

CABINET MEMBER FOR TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION

RECORD OF DECISIONS taken by the Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation, Councillor Simon Boshier, at his meeting held on Monday, 17 July 2017 at 4.00 pm in the The Executive Meeting Room - Third Floor, The Guildhall

Present

Councillor Simon Boshier

Councillor Lynne Stagg

1. Apologies (AI 1)

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of Members' Interests (AI 2)

There were no declarations of members' interests.

3. TRO 38 Warblington Street Disabled Parking Bay (AI 3)

Pam Turton, Assistant Director of Transport, Environment & Business Support, presented the report setting out the background to the siting of the parking bay and the aim to prioritise the needs of a disabled resident.

A deputation was made by Mr Christie whose points included:

- He did not wish to object to the bay but to the exact siting next to the demarcation of his garage
- It is a busy road and parked cars had been damaged
- He was concerned that there would be restricted access to his garage
- There are 4 cars' space available when considering the exact location and it would be preferable to be the 2nd space behind the proposed spot
- He requested that it be moved 76cm back so there is no overhang to the garage access
- The space could be used by any disabled badge holder

Denise Bastow, Parking Office Manager, commented on the potential of re-siting the disabled space by 76 cm, which would not give the optimum use of the highway, and explained that an extra 1m (than the applicant's vehicle length) was usually given to help with access.

In response to questions from Councillors Boshier and Stagg, Mrs Bastow reported that the existing stretch was currently marked as one long parking bay, rather than individual parking bays.

Councillor Boshier, as Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation, wanted officers to speak to the applicant and affected resident so that a compromise to be found for the granting of the Traffic Regulation Order for the parking bay whilst the exact demarcation allowed access to Mr Christie's garage.

DECISION: That the disabled bay is installed within the existing parking bay adjacent to the garden of no.2 South Normandy, just before the garage, with the exact extent of the parking space to be determined, ensuring that appropriate space is provided for the designated vehicle, and access to the garage is maintained.

4. Orkney Road Parking Bay (TRO 48/2016) (AI 4)

Pam Turton, Assistant Director of Transport, Environment & Business Support presented the report, which had been deferred from a previous Traffic & Transportation meeting in November 2016 but with the same recommendation coming forward for consideration at this meeting.

The following deputations were made, whose points are summarised:

i) Mr Sandy, spoke in support:

- These are two replacement parking bays as two had been lost when works took place for the new access road (at the former Children's Home site)
- There is a lack of on street parking in the area
- Some residents in the area had paved over their gardens for parking spaces so the area was losing greenery for concrete
- He supported the TRO as per the report

(Mr Sandy had also submitted a written deputation, and there were 2 further written deputations in support of the proposal to replace the parking spaces)

ii) Mr Dawson, spoke to object:

- Car doors would open straight onto his property as there was no pavement to protect it
- People would step straight out onto his property and trample his plants
- He may need a fence but the design was open plan
- There is pavement the other side of the road

iii) Mr M Smith, spoke to object:

- He had recently bought his property and these spaces would be directly opposite his driveway
- His father had come to the last meeting and he had not been notified of this one and only found out from another neighbour
- This would restrict access by emergency services to the road
- There was adequate spaces on driveways to accommodate visiting workmen's vehicles
- People were able to pave their frontage
- He had not been informed of the proposal when purchasing his property and it had not shown on the legal searches for the property

iv) Mr Fitzgerald, spoke to object:

- He was unhappy that photos of his builders parking on double yellow lines had been submitted, but this was unusual to have double-parking
- Workmen would usually use driveways - some drives could accommodate 4 cars
- There was more space up the other end of the road if parking was wanted there, as he felt in his stretch the driveways accommodated the needs of residents

Councillor Stagg, as spokesperson, could see both sides of the need for extra parking spaces for visitors/tradespeople but sympathised regarding Mr Dawson's garden being trodden on.

Alan Cufley, Director of Transport, Environment & Business Support gave further clarifications:

- pavements adjacent to carriageways were not always part of housing estate developments
- the spaces had been advertised in the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO 48) back in 2016
- He confirmed that no retrospective action could be taken against any infringements referred to within the deputations
- The 2 spaces were always planned to be replaced (and were reviewed by the Planning Committee in June 2015)
- The 5 written objections were from Orkney Road with the 7 representations in support coming from across the estate, including 4 from Orkney Road.

Councillor Boshier wished to have reassurance regarding emergency vehicle access to the road - Pam Turton explained the layout of the road to ensure emergency access was not impeded and the TRO had been sent to the

emergency services as part of the consultation. The tracking also meant that the driveways could be accessed.

DECISION: That the parking provision in Orkney Road be reinstated, by way of the 2-space parking bay opposite No.15A as proposed.

5. Camber - Right of Way (AI 5)

Pam Turton, Assistant Director of Transport, Environment & Business Support, presented the report which sought to formalise public access arrangements at this operational port.

A deputation was made by Ms Koor as a resident of Old Portsmouth who wished to raise her concerns as someone who ran and walked in the area and felt that there had not been adequate consultation on the public access policy and she hoped that there would be more communication with the residents. In response Ms Turton confirmed that there would be further consultation with local groups on the drafted access policy.

Councillor Boshier was mindful of the needs and powers of the Harbour Master in managing a working port. Councillor Stagg asked how often there had been restricted access to pedestrians and cyclists, as she doubted this was used very often and only when necessary. Ms Turton confirmed that the desire was to maintain access as long as possible and there would be limited closures.

