

CABINET (TRAFFIC AND PARKING) COMMITTEE

8 March 2010

Attendance:

Councillors:

Wood (Chairman) (P)

Coates (P)

Godfrey (P)

Others in attendance who addressed the meeting:

Councillors Mather, Mitchell, Thompson and Worrall

1. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 5 November 2009 (less exempt item), be approved and adopted.

2. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Three people spoke regarding Report CAB1946(TP) and one person spoke regarding Report CAB1971(TP). Their comments are summarised under the relevant agenda items below.

3. **PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER – CANON STREET, WINCHESTER**

(Report [CAB1946\(TP\)](#) refers)

During the public participation period, three people spoke and their comments are summarised below.

Mr Kingshott (resident of Canon Street) emphasised that he had an urgent requirement for the advisory disabled parking place to be made enforceable as soon as possible, to enable him to park close to his house, as his wife was registered disabled.

Mrs M Dolman spoke on behalf of the St Michaels Road and Culver Road Residents' Association. She emphasised that Canon Street was within Zone C, which was a small zone with a large residential population and there was, therefore, a large amount of pressure on a limited number of parking spaces. In addition, parents of pupils at, together with other visitors to, Winchester College and Pilgrims School all generated additional traffic and parking in the

vicinity. She also mentioned that College Street and Romans Road both included “two hour unrestricted parking” spaces which were used by visitors and removed spaces that would otherwise be available to residents. Finally, Mrs Dolman emphasised the significant impact of the disabled persons parking restriction on other nearby residents, because of the loss of a parking bay. She queried whether, if introduced, the place could be removed if it was no longer required by Mr Kingshott.

Mr Day (resident of Canon Street) highlighted the dangers to residents caused by cars driving along the pavements in order to pass other vehicles along Canon Street. He stated that it was, therefore, essential that the existing bollard on the eastern side of the street be maintained, as it was often knocked down by refuse vehicles attempting to gain access.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Mather spoke in support of the comments made by Mrs Dolman regarding the shortage of parking spaces in Zone C. In addition, she supported the comments made by Mr Day and emphasised the potential dangers caused by emergency vehicles being unable to gain access along Canon Street, due to inconsiderate parking. With regard to the possibility of the “two hour waiting” spaces being removed in Roman Road and College Street, Councillor Mather highlighted the importance of these spaces to businesses in the area, particularly Winchester College and Pilgrims School. She suggested that the possibility of Zone C being extended into some of the roads on the other side of St Cross Road (currently within Zone B) be investigated further.

The Head of Access and Infrastructure outlined the background to the proposals, as contained in the Report. He confirmed that inconsiderate parking on the existing single yellow lines was causing access problems, and had recently prevented a fire engine from gaining access. It was therefore proposed to introduce double yellow lines, but only along the western section of Canon Street, between its junction with Southgate Street and its junction with Culver Road. This was in recognition of comments received regarding the visual impact of additional road markings and because it was thought unlikely that vehicles could park on the section between Culver Road and Kingsgate Street, due to the narrowness of the highway at this point.

The Head of Access and Infrastructure explained that complaints had been received that the existing advisory disabled bay was being used by non-disabled people and, consequently, it was proposed to make the bay enforceable. The Committee agreed with this proposal and requested that the situation be reviewed in 12 months.

The Head of Access and Infrastructure advised that the Report's first recommendation should be corrected to state the waiting restriction hours would be between 8.00am and 6.00pm.

Members noted the concerns raised about the general lack of parking in Zone C, but that the ‘two-hour’ waiting bays were likely to have been introduced to enable visitors and parents to the Winchester College and Pilgrims School to

park. It was agreed that the removal of two hour limited waiting within permit bays in some roads in Zone C be considered further at a future date.

One Member suggested that the feasibility of installing removable bollards in Canon Street be investigated to enable refuse vehicles to gain access when required.

The Committee agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the Report.

RESOLVED:

1. That the proposed 'Disabled Permit Holders Only' and revised 'Permit Holders Only now 8.00am to 6.00pm Monday to Saturday' waiting restrictions in Canon Street, Winchester be approved as advertised, to be reviewed after 12 months.

