

MINUTES OF THE HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, 7th December 2004 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillor Jones (Chair), Councillor Kagan (Vice Chair) and Councillors Fox and R S Patel.

Councillors Duffin, Joseph, J Long, Ms Shaw, Singh and Zakriya also attended the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bellia and Beswick.

1. Declarations of Interest

None declared

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings of Highways Committee

(a) 14th September 2004 (Special)

RESOLVED:-

that the minutes of the special meeting of the Highways Committee held on 14th September 2004 be received and approved as an accurate record.

(b) 13th October 2004

RESOLVED:-

that the minutes of the Highways Committee held on 13th October 2004 be received and approved as an accurate record.

(c) 28th October 2004 (Special)

RESOLVED:-

that the minutes of the special meeting of the Highways Committee held on 28th October 2004 be received and approved as an accurate record.

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Deputations

None

5. **Petitions**

(a) ***Users of Parking Zone MC***

The Committee received a petition from residents of Keyes, Hoveden and Anson Roads stating that:

“We object to the proposed amalgamation of Mapesbury Zone MC with Cricklewood Zone to create a combined ‘WC’.”

Mr Derek Forsyth, representing the petitioners, introduced himself as the Chair of the Mapesbury Dell Trust. He stated that although the Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) schemes worked better in this borough than the surrounding London boroughs, that the scheme for Keyes, Hoveden and Anson Roads had not proven to be so effective. He asserted that there was an acute lack of overall parking spaces for these roads and that the adjacent Cricklewood Broadway, where many businesses were located, had no parking provision thus generating extra pressure on parking spaces in the area as car owners sought to park as close to their business as possible. In addition, the rising number of residents in Cricklewood Broadway exacerbated the situation. He objected to any attempts to merge Keyes, Hoveden and Anson Roads with the GM zone because of the distance residents would have to travel between their vehicle and home. He felt that a standard consultation of these roads would not provide a solution to that which was currently being experienced and requested that an independent and creative approach working closely with Mapesbury Dell Trust be undertaken to solve the parking problems.

The Chair acknowledged the parking problems highlighted by Mr Forsyth and Phil Rankmore (Director of Transportation) agreed to her request that officers meet with Mr Forsyth and the Mapesbury Dell Trust to discuss the issue. Satnam Sahota (Transportation Officer) confirmed that a re-consultation of MC Zone had been agreed at the meeting of the 13th October 2004 and would be undertaken in January 2005.

RESOLVED:-

that the contents of the petition be noted

(b) ***Residents of Chamberlayne Road, Egerton Gardens, Trevelyan Gardens, All Souls' Avenue, Chelmsford Square, Hardinge Road and Phillimore Gardens regarding Controlled Parking Zone Scheme operational hours***

The Committee received a petition from residents of the above roads requesting a separate zone CPZ scheme within limited hours.

Mr O'Neill, representing the petitioners, expressed dissatisfaction in the way the consultation was conducted for the roads listed in the petition, stating that the list of options presented was insufficient. Since the consultation, he explained that progress had been made after meetings with the Chair and he thanked her for her efforts, adding that he hoped that the requirements as set out in the petition would now be met. He felt that there were still a number of details requiring attention and that key information had been lacking, for example the total number of parking spaces to be proposed had not been given. He also felt that information on the consultation needed to be more accessible and stated that no consultation documents had been available in the local library for the previous 2 consultations. He expressed his wish that there be further meetings between the Chair, officers and himself and that such meetings be part of the future consultation process. He enquired as to why a consultation document did not require the respondent to be on the electoral register list whilst those who signed a petition were.

The Chair confirmed that a preview of the questionnaire to be used for consultation for a separate CPZ zone to the north of Hardinge Road as requested in the petition would be made available to Mr O'Neill. The Chair and Mr Rankmore confirmed that a meeting between Mr O'Neill, the Chair and officers would be arranged by Mr Sahota. With regard to Mr O'Neill's query concerning the electoral register list, Mr Rankmore explained that the consultation questionnaire was addressed to residencies that were on the property database and advised that the use of the electoral register was limited for specific uses. Councillor Kagan added that as the residents who received consultation documents lived there, they therefore had the right to express their views on parking arrangements, whilst a petition needed proof from the electoral register to validate signatures.

