

MINUTES OF THE HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE
Wednesday, 13th July 2005 at 7.00 pm

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

Apologies of absence were received from Councillors Beswick and Kagan.

Councillors Bellia, Gladbaum and J Long also attended.

1. **Declarations of Interest**

None

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting – 25th May 2005**

RESOLVED:-

that the minutes of meeting of the Highways Committee held on 22nd March 2005 be received and approved as an accurate record.

3. **Matters Arising**

In reply to a query from Councillor R S Patel, Satnam Sahota (Head of Traffic Management) advised Members that a consultation concerning a possible reduction of operating hours for Barham Car Park would be shortly undertaken.

4. **Deputations**

None

5. **Petitions**

Members noted that the following petitions had been received containing in excess of 50 signatures.

(a) **Request for a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) Scheme to be introduced to Olive Road**

This petition stated that:

“The residents of Olive Road and surrounding roads wish to have a CPZ introduced as soon as possible to reduce parking problems in the area.”

Ms Veronica Thompson, representing the petitioners, stated that parking problems had been experienced in Olive Road since the introduction of CPZs in surrounding roads. Members heard that the parking difficulties were at their most acute in the afternoon, with many parking spaces being used from visitors outside the area. Ms

Thompson also suspected that some parking spaces were being used by abandoned vehicles. Ms Thompson asserted that the parking problems affected the following:

- (a) Residents working from home could potentially lose business due to clients not being able to park in Olive Road;
- (b) Families were disadvantaged in having to park further away from home;
- (c) Residents being inconvenienced by not being able to load/unload in front of their homes

Ms Thompson felt that including Olive Road in CPZ Zone GM would alleviate these parking problems.

Councillor Bellia, speaking in his capacity as Ward Councillor, stated that residents of Olive Road had not initially anticipated parking difficulties but were now experiencing the familiar problems associated with a street that was surrounded by other streets that were in a CPZ zone. He suggested that Oman Avenue and Dicey Avenue additionally be included in any consultation regarding possible inclusion in a CPZ scheme. He also commented that the crossing point by the library on Olive Road presented potential dangers and asked that it be revised.

In reply to the issues raised, Mr Sahota agreed that Oman Avenue and Dicey Avenue should be included with Olive Road in any consultation regarding possible inclusion in a CPZ scheme. He advised Members that any consultation would take place in September 2005 and that in order to implement a CPZ scheme, a timescale of between 4 to 6 weeks would be required to create the necessary Traffic Management Order once Committee had agreed to its implementation. Councillor J Long, speaking in her capacity as Ward Councillor, suggested that residents of Dicey Avenue and Oman Avenue should be informed in the consultation of the possible implications resulting from surrounding streets becoming part of a CPZ scheme.

In reply to Councillor J Long's comments, the Chair requested that a draft consultation letter be shown to ward councillors prior to being sent to Dicey Avenue and Oman Avenue residents.

Decisions relating to this petition were agreed under the Progress Report on Controlled Parking Schemes report.

(b) **Against Newly Proposed CPZ Operational Times for Zone HS**

This petition requested that CPZ operational times for Zone HS remain 8.00 am to 6.30 pm Monday to Saturday, as opposed to the

proposed operational times of 10.00 am to 3.00 pm Monday to Friday.

Mr Sahota advised Members that an earlier consultation had indicated support for a reduction in operational hours for CPZ Zone HS, however a petition had since been submitted requesting that there be no change to operational hours. He therefore recommended that any change to operational hours be considered during the review scheduled for January 2006.

In reply to a query from Councillor Fox, Mr Sahota confirmed that approximately 12 per cent, equating to about 120 residents, had responded to the earlier consultation.

Decisions relating to this petition were agreed under the Progress Report on Controlled Parking Schemes report.

(c) **Request for a CPZ Scheme for Doyle Gardens**

This petition stated that:

“We, the undersigned, wish to include Doyle Gardens, NW10, in the controlled parking zone.”

Dr Jean Chalaby, representing the petitioners, stated that some 60 residents had supported the petition, adding that support would have been greater had it not been for the absence of some residents whilst the petition was being circulated. He asserted that a previous consultation which had not shown majority support for a CPZ scheme was not representative. Dr Chalaby stated that families with children were in particular need for a CPZ scheme and he added that such a scheme would improve road safety and assist the passage of buses down Doyle Gardens.

Councillor Gladbaum, speaking in her capacity as Ward Councillor, indicated her support for the petition, adding that residents in the area were aware of the effects of displacement parking.

The Chair advised that the timescale for implementing a CPZ scheme for Doyle Gardens would be affected by the extensive consultation in the area and the length of time required to produce a Traffic Management Order.

Decisions relating to this petition were agreed under the Progress Report on Controlled Parking Schemes report.

6. Progress Report on Controlled Parking Zones Programme

Mr Sahota drew Members' attention to the report informing them on progress with the programme of implementing CPZs in Brent since the report to the last meeting of the Committee in May 2005, including the results of consultation in Ridley Road and Charlton Road, Harlesden and also detailing receipt of petitions relating to CPZ Zone HS, Olive Road and Doyle Gardens.

Mr Les Moody, a resident of Fernbank Avenue, expressed concern that Maybank Avenue was to be included in CPZ Zone HS, feeling that this would increase pressure on parking spaces along his road. He suggested that a new zone should be created to accommodate Maybank Avenue.

In reply to the issues raised, Mr Sahota acknowledged Mr Moody's concerns, but stated that any re-consultation for Maybank Avenue would result in the delay of the scheme's implementation. He suggested that inclusion of Maybank Avenue in Zone HS should commence and a review to include the surrounding roads such as Fernbank Avenue be scheduled within 3 months of implementation.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the outcome of the consultation with residents of Ridley Road, Harlesden, on CPZ measures for their street be noted and it be agreed that Ridley Road be included in Zone HW CPZ;
- (ii) that the outcome of the consultation with residents of Charlton Road, Harlesden, on CPZ measures for their street be noted and it be agreed that Charlton Road be included in Zone H CPZ;
- (iii) that the petition from residents of Zone HS CPZ be noted and it be agreed not to proceed with changes in the operational times of the CPZ;
- (iv) that the petition from residents of Olive Road be noted and it be agreed that officers consult with residents of Olive Road, Dicey Avenue and Oman Avenue on proposals to include their street in Zone GM (Cricklewood) CPZ; and
- (v) that the petition from residents of Doyle Gardens be noted and that it be noted that Doyle Gardens will be included in the consultation of CPZ proposals for Zone KH CPZ as detailed in paragraph 3.12 of the report

7. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next scheduled meeting of the Highways Committee would take place on Thursday, 20th October 2005 at 7.00 pm.

8. **Any Other Urgent Business**

None

The meeting ended at 7.35 pm.

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Chair

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