2. That 'No Waiting At Any Time' waiting restrictions in Canon Street, Winchester be approved on both sides between its junction with Southgate Street and its junction with Culver Road.

3. That the Head of Legal Services be authorised to make the necessary order.

4. **TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER PROGRAMME 2010/11**
(Report [CAB1971\(TP\)](#) and [Addendum](#) refer)

The Committee noted that the revised Programme was set out in the Addendum to the Report.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillors Worrall, Mitchell and Thompson addressed the Committee and their comments are summarised below.

Councillor Worrall (a Ward Member for St Barnabas) thanked officers for their work to date in addressing traffic issues surrounding the new Waitrose store in Weeke. However, he emphasised that further measures were required and suggested that the various traffic proposals listed in the 2010/11 programme for the Weeke area be given higher priority, to deal with likely parking issues which would arise from the Aldi supermarket development on Stockbridge Road. In particular, he mentioned possible problems at Ruffield Close, Godwin Close and Burnett Close.

Councillor Mitchell (a Ward Member for St Barnabas) suggested that difficulties were likely to arise particularly at the lower end of Burnett Close. He suggested that a single yellow line could be introduced in this area and the situation monitored following the opening of the Aldi store. In addition, he requested that Civil Enforcement Officers regularly monitor the area and issue penalties for cars parked on pavements.

Councillor Thompson spoke regarding File Reference 185 in the Programme (Review of Permit Zones etc) and how this could relate to current parking difficulties experienced in the Stanmore area. She emphasised that some areas of Stanmore had a largely transient population due to the number of students living there. This caused significant difficulties in meeting the current requirement that two-thirds of residents agree to a suggested residents' parking scheme before it was introduced. However, the significant number of houses with multiple occupiers resulted in a high number of vehicles trying to park in the roads around this area, causing difficulties for all residents. She therefore suggested that this "two thirds" rule be relaxed.

During the public participation period, Mrs R King requested that the proposed residents' permit scheme in Lynford Avenue and Lynford Way be introduced for the hours of Monday to Friday, between 10am and 4.00pm only. She acknowledged that this was a departure from other schemes, but highlighted that it was favoured by the residents of these roads. In addition, it would tie in with new restrictions introduced in nearby Vernham Road, which were between 10am and 4.00pm only.

In response to comments made regarding parking on pavements, the Head of Access and Infrastructure clarified that Civil Enforcement Officers (CEOs) could enforce waiting restrictions on highways (which included pavements) only during the hours the restrictions were in force. Outside of these times (or where no restrictions were in place), parking on pavements was a police matter, where it was causing an obstruction. He confirmed that double yellow lines 'No Waiting At Any Time' restrictions were in force 24 hours and therefore could be enforced by CEOs.

The Head of Access and Infrastructure clarified that single yellow lines had been introduced in Vernham Road which were enforceable between 10am and 4.00pm, whereas Mrs King was requesting a reduction in the usual operating hours of residents' permit schemes. He suggested that this could create a precedent which other Winchester residents might wish to follow. The Committee requested that the proposal be considered further at the appropriate time in the Programme.

The Head of Access and Infrastructure confirmed that the "two-thirds majority rule" would be considered as part of the proposed review of permit zones.

The Committee agreed that to address concerns raised by Members and public speakers above, the schemes listed in the Programme which related to Weeke (File Ref 201 and 139) be re-designated as Priority A (within 6 months).

The Committee agreed to the following for the reasons outlined above and set out in the Report.

RESOLVED:

That, subject to the changes detailed above, the Traffic Regulation Order programme for 2010/11 be approved as detailed in Appendix A to the Report.

5. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

RESOLVED:

1. That in all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

2. That the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business because it is likely that, if members of the public were present, there would be disclosure to them of 'exempt information' as defined by Section 100I and Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

<u>Minute Number</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Description of Exempt Information</u>
	Exempt minutes of the previous meeting) Information relating to the) financial or business affairs) of any particular person) (including the authority) holding that information).) (Para 3 Schedule 12A refers)

6. **EXEMPT MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the exempt minute of the previous meeting, held on 5 November 2009, be approved and adopted.

The meeting commenced at 10.00am and concluded at 11.25am

Chairman