

## Minutes

### PETITION HEARING - CABINET MEMBER FOR PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION AND RECYCLING

13 July 2011



Meeting held at Council Chamber - Civic Centre,  
High Street, Uxbridge UB8 1UW

	<p><b>Committee Members Present:</b> Councillors Keith Burrows</p> <p><b>LBH Officers Present:</b> Steve Austin, Transport and Projects Brian Whiteley, Local Development Framework Manager Natasha Dogra, Democratic Services Officer</p> <p><b>Also Present:</b> Cllr Mike Bull, Cllr Lindsey Bliss, Cllr Brian Crowe, Cllr Janet Duncan, Cllr Dominic Gilham, Cllr Paul Harmsworth and Cllr Mo Khursheed.</p>	
18.	<p><b>TO CONFIRM THAT THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IN PUBLIC.</b> (<i>Agenda Item 1</i>)</p> <p>It was confirmed that the business of the meeting would take place in public.</p>	<b>Action by</b>
19.	<p><b>TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE OFFICERS ON THE FOLLOWING PETITIONS RECEIVED.</b> (<i>Agenda Item 2</i>)</p>	<b>Action by</b>
20.	<p><b>PETITION REQUESTING A SOLUTION TO PARKING PROBLEMS IN MONARCH'S WAY, RUISLIP</b> (<i>Agenda Item 3</i>)</p> <p><i>Concerns, comments and suggestions raised at by petitioners at the meeting included the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Residents of Monarch's Way, Ruislip, were seeking a solution to parking problems in the cul de sac</li> <li>▪ Currently the road was difficult to use for residents</li> <li>▪ The road was very difficult to use for emergency vehicles. Residents were concerned that should there be an emergency the vehicle may not be able to use the road as an access way</li> <li>▪ There was a lack of access to residents' driveways</li> <li>▪ Residents had difficulty parking their vehicles in Monarch's Way</li> <li>▪ Neighbouring roads had implemented a parking scheme which residents believed had lead to parking displacement in the area, with a large influx of parking in Monarch's Way</li> <li>▪ Residents had taken a poll amongst them and found that a majority wanted a Parking Management Scheme implemented in the cul de sac.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action by</b></p> <p>Steve Austin, Transport and Projects</p>

	<p>A Ward Councillor was present and raised the following points at the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The parking problems experienced in this road were not unusual problems but were unusual for such a small cul de sac</li> <li>▪ The Ward Councillor invited the Cabinet Member to visit the road to witness the parking problems experienced by residents of Monarch's Way</li> <li>▪ Access for emergency vehicles was a big problem in Monarch's Way.</li> <li>▪ The cul de sac was in a prime location and visitors to the local high street and commuters were using Monarch's Way for parking</li> <li>▪ It may be beneficial to undertake a consultation and include the Chamber of Commerce for their views.</li> </ul> <p>Councillor Keith Burrows listened to the concerns of the petitioners and responded to the points raised. Cllr Burrows said a consultation was a good idea but it was not necessary to include the Chamber of Commerce for a parking issue in this residential road which has been requested by residents. A consultation would allow officers to fully involve the local residents and implement a scheme that residents wanted. Cllr Burrows urged petitioners to use this opportunity to work with officers to implement a scheme that would benefit the cul de sac.</p> <p><b>Resolved - the Cabinet Member:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Discussed with the petitioners their concerns with parking in Monarch's Way.</b></li> <li><b>2. Decided a scheme for Monarch's Way can be added to the Council's parking scheme programme.</b></li> </ol> <p><b>Reasons for recommendation</b></p> <p>Although parking schemes are not generally considered for individual roads, due to the isolated location of Monarch's Way, the Cabinet Member may decide that a scheme could be considered in advance of one over a wider area.</p> <p><b>Alternative Options Considered</b></p> <p>None.</p>	
21.	<p><b>PETITION ASKING FOR DOUBLE YELLOW LINES AT THE JUNCTION OF MANOR WAY AND MANOR CLOSE, RUISLIP</b> <i>(Agenda Item 4)</i></p> <p><i>Concerns, comments and suggestions raised at the meeting included the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Manor Way was used as a fast route for vehicles travelling at high speeds</li> <li>▪ Members of the public parked too close to the junction obstructing the sightlines of residents exiting Manor Close.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action by</b></p> <p>Steve Austin, Transport and Projects</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Recently a pedestrian was hit by a car travelling at a high speed</li> <li>▪ A possible solution may be double yellow lines at the junction of Manor Way and Manor Close</li> </ul> <p>A Ward Councillor was present and raised the following points at the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ It was reasonable and sensible to implement parking restriction on this busy road.</li> </ul> <p>The Cabinet Member listened to the concerns and the points made by those present at the meeting and said he would discuss the use of yellow lines at the junction of Manor Way and Manor Close with officers. Cllr Burrows said he would ask officer to add this request to the Road Safety Programme.</p> <p><b>Resolved - the Cabinet Member:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Met and discussed with petitioners their request for the installation of ‘At any time’ waiting restrictions on the junction of Manor Way and Manor Close.</b></li> <li><b>2. Asked officers to include the request as part of the Council’s Road Safety Programme.</b></li> </ol> <p><b>Reasons for recommendation</b></p> <p>The residents made a specific request for ‘At any time’ waiting restrictions.</p> <p><b>Alternative Options Considered</b></p> <p>The implementation of yellow lines at the junction of Manor Way and Manor Close.</p>	
22.	<p><b>PETITION REQUESTING A TRAFFIC BARRIER IN YEADING LANE, HAYES</b> (<i>Agenda Item 5</i>)</p> <p><i>Concerns, comments and suggestions raised at the meeting included the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Yeading Lane was a dangerous road due to vehicles travelling at high speeds at all times of day</li> <li>▪ Members of the public used Yeading Lane as an access route which has resulted in high levels of traffic in the area</li> <li>▪ There had been two accidents in the Yeading Lane recently</li> <li>▪ There were no signs on the road to tell public to slow down</li> <li>▪ Large lorries and trucks were using Yeading Lane without realising there was a width restriction, which led to large vehicles performing dangerous manoeuvres to move out of the lane.</li> <li>▪ Residents asked that large warning signs advising of the width restrictions be erected around the area.</li> <li>▪ Children use the road around school time and elderly people in the area also used the road at all times of day</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action by</b></p> <p>Steve Austin, Transport and Projects</p>

