

**CABINET MEMBER FOR TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION
SPECIAL DECISION MEETING**

RECORD OF THE DECISIONS taken by the Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation at his special meeting held on Friday 5 October 2012 at 10.00am in the Executive Meeting Room, Floor 3 of The Guildhall, Portsmouth.

Councillor Jason Fazackarley welcomed opposition spokesperson Councillor Luke Stubbs (conservative) and officers and members of the public to the meeting.

43. Apologies (AI 1)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Jim Patey, spokesperson for the Labour Group.

44. Declarations of Members' Interests (AI 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

45. Deferred item from 27 September 2012 decision meeting: Traffic Regulation Order: The Portsmouth City Council (North Kings Area) (Residents' Parking Places and Prohibition of Waiting) (No.19) Order 2012 (AI 3)

(TAKE IN REPORT BY THE HEAD OF TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT)

Nikki Musson, Operational Transport Planner, introduced the report and explained that Councillor Fazackarley had agreed to defer this item at his decision meeting on 27 September as there had been a technical issue with the notification process.

There were a number of deputations, who are listed below along with points which were raised in their representations. There were also written deputations submitted from Mr Paul Newcombe, Mr William Portal (a resident of Duncan Road), Jon Sumpter (a resident of Livingstone Road), Mr Phil Wright, Mr Andrew Wain and Mr James Foreman (residents of Havelock Road).

Councillor Hugh Mason spoke on his own behalf and on behalf of 7 residents of Wilson Grove – welcome recommendation 2 and ask that a decision be deferred until the Albert Road traffic scheme has been agreed. Evening parking demand is huge and there is an over congestion in this area. Request deferral until the city wide parking review has been considered.

Mrs Barbara Jones – do not support proposed changes. Survey forms should be reworded to explain no return is not 'no issue'. Parts of the community are being treated unequally. Non car owner council tax payer does not get free permit like the car owner. Still have to pay for our visitors. How can PCC justify treating residents so unequally.

Mr Graham Wright – need a wide range strategy approach. Proposals have a knock on effect and include no guarantee of a parking space.

Mr Mike Johns, resident of Inglis Road - there is no clear picture of what everyone wants. It needs to be introduced to the whole area or not at all. The council charge £20 if you change your vehicle and are in a residents only parking scheme. Residents are not made aware of this.

Mr Steven Lympny – Portsmouth gets more populated each year. People will have to pay to park. Schemes need to be making a profit otherwise not optional as a business proposition. Too many residents have an apathetic nature which is not a form of consent.

Mr Derek Mottershead, resident of Inglis Road – am a private resident and a tax payer. Feel I have the civic right to park near to my property. There is a serious problem with parking in the early evening/night. Residents with more than one car per property put an imposition on to their neighbours and should therefore pay for more permits. Scheme should be able to accommodate all our needs. Residents have been given the opportunity to express their views.

Karen Murphy, Red White and Blue, Fawcett Road – I don't live at my premises but work a 12-15hour shift. My car is registered at my home address. How will I be able to park? Customers who normally drive to the pub, park and then taxi home will now have to pay to park their cars. I will lose trade and customers.

Mrs C Carrell – Campbell and Chelsea Roads are impossible to park in whereas Havelock and Livingstone have plenty of room to park. Campbell Road is very much a student area, with large properties with drives and forecourts.

Councillor Lee Hunt – parking is not a problem unique to Portsmouth. Residents Only Parking zones are an issue. Can understand the views of residents in Campbell Road. Would ask you to implement scheme north of Lorne and Livingstone Roads. Feel residents parking should be overall and not piecemeal.

Mr Chris Gilsenan, resident of Campbell Road – cannot park on my property as in a conservation area. Would like residents only parking if the surrounding roads have it. Parking is impossible outside of my property and have lost 3 sales due to the lack of available parking close by.

Mr Mason – would ask for restrictions on properties in conservation areas to enable residents to put parking in our forecourts. We have that facility and yet are unable to use it.

Mr Colin Mullins, resident of eastern end of Campbell Road – both wife and I are in favour of residents only parking. There are lots of flats and more than one car families in the area. It is near impossible to park in the evenings and

weekends. You can drive around for over 20 minutes trying to find somewhere to park. Parking zones LB and MB have caused a parking overspill in our area.

Mr Ceril Platt, resident of Chelsea Road – I have recently suffered a stroke and have a friend who helps me and drives for me. Am worried about where my carer is going to be able to park, particularly at the weekends.

Nikki Musson, Operational Transport Planner, addressed some of the points which had been raised by the deputations. The Red, White and Blue PH is not to be included within the parking scheme, but were it to be then Ms Murphy could apply for a business permit which would allow her to park near to the pub. The Orchard Road scheme is the only scheme to have caused displacement.

Denise Bastow, the Parking Office Manager, explained that in future the civil enforcement officers will transmit vehicle registrations via their handheld and any vehicles not registered in the parking scheme will be notified. The £20 charge does not cover the administration costs.

Councillor Fazackarley agreed with Mrs Jones' point that there is no benefit to the non car owner and endeavoured to highlight this point during the review process. He also agreed to continue support a 'no charge' for the first permit.

Councillor Luke Stubbs commented that Eastney and Craneswater will end up with any overspill. Residents in my ward do not want residents only parking but that may change if they are battered by these schemes. It appears that most of the problems are caused by MB zone. Commuter parking is always an issue as there is no parking available at the train stations. Councillor Stubbs submitted a petition from 86 residents in his ward, saying no to residents parking.

Councillor Jason Fazackarley thanked all of the deputations for coming today and for their views. He explained that it is difficult to achieve a fine balance and therefore agreed to defer this scheme as he felt it would only exacerbate problems elsewhere.

DECISION: Councillor Fazackarley deferred making a decision until his December Decision Meeting, so as to allow the results of the Residents Parking Review and the Bramble Road area residents parking survey to be taken into consideration.

The meeting concluded at 11.55am.

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Councillor Jason Fazackarley
Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation