

CABINET (TRAFFIC AND PARKING) COMMITTEE

24 September 2012

Attendance:

Councillors:

Weston (Chairman) (P)

Humby (P)

Tait (P)

Others in attendance who addressed the meeting:

Councillor Nelmes

1. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 11 June 2012, be approved and adopted.

2. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr Wilson spoke regarding Report CAB2398(TP) and his comments are summarised under the relevant Minute below.

3. **TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER: HILLIER WAY/NORTH WALLS PARK ACCESS ROAD**

(Report CAB2397(TP) refers)

The Head of Access and Infrastructure advised that, following a consultation with Abbotts Barton residents, a draft residents' parking scheme for the whole area had been prepared and submitted to Ward Councillors for comments. The next stage would involve a formal consultation with residents, which would enable a scheme to be introduced early in 2013, if no objections were forthcoming. However, experience in other areas of the town suggested there would probably be differing views to take account of and, consequently, it was likely to take longer to introduce in practice.

With regard to the area of the specific restrictions proposed in the Report, the Head of Access and Infrastructure reported that maintenance of the road surface and drainage in Hillier Way was required to be undertaken, before the parking restrictions could be introduced. As the ability to carry out this work was weather dependant, it was unlikely the restrictions would be in place before the end of the year.

Some Members expressed concern that the displacement of vehicles previously parked in the section of Hillier Way under consideration, might adversely impact on availability of residents' parking in other nearby roads in Abbots Barton.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Nelmes (a Ward Member for St Bartholomew) stated that she did not believe parking would be displaced to nearby roads, as there was already a lack of parking spaces available. She reiterated the view that the area along Hillier Way under discussion was used predominantly by commuters for parking.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the Report. However, Members requested that officers take measures, if possible, to limit the impact of any displacement of parking, by considering the timing of the introduction of restrictions with regard to the wider proposals for residents' parking restrictions in the Abbots Barton area.

RESOLVED:

1. That the parking restrictions as set out on the plan attached to the Report be agreed and implemented.

2. That the parking restrictions as advertised on the adopted section of Hillier Way between Oglander Road and Nuns Walk be not implemented at this stage, but be considered further as part of the overall review of parking in Abbots Barton.

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

4. **KINGS HEAD YARD, WINCHESTER – PARKING RESTRICTIONS**
(Report CAB2398(TP) refer)

The Head of Access and Infrastructure outlined the background to the Report and emphasised the difficulties of meeting the sometimes conflicting requirements of residents and other users requiring parking in the area (for example, businesses for loading purposes). He highlighted that Hampshire Fire Service had indicated that, although access was tight, it was possible for fire engines to gain access. In addition, although manoeuvring in and out of garages for residents on the south side of Kings Head Yard was difficult at times, it was also considered to be possible. However, to ease these issues, it was proposed to introduce a small section of "No Waiting at any time" restrictions at the corner of Kings Head Yard and St Thomas Street.

The Head of Access and Infrastructure also reported that targeted enforcement of parking had been carried out during the day in Kings Head Yard.

During the public participation period, Mr Wilson (a resident of Kings Head Yard) thanked the Head of Access and Infrastructure for his investigations to date. He highlighted that his primary concern was the ability for emergency vehicles to gain access to the area at all times. He considered this to be an issue at both the corner junctions between Kings Head Yard and St Thomas Street and Little Minster Street. He emphasised that parking enforcement was not carried out overnight when many of the problems occurred. A secondary concern related to his ability to manoeuvre out of his garage, which he stated was not possible if a larger vehicle, such as a van, was parked opposite.

In response, the Head of Access and Infrastructure advised that enforcement could be carried out by Wardens up until 10.00pm.

The Committee noted that the residents of the flats in Kings Head Yard (Mozzetta) were not entitled to residents' parking permits and were, therefore, likely to object to the replacement of single yellow lines outside the flats with double yellow lines.

The Head of Access and Infrastructure advised that if a proposal to examine wider parking restrictions in Kings Head Yard was advertised, it would be possible to introduce lesser restrictions (such as only on the corners of the street mentioned above) if the proposals generated a large volume of objections. The Committee therefore agreed to the following amended recommendation, for the reasons set out above and outlined in the Report.

RESOLVED:

That a scheme for examination of parking restrictions in Kings Head Yard be included within the Traffic Regulation Order Programme for 2013/14.

The meeting commenced at 10.00am and concluded at 10.40am

Chairman