DECISIONS:

(1) That no Order is made to add a Public Footpath or a Restricted Byway to the Definitive Map and Statement for Portsmouth City.

(2) The Cabinet Member noted that, in accordance with established practice, the Harbour Master finalise an Access Policy for the Camber allowing public to continue to use this area subject to the day to day running of the area as an operational Port.

(3) That the Council, as landowner, lodge a statement to the Council, as Highways Authority, under Section 31(6) of the Highways Act 1980 to clarify its position on its intention to dedicate the land as highway.

6. Road Safety and Active Travel Work Programme Priorities (AI 6)

Pam Turton, Assistant Director of Transport, Environment & Business Support, presented the report which sought approval of the work programme priorities which linked to improved health and air quality outcomes in the city.

Councillor Boshier highlighted the positive measures being taken to increase pedestrian and cyclist awareness and he welcomed the work taking place with local schools and external agencies.

Councillor Stagg asked if concerns regarding cyclists using pavements had been addressed. Ms Turton confirmed that there are enforcement campaigns

regarding visibility and 'sharing with care'. She also reported that there would be broad engagement with cyclists. Cllr Stagg suggested use of 'the Big Screen' in Guildhall Square be considered for public awareness. The work with schools targeted Years 8 & 9 as well as Years 6 & 7.

DECISION: That the Road Safety and Active Travel work programmes for cycling, pedestrians and vehicles, detailed at Appendices A, B and C to the report, be approved.

7. Air Quality Strategy (AI 7)

Pam Turton, Assistant Director of Transport, Environment & Business Support, introduced the report which set out the responses to the consultation. She stressed that the strategy was a vision for the city and the detailed work plan was being developed.

A deputation was made by Ms T McCulloch, as a member of the local Green Party, who asked that the Air Quality Strategy was not accepted in its current format, and she outlined her concerns. These included it was not apparent where changes had already been made, asking how and when the green infrastructure through planting of trees would be implemented, and whether this report was premature with the government plans to be announced at the end of the month, and challenging why the action plan would follow separately. She felt there should be more targets and measurable actions specified, and asked that the necessary resources be made available to implement plan.

Councillor Boshier stressed that he was approving the strategy and he was awaiting the action plan which should be brought back in a timely way; he would expect a report back before Christmas.

Alan Cufley, Director of Transport, Environment & Business Support, also clarified that the Action Plan would have more detail and that the Arboricultural Officer would be consulted regarding further planting around the city. Work would continue with DEFRA, the Department of Transport, local interest groups, other organisations and individuals as the plan is updated.

There had also been a written deputation by Mr Dobson on behalf of Friends of Old Portsmouth (FOOPA) which included concerns on pollution caused by car idling which was referred to by Councillor Stagg who suggested there be signage to encourage switching off engines at traffic lights. She was also concerned at the poor air quality at some major junctions in the city such as Burrfields Road. Alan Cufley also responded to some of the points raised by FOOPA, such as the signage at railway junctions, and confirmed this would be reviewed as part of the Action Plan refresh. Councillor Stagg also suggested further involvement of the Woodland Trust and local schools for tree planting projects.

Councillor Boshier stressed that there would be focus not only on traffic but other factors such as heating systems, and the Port. The Action Plan would encompass a whole range of measures and there would be the allocation of

resources. He was pleased that the electric vehicle charging points were being expanded (as detailed in a report on the same agenda). The main challenge was to change the mind-set of multiple cars for families.

DECISION: The Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation adopted the Air Quality Strategy 2017-2027.

8. Isambard Brunel Road - revoke Traffic Regulation Order (AI 8)

Alan Cufley, the Director of Transport, Environment & Business Support, presented the report which sought to formalise the arrangement to remove the bus lane that had been trialled and make this a permanent solution.

Councillor Boshier felt that the trial had proved the scheme to be successful. Councillor Stagg, as spokesperson, agreed that the scheme worked but she was still concerned by the dangers at the crossing point on the bend (which was not part of the TRO) to the station, as there was poor visibility of on-coming traffic. Councillor Boshier agreed that further consideration should be given to improving this junction.

DECISION: The Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation gave approval to advertise and amend the Consolidated Bus, Taxi and Cycle Lanes and Prohibition of Driving Except Buses, Taxis and Cycles (No 79) Order to remove reference to the bus lane at item 8 in schedule 1 relevant to Isambard Brunel Road, to facilitate the implementation of a comprehensive improvement to the public realm.

9. Off Street Electric Vehicle Chargepoint Trial (AI 9)

Alan Cufley, the Director of Transport, Environment & Business Support, presented this report and was pleased to expand the network of charge-points in PCC carparks, working with the local provider CityEV.

Councillor Boshier welcomed the proposal and the suggested report back on its operation after a year, which would allow time for the infrastructure to be put in place. He had been asked to raise a query on how it would be implemented at the Clarence Esplanade car park charge-point to ensure vehicles were not left over time whilst their owners were using the hovercraft. Mr Cufley responded that control of usage would need to be further investigated and was all part of the trial.

Councillor Stagg, as spokesperson, was also pleased to see this being brought forward, and hoped there would be one by the Kings Theatre.

Alan Cufley reported that future use of individual charging points via the use of street lighting was also being considered as part of the lighting strategy.

Councillor Boshier was pleased to support this initiative and looked forward to receiving the follow up report.

DECISION: The Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation approved the trial for a two year period, with a progress report to be brought back after a year.

The meeting concluded at 5.20 pm.

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Councillor Simon Boshier
Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation