

**MINUTES OF THE HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> September 2008 at 7.00 pm**

PRESENT: Councillor D Brown (Chair) and Councillors Detre, Matthews and Van Colle.

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillor Wharton.

Councillors Corcoran and Joseph also attended the meeting.

1. **Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting Held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2008**

RESOLVED:-

that the minutes of the meeting of the Highways Committee held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2008 be received and approved as an accurate record.

3. **Matters Arising**

*Southern Train Service from Wembley to Gatwick Airport*

The Director of Transportation reported that following the representations by the Council on behalf of passenger groups, the Department of Transport had confirmed that Southern train services to Gatwick would stop at Wembley Central on Mondays to Fridays up to 21.00 hours and Saturdays up to 10.00 hours. He added that officers from the Council's Transportation Unit would meet with the Department of Transport to formalise the agreement.

5. **Deputations**

None.

6. **Petitions**

The Committee noted that the following petitions had been received containing in excess of 50 signatures:-

(a) **Holland Road – Changes to the CPZ Zone (HW)**

This petition, submitted by local residents, stated the following:-

“We the residents of Holland Road wish to have our CPZ Zone changed to reflect our need for more free access to our street. We would like the following:-

- The operating times to be changed (to be confirmed through discussion with residents)
- Free parking on Saturdays
- All Bank Holidays to be excluded from CPZ
- Monday to Friday operation only. ”

Ms Marcia Green, representing the petitioners, stated that the residents of Holland Road wished to have the operating times of their part of the HW CPZ zone changed to Mondays to Fridays only, free parking on Saturdays and Bank Holidays. She added that the current operating times were infringing on the quiet enjoyment of the family lives of the local residents and was particularly proving expensive for their visitors at weekends. In reference to the consultation that brought about the CPZ Ms Green said that the poor response of merely 40% was not representative and in addition, some residents probably did not understand the contents and the implications of the consultation letter. She requested that in future the drafting of such consultations letters should involve the local residents' group.

Councillor Joseph, a ward member speaking in support of the petition stated that the current operating times were causing problems for the residents in particular those in the Holland Road area. In her view, the consultation letter lacked clarity and requested that she should be involved in the draft of the wording of the consultation letter.

The Director of Transportation in reference to the briefing note circulated prior to the meeting stated that the petitioner had been informed by his unit that the review of the HW CPZ was programmed to be carried out during the current financial year (2008-09). Officers had prepared the review consultation questionnaire and forwarded the documents to the Harlesden and Kensal Green ward Councillors for their considerations. He added that residents would be given the opportunity to comment on the operational times and design of the scheme. He emphasised that it was essential that residents of Holland Road responded to the questionnaires during the consultation period between September and October 2008 as any changes would be based on their responses. The Director also advised that any changes would require alterations to traffic management and would therefore take some 5/6 months to implement.

In noting the petition, members agreed that officers should work together with the petitioner in the preparation of the wording of the consultation letter.

**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that the contents of the petition be noted;
- (ii) that officers be asked to provide additional clarification to any consultation for the local residents and the ward councillors.

(b) **Request to upgrade a section of footway on the Harrow Road between Aldbury Avenue and Bovingdon Avenue.**

This petition was submitted by local residents requesting the renewal of footway on the south side of the Harrow Road, between Aldbury Avenue and Bovingdon Avenue.

Mr Salim Sama in representing the petition stated that the footway on the Harrow Road between Aldbury Avenue and Bovingdon Avenue had not been renewed or repaired for over 35 years. He requested the Committee to undertake an immediate footway renewal programme for that section of Harrow Road.

RESOLVED:-

that the contents of the petition be noted.

Further decisions relating to this petition were made under item 7.

(c) **Paddock Road and Alder Grove**

This petition, submitted by local residents, stated the following:-

“We the undersigned residents of Alder Grove and Paddock Road request the immediate introduction of double yellow lines at the junction of these two roads. This will increase the visibility for all motorists using this junction. Currently access and visibility are dangerously compromised by parking too close to the junction.”

Members noted that there was no resident available to speak to this petition. It was therefore decided to reconsider the petition at the November meeting of the Committee.

RESOLVED:-

that the petition be reported to the November meeting of this Committee.

7. **Petition – Request to upgrade a section of footway on the Harrow Road between Aldbury Avenue and Bovingdon Avenue**

The Committee gave consideration to a report which informed them of a petition signed by residents requesting that the condition of the footway on the south side of the Harrow Road, between Aldbury Avenue and Bovingdon Avenue, was in a poor state of repair and, as a result, they wished the whole area to be renewed. In introducing the report, the Director of Highways stated that although the responsibility for the

maintenance of footways in adopted roads was the Council's as the Highway Authority, there was an annual maintenance budget to facilitate planned and responsive repairs to carriageways and footways in all adopted roads. The funding for improvements to our principal network (A roads, such as the Harrow Road) had been funded entirely from the annual capital grant allocation awarded by Transport for London.

In reference to the TfL condition survey carried out last year, the Director stated that this particular section of the footway was assessed as falling within the 'localised treatment' category. Therefore, as it did not feature within the highest rating category 'resurfacing', an application to TfL for capital funding would have been unsuccessful as TfL only allocated funding to those sections identified by condition surveys as being in need of complete resurfacing. He continued that funding was not allocated for aesthetic reasons alone, however, should funding become available in future for upgrading this section of footway, officers in Transportation would take a holistic approach and also include the treatment of tree roots and vehicle crossover issues.

Councillor Corcoran a ward member added that the section of the footway referred to in the petition was in a poor state of disrepair as a result of total neglect by the TfL. He urged the Committee to take immediate steps to repair the section of footway on the Harrow Road between Aldbury Avenue and Bovingdon Avenue.

In noting the result of the TfL's condition survey of that section of the footway carried out last year, the Chair suggested that officers should undertake a site visit with the ward councillor and the petitioner and put together an appropriate representation to the TfL.

**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that officers undertake a site visit with the ward councillor and the petitioner and formulate an appropriate representation to the TfL

#### **10. Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Highways Committee would take place on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at 7.00 pm.

The meeting ended at 7.25 pm.

**D BROWN**  
Chair

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