

## Minutes

**Petition Hearing - Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation**  
**Wednesday, 18 November 2009**  
**Meeting held at Committee Room 3 - Civic Centre, High Street, Uxbridge UB8 1UW**



**Published on: 4 December 2009**  
**Come into effect on: 11 December 2009**

	<p><b>Members Present:</b> Councillors Keith Burrows</p> <p><b>Officers Present:</b></p> <p>Steve Austin David Knowles Charles Francis</p> <p><b>Also Present</b> Councillors Dave Allam, Lindsay Bliss, Brian Stead and Sandra Jenkins</p>	
1.	<p><b>PERTH AVENUE, HAYES – PETITION REQUESTING TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES</b></p> <p>Concerns and suggestions raised at the meeting included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The significant risks to parents and children posed by increased traffic flows</li><li>• The lack of traffic enforcement and suggestion that traffic wardens should patrol Perth Road.</li><li>• The amount of inconsiderate parking by some parents of the children attending Brookside Primary School, especially at pick up and drop off points and the limited effect of a name and shame policy used by the school.</li><li>• The successful reduction of road speed when a width restriction was imposed during work conducted by the Gas Board and suggestion that this option might be considered</li><li>• To make routes safer and more attractive the Travel Plan proposed the following measures:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. widened footways</li><li>2. raised crossings,</li><li>3. kerb buildout at the main school car park entrance and a</li><li>4. 20 mph zone in Dunedin Way.</li></ol></li></ul> <p>Councillor Dave Allam attended the meeting and spoke in support of</p>	<p>Action By:</p> <p><b>Steve Austin- Environment and Consumer Protection</b></p>

the petitioners as Ward Councillor. The following issues were raised:

- Concerns were raised about Perth road being used as a rat run to traffic trying to avoid the build up of traffic on the Hayes Bypass and Yeading Lane
- The high levels of on street parking as the school is on the border of a high density housing estate.
- The general speed of traffic on Perth Road, including at the evening.

Councillor Lindsay Bliss attended the meeting and spoke in support of the petitioners as Governor of Brookside Primary School. The following issues were raised:

- The amount of on street parking and the impact this has on visibility for pedestrians and road users alike.
- To consider one road in isolation would not solve the problem, as the problem would be shifted to other roads

The Cabinet Member listened to the issues and concerns raised and supported the comments made by the petitioners and the recommendations made by officers in the report. Officers were asked to undertake a 24 hour / 7 days per week traffic survey and report the findings to the Cabinet Member so that a robust set of recommendations can be proposed to Transport for London.

#### **DECISION -**

**That the Cabinet Member:**

- 1. Noted the petitioner's request and Brookside Primary School, Travel Plan proposals for safety measures in Perth Avenue and Dunedin Way.**
- 2. Asked officers to include the School Travel Plan proposals in future bids to Transport for London for funding.**
- 3. Asked officers to undertake a 24 hour / 7 days per week traffic survey and report the findings to the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation.**

#### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

The school has studied the traffic situation in the vicinity including detailed surveys with pupils and residents. Proposals have been drawn up to make the area safer which can be funded from a Transport for London budget for the introduction of School Travel Plans.

	<p><b>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED</b></p> <p>These were considered during the investigation of proposals for inclusion within the School's Travel Plan</p> <p><b>RELEVANT WARD:</b> Yeading</p>	
2.	<p><b>ST DAVID CLOSE, COWLEY – PETITION OBJECTING TO A PARKING SCHEME</b></p> <p>Concerns and suggestions raised at the meeting included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most residents did not understand the implications of the parking scheme during the consultation phase.</li> <li>• By implementing the scheme, it was suggested that residents would lose more than half of the available parking space.</li> <li>• The widespread use of dropped curbs and the link with the reduction of the number of parking spaces</li> <li>• The impact of narrow roads surrounding St David Close and the effect this will have on emergency vehicles.</li> <li>• The suggestion that double yellow lines could be introduced on several local bends.</li> <li>• The problem that there is already insufficient parking for residents, especially at weekends</li> </ul> <p>Councillors Brian Stead and Sandra Jenkins attended the meeting and spoke as Ward Councillors. The following issues were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All 3 Ward Councillor support the petition</li> <li>• To consider one road in isolation would not solve the problem, as it would be shifted to other roads</li> </ul> <p>The Cabinet Member listened to the issues and concerns raised by the petitioners and supported the comments made by the petitioners. He explained in the last 8 years the Council had always supported the majority view with regards to Parking Schemes and in relation to St Peters Close, if dropped curbs are registered with the Council then enforcement action could be taken if the dropped curb were obstructed by a parked vehicle.</p> <p><b>DECISION -</b></p> <p><b>That the Cabinet Member:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Noted residents concerns about the inclusion of St David Close within the Cowley Parking Management Scheme and decided the road should be removed from the scheme.</b></li> </ol>	<p>Action By:</p> <p><i>Steve Austin- Environment and Consumer Protection</i></p>

	<p><b>REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p>The residents of St David Close have previously indicated support for a parking scheme but the petition clearly indicates there is significant opposition. As the Cabinet Member has previously approved the inclusion of St David Close within the Cowley Parking Scheme, a review may be appropriate after listening to the concerns of residents.</p> <p><b>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED</b></p> <p>The Cabinet Member can decide to remove St David Close from the latest extension of the Cowley Parking Scheme or retain its inclusion.</p> <p><b>RELEVANT WARD:</b> Brunel</p>	
3.	<p><b>WEST END ROAD, RUISLIP – PETITION REQUESTING MEASURES TO IMPROVE VEHICLE MOVEMENTS</b></p> <p>Concerns and suggestions raised at the meeting included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The petition had been signed by all but one of the households between 205 and 223.</li> <li>• The entrance and egress to the service road is the most significant issue.</li> <li>• Residents have clashed with motorists leaving Astral Court as there is no established priority.</li> <li>• Vehicles leaving Astral Court egress the underground carpark at high speed to negotiate the steep gradient leading to the underground carpark.</li> <li>• All vehicles have to exit the service road at its southern end and turning right to travel northwest on West End Road involves crossing two southbound streams of traffic.</li> <li>• Residents have suggested the Council consider the introduction of traffic signals or yellow box junction markings to allow residents to turn right onto West End Road.</li> <li>• Further suggestions included affixing mirrors to the street scene to improve the visibility of drivers turning onto West End Road.</li> <li>• Residents had written to the Road Safety Department to air their concerns but had not received a reply.</li> <li>• Residents asked whether any measures could be introduced to assist partially sighted residents to cross West End Road.</li> <li>• Residents alleged that Astral Court residents were parking in their car parking spaces.</li> </ul>	<p>Action By:</p> <p><b>Steve Austin- Environment and Consumer Protection</b></p>

Councillor Allan Kauffman was unable to attend the meeting but had requested that his support for the petitioners be noted.

The Cabinet Member listened to the issues and concerns raised and responded that:

- Residents suggested that the layout and operation of the signal controlled junction with the RAF base, introduced when the BFPO moved onto the site, was not effective. Officers said that they will take this up with the traffic signals subsidiary of Transport for London to see if the layout can be reviewed.
- Officers will be investigating the viability of a yellow box junction and the use of give way markings.
- The Department of Transport does not permit mirrors to be fixed to the Highway
- Officers would investigate whether noise activated signals could be used to assist partially sighted residents cross West End Road.
- Officers would be requested to investigate parking and parking enforcement in the area.

#### **DECISION -**

**That the Cabinet Member:**

- 1. Noted the petitioners' request and concerns discussed at the meeting.**
- 2. Asked officers to investigate as a matter of urgency, the feasibility to install "Give Way" markings on the service roads between Nos. 205 and 223 West End Road at the entrance to an underground car park.**
- 3. Asked officers to investigate the parking in this area.**

#### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

The residents have pointed out an issue with vehicles emerging from the underground car park of the residential development at the junction of West End Road and Station Approach which could be improved with a priority control. A feasibility study will establish if a yellow box junction can be installed as requested to improve turning facilities for vehicles.

	<p><b>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED</b></p> <p>None as the petitioners have made specific requests, however further options may arise during presentation of the petition.</p> <p><b>RELEVANT WARD:</b> South Ruislip</p>	
4.	<p><b>WEST END ROAD, RUISLIP – PETITION REQUESTING 24 HOUR OPERATION OF RESIDENTS PARKING SCHEME</b></p> <p>Concerns and suggestions raised at the meeting included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The petition requests the extension of the South Ruislip Parking scheme (which includes this section of West End Road) to operate at all times rather than the proposed hours of Friday 9am to 5pm.</li> <li>• Whether there was any scope for the Council to offer shorter parking permits, only lasting several hours.</li> <li>• To note the increase in the number of new build properties in the last few years and the competition for on-street parking in the service road.</li> <li>• The double yellow lines in the service road and the loss of one parking space due to the length of these lines.</li> <li>• The impact of dropped curbs on the number of parking spaces.</li> <li>• The lack of parking enforcement in the service road.</li> </ul> <p>The Cabinet Member listened to the issues and concerns raised and responded that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No London Borough offers different types of parking permits due to the cost implications.</li> <li>• Officers would be asked to investigate the issue of whether there was sufficient parking enforcement in the service road.</li> </ul> <p><b>DECISION-</b></p> <p><b>That the Cabinet Member:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Noted the petition request and discussed with petitioners their concern with parking in the area of West End Road where they live</b></li> <li><b>2. Asked officers to take the petitioners request into account within the subsequent review of the South Ruislip Parking Scheme and to include:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a) parking bays ensuring there are adequate site lines</b></li> <li><b>b) the operating times of the scheme.</b></li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p>Action By:</p> <p><i>Steve Austin- Environment and Consumer Protection</i></p>

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>c) an investigation of the levels of parking enforcement in this area.</b></p> <p><b>REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p>To further consider the petitioners request in the light of actual operational aspects of the scheme and if issues arise to consider these within the review along with other issues that may also arise.</p> <p><b>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED</b></p> <p>The petitioners have made a specific request for the scheme to operate at all times, however other operational times may address the issues residents incur and these can be considered along with other comments received from residents during the subsequent review of the scheme.</p> <p><b>RELEVANT WARD:</b> South Ruislip</p>	
	<p><b>Meeting closed at: 8:15p.m.</b></p> <p><b>Next meeting: 16<sup>th</sup> December 2009</b></p>	

To view the reports relating to these decisions, click on the link below:

**THESE DECISIONS WILL COME INTO FORCE AND WILL THEN BE IMPLEMENTED UNLESS CALLED-IN. THE DEADLINE FOR CALL-IN TO BE RECEIVED BY THE HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES IS 5PM ON FRIDAY 11DECEMBER 2009.**

**COUNCILLORS AND OFFICERS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF ANY CALL-IN RECEIVED**

This is a summary of the Cabinet Member's decisions. If you wish for more detailed information on any of the decisions please contact Charles Francis on 01895 556454.

The right hand column indicates the name of the officer(s) responsible for implementing/following up the decision in each case.

Circulation of this decisions sheet is to Members of the Council, Corporate Directors, Group Secretariats.