

CABINET MEMBER FOR TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION

RECORD OF DECISIONS taken by the Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation, Councillor Lynne Stagg, at her meeting held on Thursday, 13 December 2018 at 4.15 pm in the The Executive Meeting Room - Third Floor, The Guildhall

Present

Councillor Lynne Stagg

Councillor Simon Boshier
Councillor Yahiya Chowdhury

40. Apologies (AI 1)

There were no apologies for absence.

41. Declarations of Members' Interests (AI 2)

There were no declarations of members' interests.

42. A2047 Cycle and Safety Improvements (AI 3)

Michelle Love, Safer Travel Manager, presented the Director of Regeneration's report, setting out the aims to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists at key junctions along this busy route.

Deputations are not minutes in full as these are recorded as part of the web-cast of this meeting which can be viewed here:

<https://livestream.com/accounts/14063785/Cabinet-TT-13Dec2018>

Councillor Stagg referred to the written deputation received from Portsmouth Friends of the Earth, which requested that the raised tables across entrance to roads have a pavement surface and not a road surface, to be more visible for drivers.

A deputation was heard from Mr Ian Saunders representing Portsmouth Cycle Forum, giving broad support to the proposals to help provide for a safe network but giving comment on some elements, such as the cycle lane being advisory only and the parking that takes place in these lanes.

In response to some of the points raised by the deputations, Pam Turton, Assistant Director (Transport), reported that resurfacing would be unaffordable at this stage, but it was intended that this could take place at a later date. London Road would be a key focus in the Air Quality Action Plan.

Councillor Boshier, Spokesperson, welcomed the measures but expressed concern that the raised tables may cause confusion regarding whose right of way it was between pedestrians and vehicles. Councillor Stagg suggested that coloured surfaces could be looked at as a future option but this could be expensive to implement.

Councillor Chowdhury, Spokesperson, spoke of the need for the parking spaces along this route to assist small businesses and the need to think long term about protecting pedestrians.

Councillor Stagg, as Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation, agreed that the mandatory cycle routes would deter parking although it was confirmed that this would require a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) and physical boundaries would also be expensive to implement. Councillor Stagg was also aware of the problems in the North End stretch of London Road where some drivers were reverse parking, which caused delays and she hoped that some negotiation could take place with Lidl regarding public use of their car park in addition to the Stubbington Avenue car park.

Councillor Boshier felt this came down to enforcement and signage of alternative car parks. He asked if it would cost more if the surfaces of the new raised tables were reconstructed at a later date to include coloured surfacing? Michelle Love responded that there are some lower cost solutions to differentiate between surfaces. Pam Turton stressed that this was Phase 2 of a scheme and London Road would be part of the Air Quality Action Plan improvement works.

Councillor Stagg, as Cabinet Member, wished to support the scheme as recommended by the officers and asked that the suggestions from the deputations and speakers be considered for the future improvements.

DECISION: The Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation approved the implementation of traffic calming measures (detailed in Appendix 1 of the report) at strategic measures along the A2047 London Road and Kingston Road.

The meeting concluded at 4.42 pm.

Councillor Lynne Stagg
Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation