

Cabinet Highways Committee

Meeting held 8 November 2012

PRESENT: Councillors Leigh Bramall (Chair), Harry Harpham, Bryan Lodge and Mazher Iqbal (Substitute Member)

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 An apology for absence was received from Councillor Jack Scott and Councillor Mazher Iqbal attended the meeting as the duly appointed substitute.

2. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

2.1 No items were identified where resolutions may be moved to exclude the public and press.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 11 October 2012 were approved as a correct record.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

5.1 There were no public questions or petitions.

6. ITEMS CALLED IN FOR SCRUTINY/REFERRED TO CABINET HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

6.1 There were no items called-in for Scrutiny or referred to the Cabinet Highways Committee.

7. PETITIONS

7.1 New Petitions

The Committee noted for information the receipt of petitions (a) containing 18 signatures requesting resident only parking notices on Farm Bank Road and that a report would be submitted to a future meeting of the East Community Assembly, (b) containing 7 signatures requesting changes to the parking restrictions for Highfield Business Parking Permit Holders and that a report would be submitted to a future meeting of this Highways Committee, (c) containing 55 signatures requesting pedestrian crossing facilities on Fitzwilliam Street and that the Cabinet Member had responded directly to this, (d) containing 61 signatures requesting

road safety measures at the junction of Welbeck Road and Fern Road and that a report would be submitted to a future meeting of the Central Community Assembly, (e) containing 40 signatures requesting road safety measures at the junction of Uppertorpe/Springvale Road/Commonside and that a response to this would be included in an update report to be submitted to a future meeting of this Highways Committee and (f) containing 47 signatures requesting help with overgrown trees and woodland area adjacent to Greystones Road between golf course and Hangingwater Road and that this request would be forwarded to AMEY for consideration as part of their Streets Ahead programme.

8. NEW JUNCTION DESIGN AND HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH A NEW ASDA SUPERSTORE, DRAKEHOUSE

8.1 The Executive Director, Place submitted a report providing details of the new highway improvement works associated with the new Asda store which is to be built off Waterthorpe Greenway. The report informed Members of the public consultation that had been undertaken associated with these works and sought approval for the design and implementation of the highway improvement proposals.

8.2 **RESOLVED:** That the highway improvement works for the Asda store off Waterthorpe Greenway be approved as set out in the report and shown on drawing number 60220606-M029-D (Rev A3).

8.3 Reasons for Decision

8.3.1 To facilitate the construction of the new retail store, these improvements were seen as an essential element to ensure safe access to the site was provided and the impact of the new development traffic was mitigated, as far as was reasonably practical. The proposals addressed the requirements of the planning consent granted by the Planning Board.

8.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected

8.4.1 In the Transport Assessment (TA) undertaken to support the planning application for the new store, the developer's consultants identified the mitigation measures which subsequently formed the basis of the relevant conditions to the planning consent granted for the store.

8.4.2 As part of this planning process a number of alternative access layouts were considered including the provision of a new roundabout rather than a signalised junction, following a detailed review of these options it was concluded that the signalised junction solution offered the best all round solution.

8.5 Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted

None

8.6 Reason for Exemption if Public/Press Excluded During Consideration

None

8.7 Respective Director Responsible for Implementation

Simon Green, Executive Director, Place

8.8 Relevant Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee If Decision Called In

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9. OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED ROAD SAFETY SCHEME ON EAST BANK ROAD

9.1 The Executive Director, Place submitted a report on objections to a proposed Traffic Regulation Order associated with the East Bank Road Zebra Crossing Scheme for the East Community Assembly.

9.2 Additional representations received following the circulation of the report were circulated from a local resident outlining an objection to the scheme.

9.3 Pam Jessinger, representing the Hurlfield Court Residents Association, attended the meeting to make representations on behalf of the Association. She commented that she didn't believe children would use the crossing as expected. She was particularly concerned, however, that, as a result of the proposals people would park on her drive and the drives of the other residents of Hurlfield Court and asked if any measures could be introduced to prevent this.

9.4 In response, the Head of Transport, Traffic and Parking Services commented that it may be possible to introduce measures to prevent people parking on residents drives and discussions could be held with residents as to the most appropriate measures which could be introduced.

9.5 **RESOLVED:** That the Committee:-

- (a) overrules the objections to the waiting restrictions in the interests of road safety and the Traffic Regulation Order be made in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984;
- (b) approves the construction of the scheme, as shown in Appendix C of the report;
- (c) requests that officers liaise with the residents association from Hurlfield Court about measures to prevent displaced parking on this private road; and
- (d) requests that the objectors be informed accordingly.

9.3 Reasons for Decision

9.3.1 There have been four injury accidents in the last five years in this location all involving school age pedestrians. Therefore, the road safety advantages of installing these measures outweighed the concerns of local residents.

9.3.2 The Traffic Regulation Order for this scheme to provide waiting restrictions was considered a necessary part of the scheme. The East Community Assembly had considered the objections to the waiting restrictions and had decided that the advantages of the scheme outweighed any possible disadvantages to the objectors.

9.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected

9.4.1 Moving the Zebra Crossing was considered following comments from residents but there were safety concerns raised about drivers turning left from Hurlfield Road to East Bank Road who would be too close to the crossing to achieve adequate forward visibility which may result in a collision with a pedestrian on the crossing.

9.4.2 Reducing the length of waiting restrictions and allowing further (off carriageway) parking than that shown in Appendix C of the report was considered following residents comments. However, this would reduce visibility to below an acceptable level for that of a Zebra Crossing.

9.5 Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted

None

9.6 Reason for Exemption if Public/Press Excluded During Consideration

None

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