

Cabinet Housing and Planning Panel
6 October 2016

WELWYN HATFIELD COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the CABINET HOUSING AND PLANNING PANEL held on Thursday 6 October 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Council Offices, The Campus, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL8 6AE.

* Reporting to Cabinet

PRESENT: Councillors S.Boulton (Chairman)
M.Perkins (Vice-Chairman)

D.Bell, D.Bennett, H.Bromley, M.Cowan, B.Fitzsimon
(substituting for M.Spinks), G.Hayes, M.Holloway,
P.Shah

OFFICIALS

PRESENT: Parking Technician (M.Donohoe)
Governance Services Officer (M. Lowe)

40. SUBSTITUTIONS

The following substitution of a Panel Member had been made in accordance with Council Procedure Rules 19-22.

Councillor B.Fitzsimon for Councillor M.Spinks.

41. APOLOGY

An apology for absence had been received from Councillor M.Spinks.

42. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2016 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

43. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

Councillor Cowan declared non-pecuniary interest in items on the Agenda as appropriate by virtue of being a Member of Hertfordshire County Council.

Councillor S.Boulton declared a non-pecuniary interest in the item relating to the response to Resident Parking Permit Scheme and Double Yellow Lines In Various Roads Welham Green (Minute 52 refers) as appropriate by virtue of being a member of North Mymms Parish Council.

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44. CRANFIELD CRESCENT AND PART OF BACONS DRIVE - PROPOSED
RESIDENT PARKING PERMIT SCHEME & HOMEWOOD AVENUE -
RESTRICTION OF WAITING

The report of the Director (Finance and Operations) set out the results of the informal consultation, the formal consultation and the recommended course of action in connection with Cranfield Crescent and part of Bacons Drive – proposed resident parking permit scheme and Homewood Avenue - restriction of waiting.

During 2015, a number of consultations were carried out throughout Cuffley. In response to the formal stage of the parking proposals (mixture of single and double yellow lines) for Bacons Drive, Cranfield Crescent and Homewood Avenue, a number of objections were received.

The objections mainly centred on the need for residents in Cranfield Crescent and part of Bacons Drive to park during the proposed restriction times, which a single yellow line would not permit. A number of properties share a driveway which in most cases is also quite steep. The practicality of using this with modern day vehicles means they could easily damage the vehicles undercarriage. Further consultation was carried out to establish if residents in both roads agreed with the objectors.

In addition to the above, a request was received to extend the double yellow lines at both junctions of Homewood Avenue and Tolmers Road to further improve visibility for all road users entering and exiting Homewood Avenue.

Members noted that no objections had been received by the Council during the formal consultation.

RESOLVED:

1. That no objections had been received by the Council and in particular the issues raised around equalities and diversity be noted.
2. That following consideration all the detailed issues set out in the report of the Director (Finance and Operations), including any proposed mitigating actions the recommendation to proceed with the creation of the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for Cranfield Crescent and part of Bacons Drive – proposed resident parking permit scheme and Homewood Avenue - restriction of waiting be made to Cabinet.

45. HEYFORD WAY, HATFIELD - PROPOSED RESIDENT PARKING PERMIT
SCHEME AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING

The report of the Director (Finance and Operations) set out the results of the informal consultation, the formal consultation and the recommended course of action in relation to Heyford Way, Hatfield – proposed resident parking permit scheme and restriction of waiting.

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Members noted that Heyford Way in Hatfield was a relatively new development close to the Hatfield rail station. Even before the road was formally adopted by Hertfordshire County Council, requests had been received from residents for some type of parking restriction to manage the significant amount of non-residents who parked in this road and then walked to the rail station.

Members also noted that no objections had been received by the Council during the formal consultation.

RESOLVED:

(9 voting for and 1 against)

1. That no objections had been received by the Council and in particular the issues raised around equalities and diversity.
2. That following consideration all the detailed issues set out in the report of the Director (Finance and Operations), including any proposed mitigating actions the recommendation to proceed with the creation of the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for Heyford Way, Hatfield – proposed resident parking permit scheme and restriction of waiting be made to Cabinet.

46. **RESIDENT PARKING PERMIT SCHEME AND DOUBLE YELLOW LINES IN VARIOUS ROADS IN WELHAM GREEN**

The report of the Director (Finance and Operations) set out the results of the informal consultation, the formal consultation and the recommended course of action for resident parking permit scheme and double yellow lines in various roads in Welham Green. Residents and businesses in Welham Green were consulted about proposals to prevent drivers from parking too close to junctions and on resident only parking.

Members noted that the residents and businesses at 952 addresses were consulted and one objection letter had been received from three residents living at the same address in Huggins Lane.

Officers advised that neither the Police nor Hertfordshire County Council had raised any concerns or identified any safety problems with regard to the proposal. Residents at this location requested a permit scheme and junction protection, they do not want yellow lines along the entire length of the road. There were no formal objections from the resident in Bulls Lane or Station Road.

Officers advised that Hertfordshire County Council had raised no concerns nor had it identified any safety problems with regard to the proposal. Residents did not want to see double yellow lines on the road.

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RESOLVED:

That the proposed creation of the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) resident parking permit scheme and double yellow lines in various roads in Welham Green be deferred pending a site visit by Members of the Panel and a more detailed plan being made available to Members.

Meeting ended at 8.15 pm