

**MINUTES OF THE HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> January 2007 at 7.00 pm**

PRESENT: Councillor D Brown (Chair), Councillor V Brown (Vice Chair) and Councillors O'Sullivan (alternate for Colwill), Van Colle and Wharton.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Colwill.

Councillors Castle, Dunwell, Hirani, Hashmi and Shaw also attended.

**1. Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Van Colle declared a prejudicial interest in the item relating to the Progress Report on the Controlled Parking Zones Programme (CPZ) concerning the Greenhill petition; he left the room for the discussion and did not take part in voting for that item.

Councillor O'Sullivan declared a prejudicial interest in the item relating to the London Bus Priority Network (LBPN) as a local resident and did not take part in the discussion and voting for that item.

**2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2006**

RESOLVED:-

that the minutes of the meeting of the Highways Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2006 be received and approved as an accurate record.

**3. Matters Arising**

None.

**4. Deputations**

None.

**5. Petitions**

The Committee noted that a petition from residents of Dollis Hill Lane had been received containing in excess of 50 signatures:

requesting that the Transportation Service Unit, not implement a Controlled Parking Zone in Dollis Hill Lane NW2 as the local residents have already voted against any parking scheme and presented a petition to the Council.

The decision for the petition was made under the Progress report on Controlled Parking Zones Programme (recommendation (ii)).

RESOLVED:-

that the contents of the petition be noted.

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

Phil Rankmore (Transportation Unit) introduced a report informing members on the progress of the CPZ implementation programme in Brent. The report also informed members of the receipt of petitions and sought approval to the proposed courses of action.

Mr Rankmore outlined the proposals of the CPZ for each zone, advising members of the results from consultation and the operating hours of the CPZ in each zone.

With regards to the GS zone CPZ, it was explained that the consultation took place in October 2006. The consultation responses indicated a majority support for CPZ measures from Bryan Avenue, Dobree Avenue, Donnington Road, Harlesden Road and Peter Avenue. The majority of consultation responses obtained from Alexander Avenue, Ellerslie Gardens, Hersant Close, Robson Ave and Uffington Road were against the CPZ proposals. Respondents on Rowdon Avenue were undecided, with 12 for and 12 against GS zone CPZ proposal. He advised members that the operating hours of the CPZ would be from Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 6.30pm, subject to statutory consultation.

In response, Councillor Shaw stated that she had received information from a resident on Rowdon Avenue and a resident on Donnington Road confirming their support of the CPZ proposal in the area.

In reply, Phil Rankmore directed members to a map on appendix C, which illustrated the proposed GS CPZ. He informed members that in light of Councillor Shaw's evidence, members might want to include Rowdon Avenue and Donnington Road within the CPZ scheme.

It was noted that in November/December 2006 NT zone residents were consulted on the CPZ scheme. Although the results showed a majority against the CPZ scheme, the responses received from Clifford Way, Lennox Gardens, Normandy Road and Sonia Gardens showed that residents were in favour of the scheme. Analysis of the consultation responses also showed that the majority of respondents from streets south of Dollis Hill Lane were in favour and the majority of respondents from streets above Dollis Hill inclusive were against the CPZ proposals. Members' were reminded that the NT zone CPZ was proposed in response to complaints received from local residents south of Dollis Hill Lane regarding long term parking displaced from surrounding CPZs NS, GC and GB. Members noted that due to the two petitions received from Ashcombe Park and Dollis Hill Lane respectively, the CPZ scheme would not be recommended for implementation in those particular roads.

With regard to Preston Road, Phil Rankmore advised members that a petition was received at the Highways Committee on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2006 requesting the introduction of a free 1 hour parking to serve the shops and businesses in Preston Road. A consultation had been conducted in November/December 2006, analysis of the consultation showed that the majority of respondents were in favour of the proposals to extend the existing 1 hour free parking scheme from Preston Road Station to Carlton Avenue East. Phil Rankmore therefore recommended that all the parking bays and waiting restriction that operated between 9am – 10 am, Monday – Friday be included in the existing 1 hour free parking scheme that operated between 8.00 am to 6.30 pm, Monday to Saturday, subject to statutory consultation for the next financial year.

