



LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT

MINUTES OF THE HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE Tuesday, 13 December 2011 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillor J Moher (Chair), Councillor and Councillors Jones and Long

Also present: Councillors Butt, Cheese, S Choudhary and Ms Shaw

Apologies were received from: Councillors Powney and Beswick

1. **Declarations of personal and prejudicial interests**

None declared.

2. **Minutes of the previous meeting**

RESOLVED:-

that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 18 October 2011 be approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

3. **Matters arising**

Pay and Display Controls in Bridge Road and Preston Road

Tim Jackson, Head of Transportation informed members that following a meeting involving local residents, business groups and ward members, an agreement had been reached for the pay and display machines to be activated from 3 January 2012.

Willesden Junction and Wembley Central station issues

Tim Jackson updated members that the planned meeting involving TfL, Network Rail and the Council on issues affecting Willesden Junction and Wembley Central stations had not taken place.

4. **Deputations (if any)**

None.

5. **Petition requesting traffic calming in Chambers Lane and Harlesden Road**

The Committee received a report informing them about a petition seeking the introduction of traffic calming on Chambers Lane and part of Harlesden Road on grounds of speeding traffic and road safety. The report sought members' approval to extend the Neighbourhood Scheme to include Chambers Lane and sections of Harlesden Road, so as to address the concerns of the petitioners.

The petition stated as follows;

"We call on the Council to introduce traffic calming measures to reduce the speed of vehicles in Chambers Lane and Harlesden Road".

Tim Jackson, Head of Transportation highlighted the results of a review of the situation. He informed members that the results of officers' investigations indicated that Chambers Lane and Harlesden Road took moderate levels of traffic, had higher than desirable vehicular speeds and that a number of personal injury accidents (PIA) had taken place. Against this background, there was some priority for the introduction of mitigation measures. Officers were currently developing proposals for a neighbourhood scheme within the Donnington Road area which adjoined Chambers Lane and Harlesden Road. He advised the Committee that the proposals (details attached as appendix A to the report) which would include a 20mph zone would be consulted on within the current financial year. Tim Jackson added that the proposals would enable the concerns of the petitioners to be addressed at the earliest possible opportunity.

Councillor Shaw drew members' attention to concerns expressed by residents regarding speeding along Chambers Lane and Harlesden Road particularly due to an aging population on Chambers Lane who had more difficulty crossing the road because of vehicular speeds. She requested officers to ensure that residents were fully consulted so as to obtain their views about proposals for improvement including crossing facilities.

Tim Jackson clarified that no analysis had been done to confirm the age profile of the population although it was of relevant concern and added that consideration would be given to traffic islands and crossing facilities as part of the proposals. He continued that speed enforcement was a matter for the police.

Councillor Cheese, lead petitioner, in welcoming the proposals to prioritise the introduction of mitigation measures to reduce the speed of traffic on Chambers Lane and Harlesden Road also asked if a crossing facility and/or traffic island could be added to the proposals. In response, Tim Jackson reiterated that consideration would be given to additional measures involving a crossing facility and a traffic island within the proposals.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the contents of the petition be noted;
- (ii) that approval be given to the extension of the Donnington Road Neighbourhood Scheme to include Chambers Lane and sections of Harlesden Road.

6. Brent's local (transport) implementation plan (LIP)

The Committee received a report that outlined the arrangements for developing transport strategy in London and for its implementation at a local level. Tim Jackson, Head of Transportation, informed members that the Council had been advised that the submitted Local Implementation Plan (LIP) had been approved by the Mayor. Accordingly the document represented the Council's official Local Implementation Plan for the period 2011-14 (or until the Mayor revised his strategy). He also confirmed that by gaining approval to the submitted LIP, the Council had discharged its legal duty to produce a LIP.

Councillor Jones enquired as to what was being planned to enhance the entrances to certain tube stations, particularly Dollis Hill station. Tim Jackson responded that TfL funding was no longer available for station improvements and therefore other ways of funding may have to be identified.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that it be noted that the Local (Transport) Implementation Plan document, shown at Appendix "A", has now been approved by the Mayor for London and was now formally the Council's Local (Transport) Implementation Plan for the period 2011 to 2014 or until a replacement Plan was required;
- (ii) that it be noted that the Council had discharged its legal duty to produce a Local implementation Plan and obtained the Mayor's approval to that Plan.

7. Any Other Urgent Business

None raised at this meeting.

8. Date of Next Meeting

RESOLVED:-

that the next meeting would take place on 20 March 2012.

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm

J MOHER
Chair