increase in the numbers of people working from home, meant that there were more people on the roads during the day, there had been an increase in the age of people travelling and nationally journeys by bus had decreased by 11% since 2010.

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

Resolved - That the presentation be noted.

14. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of 13 June 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

15. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

A question on the following matter was submitted, and answered by the Chair:

Questioner	Subject
Councillor McGonigle	Parking in the Wokingham Road Area

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

16. WAITING RESTRICTION REVIEW PROGRAMME

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services submitted a report informing the Sub-Committee of objections that had been received during statutory consultation for the agreed proposals that formed the 2018A Waiting Restrictions Review Programme. The report also provided the Sub-Committee with the list of new requests for potential inclusion in the 2018B programme.

The following appendices were attached to the report:

Appendix 1 - Objections, support and other comments that had been received during statutory consultation for the 2018A programme.

Appendix 2 - New requests for consideration in the 2018B programme.

At the invitation of the Chair Councillor White and Frances Passey addressed the Sub-Committee on Cumberland Road proposal which was part of the 2018A Waiting Restriction Review Programme.

Resolved -

- (1) That the report be noted;
- (2) That the objections noted in Appendix 1 with the appropriate recommendation to either: implement, amend or reject the proposals be noted;
- (3) That the following proposals made under the waiting restriction review 2018A, as set out in Appendix 1, be implemented, amended or removed from the programme as follows:
 - Fobney Street - Implement as advertised;
 - Marsack Street/South view Avenue - Implement as advertised subject to the yellow lines being installed at the same time as the residents parking scheme;
 - Milman Road - Remove from the programme;

- Cumberland Road - Remove from the programme;
 - Galsworthy Drive - Implement as advertised;
 - Lowfield Road - Implement as advertised;
 - Hexham Road - Retain double-yellow-lines around the junction and remove the remainder of the scheme;
 - The Mount - Implement as advertised;
 - Dovedale Close/The Mount - Defer to the next meeting;
 - St Peter's Avenue/Wychotes - Implement as advertised;
 - Thicket Road/Bramble Crescent - Implement as advertised;
 - Dunsfold Road - Implement as advertised;
 - Bromley Walk/Elvaston Way - Implement as advertised;
- (4) 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;
- (5) That the objectors be informed of the decision of the Sub-Committee accordingly;
- (6) That the officer recommendations, following investigations of the new requests, be shared with Ward Councillors, providing opportunity for their comments to be included in the next report to the Sub-Committee;
- (7) That should funding permit, a further report be submitted to the Sub-Committee requesting approval to conduct the Statutory Consultation on the recommended schemes for the 2018B subject to the following amendments to the programme:
- Lawrence Road (Norcot Ward) - Remove from the programme;
 - Newtown Area (Park Ward) - Include in the Resident Permit Parking Review List;
 - Evesham Road (Peppard Ward) - Defer.

17. RESIDENT PERMIT PARKING

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services submitted a report that provided the Sub-Committee with an update on the list of requests for Resident Permit Parking.

The report also provided an update on the development of proposals for the Lower Caversham area, Harrow Court and the East Reading Study area schemes, with a recommendation to progress the Harrow Court and East Reading Study proposals to statutory consultation.

The following appendices were attached to the report:

Appendix 1 - Updated list of requests for Resident Permit Parking.

Appendix 2 - Recommended scheme for Harrow Court.

Appendix 3 - Recommended scheme for the East Reading Study area.

At the invitation of the Chair Councillor White addressed the Sub-Committee on the East Reading Study area scheme.

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The Sub-Committee discussed the report and Councillor McGonigle suggested that Order 1 in respect of the East Reading Study area scheme should include Pitcroft Avenue, Grange Avenue, St Edward's Road and Bishop's Road. Councillor McGonigle moved an amendment, which was seconded by Councillor Hopper and carried and set out in resolution (5) below.

Resolved -

- (1) That the report be noted;
- (2) That the scheme for Harrow Court, as set out in Appendix 2 attached to the report, proceed to the statutory consultation stage;
- (3) That the scheme for the East Reading Study Area, as set out in Appendix 3, proceed to statutory consultation, as set out in paragraph 4.14 of the report;
- (4) That the officer recommendations, as set out in paragraph 4.17 of the report, splitting the scheme into two consultations, be agreed, subject to the inclusion of Pitcroft Avenue, Grange Avenue, St Edward's Road and Bishop's Road in Order 1;
- (5) That the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to carry out the statutory consultations and advertise the proposals in accordance with the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure)(England and Wales) Regulations 1996;
- (6) That, subject to no objections being received, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to make the Traffic Regulation Order;
- (7) That any objections received following the statutory advertisement be submitted to a future meeting;
- (8) That the Head of Transportation and Streetcare, in consultation with the appropriate Lead Councillor, be authorised to make minor changes to the proposals;
- (9) That no public enquiry be held into the proposals.

