

Minutes

**Petition Hearing - Cabinet Member for Planning,
Transportation and Recycling
Wednesday, 11 July 2018
Meeting held at Committee Room 3 - Civic Centre,
High Street, Uxbridge**



	<p>Cabinet Member Present: Councillors Keith Burrows (Chairman)</p> <p>Ward Councillors Present: Councillors June Nelson, Peter Money, Stuart Mathers, Martin Goddard, Allan Kauffman, Brian Stead, Judith Cooper, Wayne Bridges and Alan Chapman.</p> <p>Officers Present: David Knowles (Head of Transport and Town Centre Projects) Anisha Teji (Democratic Services Officer)</p>
1.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS COMING BEFORE THIS MEETING</p> <p>None.</p>
2.	<p>TO CONFIRM THAT THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IN PUBLIC.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That all items be considered in public.</p>
3.	<p>PETITION 'CHERRY LANE SPEED AND ROAD SAFETY'</p> <p>The Cabinet Member considered a petition from residents raising concerns about road safety in Cherry Lane. In support of the petition, the petitioners spoke of their concerns and suggestions including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Cherry Lane was considered by them to be a dangerous road and accidents happened due to deficiencies with the road surfaces.</i>• <i>There was a section of dual carriage way close by and there was no clear indication or signs to show that this was dual carriageway. There was also an exit from Crown Plaza which was dangerous due to its location and visibility.</i>• <i>Cars travelled at huge speed limits not taking into account people using the roads. Residents, particularly children and the elderly were vulnerable.</i>• <i>Something needed to be done.</i>• <i>There was the suggestion of a pedestrian crossing being introduced, perhaps between the two junctions of Blossom Way and Cherry Lane.</i>• <i>There was an accident black spot at the Cherry Lane and Sipson Road junction.</i>• <i>The bus shelter did not have enough room for passengers forcing them to wait in the road. This problem had developed since the shelter had been reversed.</i>• <i>There had been a serious incident where a resident was taken to hospital.</i> <p>Councillor June Nelson attended the meeting and spoke as Ward Councillor in</p>

support of the petition. She reiterated the view of residents and explained that on the other side of Cherry Lane near the cemetery, there had been cases where cars started spinning causing the fence to be knocked down. Traffic bollards had been put in place with the aim to reduce speeding. She also said that it was difficult for residents to cross the roads as the speed reduced from 50 to 30 quite quickly. Residents were fed up with the situation.

Councillor Stuart Mathers, Ward Councillor for West Drayton addressed the Cabinet Member and said that speeding was an issue in the area. Also, Shepiston Lane had seen a reduction in speed due to recent tragic events and requested the same for the other side of Cherry Lane. Cars had limited information to reduce speed and often overtook buses. This was dangerous as the bus stop was located in an unsafe place. This also led to a build up of traffic. He suggested moving hotel entrances to increase road safety as it was often the case that cars sped around the corner and then slammed brakes on. He asked for an increase in pedestrian crossings.

Councillor Peter Money attended the meeting and spoke as Ward Councillor in support of the petition. He agreed with all the submissions made and said that there was a blind corner in the place and a lack of pedestrian crossings. There was a high risk of accidents and the potential for greater harm.

Councillor Burrows listened to the concerns of the petitioners and responded to the points raised. Councillor Burrows questioned when the incident happened when a resident was taken to hospital and it was confirmed that it was some time ago. He noted the investigations undertaken to date and that the bus stops were an arrangement with TFL. He also noted that there had been an access audit report and the bus stop was complying with standards. He noted that the steel sewer cover had been investigated by officers and the cover had now been replaced. He explained that surveys had been commissioned and the data was independently collected and could not be altered. He was satisfied that the speed data was accurate and that the traffic surveys showed that speeds had reduced. He explained that additional traffic surveys could be undertaken and agreed a location with the benefit of the petitioners and the Ward Councillors,

In considering the matters, Councillors Burrows made the following decisions.

