

Minutes

PETITION HEARING - CABINET MEMBER FOR PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION & RECYCLING

23 FEBRUARY 2011

Meeting held at Committee Room 3 - Civic Centre,
High Street, Uxbridge UB8 1UW



	<p>Committee Members Present: Councillor Keith Burrows</p> <p>LBH Officers Present: David Knowles (Service Manager, Highways Improvement Projects), Danielle Watson (Parking Technician, Improvement Projects) and Khalid Ahmed (Democratic Services Manager).</p> <p>Also Present: Councillors Philip Corthorne, Dominic Gilham and John Hensley.</p>	
1.	<p>TO CONFIRM THAT THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IN PUBLIC. (<i>Agenda Item 1</i>)</p> <p>RESOLVED: That all items be considered in public.</p>	Action by
2.	<p>FALLING LANE, YIEWSLEY – PETITION REQUESTING TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES (<i>Agenda Item 3</i>)</p> <p>Councillor Gilham as Ward Councillor attended the meeting and spoke as a Ward Councillor in support of the petition.</p> <p><i>Concerns and suggestions raised at the meeting included the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Falling Lane linked High Street Yiewsley in the west to Stockley Road in the east and the road generated a high number of Heavy Good Vehicles and traffic which travelled to and from Uxbridge and the M4 via the A408 Stockley Bypass</i>• <i>There had been a total of 11 Police recorded accidents on this stretch of Falling Lane and particular mention was made of an accident which took place close to the Nag's Head Public House where a car driver had to be cut from their car</i>• <i>Inconsiderate driving was taking place by drivers who were speeding on a road which was close to a number of schools, including Stockley Academy which was a school which one of the children of the lead petitioner attended</i>• <i>There had been a Facebook campaign on speeding vehicles on Falling Lane which had generated 900 responses from people</i>• <i>Discussions had taken place with the Safer Neighbourhood Team and from six camera operations, 41 drivers had been stopped for speeding, with 35 drivers being local residents who</i>	Action by David Knowles / Hayley Thomas

would be expected to know the local speed limits

- *The installation of Vehicle Activated Signs would be effective in slowing vehicles down*
- *The opening of a new supermarket on Falling Lane would impact on traffic movements*

Councillor Burrows listened to the concerns of the petitioner and responded to the points raised.

Councillor Burrows referred to the Colham roundabout and the lack of lane markings and asked that officers carry out border lane markings which would improve road safety at this location. He agreed that there had been an increase in traffic in the area and this would further increase when the new supermarket opens.

Discussion took place on the possible locations on Falling Lane where traffic surveys could take place and these were agreed with the petitioner.

RESOLVED: That the Cabinet Member:

- 1. considered the petitioner's request and discussed her concerns and explored potential options to address the issues that would be acceptable to local residents and businesses.**
- 2. instructs officers to conduct further investigations into possible traffic calming measures under the Road Safety Programme.**
- 3. asks officers to undertake traffic surveys at the three sites on Falling Lane agreed with the petitioner to establish the volumes and speeds of traffic.**
- 4. asks officers to explore options to deploy the Council's vehicle activated slow down signs in Falling Lane, if traffic survey speeds from the three sites on Falling Lane support this.**
- 5. asks officers to liaise with the local Safer Neighbourhoods Team.**

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The success of traffic calming measures are largely successful if they are acceptable to local residents and businesses. These can be identified with petitioners for further detailed investigation by officers within the Road Safety Programme.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

These were discussed with petitioners.

<p>3.</p>	<p>YEADING LANE / WILLOW TREE LANE SERVICE ROAD, HAYES – REQUEST FOR PARKING / LOADING RESTRICTIONS (<i>Agenda Item 4</i>)</p> <p>The Lead Petitioner and Ward Councillors for this item did not attend the meeting although they had been invited.</p> <p>Councillor Keith Burrows asked that Ward Councillors be contacted to ask for their views on the recommendations detailed in the report before he made any decision on the request.</p>	<p>Action by</p> <p>David Knowles / Hayley Thomas</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>KING EDWARDS ROAD, RUISLIP – PETITION OBJECTING TO THE EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC ORDER (<i>Agenda Item 5</i>)</p> <p>Councillor Philip Corthorne attended the meeting and spoke as a Ward Councillor in support of the experimental traffic order but expressing some sympathy to the view of the petitioners.</p> <p><i>Concerns and suggestions raised at the meeting included the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>There had been a number of complaints regarding the experimental traffic order on King Edwards Road which had reduced parking on King Edwards Road for patients and doctors of the Medical Centre</i> • <i>Many of the patients who visited the Medical Centre were elderly and had limited mobility but did not qualify for a Blue Badge so a lack of parking close to the Medical Centre caused them problems</i> • <i>The Lead Petitioner had not appreciated that Blue Badge holders could park on yellow lines</i> • <i>The Medical Centre had 3,200 patients, 170 doctor appointments and 40 nurse appointments a week, which generated a lot of car traffic to the Centre</i> • <i>An option could be to have no waiting restrictions on one side of King Edwards Road to facilitate parking for visitors to the Medical Centre</i> • <i>Another option could be to have limited waiting restrictions which would not block the road at all times</i> • <i>The Ward Councillor suggested that consideration could be given to the creation of 3 or 4 parking bays for the Medical Centre</i> <p>Councillor Burrows listened to the concerns of the petitioner and responded to the points raised. Councillor Burrows reported that he had received a number of letters from residents of King Edwards Road who supported the retention of the waiting restrictions.</p> <p>Councillor Burrows referred to the consultation prior to the introduction of the Experimental Traffic Order, where there had been no response to the proposals for waiting restrictions from the Medical Centre. The</p>	<p>Action by</p> <p>David Knowles / Catherine Freeman</p>

	<p>consultation results had indicated support for Monday – Saturday, 8am-6.30pm waiting restrictions on both sides of King Edwards Road and ‘At any time’ waiting restrictions on the junction with Church Avenue.</p> <p>Councillor Burrows agreed that a compromise solution could be found to accommodate parking close to the Medical Centre and asked that officers have a sympathetic look at the issues in consultation with Ward Councillors.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Cabinet Member:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. met with the petitioner and discussed in greater detail their concerns regarding the waiting restrictions introduced on a section of King Edwards Road under an Experimental Traffic Order. 2. asks officers to investigate options to possibly modify the waiting restrictions and report back to the Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation & Recycling and Ward Councillors, to enable a final decision to be made. <p>REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>To investigate the petitioners’ concerns in further detail.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED</p> <p>To investigate the petitioners’ concerns in further detail.</p>	
5.	<p>ELEANOR GROVE, RECTORY WAY AND ADJACENT ROADS – PETITION REQUESTING A PARKING MANAGEMENT SCHEME <i>(Agenda Item 6)</i></p> <p>Councillor John Hensley attended the meeting and spoke as a Ward Councillor in support of the petition.</p> <p><i>Concerns and suggestions raised at the meeting included the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• The new “Stop & Shop” parking scheme in Ickenham had displaced cars into the residential areas of Eleanor Grove, Rectory Way and adjacent roads</i> <i>• The roads were close to Ickenham Underground Station which was used by commuters into London. They used the roads for long term parking</i> <i>• The roads were also being used by people who worked in local shops and businesses</i> <i>• The roads were narrow and the parking of vehicles on both sides of the road caused difficulties for local residents in terms of accessing their drives and garages and also caused access problems for the emergency services</i> 	<p>Action by</p> <p>David Knowles / Kevin Urquhart</p>

	<p>Councillor Burrows listened to the concerns of the petitioners and responded to the points raised. He also noted the photographs which the lead petitioner had presented to him which highlighted the problems of parking in the area.</p> <p>Councillor Burrows informed the petitioners that he had received letters from residents in the area, one of which was objecting to any proposals for a residents only parking scheme. Councillor Burrows advised that if approval was given to a parking scheme in the aforementioned roads, there could be a resultant knock on effect of transferring commuter and other parking into other nearby roads.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Cabinet Member:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. discussed with petitioners and listened to their request for a residents only parking scheme. 2. adds the request for a residents only parking scheme in Eleanor Grove, Rectory Way and adjacent roads to the Council's Parking Programme. 3. asks officers to liaise with local Ward Councillors to agree a viable consultation area for a possible area wide Parking Management Scheme. <p>REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>Residents have made a request for a residents only parking scheme in Eleanor Grove, Rectory Way and other roads in the surrounding area and inclusion on the parking programme will allow subsequent consultation with all residents within the area.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED</p> <p>None as the Council will be guided by the views of the residents resulting from subsequent consultation.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>ROBINWOOD GROVE, HILLINGDON – PETITION REQUESTING A RESIDENTS' PARKING SCHEME (<i>Agenda Item 7</i>)</p> <p>At the request of the petitioners, consideration of this petition was deferred to a future meeting.</p>	<p>Action by</p> <p>David Knowles / Danielle Watson</p>
<p>The meeting, which commenced at 7.00 pm, closed at 8.25 pm.</p>		

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