18. 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 Councillors. 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.

At the invitation of the Chair Els De Met addressed the Sub-Committee on the request to install a pedestrian crossing on Upper Redlands Road.

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The Sub-Committee discussed the report and agreed to consider the traffic management measures at a future meeting when the results of the Community Infrastructure Levy consultation were known.

Resolved -

- (1) That the report be noted;
- (2) That the schemes set out in Appendix 1, attached to the report, be considered at a future meeting once the results of the Community Infrastructure Levy consultation were known.

19. NETWORK RAIL PROPOSED WESTERN LINK TO HEATHROW CONSULTATION RESPONSE

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services submitted a report that set out the Council's response to the Network Rail consultation on the 'Proposed Western Rail Link to Heathrow' that sought to improve accessibility to Heathrow Airport based on exiting airport capacity. The Council's response to the consultation was attached to the report at Appendix A.

The report stated that Network Rail had carried out statutory public consultation on the proposed Western Rail Link to Heathrow, which formed part of the Railway Upgrade Plan, between 11 May and 22 June 2018. The proposed link between the Great Western Mainline and Heathrow Airport, which would commence between Langley and Iver via a 5 km tunnel and merge with existing railway lines at Heathrow Terminal 5, was anticipated to generate the following benefits:

- Reduce rail journey times between Reading and Heathrow;
- Significantly improved rail connectivity to Heathrow from the Thames Valley, South Coast, South West, South Wales and the West Midlands;
- Provide an alternative form of transport for passengers and people who worked at the airport who currently travelled by road;
- Ease congestion on roads, including the M4, M3 and M25 and lower CO2 emissions;
- Generate economic growth and new jobs across the Thames Valley and surrounding area;
- Reduce passenger congestion at London Paddington.

The Council's response to the consultation strongly supported the proposals for improved rail connectivity to Heathrow and its economic importance to the Thames Valley region.

The report stated that it should be noted that the Network Rail consultation had been based on existing airport capacity. A separate consultation had been carried out by Heathrow on the proposed expansion and airspace principles between 17 January and 28 March 2018. Feedback from the latter consultation was currently being analysed and further consultation was expected to be carried out by Heathrow on more detailed proposals in 2019.

Other surface access improvements were being considered as part of Heathrow expansion in response to the draft Airports National Policy Statement. The Statement set out the requirements for any development consent and Surface Access Strategy to include details of how it would increase the proportion of journeys made to the airport by public

transport, cycling and walking to at least 50% by 2030 and at least 55% by 2040 for passengers.

Resolved - That the Council's response to the consultation, as set out in Appendix A attached to the report, be noted.

20. MAJOR TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAY 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.

The report explained that in relation to the Cow Lane Bridges Highway Works following completion of the Network Rail scheme the Council intended to deliver a series of complementary public transport, walking and cycling enhancements on the Oxford Road corridor. The report recommended that a statutory consultation should be conducted on a proposal to lower the existing speed limit on Richfield Avenue, Cow Lane and Portman Road to 30mph. It was considered that this proposal would improve access/egress to/from side roads and accesses along the corridor and would improve the perception of safety for pedestrians and cyclists using the area.

The report also provided an updated on the Thames Valley Berkshire Growth Deal Schemes and the following unfunded schemes: Reading West Station Upgrade and Third Thames Bridge.

Resolved -

- (1) That the report be noted;**
- (2) That a statutory consultation be conducted on the proposal to reduce the speed limit on Richfield Avenue, Cow Lane and Portman Road to 30mph, as detailed in paragraph 4.5 of the report;**
- (3) That the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to carry out the statutory consultation and advertise the proposals in accordance with the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure)(England and Wales) Regulations 1996;**
- (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 any objections received following the statutory advertisement be submitted to a future meeting;**
- (6) That no public enquiry be held into the proposals.**

21. 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 10

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.

22. 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 eleven applicants, who had subsequently appealed against these decisions.

Resolved -

- (1) That, with regard to application 3 a third discretionary resident permit be issued, personal to the applicant; if the certificate of lawful use is granted later, the household will be eligible for permits as per the rules;**
- (2) That, with regard to application 5 a third discretionary resident permit be issued, personal to the applicant;**
- (3) That, with regard to applications 1 and 4 a first discretionary resident permit be issued, personal to the applicant;**
- (4) That, with regard to application 8 the decision be upheld to offer the discretionary resident permit at the second permit fee;**
- (5) That application 10, for 4 books of discretionary visitor permits be approved subject to no further visitor permits being issued;**
- (6) That with regard to application 11 a teacher's permit be issued charged at £30;**
- (7) That the Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services' decision to refuse applications 2, 6, 7 and 9 be upheld.**

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

(The meeting started at 6.30 pm and finished at 8.42 pm).