

CABINET MEMBER FOR TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION

RECORD OF DECISIONS taken by the Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation, Councillor Jim Fleming, at his meeting held on Thursday, 16 March 2017 at 4.00 pm in the The Executive Meeting Room - Third Floor, The Guildhall

Present

Councillor Jim Fleming

Councillor Lynne Stagg
Councillor Yahiya Chowdhury

8. Apologies (AI 1)

Councillor Stuart Potter had sent his apologies for absence.

9. Declarations of Members' Interests (AI 2)

There were no declarations of members' interests.

10. Traffic Regulation Order 10/2017 (AI 3)

Pam Turton, Assistant Director of Transport, Environment & Business Support, presented the report, and the reasons for the recommendations.

Deputations were made, which are summarised.

- (i) Mr I Ogilvie spoke in support of the recommendation for Stirling Street and circulated an email to Councillor Madden. He felt that the road was too narrow for parking on both sides of Stirling Street, and there were bottlenecks occurring in Gamble Road and Malins Road. There were a lot of disabled residents living on the opposite side who found it hard to get their cars out. The concern was that traffic would back up to Washington Road. He supported the proposed provision of parking spaces.
- (ii) Mr J Baker spoke regarding Mulberry Lane who was concerned regarding residents' parking zones in Cosham as the area was not the same as in the South of the city, there were smaller problems being caused by parking in this area with NHS and school workers parking during the work day. He was pleased that there had been an amendment to the proposal for the extension of double yellow lines on the even side of Mulberry Lane, and there would be better access and the corner junction would be clearer. He was also concerned that when vans parked both sides of the road these caused problems, and the safety of schoolchildren was very important. Therefore double yellow lines on the west side of Mulberry Lane would be beneficial. He suggested that there

should be a partial one-way system from Mulberry Avenue to Park Lane, with the northern section remaining two-way.

Councillor Stagg suggested that as there were further suggestions from residents it may be worthwhile delaying implementation to look at the alternatives. Councillor Chowdhury also felt these were worth investigating. With regard to Copnor Road, Councillor Stagg was also aware of the concerns of the Portsmouth Cycle Forum but she did not think that the proposal made it more dangerous for cyclists.

Councillor Fleming thanked both deputations and he had also read the written representations sent in. He undertook to ask the officers to investigate the suggestion regarding Mulberry Avenue to see if it was suitable for partial one-way traffic. Councillor Fleming stressed that the decisions to be taken would not preclude later adjustments, following analysis of the suggestions. Some of the problems that had occurred in Cosham were due to the effects of the residents' parking zone which needed to be dealt with, and he thanked the residents for their suggestions. At Copnor Road Councillor Fleming also thought that the proposal was not detrimental to cyclists and he hoped that this would alleviate parking pressure there.

DECISIONS:

- (1) Heron Close: that the double yellow lines are installed as proposed under TRO 10/2017;**
- (2) Mulberry Lane: that the proposed double yellow lines and reduction of existing double yellow lines are implemented as proposed under TRO 10/2017, with the exception of the 5-metre double yellow line reduction on the north side where Mulberry Lane meets Park Lane;**
- (3) Park Lane: that the proposed reduction in double yellow lines is implemented as proposed under TRO 10/2017;**
- (4) Stirling Street: that the proposed change from double yellow lines to a single yellow line (to enable evening and overnight parking) is not implemented, and is deleted from TRO 10/2017;**
- (5) Copnor Road: that the proposed change of restriction from double yellow lines to a single yellow line (14-metre length) is implemented as proposed under TRO 10/2017;**
- (6) George Street: that the proposed change of restriction from double yellow lines to a single yellow line (5-metre length on each side) is implemented as proposed under TRO 10/2017.**

11. LTP Implementation Plan (AI 4)

Pam Turton, Assistant Director of Transport, Environment & Business Support, presented the report.

Councillor Stagg questioned if the Eastern Road was to be widened and if so where and if the reduced lanes would be returning to two lanes as this would have safety implications. Councillor Stagg was also concerned regarding the air quality implications, with the only particulate sensor being sited in Gatcombe Park (which is 100m away from the main road) and she felt this would be more effective if sited at Velder Avenue. She also asked about the Kirpal Road traffic lights and whether these would be re-installed.

Councillor Fleming stated that this report confirms that work will only be started after a feasibility study is carried out.

Alan Cufley, as Director of Transport, Environment & Business Support, responded that any proposed widening would be only determined by study and analysis and would cover the whole corridor not just the Eastern Road. He also clarified that there was close work with colleagues in Environmental Health regarding air quality monitoring and some of the sensors belong to DEFRA. He confirmed that the Kirpal Road junction would be part of the study of junctions and accident statistics but it was premature to say what the outcome would be. The aim was also to improve the alternative routes for cycling.

Councillor Fleming, as Cabinet Member, was pleased that detailed work would be undertaken and he hoped that there would be a significant impact in addressing traffic congestion.

The Cabinet Member:

- (1) Approved the LTP3 Implementation Plan, eastern corridor road link improvements and the improvements to neighbourhood living and street environment.**
- (2) Delegated authority to the Director for Transport, Environment and Business Support in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation and the Section 151 Officer to agree any minor amendments to the Implementation Plan that may be required to take account of future funding changes and policy announcements.**

12. Air Quality Strategy (AI 5)

Pam Turton, Assistant Director of Transport, Environment & Business Support, presented the report and accompanying draft strategy which set out the importance of clean air; it is estimated that there are 95 early deaths per annum in the city for which air pollution is a contributory factor. The draft strategy (appendix A) sets out the areas for renewed focus and improvement, partnership working and the need to engage the public via consultation.

Councillor Stagg welcomed the report and reiterated her comment regarding particulate sensors at Gatcombe Park which she felt were not at the right site. She would be interested to know more about the consultation process. It was

reported that there would be consultation groups as well as online surveys and other methods of engagement would be considered to attract a wide range of responses. Alan Cufley, Director of Transport, Environment & Business Support, suggested that ward councillors also publicise this at their surgeries.

Councillor Fleming, as Cabinet Member, was pleased to have this report come forward with the first draft air quality strategy for the City Council which would now need to go out to consultation and he looked forward to hearing back from all those involved, including agencies and individual members of the public.

DECISION: approval was given to consult on the draft Air Quality Strategy.

The meeting concluded at 4.40 pm.

Councillor Jim Fleming
Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation