



LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT

MINUTES OF THE HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE Tuesday, 19 October 2010 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillor J Moher (Chair) and Councillors Butt, Crane (alternate for Powney) and Jones

Also present: Councillors Cheese, Long and McLennan

Apologies were received from: Councillor Powney and Beswick

1. Declarations of personal and prejudicial interests

None.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 27 July 2010

RESOLVED:-

that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 27 July 2010 be approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

3. Matters arising (if any)

None.

4. Deputations (if any)

None

5. Petitions

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

i) Petition requesting the relocation of a bus stop in Donnington Road, London NW10

This petition, presented by Mrs Sion Griffiths, a local resident, stated:

“We the undersigned residents support the petition for the re-location of the Number 6 bus stop on Donnington Road (opposite the entrance to Willesden Sports Centre and capital City Academy”.

Mrs Griffiths informed the Committee about the hazardous nature of Donnington Road adding that this had resulted in a number of accidents in Donnington Road particularly at the bus stop by Capital City Academy as passing motor vehicles overtook parked buses. She requested proper risk assessment of the situation needed to be undertaken and adequate control measures put in place to address the problem.

RESOLVED:

that the contents of the petition be noted.

Further decisions regarding this petition appear under agenda item 6.

ii) South Kenton/Preston Park proposed Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ)

This petition, presented by Mr Frank Treviss, a local resident, stated:

“The proposed CPZ will cover Grasmere Avenue (Preston Road to Arnside Gardens), College Road, Woodside Place, Glendale Gardens, Longfield Avenue, Fernleigh Court, Carlton Avenue East (Preston Road to College Road), Logan Road and Warren Close.

If the proposed scheme is adopted residents who live within the proposed area will be required to pay to the Council annually, £50.00 for one car, £125.00 for 2 cars, £225.00 for three cars and/or £100 for a visitors permit. These prices are currently being reviewed which may lead to them being increased in the near future.

Those residents outside the proposed area will not be allowed to park within the proposed area unless they pay parking meter charges even with a Wembley Stadium Event Day permit. If you reside outside the area of the proposed scheme you will not be given an opportunity to oppose the scheme but can sign this petition.”

Mr Treviss the lead petitioner informed the Committee that the consultation on the proposed CPZ was flawed as those who would be directly affected by its implementation were not consulted. He stated that members of the South Kenton Preston Park residents’ association were totally opposed to the scheme which would prevent them from parking on Wembley Event Days. He added that they were also opposed to any revenue generating scheme.

Mr Michael Maurice speaking in favour of CPZ in the area stated that Preston Road and South Kenton were probably the only stations in North West London without some sort of parking controls. This had therefore resulted in commuter parking, displacement parking and vehicular accidents particularly in those roads close to the stations such as Carlton Avenue East. Mr Maurice added although he believed that the introduction of CPZ would address the situation, he requested that a further consultation with residents would be helpful in the circumstances.

RESOLVED:

that the contents of the petition be noted.

Further decisions regarding this petition appear under agenda item 7.

iii) Proposed Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) in the Northwick Avenue, Rushout Avenue and Churchill Avenue areas.

This petition, presented by Mrs Shah, a local resident, stated:

“We the undersigned support the petition against the introduction of controlled parking in the Northwick Avenue, Rushout Avenue and Churchill Avenue areas”.

Mrs Shah stated that despite the current parking situation in those areas, local residents were strongly opposed to the introduction of controlled parking.

RESOLVED:

that the contents of the petition be noted.

Further decisions regarding this petition appear under agenda item 7.

6. Petition for the relocation of a bus stop on Donnington Road NW10

This report informed members of a petition that was received from residents requesting the relocation of a bus stop on Donnington Road due to concerns about safety following a recent road traffic accident involving a student at the stop. The report outlines officer’s investigations and ongoing stakeholder engagement on the matter.

The Head of Transportation set out the background to the events that gave rise to the petition following a road traffic accident. He also reported on site meetings attended by Council officers, the Head Teachers of the 3 schools in the vicinity of Donnington Road - Donnington School, Capital City Academy and Queens Park school, a Willesden Green ward member and a parent of a pupil of Capital City Academy. He continued that the general feeling of the meeting was to relocate the bus stop eastwards of the zebra crossing and that options such as installing guard-railing or moving the various entrances to direct and control users of the zebra crossing were recognised as not being practicable.