Members noted that the results of the consultation carried out in October 2006 with regard to the Harrow Road 'pay and display' scheme showed that the majority of respondents were in favour of the proposed short term 'pay and display' parking bays with the hours of operation being between 8.00 am to 6.30 pm, Monday to Saturday.

After Phil Rankmore's presentation the Chair offered Ward Councillors the opportunity to convey their concerns. In response, Councillor Shaw stated that she had three main concerns, the first being that Brent's CPZ operation hours were not subsequently flexible in comparison to Barnet Council. Secondly, the time scale for implementation of the scheme and finally drew members' attention to the new bus stop on Donnington Road, which she stated was inappropriate as it was intrusive to the resident whose house the bus stop was located outside. She asked if officers would be able to arrange alternative arrangements for the bus stop.

In response, it was stated that the consultation results showed residents of Alexander Avenue were not in favour of the CPZ scheme, and Rowdon Road showed a 50/50 split. He advised members that both roads would be excluded from the scheme; however if members were concerned they could instruct officers to re-consult the residents explaining the outcome of the CPZ scheme and the impact it would have on those streets, such as the impact of traffic.

The Chair added that Councillor Shaw's own consultation would not be taken into consideration as, the consultation was not conducted by the council under the council consultation policy rules. He stated that the two streets were not in favour of the CPZ scheme and therefore the council was not in a position to implement the scheme in the two streets. However, the committee would instruct officers to re-consult residents on the two roads concerned for further clarity before implementation of the schemes.

Phil Rankmore explained that re-consultation would take between two to three weeks. The main reason for the operating hours was to ensure that commuters would not block the streets and that there would be a reduction

to the number vehicles parking within the streets. If the zones were to have various operating hours, this would cause confusion among motorists and could cause complaints. With regards to the bus stop on Donnington Road, Phil Rankmore stated that officers would consult Transport for London (TfL) and consider alternative options if possible.

The Chair requested an amendment to the recommendations, giving the Director of Transportation delegated authority to carry out the consultation and implementation of the scheme.

Councillor Van Colle expressed concern about the GS zone CPZ scheme included the Willesden Sports Centre and the General Hospital. He stated that it would have a detrimental effect as members of the public would not want to park in the area, as there would be associated costs. He requested that officers change the operation hours to the one hour free parking scheme which would lessen the impact.

Councillor Wharton confirmed his support for officer's recommendations. However he expressed concerns that if Alexander Avenue and Rowdon Road were left out of the scheme it would adversely impact the area. He also stated that although residents confirmed a clear preference for operating hours of 8.00am to 6.30pm, there were a significant number of residents who preferred the 10.00am to 3.00pm operating hours.

In response, Phil Rankmore informed members that in the questionnaire sent out residents were asked to indicate favourable times. The results illustrated that a majority of residents were in favour of the 8.00am to 6.30pm operating hours.

In reply Councillor Shaw questioned whether the re-consultation would include reference to the one hour free parking time. In response the Chair stated that as the question was not put in previous consultation it would be not be fair to do so. It was clarified that although Barnet Council had various operating hours for their CPZs, it was not the intention of Brent Council to incorporate such operating hours. The one hour free parking would not be cost neutral to the council as there were high levels of compliance costs for enforcement and no income to match it.

The Chair asked officers to note Councillor Hirani comments on re-consultation of Yewfiled road to include the Ilex road and Roundwood area.

Councillor Dunwell expressed both his support for officer's recommendation and traders' support for the CPZ schemes. He advised members that traders had an on-going campaign since July 2005.

#### RESOLVED:

- (i) that the outcome of the consultation with residents within the GS zone consultation area, as detailed in paragraph 3.4 to 3.8 of the

- report be noted and that the GS CPZ in the reduced area as shown at Appendix C, be approved subject to statutory consultation;
- (ii) that the outcome of the consultation with residents within the NT zone consultation area, as detailed in paragraph 3.9 to 3.13 of the report be noted and the NT CPZ in the reduced area as shown at Appendix F, be approved subject to statutory consultation;
  - (iii) that the outcome of the consultation with traders and shopkeepers of Preston Road, as detailed in paragraph 3.14 to 3.18 of the report be noted and the extension of the existing free 1 – hour parking scheme along Preston Road, between The Avenue and Carlton Avenue East, in Elmstead Avenue (adjacent to no. 208 Preston Road) and The Circle in Carlton Avenue East be approved subject to satisfactory consultation;
  - (iv) that the outcome of consultation with traders and shopkeepers of Harrow Road between Ravensworth Road and All Souls Avenue, as detailed in paragraph 3.19 to 3.21 of the report be noted and the proposed plan shown at appendix J, be approved subject to statutory consultation;
  - (v) that the outcome of consultation with traders and shopkeepers of 219-253 Cricklewood Broadway, as detailed in paragraph 3.22 to 3.25 of the report be noted and the proposed plan shown at appendix L, be approved subject to statutory consultation;
  - (vi) that the petition from residents of the Yewfield Road area be noted and the informal consultation of an area indicated at appendix M for CPZ programme 2007-08 be approved;
  - (vii) that the petition from residents of Greenhill, Wembley be noted and the informal consultation of an area indicated at appendix N for CPZ programme 2007-08 be approved;
  - (viii) that the results of the KL CPZ review be noted and the exclusion of the Bank Holiday operations from the CPZ operational times be approved;
  - (ix) that the Director of Transportation be authorised to consider the objections and representations to the statutory consultation mentioned within the detail section of the report and that he report back to members if there are substantial objections or concerns raised, otherwise be authorised to implement the schemes.
  - (x) that the objections from the shop keepers at Wembley Hill/ Preston Road/Forty Avenue/East Lane be noted and that officers' be authorised to investigate further and consult on other feasible options;

- (xi) that the Director of Transportation be instructed to consider the representations made by Councillor Hirani;
- (xii) that the Director of Transportation be instructed to re-consult the two roads within the NT zone CPZ that were against the CPZ scheme before implementation of the scheme; and
- (xiii) that the Director of Transportation be given delegated authority to proceed with the consultation and the implementation of the above schemes.

**7. Progress Report on the London Buses Priority network (LBPN) in Empire Way between Engineer's Way and Fulton Road**

Phil Rankmore (Transportation Unit) introduced a report informing members on the progress of the proposed Bus Lane on Route 183 /82 on Empire Way, between Engineer's Way and Fulton Road and traffic improvements as part of the LBPN programme, including the results of public consultations.

Members also noted amendments that were made to paragraph 3.11 of the report from the Director of Transportation, where the figures should read 10.22 instead of 12.28 and were advised that on paragraph 7.3 the sentences 'One of these requirements ...' up to '...making of the order ' be deleted.

Phil Rankmore informed members that consultations were conducted by post, direct interview and an exhibition. 169 leaflets outlining the scheme were sent to Empire Way residents in November last year. 40 direct interviews were carried out outside five bus stop locations along Empire Way and an exhibition was held in Brent's One Stop Shop for individuals who wished to discuss the proposals. The overall result of the consultations found that 77.19 per cent of residents were in favour of the scheme.

The Chair requested that an additional amendment be made stating that the traffic management order was an experimental order.

RESOLVED:

- (i) that the report and the result of the public consultation be noted;
- (ii) that the consultation of the bus lane as shown on the Consultation Dwg. TP-547-01 in the appendix of the report be approved;
- (iii) that the change of the traffic priority at the junction of Wembley Park Drive be approved; and
- (iv) that it be noted that the traffic management order is an experimental order.

**8. Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted that the date of the next meeting of the Highways Committee would take place on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2007 at 7.00 pm.

**9. Any Other Urgent Business**

None.

The meeting ended at 8.00 pm

D BROWN  
Chair