

Decisions of the Chipping Barnet Area Committee

17 May 2017

Members Present:-

Councillor Stephen Sowerby (Chairman)
Councillor Caroline Stock (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Pauline Coakley Councillor Phillip Cohen
Webb Councillor Jess Brayne (sub for Councillor
Councillor Andreas Ioannidis Paul Edwards)

Apologies for Absence

Councillor Bridget Perry Councillor Paul Edwards

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2017, were agreed as a correct record.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS (IF ANY)

Apologies had been received from:

Councillor Edwards (with Councillor Brayne as his substitute);

Councillor Perry;

Councillor Longstaff (as he was unable to sub for Councillor Perry due to Council duties)

3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None.

4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)

None.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS (IF ANY)

One request to make a public comment had been received and this would be dealt with under the item relating to Barnet Hospital.

6. MATTERS REFERRED FROM THE CHIPPING BARNET RESIDENTS FORUM

None.

7. PETITIONS (IF ANY)

At the meeting of Chipping Barnet Residents Forum, held on 22 March 2017, the following petitions were referred to this Committee for consideration:

1. Proposal to Reduce Speed Limit from 30mph to 20 mph on Barnet Lane, N20 for Safety Reasons due to Excessive Speeding

The Chairman welcomed Mr Hanison, Lead Petitioner, to the meeting and invited him to speak for up to 3 minutes.

Mr Hanison highlighted that speeding was the main concern for local residents and also requested that a 'stop line' be installed at the top of Barnet Lane.

The Chairman thanked Mr Hanison for presenting details of the petition and emphasised the need to ensure the Committee was given all relevant information before deciding the most appropriate next steps. This was best achieved by carrying out a speed and accident survey of the road.

The Commissioning Director for Environment explained that for a 20mph scheme to even be considered the neighbouring school would have to have a travel plan in place, but as the Totteridge Academy is a secondary school but they do not have a travel plan. The Commissioning Director further stated that a 20mph limit would require the installation of physical traffic calming measures to effectively slow traffic which would need to be agreed with local Ward councillors.

RESOLVED that

- (a) A speed survey, costing up to £500 be agreed, with a report back to the next meeting (if results are available by the July meeting);**
- (b) A stop line at the top end of Barnet Lane costing up to £1,500 be agreed;**
- (c) The Head Teacher and the Chairman of Governors from the local school was to be contacted to ascertain if they would be willing to consider implementing a travel plan.**

ACTION: COMMISSIONING DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENT

2. Adopt a 20mph Speed Limit in Hadley Green and Hadley Highstone

The Chairman invited Mrs Holly, Lead Petitioner, to the meeting and invited her to speak for up to 3 minutes.

Mrs Holly highlighted that the current speed warning signs were having no impact at all and that there was not a safe crossing point.

The Chairman stated that as with the previous petition for a 20mph limit these were technically contrary to Council policy unless adjacent to a school which Hadley Green and Hadley Highstone were not.

Mrs Holly added that speeding buses were a particular concern and agreed to supply evidence of buses speeding so that this matter could be pursued with TFL.

Finally, it was agreed that it would be advantageous for Highways Officers to meet local residents on site to look at the problems and possible solutions.

RESOLVED that

- (a) it was agreed that Highways Officers to meet local residents on site to look at the problem and possible solutions;
- (b) funding up to £1,500 was agreed for a speed survey and accident survey;
- (c) the issue of the road being near enough to local schools and if the schools are in possession of travel plans is to be investigated to allow consideration of a 20 mph speed limit;
- (d) the issue of buses speeding, be pursued with TFL.
- (e) a report back is to be submitted for a future meeting of this Committee.

ACTION: COMMISSIONING DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENT

8. AREA COMMITTEE FUNDING

Jamie Blake, Commissioning Director, Environment, introduced this report which updated Members on the budget allocation for the Committee, to enable consideration of applications for 2017/18.

It was also pointed out that Members were able to make applications for CIL funding for up to £25,000 and that remaining funds were around £400,000.

RESOLVED that the amount available for allocation during 2017/18 be noted.

9. POTTERS ROAD JUNCTION WITH WOODVILLE ROAD, EN5 SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

The Committee received the report of the Commissioning Director for Environment, who gave an undertaking that if Option 2 was approved by the Committee, he would ask a volume engineer to look at the scheme as the cost exceeded the £25,000 CIL cap. If funds required exceeded the £25,000 CIL cap then the Commissioning Director for Environment would arrange for the balance to be funded.

RESOLVED

- 1. That the Chipping Barnet Area Committee notes the review of the Potters Road junction with Woodville Road, EN5 pedestrian/road safety improvement as outlined in this report and the appendices to this report containing details of design proposals and safety investigation;
- 2. That it be agreed to implement the officer preferred Option 2 on Potters Road/Woodville Road as set out in this report and detailed in Appendix 2;
- 3. That the Commissioning Director for Environment be instructed to carry out a statutory consultation on the approved scheme once funding has been made available.

4. That subject to no objections being received to the statutory consultation, referred to in recommendation 3, the Commissioning Director for Environment is instructed to introduce the approved scheme.
5. That it be agreed that if any objections are received as a result of the statutory consultations, referred to in recommendation 4, the Commissioning Director for Environment will consider and determine whether the agreed option should be implemented or not, and if so, with or without modification;
6. It be agreed to allocate the funding for the agreed Option (CIL from this year's CIL Area Committee budget) to design and carry out statutory consultation and, subject to the outcome of that consultation, introduce the approved scheme.

ACTION: COMMISSIONING DIRECTOR FOR ENVIRONMENT

10. FITZJOHN AVENUE CAR PARK, HIGH BARNET - REVIEW OF PARKING LAYOUT

The Committee received the report of the Commissioning Director for Environment, which detailed the outcome of the review of the car park.

It was also requested that it be agreed that the percentage of disabled parking bays be increased to 4%.

Members asked how long the car park would be shut if the scheme was approved and it was noted that closure would be for a couple of days.

Members also requested that it should be made clear, via appropriate signs, that motor cyclists should only park in designated spaces.

A vote was taken on the recommendations detailed in the report:

For	3
Against	0
Abstained	2

RESOLVED that

1. The outcome of the review of the car park, as outlined in the report and appendices containing details of the proposed layout and parking survey results be noted;
2. It be agreed to amend the layout of the parking spaces and funding of £20,000 be agreed from 2017/18 Parking reserve to undertake the changes;
3. It be agreed that the percentage of disabled parking bays be increased to 4%;
4. It should be made clear, via appropriate signs, that motor cyclists should only park in designated spaces.

ACTION: COMMISSIONING DIRECTOR FOR ENVIRONMENT

11. BARNET HOSPITAL AREA EN5 PARKING CONSULTATION

The Committee received the report of the Commissioning Director for Environment which set out a number of proposed parking measures in the Barnet Hospital area and sought approval to progress these proposals to statutory consultation.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Jones to the meeting who spoke on behalf of the residents of Sutton Crescent who were anxious to have an expanded CPZ implemented in the area as soon as possible.

Mr Jones explained that the original informal Council survey on the proposals for introducing a CPZ had not been received by many of the residents of Sutton Crescent.. Consequently, residents had carried out their own informal survey with a majority of residents being found in favour of introducing parking restrictions in both their road in addition to neighbouring roads.

The Chairman stated that parking restrictions should be included at the top end of Galley Lane to prevent cars parking on both sides of the road causing congestion. The Commissioning Director for Environment stated that parking restrictions would be added at this location.

Members of the Committee raised concerns about insufficient staff parking at Barnet Hospital and Councillor Stock replied that the hospital was aware of the issue and local Councillors had worked hard to try and resolve the matter with them. The Commissioning Director for Environment gave a commitment to engage with the hospital again over the coming months to highlight the issue. The Chairman made the point that the committee was not responsible for staff parking arrangements at the hospital although they would be happy to engage with the hospital on the matter going forward.