RESOLVED -

That the Cabinet / Cabinet Member(s):

- 1. Met with and listened to the petitioners' concerns;**
- 2. Noted that the Cherry Lane is a local distributor road but fortunately without a recent major collision history;**
- 3. Noted the specific concerns listed by petitioners in their petition, and the actions/ investigations undertaken to date, details of which were discussed in the body of this report;**
- 4. Noted that recent traffic surveys show that prevailing traffic speeds had reduced slightly between the previous surveys in 2014 and 2017;**

5. Noted that a recent accessibility audit reported that the bus stop referenced by petitioners was designed in accordance with current standards, and that any alterations to bus shelters must as always be agreed by Transport for London, who had the responsibility for the majority of local bus stop infrastructure;
6. Noted that the steel sewer cover reported by petitioners had been investigated by the Council's Highways Team and replaced, subsequent to which there had been no further reports of accidents;
7. Noted that the police considered the road section in question to be laid out safely and appropriately for its purpose with clear sight lines and safe crossing points;
8. Asked officers to commission further independent '24/7' traffic surveys at locations agreed with petitioners and Ward Members; and
9. Asked officers to consider the relevant detail of the petitioners' testimony, and if appropriate, to discuss these further with the emergency services through the next Traffic Liaison Meeting, and then if deemed appropriate, to undertake further investigation and report back to him.
10. Asked officers to test current road surface following comments made by the Lead Petitioner.
11. Asked officers to review the signage within the area following comments made by the Lead Petitioner.

Reason for decision

The Cabinet Member discussed with the petitioners their concerns and aspirations.

To investigate in further detail the potential to address the petitioners' concerns.

Alternative options considered and rejected

The options were discussed with the petitioners.

4. PETITION REQUESTING AMENDMENTS TO THE EXISTING PARKING RESTRICTIONS WITHIN THE ST ANDREW'S PARK DEVELOPMENT, UXBRIDGE

The Cabinet Member considered a petition from residents raising concerns about unsafe parking in the St Andrew's Park Development. In summary, the petitioners spoke of their concerns and suggestions which included the following:

- *Petitioners requested parking restriction changes around John Locke Academy, Bader Way, Churchill Road and St Andrews Road.*
- *The petition was signed by 200 local residents.*
- *The parking restrictions had caused many parents trouble when dropping and collecting their children from school.*

- *Controlled parking zones recently introduced were now in full operation within close proximity to the school.*
- *Most parents used a car to drop and collect their children as they all lived too far from the school to walk or use public transport.*
- *Seven proposals were suggested which were detailed in the report.*
- *Petitioners requested changing double yellow lines to single yellow lines with time restrictions. This could include applying operation times to the current yellow lines with exemption during school runs.*
- *Consider recruiting a School Crossing Patrol Officer to increase safety for both children and adults when crossing the road.*
- *Whilst the development was being completed, petitioners requested the opportunity to use the available land on site for parking.*
- *Clarification on who owned particular roads on the development. Was it the developer or the Council?*
- *Asked the Council to consider arranging a public car park with pay and display provisions. Petitioners explained that the option of parking in the INTU car park in Uxbridge was not a timely or convenient option for parents or children.*
- *There was a concern this problem would increase as the school was at full capacity and there was a waiting list. Surveys had been conducted by parents and a lot of data and information was provided to officers and the Cabinet Member. These would also be sent electronically to the relevant officers.*

Councillor Martin Goddard attended the meeting and spoke as Ward Councillor in support of the petition. He was sympathetic to the points raised by petitioners but acknowledged that parking problems applied to many schools in the Borough. He submitted that in this case parking issues were exacerbated by the fact that many children lived some distance away from the school. Once the development was completed this would have an effect upon parking and traffic congestion; it may be that more children will live within St Andrews Park thereby lessening the need to travel far to the Academy. Councillor Goddard asked whether school bus arrangements could be considered to reduce traffic. Children could travel to school via a school bus that parents contributed towards. Councillor Goddard understood the concerns raised by petitioners but said that the needs and views of local residents living in the area would also need to be taken into account.

David Knowles, Head of Transport and Town Centre Projects, thanked petitioners for the detailed information received. He explained that the management of parking on the grounds of the John Locke Academy was a matter for the school. He posed the possibility that the use of the car park could be prioritised for children with access needs. He also explained that any changes to yellow lines and single yellow lines on adopted public highway needed to undergo a formal process.

Councillor Burrows listened to the concerns of the petitioners and responded to the points raised. In relation to the school bus, Councillor Burrows clarified that this fell outside his remit. He noted that the St Andrews development was subject to a number of planning conditions which could not be overturned. Work was still taking place on the site. He emphasised that any action and changes would also need to be balanced against the interests of residents that lived in the area.

Councillor Burrows noted the attempts made by petitioners to try and engage with the

property developers, but there had been no progress. He suggested for officers to draft a letter from him as it may carry more weight. Clarification needed to be sought on what parts of the land the Council owned. He assured petitioners that conversations could still happen during the summer period. He noted the idea of persuading the developer to introduce a pay and display car park and indicated that this could be raised with the development. He noted the concerns that traffic congestion would be increased in the area once the site was fully operations and suggested that officers look into the area near the roundabout. He noted David Knowles comments that box junctions were not usually considered at roundabouts.

He emphasised the importance of the John Locke Academy working with the Council's 'School Travel and Road Safety' team to implement the school travel plan to introduce a School Crossing Patrol Officer to support the request from petitioners.

In considering the matters, Councillors Burrows made the following decisions.

RESOLVED -

Meeting with the Petitioners, the Cabinet Member:

- 1. Listened to their request for changes to the existing parking restrictions around The John Locke Academy, Bader Way, Uxbridge;**
- 2. Noted the highways and traffic conditions attached to the planning application and approved 'School Travel Plan' for the John Locke Academy;**
- 3. Noted the fact that as certain aspects of the original petition could pertain to the planning approval process for the John Locke Academy, the present petition was initially investigated by the Council's Planning Enforcement Officer and a 'breach of planning condition' was identified;**
- 4. Noted the correspondence between the Council's Planning Enforcement Officer and John Locke Academy, and the outcome of their dialogue, which was set out in the body of the report;**
- 5. Noted and considered the likely views of residents living in the local area, many of whom did not have a direct association with the John Locke Academy, but whose views on any proposals that might be developed to alter the local parking regime must be carefully borne in mind;**
- 6. Noted that the road network in St. Andrew's Park comprised a mixture of adopted and unadopted highway, which has a bearing on the type and extent of any parking management regime(s) in the area;**
- 7. Asked officers to investigate the feasibility of employing a School Crossing Patrol Officer;**
- 8. Asked officers to review the current land ownership on the development and if appropriate, liaises with them on the suggestion to allow parking**

for the school for the purpose of picking up/setting down;

- 9. Asked officers to undertake further investigations, based on the testimony of the petitioners and the views of Ward Members and any other key stakeholders whose input he may wish to direct, and to then report back to him for further consideration.**

Reason for decision

The Cabinet Member discussed with petitioners their concerns and added their request to the parking schemes programme.

Alternative options considered and rejected

The options were discussed with the petitioners.

5. PETITION REQUESTING A RESIDENTS ONLY PARKING MANAGEMENT SCHEME IN CONEY GROVE, UXBRIDGE

The Cabinet Member considered a petition from residents of Coney Grove requesting a resident only parking management scheme. In support of the petition, the petitioners spoke of their concerns and suggestions including the following:

- *There were eight parking bays owned by Catalyst Housing Group. Residents requested the adoption of these parking bays and for them to be controlled by the Council.*
- *There were a number of new restaurants in the area that affected the amount of available parking for residents.*
- *As a result of the success of the local restaurants there was an increase in anti social behaviour and noise in the area.*
- *Coney Grove had been impacted the most negatively as it was closest to the restaurants and it deserved its own separate parking scheme. Petitioners wanted a separate parking scheme from Harlington Road.*
- *People parked on the pavement outside the pub which meant that people would have to walk on the road.*

The Chairman read a statement from Cllr Mills, Ward Councillor, into the record which stated:

Good evening,

Unfortunately I am unable to attend in person tonight, but as Ward Councillor, would like to add my support to the petition to consider a residents only parking management scheme within Coney Grove, Hillingdon.

Following the change of operation of the Prince of Wales Pub on Harlington Road, to a restaurant there has been a significant increase in visitor parking in Coney Grove, which is opposite the restaurant.

The Cabinet Member will already be aware that a petition has already been received

and heard by residents of Harlington Road who were concerned about this issue and that a consultation will commence with residents in that road shortly.

The lead petitioner for a Coney Grove scheme has contacted me many times in advance of this petition hearing to confirm that they would like to see a scheme specifically for the residents of Coney Grove, separate to the scheme proposed for Harlington Road.

I am happy to support this proposal, and would encourage a consultation with residents in Coney Grove to be undertaken, wherein it is made clear to them that if they opt for a separate scheme to the overall Harlington Road one, they would not be permitted to park on the main road either.

new restaurants in An extension to the Cowley Parking Management Scheme was offered to residents five or six years ago. At the time residents from St David Close requested to be excluded from the scheme.

Councillor Brian Stead attended the meeting and spoke as Ward Councillor in support of the petition. He supported the comments made by the residents and submitted that the residents had put up with a lot given the anti social behaviour within the area.

Councillor Burrows listened to the concerns of the petitioners and responded to the points raised. He noted the recent petition at Harlington Road. He clarified that parking could not be enforced through CCTV. He acknowledged the concerns raised and suggested adding Coney Grove to the parking management programme.

In considering the matters, Councillors Burrows made the following decisions.

