

CABINET

RECORD OF DECISIONS of the meeting of the Cabinet held on Monday, 1 July 2019 at 10.00 am at the Guildhall, Portsmouth

Present

Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE (in the Chair)

Councillors Steve Pitt
Dave Ashmore
Darren Sanders
Lynne Stagg
Rob Wood
Lee Hunt

67. Apologies for Absence (AI 1)

These had been received from Councillors Jeanette Smith, Suzy Horton and Matthew Winnington.

68. Declarations of Interests (AI 2)

Councillor Lee Hunt declared that he owns a property within the proposed MD residents' parking zone (but does not live there) but the City Solicitor advised that he could take part in the discussion of this item.

Councillor Luke Stubbs, who made a deputation, advised that he is a PCC appointee on the Kings Theatre Trust.

69. TRO 15/2019 Proposed Residents' Parking Zone (RPZ) for MD Kings Area (AI 3)

A presentation was made by Kevin McKee, Parking Manager, who presented the report by the Director of Regeneration. He explained the background to the proposals following the informal survey (paragraph 3.2 gave a breakdown of responses to this) a Traffic Regulation Order had advertised a proposed 2 hour restriction (paragraph 5.3 gave the breakdown of responses to the TRO consultation). He reported that Waitrose management had given their in principle agreement to use of their car park to accommodate late evening parking.

Deputations are not minuted in full and are summarised but these can be viewed in the webcast of this meeting here:

<https://livestream.com/accounts/14063785/Full-Cabinet-01Jul2019>

Public deputations of up to 6 minutes each were heard from:

- Carole Carrell - opposed to the proposals and citing problems with student parking.

- Helena Molloy, on behalf of the Cat Clinic on Albert Road, who was concerned at the negative impact on their business and inconvenience for customers and staff.
- Michael Ashcroft opposing the proposals and stating that the parking restriction timings were wrong.
- Heidi Triggs, opposing as a resident and also on behalf of Owl Motors Ltd concerning the effect on their business for staff and customers.
- Alison Lee, representing Mayville School, concerned by the disruption for parents who need to collect children from after school activities.

Deputations were also heard from ward councillors (from St Jude and Eastney and Craneswater):

- i) Councillor Graham Heaney (also as Labour Spokesperson for Traffic & Transportation), questioned the decision process and the timing of the meeting, asking that there be more consideration of the impact of each scheme and the number of households responding to the consultation, also requesting a review should the scheme be implemented.
- ii) Councillor Hugh Mason analysed the response rate to the different parts of the consultation process and the complexity of the area which included businesses, theatre, places of worship, and differences between the east and west sides of Victoria Road South.
- iii) Councillor Linda Symes spoke to object to the proposed zone due to the problems of displacement already experienced by MB and MC zones and the need to look at the recommendations of the cross party review. She was concerned regarding the impact on businesses and the 4.30pm timing would not be suitable.
- iv) Councillor Luke Stubbs asked about the Waverley Road parking bays, raised the idea of using parking meters, spoke of the displacement caused by MB and MC zones, and the need to look at overlapping of zones at the boundaries.

Written deputations had also been received and circulated to Cabinet Members, which included support for the proposals.

Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson, ads Leader, acknowledged that this is an area of competing demands. The Cabinet had supported the recommendations of the Traffic, Environment & Community Safety panel on its parking review. Residents in this area had indicated their wish for

restrictions on parking and had been waiting for this and he supported the request for a review to take place within 6 months of implementation of a RPZ for Kings Area. There would be unrestricted parking areas included in Albert Road to help businesses such as the Cat Clinic, and there were deferrals of parts of the zone recommended that included Richmond Road where Owl Motors operated.

Councillor Lynne Stagg, Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation, spoke of the increase in car ownership and the competing demands in the MD area and the efforts of officers to respond to approaches for residents' parking. She welcomed the response from Waitrose for use of their carpark for Kings Theatre customers.

It was noted that adjustments to advertised times for parking restrictions could not be made at this meeting without going out for further consultation. The proposed 2 hour parking restrictions aimed to allow customer to visit local businesses on the Albert Road.

The Cabinet Members wanted to ensure that further consideration was given to the timings of restricted waiting bays in Albert Road and Waverley Road in a way that would assist businesses. It was also important to find ways of assisting the Kings Theatre parking situation and the need for access to schools for staff and parents. Whilst some of the speakers had raised city-wide parking, the Cabinet Members did not favour a blanket city-wide approach which would not help here as the issue was one of specific timings. A review of the implementation within 6 months was favoured to monitor the effectiveness of the proposed measures.

It was reported that a further report would be considered by the Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation on revising the permit system and reducing the cost of the third permit. Councillor Vernon-Jackson confirmed that the next two areas for residents' parking consultations would be HC and ME, and once MD was implemented the issue of displacement would be looked at for the MF area (which had also been surveyed). The City Solicitor advised that the proposed 6 month review could come back to the Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation for her consideration.

DECISIONS

(1) That MD Kings area parking zone proposed under TRO 15/2019 be implemented as advertised, but that a decision on the following proposals is deferred:

- (a) All proposed parking bays in these roads:**
- (i) Richmond Road (between Victoria Road South and Clarendon Road);**
 - (ii) Grove Road South;**
 - (iii) Waverley Road.**

- (b) Specified parking bays:**
- (i) South side of Lowcay Road between Waverley Road and Shirley Road;**

(ii) East side of Shirley Road between Lowcay Road and Wimbledon Park Road.

(2) That a review take place within 6 months of the introduction of MD Kings Area Residents' Parking Zone (at a time to be determined by the Director for Regeneration) to assess its impact.

(3) That consultation takes place on varying the use of some of the limited waiting parking restrictions on Albert Road (and those roads abutting it) before the review of the implemented MD Kings Area RPZ has taken place.

The meeting concluded at 11.45 am.

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Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE
Leader of the Council