He also reported on a subsequent site meeting place attended by Council officers, TfL and the Metropolitan Police the purpose of which was to undertake a more detailed analysis of the issues associated with the current location of the bus stop and consider possible alternative locations for it on Donnington Road. He outlined the three options as set out in the report together with their implications and difficulties and added that key stakeholders including representatives of the 3 schools, ward councillors, interested local residents, the Metropolitan Police and TfL were currently being engaged on their views on the options available. He concluded that a further report would be presented to the Committee when an appropriate course (or courses) of action had been identified.

Councillor Jones ward member speaking in support of the views expressed by the petitioner added that there was an urgent need for action in view of the proximity of the Sports Centre, Capital City Academy and the local primary school to the bus stop. Councillor Jones suggested a pedestrian refuge as a way forward. Councillor

Cheese also echoed similar sentiments. Members of the Committee were also in agreement that an urgent action needed to be taken. In responding to the comments, the Head of Transportation stated that suggestions made would be considered subject to budget provisions.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the contents of the petition be noted;
- (ii) that the key stakeholder engagement that was taking place be noted and that a further report would be presented to the Committee when a proposed way forward had been determined.

7. Progress report on 2010/11 Controlled Parking Zones programme

The Committee gave consideration to the report that informed them of progress on the 2010/11 Controlled Parking Zones (CPZ) works programme since the last report in July 2010.

In setting the background the Head of Transportation, Tim Jackson reminded the Committee about their decision at the January meeting to delegate authority to the Head of Transportation to decide, having considered the responses to consultation, whether or not to extend the HY CPZ. He also referred to a decision by the Executive agreeing to the introduction of an emission based residents parking permit regime, with an associated charging structure, subject to the outcome of the necessary consultation, with a final decision expected to be made in late December 2010 or early January 2011. He continued that prior to the Executive Committee decision, informal (public) consultation had been undertaken into proposals to introduce or extend controlled parking in a number of areas. Details of the consultation materials used, together with a summary of the results of those consultations, were appended to the report and were as follows:

Appendix A – the extension of CPZ HY,

Appendix B – the introduction of short term pay & display parking in parts of East Lane and Sudbury Avenue,

Appendix C - the introduction of controlled parking in the Preston (Grasmere Avenue etc) area west of Preston Road,

Appendix D – the introduction of controlled parking in the area bounded by Kenton Road, Northwick Avenue and Churchill Avenue,

Appendix E – the extension of GA CPZ to include Anson Road (part), Tracey, Henson and Gardiner Avenues.

Members noted that the consultations set out in the appendices were all undertaken before the Executive Committee decision on an emission based residents parking regime was made. Tim Jackson continued that had residents been made aware that the permit charging regime and charges might change, the responses to the consultations may have been different.

In recognition that a final decision on emission based charges would not be made until late December 2010 or early January 2011 he recommended the following;

that no further consultations be undertaken until a decision has been made and that in areas where the results of the recent consultation had indicated a broad support for controlled parking, residents are re-consulted after a decision has been made. In the Northwick Park area, where the recent consultation had demonstrated little support for the introduction of controlled parking, it is agreed that controlled parking should not be implemented. He concluded by saying that because the responses to the proposals in relation to part of East Lane and Sudbury Avenue would not involve residents parking bays and responses were unlikely to have been any different if repeated after a decision on emission based permits was made, he recommended that those proposals be implemented.

Councillor Long Harlesden ward member stated that the HY CPZ area was experiencing displacement parking from non residents and commuters and with little or no turning spaces the recommendation not to extend controlled parking into the area could not be justified. She added that the current parking situation was denying local residents the ability to park in front of their homes.

Mr Colum Doherty a resident from Tracey Avenue (GA CPZ) stated that the residents had not been consulted on the proposal to extend the CPZ zone. He requested the Committee not to agree to the extension on grounds of lack of consultation.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the results of consultations into the possible introduction/extension of controlled parking in a number of areas as set out within the report be noted;
- (iii) that no further work should be undertaken in relation to proposals to introduce controlled parking into the Preston area, extensions to HY and GA CPZs and those areas within the 2010/11 work programme where consultation had not yet commenced until such time as a final decision had been made on the proposed introduction of emission based residents parking permits;
- (iii) that proposals in relation to the introduction of pay and display controls in part of East Lane and Sudbury Avenue be implemented, subject to the necessary statutory consultation;
- (iv) that in view of the outcomes of consultation into proposals to introduce controlled parking into the Northwick Park area, controlled parking should not be implemented in that area.

8. **Any Other Urgent Business**

None raised at this meeting.

9. **Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 14 December 2010 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm

J MOHER
Chair