RESOLVED -

Meeting with the Petitioners, the Cabinet Member:

- 1. Listened to their request for the introduction of a residents' only parking scheme in Coney Grove, Uxbridge**
- 2. Asked officers to add the request to the Council's extensive parking programme for further informal consultation and decides if a scheme should be proposed specifically for the residents of Coney Grove, Uxbridge.**

Reason for decisions

The Cabinet Member discussed with petitioners their concerns and added their request to the parking schemes programme.

Alternative options considered and rejected

These were discussed with petitioners

6. ROCKINGHAM ROAD, UXBRIDGE - PETITION CONCERNED WITH EXCESSIVE TRAFFIC SPEEDS AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

The Cabinet Member considered a petition from residents raising concerns with excessive traffic speeds and pedestrian safety on Rockingham Road, Uxbridge. In support of the petition, the petitioners spoke of their concerns and suggestions including the following:

- *Concerns were raised regarding road safety from the traffic lights.*
- *Cars travelled too fast and there was always traffic.*
- *Pavements were too narrow there was a serious concerns for young children crossing the road*
- *There was a lack of school warning signs.*
- *Large vehicles drove too close to the pavement causing concerns.*
- *Requested speed bumps to encourage people to reduce their speed.*
- *This was the only way from the school to the town centre and there were serious concerns.*

Councillor Judith Cooper attended the meeting and spoke as Ward Councillor in support of the petition. She reiterated the view of residents and said that they had the best experience of the road as they used it very often. There were issues with traffic, congestion, the location of buildings and the pavements were too narrow. She wanted to see parents being encouraged to travel through the park.

With the Chairman's permission a member of the Governors' team for St Marys School spoke in support of the petition and provided the school's perspective. The School Governor told the Cabinet Member that there was congestion around the school and engines were often left running contributing to the bad atmosphere. Roads were adjacent to the playgrounds and a lot of congestion was caused by vehicles using the roundabouts. He suggested some form of box junction to help reduce the congestion in the area and encourage a smoother flow of traffic.

Councillor Burrows listened to the concerns of the petitioners and responded to the points raised. Councillor Burrows acknowledged the concerns raised regarding the design of the bridge as it was steep. He asked officers to check ownership of the bridge to consider if there were any options that could be taken.

Councillor Burrows noted the specific concerns about air quality at the school and commented that the Council is working on a programme of measures looking at identifying such sites where air quality is an issue, and also bringing forward various proposals designed to help address the problem. With this in mind, he would be pleased to add St. Marys School to the forward programme for further investigation.

In considering the matters, Councillor Burrows made the following decisions.

RESOLVED -

Meeting with the Petitioners, the Cabinet Member:

- 1. Listened to their concerns with excessive traffic speeds and pedestrian**

safety on Rockingham Road/St John's Road, Uxbridge.

2. **Asked officers to undertake traffic surveys, at locations agreed by the petitioners and then report back to the Cabinet Member.**
3. **Asked officers in the Road Safety and School Travel Team to contact St Mary's Catholic Primary School and invited them to meet with the team in order to assist the school in developing their School Travel Plan.**
4. **Asked officers to inspect signage in the area and report back to the Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling.**
5. **Asked officers to look at St Mary's School as part of future surveys on air quality.**

Reason for decision

The petition hearing provided a valuable opportunity to hear directly from the petitioners of their concerns and suggestions.

Alternative options considered and rejected

None.

7. PETITION 'WEST END ROAD BUS STOP SOUTH OF WINGFIELD WAY'

The Cabinet Member considered a petition from residents of living in the vicinity of the bus stop along West End Road south of Wingfield Way, South Ruislip. In support of the petition, the petitioners spoke of their concerns and suggestions including the following:

- *Residents were afraid to use the bus stop as it was unsafe.*
- *Residents had to stand behind the bus stop as they were too afraid to down due to its closeness to the road.*
- *There dangerous cycles and bicycle riders could be knocked down.*
- *They suggested turning the bus stop around to enable residents to use the bench to sit down.*
- *Requested side panels to avoid windy and wet weather conditions.*
- *Residents preferred to taxis to do their shopping rather than using the buses.*

Councillor Allan Kauffman attended the meeting and spoke as Ward Councillor in support of the petition. He reiterated that the view of residents and said that many residents used taxis as it was not safe. There was another bus stop on West End road that was back facing, and this was well used. He also questioned the safeness of disabled access.

Councillor Burrows listened to the concerns of the petitioners and responded to the points raised. Councillor Burrows acknowledged that this bus stop was develop d in 2016 based on resident request. This went through a consultation period and was supported by residents. The bus stop had been the subject to an accessibility test and no access issues were found. Safety Audits had also been carried out and it was

found to be fine. There was risk that turning the bus stop around may restrict the viewing of oncoming traffic and buses

David Knowles, Head of Transport and Town Centre Projects, said that in delivering any scheme of this nature there was a need to find a fair, reasonable and safe compromise between the different users. In this case, the designers working with TfL had sought to find a solution which was the optimum for cyclists and adequate for users of the bus stop. Because of the size and location of the shelter, a glass panel of the kind sometimes used to reduce the impact of the weather could not have been considered with the shelter installed, and there would also be concerns about the visibility implications, even if an end panel was made of glass. It was recognised that whilst the bus shelter as installed by TfL was not inherently unsafe, it was nevertheless a matter of concern to the petitioners and so he suggested that this area be looked at again and see if there was a better location for the bus stop. Councillor Burrows agreed that this should be arranged.

In considering the matters, Councillors Burrows made the following decisions.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Cabinet Member:

- 1. Met with and listened to the petitioners' concerns;**
- 2. Advised petitioners that bus stops and bus stop infrastructure were principally the responsibility of Transport for London (TfL) and their subsidiary London Buses;**
- 3. Noted that the bus stop in West End Road near Wingfield Way was slightly altered to accommodate a shared cycle/ footway which, as the Cabinet member was aware, was implemented in response to an earlier petition from local residents;**
- 4. Noted that as part of the scheme referenced under (3) above, the bus stop had been subject to a road safety audit and a bus stop accessibility audit both 'before' and 'after' implementation of the scheme, and the layout was found to be in accordance with current design standards;**
- 5. Noted that in response to enquiries by the Council in the wake of the petition, the police stressed the road safety importance of clear sight-lines between drivers travelling north along A4180 West End Road and drivers leaving Wingfield Way;**
- 6. Noted that locating the bus shelter further away from the carriageway would significantly compromise the design standard for the width of the shared use path width behind it;**
- 7. Notwithstanding the above, asked officers to consider any further testimony from petitioners, and if deemed appropriate, to undertake further investigation and report back to him; and**

8. Asked officers to meet with TFL to work out current location and design at the bus stop and report to the Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling.

Reason for decisions

The petition hearing provided the opportunity to discuss with the petitioners' their concerns and aspirations.

Alternative options considered and rejected

None.

8. PETITION REQUESTING A RESIDENTS' PERMIT PARKING SCHEME IN MERTON AVENUE, HILLINGDON

The Cabinet Member considered a petition from residents of Merton Avenue requesting a residents' permit parking scheme. In support of the petition, the petitioners spoke of their concerns and suggestions including the following:

- *Following the implementation of a parking scheme in Victoria Road some time ago, there had been a domino effect as there was now limited parking for residents.*
- *Most of the residents had drop curbs which reduced the amount of available space.*
- *The area was heavily congested by commuters who used the road as parking.*
- *The main issues occurred between the junctions of Victoria Avenue and Merton Way and this was the most heavily congested.*
- *The petitioner requested more available parking not only for residents but for other people visiting the road.*

Councillor Wayne Bridges attended the meeting and spoke as Ward Councillor in support of the petition. He reiterated the petitioners' concerns and said that there had been a knock on effect on close by roads. Since the initial consultation, residents now had a change of heart.

Councillor Alan Chapman indicated that he fully supported residents and the scheme. Traffic in the area was getting worse and the position would deteriorate further as there was a new development being completed nearby.

Councillor Burrows listened to the concerns of the petitioners and responded to the points raised. He explained that the during the consultation each road was treated individually. It was agreed that consultation would take place that would look at local areas to consider the impact of any proposed parking.

In considering the matters, Councillors Burrows made the following decisions.

RESOLVED -

Meeting with the Petitioners, the Cabinet Member:

- 1. Listened to their request for the introduction of a residents' permit parking scheme in Merton Avenue, Hillingdon.**
- 2. Decided that the request for a residents' permit parking scheme to be introduced in Merton Avenue, Hillingdon and possibly roads in the surrounding area should be added to the Council's future parking scheme programme for further investigation and more detailed consultation when resources permit.**
- 3. Following discussions with Ward Councillors, asks officers to include Merton Avenue and Richmond Avenue in the consultation.**

Reason for decisions

The Cabinet Member discussed with petitioners their concerns and added their request to the parking schemes programme.

Alternative options considered and rejected

These were discussed with petitioners

These are the minutes of the above meeting. For more information on any of the resolutions please contact Anisha Teji on 01895 277655. Circulation of these minutes is to Councillors, Officers, the Press and Members of the Public.