

CABINET (TRAFFIC AND PARKING) COMMITTEE

15 July 2014

Attendance:

Councillors:

Southgate (Chairman) (P)
Warwick
Weston (P)

Deputy Members

Councillor Godfrey (Deputy Member for Councillor Warwick)

Other invited Councillors:

Achwal (P)
Gosling

Others in attendance who addressed the meeting:

Councillors Green and Scott

Others in attendance who did not address the meeting:

Councillors Pines and Tait

1. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the previous meeting, held 29 April 2014, be approved and adopted.

2. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr B Hague spoke regarding CAB2600(TP) and his comments are summarised under the minute below.

3. **TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER – STANMORE LANE, QUEENS MEAD AND WESTMINSTER GATE, WINCHESTER**

(Report CAB2600(TP) refers)

In response to questions, the Assistant Director (Built Environment) confirmed that there was sufficient space to enable two parking spaces in the Westminster Gate turning area and to allow all size of vehicles to still turn

safely. The retention of these spaces had been requested by the residents of Westminster Gate.

During public participation, Mr B Hague spoke together with Councillor Scott, on behalf of Mr D Harte (who was unable to attend the meeting) and their comments are summarised below.

Mr Hague (a resident of Westminster Gate for over 20 years) supported the proposals and highlighted the difficulties residents faced during the periods of drop-off and pick-up at the nearby St Peter's School. These included the day care centre minibus, used to transport his wife, being unable to access the road safely and on one occasion, the minibus driver had been verbally abused by people parking along the road to collect school pupils. Mr Hague believed that there were a small group of people that would persist in parking inconsiderately unless the restrictions were imposed.

Councillor Scott read through Mr Harte's submission which had been circulated to all Committee Members prior to the meeting. Mr Harte was a resident of Westminster Gate and he had discussed his submission with his neighbours. In summary, Mr Harte supported the proposals in the Report and emphasised the difficulties caused to residents due to the inconsiderate parking by some parents at school drop off and pick up times. In addition, the parking was potentially dangerous for other pedestrians, including school children. Mr Harte also expressed concern that some cars currently remained parked in Westminster Gate all day and emphasised that the new Park and Ride scheme within the Pitt Manor Development would provide alternative parking.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillors Scott and Green addressed the Committee as local ward Councillors and their comments are summarised below.

Councillor Scott outlined the background to the proposals for the information of Committee Members and emphasised that he had been involved in discussions with local residents and both the County and City Councils over the past year. He supported the proposals contained within the Report and highlighted that the St Peter's School Governors were discussing a School Travel Plan with the County Council. It was suggested that it might be possible to allocate 15 spaces at the nearby new Park and Ride site for the purposes of pick up/drop off. In response to questions, he stated that there was also an element of commuter parking in the vicinity, and the new Park and Ride and the Report's proposals should help deal with this.

Councillor Green confirmed his support for the proposals as set out.

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

RESOLVED:

1. That the waiting restrictions be introduced as detailed on the revised schedules and plans attached as Appendices G and H to the Report.
2. That the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to make the necessary Order.

The meeting commenced at 10.00am and concluded at 10.25am

Chairman