A Ward Councillor was present and addressed the Committee as follows:

- The speed at which vehicles travelled was very dangerous as there were very young and elderly people alike using the road
- Heavy vehicles were not being warned that the road had width restrictions
- The Ward Councillor invited the Cabinet Member to visit the road and witness the problem the residents were facing
- On 12 April 2010 an email was received by the Ward Councillor from Officers in Traffic Management stating that width restriction signs would be erected – these had yet to be implemented.

The Cabinet Member listened to the points raised and asked officers for their views on the proposal suggested by the petitioner and stated that a barrier for traffic would not be successfully as it may be subject to vandalism. It may also pose a problem for emergency vehicles that may need access to the road. Cllr Burrows said he would add the road to the Road Safety Programme.

**Resolved - the Cabinet Member:**

- 1. Met and discussed with petitioners their request for the installation of barriers in detail on Yeading Gardens, Hayes and possible options which would be acceptable to residents.**
- 2. Asked Officers to include the request and possible options in the Road Safety Programme.**
- 3. Asked Officers to liaise with the Barnhill Safer Neighbourhood Team as part of further investigations and to identify any appropriate enforcement actions.**
- 4. Instructed Officers to undertake a 24/7 traffic survey in Yeading Gardens**
- 5. Instructed Officers to look at width restriction signage and, if required, ensure width restrictions were highlighted.**

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

It was not clear from the petition exactly what the issues are in Yeading Gardens. The discussion with petitioners helped identify suitable options to address petitioners concerns.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

None.

23.	<p><b>PETITION RELATING TO THE DRAFT WEST LONDON WASTE PLAN AND POLICIES PUBLIC CONSULTATION</b> (<i>Agenda Item 6</i>)</p> <p><i>Concerns, comments and suggestions raised at the meeting included the following:</i></p>	<p><b>Action by</b></p> <p>Brian Whiteley, Local</p>
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- The 20 acre site was close to the heart of the town centre and within 50 metres of the nearest houses to the north and south.
- The town centre was already heavily congested with traffic at peak times and if a major waste facility was developed at Tavistock Road it would probably result in continuous queuing of traffic for greater periods during the day, leading to increased noise and air pollution.
- The Tavistock Road junction with the High Street was adjacent to West Drayton Station. When the station is further developed as part of the Crossrail project this will result in it becoming an even busier junction.
- The corner of Tavistock Road and the High Street was already a very dangerous junction and a huge volume of additional heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) associated with waste plant activities – possibly up to 120,000 per annum would create a death trap for pedestrians.
- HGVs coming up the High Street from the south cannot manoeuvre left into Tavistock Road and frequently use the Station forecourt as a turning circle to more easily approach Tavistock Road – creating difficulties for buses accessing the Station as well.
- All heavy goods traffic entering and exiting the site would have to come through the town centre where local residents were already saying that they want only cars, vans and busses to have access.
- The site had very restricted access with the only exit/entrance being a narrow ramped access, spilling onto a narrow and heavily congested local road and then onto an already congested high street.
- Waste site operators are known to favour separate road entry and exit points for vehicle safety.
- The elevated nature of the site merely added to the likely impact on the local community as they would continuously be overshadowed by waste recycling processes which would be viewed and smelled from the living rooms, gardens and homes of local people.
- An industrial waste facility is not required in this area as there was already a large, modern facility at Colnbrook which made a good provision for this area and part of West London.
- The main road is a route to school as there is a primary school on the main road in Yiewsley. Many parents of the children attending local schools and places of worship had signed the petitions.
- Many drivers still see the high street as the preferred route through the town rather than the by pass.
- The level of noise pollution, light pollution and visual intrusion associated with high density industrial waste recycling would severely affect the living and working environment of local residents, businesses and school children in a large area around the plant.
- Petitioners and local residents had considered other uses for the site including the building of a new primary school
- Petitioners urged Cabinet at their meeting in the Autumn to take out the Coal Yard site at Tavistock Close from the West London

Waste Plan as it was unsuitable for industrial waste recycling.

*The Ward Councillors for Yiewsley were present and raised the following points:*

- Ward Councillors congratulated the petitioners on their speech and for attending the meeting with the Cabinet Member.
- The emotion portrayed by local residents was very evident and proved that local people did not want the Tavistock Road site to be included in the West London Waste Plan.
- The support gathered for this hearing was a testament to democracy.
- The local roads were very congested and this site would simply add to the problem.
- Ward Councillors stated they supported the petitioners wholeheartedly and did not want this site in their ward as there were other suitable locations within the borough.

*An email had been received from Councillor Anita MacDonald in support of the petitioners. The Chairman read out the email which highlighted the following points:*

- Cllr MacDonald supported the petitioners and did not want the Coal Yard site to be included in the West London Waste Plan.
- Placing a waste site here would aggravate traffic issues faced by the area.
- There were others sites within the London Borough of Hillingdon which were more suitable for this Waste Plant.

Councillor Keith Burrows listened to the concerns and points raised by the petitioner and asked officers to comment on the options put forward by the petitioner. He stated that he had received many emails and letters from local MPs, residents and Councillors regarding this matter.

Cllr Burrows congratulated local residents for putting together a coherent and well written speech. He also commended the public were gathering at the meeting to show their support for one another.

Cllr Burrows stated he was impressed with the emotion shown by petitioners and would alert Cabinet to the feelings of the local residents. He also stated that it was not within his remit to make a decision regarding the site as this would take place at a Planning Committee meeting.

However, Cllr Burrows had listened to the views of the petitioners and would ask officers to reconsider the placement of the plant.

**Resolved - the Cabinet Member:**

**1. Listened to the views of the petitioners; and**

**2. Instructed officers to review the inclusion the former Coal Yard at Tavistock Road, West Drayton in the next stage of the Draft West London Waste Plan (Draft WLWP) in view of the environmental concerns raised in these petitions, notably regarding traffic access to the site by heavy goods vehicles and**

	<p><b>their possible implications for the surrounding road network. Any resulting change would form part of the revisions to the Draft WLWP which are due to be considered by Cabinet at its meeting in the autumn.</b></p> <p><b>Reasons for Recommendation</b></p> <p>To ensure the Draft WLWP consultation process helps to shape the content of the document, and that comments and recommendations by interested parties are accommodated where appropriate.</p> <p><b>Alternative Options Considered</b></p> <p>The Cabinet Member may decide not to instruct officers to consider making any further changes to the Draft WLWP as a result of the petitions.</p>	
	<p>The meeting, which commenced at 7.00 pm, closed at 9.00 pm.</p>	

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