RESOLVED:-

that the contents of the petition be noted

6. **Progress Report on Controlled Parking Zones Programme**

The Committee received a report informing them of the progress with the programme of implementation of CPZs in Brent since the report to the last meeting of the Committee in October 2004 and detailing the receipt of the following petitions:

- Petition against the amalgamation of MC zone with GM CPZ Zone
- Station Approach, ST zone – petition a request to make Station Approach, a separate zone. (*This petition had less than 50 verified signatures*)

- Drayton Road – Request to be included in HW CPZ. (*This petition had less than 50 verified signatures*)
- Petition to create a separate CPZ zone, for the area bounded by Hardinge Road, All Souls' Avenue, and Chamberlayne Road
- Petition from the residents of Doyle Gardens and Leighton Gardens (between All Souls Avenue and College Road) requesting that they be consulted as part of the separate zone bounded by Hardinge Road, All Souls' Avenue and Chamberlayne Road. (*This petition had less than 50 verified signatures*).

Mr Sahota drew Members' attention to the additional and amended recommendations, the consultation results of zones GB, GC, GH and HW extensions, zone H/HS and zone E consultation results as set out in the supplementary report circulated at the meeting.

Mr Tony Antoniou, representing the Willesden Business and Residents' Association, expressed his satisfaction with the undertaking of the consultation of GC zone CPZ, stating that the consultation papers were clear and simple for residents to complete. He stated that parking difficulties had been caused by commuter parking and visitors to the local businesses. He suggested that businesses would benefit from being offered business parking permits and he also felt that parking permit fees were too high.

Mr David Rose introduced himself as a resident of Leighton Gardens and questioned the legal basis that CPZ schemes existed upon. He felt that there had been anomalies in the consultation process and stated that, in his view, it was wrong to implement a CPZ if only half the residents of a street had completed the consultation questionnaires, adding that he felt the questionnaires used were also misleading.

Mrs Sandra Kaye informed Members that she was a long time resident of Crundale Avenue. She expressed her concern at the lack of parking space for this road, stating that a CPZ scheme was urgently required to address the situation. She stated that the parking had narrowed the road, compromising safety and creating blind spots. She requested that a CPZ scheme be introduced to Crundale Avenue as soon as practically possible.

Councillor Duffin confirmed that he had undertaken a survey concerning parking controls for residents of Leighton Gardens and that the findings had reflected those of the consultation which had indicated majority support for a CPZ scheme.

Councillor Joseph thanked officers for the consultation of regarding extensions to zones HW and KL that had been undertaken. She advised Members that petitions from residents of both Holland Road and Wrottesley Road had been organised requesting a CPZ scheme and that residents also raised safety issues. She enquired as to when the CPZ schemes would be implemented.

Councillor Zakriya expressed satisfaction that Caple Road had been included in a CPZ scheme after residents had submitted a petition requesting this.

In reply to some of the queries raised, the Chair confirmed that parking permit fees were around the average for London boroughs and that she welcomed comments from residents regarding the consultation questionnaire which was to be reviewed.

In response to Mr Rose's comments concerning consultation, Councillor Kagan stated that Transportation could only act on the responses that they had received from residents and added that she had encouraged residents in her ward to participate in the consultation process. Mr Rankmore advised Members that statutory powers could be called upon to implement parking controls and that the recommendations from officers were not automatically agreed as they required approval from this Committee. The Legal Advisor added that there were wide ranging powers under the Traffic Regulations Act which allowed local authorities to implement parking controls.

In reply to the comments made by Mrs Kaye concerning Crundale Avenue, Mr Rankmore advised Members that numerous studies concerning vehicles along this road had been undertaken. He stated that accident reduction was a key objective and roads that experienced a high number of accidents would be prioritised for funding of any scheme. He advised Members of the difficulty in implementing a CPZ scheme for only 1 road as opposed to an area comprising a number of roads. He offered to meet with Mrs Kaye to discuss the issues raised, to investigate the conditions being experienced in Crundale Avenue and to provide her with the results of the earlier studies that had been undertaken for this road.

Mr Rankmore confirmed that extensions of zones HW and KL would be subject to statutory consultation from January 2005 prior to implementation.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the progress reported by officers on the Controlled Parking Zones programme be noted;
- (ii) that the outcome of the informal consultation with residents of Doyle Gardens be noted and it be agreed that CPZ proposals for their street be withdrawn;
- (iii) (a) that the outcome of the informal consultation be noted and that the inclusion of Ellesmere Road (between Aberdeen Road and Cullingworth Road) and Fleetwood Road (between Lancaster Road and Cullingworth Road) in Zone GB be approved, subject to satisfactory statutory consultation;

- (b) that Lancaster Road and Geary Road (between Lancaster Road and Cullingworth Road) be included in Zone GB for statutory consultation and that any objections received be reported to this Committee for consideration;
 - (c) that the implementation of "At Any Time" (double yellow line) waiting restrictions on all road junctions within the Zone GB re-consultation area boundary (Appendix A of the main report) be approved;
 - (d) that the outcome of the informal consultation be noted and the inclusion of Balmoral, Buxton, Chapter, Churchill, Cooper, Huddleston, Osborne, Sandringham and Windsor Roads in Zone GC be approved, subject to satisfactory statutory consultation;
 - (e) that the inclusion of Chambers Lane, Gowan Road, Harlesden Road, Kings Road and St. Andrews Road in zone GH be approved, subject to satisfactory statutory consultation;
 - (f) that the inclusion in zone GH of Grange Road and Cornwall Gardens, which previously demonstrated support in the July 2002 consultation for inclusion in zone GH, be approved subject to satisfactory statutory consultation;
 - (g) that the outcome of the informal consultation be noted and the inclusion of Bramston Road, Cholmendeley Avenue, Drayton Road, Odessa Road, Sellons Avenue and Wrottesley Road in Zone HW be approved, subject to satisfactory statutory consultation;
 - (h) that the implementation of "At Any Time" (double yellow line) waiting restrictions on all road junctions in the consultation area as shown at Appendix D of the main CPZ report be approved;
- (iv) (a) that the outcome of the informal consultation in Caple Road be noted and that Caple Road be withdrawn from H CPZ and be included in HS CPZ;
 - (b) that residents of Caple Road be notified of the results of the consultation and proposals to include the street in Zone HS CPZ;
- (v) that the inclusion of Scarle Road, between numbers 46-110 and 41-107, in Zone C (Wembley Central Zone CPZ) be approved; and

- (vi) that statutory consultation for Trevelyan Gardens, Egerton Gardens and Chamberlayne Road be deferred and that these streets be included for consultation on a separate Controlled Parking Zone with reduced operational hours to the north of Hardinge Road, bounded by the northern parts of All Souls Avenue and Chamberlayne Road.

7. Review of the Controlled Parking Zones Operational Times

Members had before them a report providing a comparison of the operational times of CPZs in the Borough with other neighbouring local authorities. Mr Sahota drew Members' attentions to the recommendations for the most effective and appropriate CPZ operational times when a new CPZ was being proposed or an existing CPZ was being reviewed. He advised Members that it was recommended to offer 3 operational CPZ scheme times:-

1. 10.00 am to 3.00 pm Monday to Friday
2. 8.30 am to 6.30 pm Monday to Friday
3. 10.00 am to 9.00 pm Monday to Friday

In addition, Mr Sahota recommended that inclusion of Saturdays or Sundays be considered where appropriate.

Members agreed to the Chair's amendment to recommendation (ii) that residents be given the opportunity to suggest other CPZ operational times.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the options provided by other local authorities during consultation exercise on the operational times of the Controlled Parking Zones in their respective questionnaires be noted; and
- (ii) that the 3 different operational times for CPZ to be offered to residents/businesses during consultations in the Borough, as set out in paragraph 8.10 of the report, be approved and that residents be given the opportunity to suggest other operational times.

8. Chapter Road Area Proposed 20 mph Zone

The Committee received a report detailing progress with the development of the Chapter Road 20 mph zone. The report contained the results of the recent public consultation and approval was sought to proceed to statutory consultation and implementation. In introducing the report, Malcom Keen (Transportation Unit) drew Members attention to the results of the consultation questionnaire in Appendix B of the report, adding that 78 per cent of those who responded were in favour of the scheme. Members noted the cost of the scheme and the funding provided by Transport for London as set out in the report. Mr Keen advised Members that Chapter,

Churchill, Huddleston, Sandringham and Villers Road and the section of Linacre Road adjacent to St Mary Magadeline's school would be given priority for provision of entry treatments.

Mr Antoniou welcomed the traffic calming measures, stating that they would be effective in slowing vehicles down.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the results of the public consultation of the proposals to implement a 20 mph zone in the Chapter Road area be noted;
- (ii) that the revised scheme design for the Chapter Road 20 mph zone be approved and that it be noted it will not have a detrimental impact on the effectiveness of the 20 mph zone;
- (iii) that it be agreed the Transportation Unit notify those originally consulted of the revised proposals, as detailed in paragraph 7.11 of the report;
- (iv) that the Director of Transportation be authorised to proceed with any necessary statutory consultation, to consider any objections or representations and either to refer objections or comments back to this Committee where he thinks appropriate, or to implement the orders for the schemes proposed in the report if there are no objections or representations, or he considers the objections or representations are groundless or insignificant.

9. Review of Personalised Disabled Parking Places for Blue Badge Holders

The Committee received a report informing them of the results of public consultation with holders of Disabled Persons Parking Places, in the Borough. In introducing the report, Mr Sahota advised Members of the problems that badge holders had encountered in accessing their bay. Members were advised of the growing demands placed on the Disabled Persons Parking facilities in the Borough, and therefore the introduction of a personalised disabled parking places scheme was recommended. He referred Members to an amendment to recommendation 2.2 in the report, stating that the last word was to read 'paragraph 8.10.'

Ms Hayman introduced herself as a resident of Kings Drive and stated that finding a parking space along her road was problematic and would be more acute on Event Days. She expressed her need to be provided with a designated parking bay. She commented that she often had to move her car from the Asda car park to Kings Drive late at night to ensure a parking space was available, adding that this put her personal safety at risk. She also stated that she had been a victim of vandalism and violence, adding that such acts were becoming increasingly common in the area. She expressed her preference that a CPZ scheme be introduced to Kings

Road, suggesting that an earlier scheme that had existed for this road could be re-introduced, although she stated that obtaining a blue badge would also assist her.

In reply to Ms Hayman's queries, Mr Sahota advised Members that it would not be possible to re-introduce a CPZ scheme for Kings Drive as a new Traffic Management Order needed to be set up. He added that the last consultation for Kings Drive had not indicated majority support for a CPZ scheme. The Chair stated that every effort would be made to ensure Ms Hayman's application for a blue badge would be resolved shortly and Mr Sahota agreed to ensure progress was made. The Chair added that if a number of residents of Kings Drive requested a CPZ scheme, then a consultation could be undertaken to determine if there was majority support for such a scheme.

Members agreed to an amendment to recommendation (iii) in the report that criteria 10 in appendix C be deleted.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the result of the consultation as summarised in appendix A to the report be noted;
- (ii) that Option 2 provided by officers as stated in paragraph 8.10 of the report be approved;
- (iii) that the criteria set out by officers as stated in appendix C of the report be approved subject to the deletion of criteria 10; and
- (iv) that the funding and staffing implications of the assessment criteria made in the report for the proposed introduction of 'personalised' permit parking places be noted.

10. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next scheduled meeting of the Highways Committee would take place on Thursday, 27th January 2005.

11. Any Other Urgent Business

None.

The meeting ended at 8.20 pm

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Chair

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