After further discussion members of the Committee requested that the following locations be added to Appendix A for inclusion in the CPZ:

**Lexington Way;
Lincoln Way;
Sutton Crescent;
Garfield Drive.**

RESOLVED that

- 1. It be agreed to authorise the Commissioning Director for Environment and his officers to carry out a statutory consultation on proposals to introduce the proposed CPZ, parking changes and waiting restrictions in various locations as set out in Appendix A to this report, subject to the addition of the four locations identified above;**
- 2. That subject to no objections being received to the statutory consultation, referred to in recommendation 1, the committee authorise the Commissioning Director for Environment and his officers to introduce the proposed CPZ, parking changes and waiting restrictions.**
- 3. That the Committee agree that if any objections are received as a result of the statutory consultation, referred to in recommendation 2, the Commissioning Director for Environment will, in consultation with the**

relevant Ward Councillors, consider and determine whether any of the proposed changes should be implemented or not, and if so, with or without modification.

ACTION: COMMISSIONING DIRECTOR FOR ENVIRONMENT

12. MEMBERS' ITEMS (IF ANY)

The Committee received the following Members Items:

1. Relocation of Dog Waste Bin (Councillor Sowerby)

To request the necessary funding to relocate the dog waste bin from the current location on the far side of the green adjacent to Holland Close, EN5, to a more user friendly location adjacent to the footway on Netherlands Road, EN5. The bin's current location is too far distant from the footway which discourages its use and results in irresponsible dog owners dumping bags of dog waste on the footway around the rubbish bins on Netherlands Road and Temple Parade. Furthermore, after a period of heavy rain the green can become waterlogged which understandably discourages dog walkers from walking across the green to the bin.

RESOLVED that the request be agreed and actioned by the Commissioning Director for Environment at no cost to CIL budget.

ACTION: COMMISSIONING DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENT

13. MEMBERS' ITEMS - AREA COMMITTEE FUNDING APPLICATIONS (IF ANY)

Request for Funding for Play Equipment for Younger Children in Brunswick Park (Councillor Rutter)

The Committee received a representation from School Business Manager Nancy Nash, on behalf of Councillor Rutter, which pointed out that parents were very supportive of the existing play area, but that there was no play equipment for younger children.

There was some doubt as to whether the proposed new equipment was within the existing fenced area of the playground and it was agreed that additional funding should be made available if this was not the case.

RESOLVED that the request for £15,600 be agreed and extended to £20,000 if fencing needs to be provided.

ACTION: COMMISSIONING DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENT

14. ANY ITEM(S) THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

1. Members Item Submitted by Councillor Brayne in Relation to Barnet Community Projects

The Committee received the following item from Councillor Brayne:

A request that the committee instructs officers to find new premises for Barnet Community Projects (BCP) currently located in Dollis Valley, Rainbow Centre. BCP provides invaluable youth services and a community hub. Due to the redevelopment of Dollis Valley and the planned demolition of the Rainbow Centre BCP will need to relocate from their current premises in 2019. It is urgent that a new premise is identified for BCP as they need a secure tenancy in order to secure funding.

RESOLVED that

- (a) Officers be requested to identify the Department(s) and Officer(s) responsible for taking this matter forward;**
- (b) The timelines for progressing the matter be confirmed;**
- (c) A meeting is to be arranged, as soon as possible, with representatives from the Rainbow Centre, ward Councillors and Officers.**

ACTION: Chairman of the Committee to write to the Lead Member for Housing and Regeneration requesting the information above be provided to Councillor Brayne.

2. Traffic and Development Schemes

The Committee received an update on schemes and noted that this information would be submitted to all future meetings of the Area Committee as an appendix for information to the Work Programme.

Councillor Coakley Webb had a specific Issue, as she had previously requested double yellow lines at the Junction with Colney Hatch, but this hadn't materialised. The Commissioning Director for Environment agreed to email Councillor Coakley Webb about this issue.

RESOLVED that

- (a) The current Traffic and Development Schemes be noted;**
- (b) The schedule of works list should be added back onto the agenda of future meetings**
- (c) The Commissioning Director for the Environment be requested to email Councillor Coakley Webb about the issue highlighted.**

ACTION: COMMISSIONING DIRECTOR FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

The meeting finished at 8.22pm