

# **NEIGHBOURHOODS AND COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO DECISION RECORD**

22<sup>nd</sup> October 2007

The meeting commenced at 9.00 a.m. in the Avondale Centre, Hartlepool

**Present:**

Councillor Peter Jackson (Neighbourhoods and Communities Portfolio Holder)

Officers: Dave Stubbs, Director of Neighbourhood Services  
Denise Ogden, Head of Neighbourhood Management  
Alistair Smith, Head of Technical Services  
Mike Blair, Transportation and Traffic Manager  
Denise Wimpenny, Principal Democratic Services Officer

### **33. Bamburgh Road / Clavering Road – Traffic Calming** *(Head of Technical Services)*

**Type of decision**

Non-key.

**Purpose of report**

To seek approval for the implementation of traffic calming on Bamburgh Road and Clavering Road.

**Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder**

The report contained background information, outlined the issues for consideration and reported on consultation.

It was proposed to implement pinch points on Bamburgh Road and Clavering Road as outlined in Appendices 1 and 2 of the report. These would narrow the carriageway to one lane by constructing an island and would mean vehicles travelling in a specified direction would have to give way to oncoming traffic. Thirteen responses to consultation letters had been received, 10 in favour of the proposals and 3 against. Details were given of the reasons for the objections. The estimated cost was £12,000 and would be funded through the Local Transport Plan.

## **Decision**

In accordance with the wishes of Elected Members and local residents, it was agreed that two pinch points on Bamburgh Road, as outlined in Appendix 1, be introduced and a pinch point on Clavering Road be sited south of the Formby Close junction.

### **34. Removal of ½ Hour Waiting Period – Belk Street, Cameron Road and Addison Road** *(Head of Technical Services)*

#### **Type of decision**

Non-key.

#### **Purpose of report**

To consider removing the ½ hour waiting restriction within Belk Street, Cameron Road and Addison Road resident controlled permit zone.

#### **Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder**

The Portfolio Holder was advised that Belk Street, Cameron Road and Addison Road were part of the current resident's only permit parking scheme. In May 2005 the Portfolio Holder approved a ½ hour parking concession predominately at the request of businesses who felt that the limited parking availability outside the Raby Road shops was affecting passing trade. However, the Local Residents Association had now expressed concern that the ½ hour concession should be removed following the relocation of some of the businesses. The creation of a ½ hour concession complimented the 1 hour limited waiting restrictions on Belk Street and it was envisaged that customers to the remaining businesses would still use this 1 hour waiting restriction. Dedicated parking provision was available in Mill House car park and some businesses had been issued with parking permits for use by their customers.

Members of the Belk Street, Cameron Road and Addison Road Residents Association had voted unanimously in favour of removing the ½ hour parking concession.

## **Decision**

That the proposed amendment to the existing parking order be approved and the ½ hour concession within the resident controlled parking zone in Belk Street, Cameron Road and Addison Road be revoked in accordance with the wishes of local residents.

### **35. Proposed Residents Only Parking Scheme – Clifton Avenue / Eldon Grove** *(Head of Technical Services)*

#### **Type of decision**

Non-key.

#### **Purpose of report**

To consider extending the current permit parking control zone to include Clifton Avenue (between Linden Grove and Wilton Avenue) and Eldon Grove (between Clifton Avenue and Park Road)

#### **Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder**

The report outlined the background and gave details of resident consultation. Tables were provided giving a summary of the consultation carried out with residents where the cost of a permit would be £1 and a second consultation where the cost of a permit was amended to £20 following a Cabinet decision to agree in principle to an increase in the cost of residents permits to either £5 or £20 depending on the location of the zone.

The majority of replies to the £1 permit charge had shown 65% in favour of the scheme relating to Clifton Avenue and 82% in favour relating to Eldon Grove. However, there had been 75% against the £20 permit charge relating to Clifton Avenue and 67% against relating to Eldon Grove. In addition, a petition had been received, signed by 47 residents, opposing the introduction of a residents permit parking scheme.

#### **Decision**

That the request to introduce residents only permit parking be rejected due to insufficient support and significant opposition by residents affected by this proposal.

### **36. Glamorgan Grove Traffic Calming Petition** *(Head of Technical Services)*

#### **Type of decision**

Non-key.

#### **Purpose of report**

To consider a petition from residents of Throston Grange Estate, and further afield, requesting traffic calming measures.

### **Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder**

A petition had been submitted from residents of Throston Grange Estate raising concerns over the speed of traffic on Glamorgan Grove and requesting the introduction of traffic calming measures. The petition was made available to the Portfolio Holder at the meeting for information.

As part of the investigation into this request a speed survey had been carried out which showed 85% of traffic travelled at no more than 23.5mph. The accident statistics showed there had been no recorded injury accidents on Glamorgan Grove in the last 3 years. Potential safety schemes were prioritised primarily on the basis of the number of accidents, and also the level of speeding recorded, details of which were attached at Appendix 1. Schemes were then implemented from the top of the list as far as the available funding would allow.

### **Decision**

That in view of the zero recorded injury accident record and low speeds recorded, Glamorgan Grove be inserted into the safety scheme table at position 23.

## **37. Stagecoach Child Fares Increase** (*Head of Technical Services*)

### **Type of decision**

Non-key.

### **Purpose of report**

To seek approval to apply increased child fare scales on bus services operated by Stagecoach on behalf of Hartlepool Borough Council

### **Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder**

Hartlepool Borough Council supported a number of bus services that were contracted to Stagecoach. On 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2007 the adult fares on Stagecoach's commercial services were increased while child fares were increased to half the adult fare to the nearest 5p above. To avoid confusion it was custom and practice to implement the same fare scales on supported contracts as commercial services. Approval to apply the revised adult fare scales had been given by the Culture, Leisure and Transportation Portfolio Holder on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2007. However, approval to increase the fare scales for children was not requested at that time. Should approval be given it would not be applied until 4<sup>th</sup> November 2007, following the half-term holiday on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2007. Following approval, Stagecoach would notify the child customers on the contracted school services following the half term holiday. The Portfolio Holder sought assurances that the increase would be adequately publicised prior to implementation.

## Decision

That the proposed child fare scales on supported bus services operated by Stagecoach be approved from 4<sup>th</sup> November 2007.

## 38. Minor Works Proposals, Neighbourhood Consultative Forums *(Head of Neighbourhood Management)*

### Type of decision

Non-key.

### Purpose of report

To consider recommendations of the Neighbourhood Consultative Forum in respect of Minor Works funding.

### Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The report set out the Minor Works proposals considered by the Neighbourhood Consultative Forums. The following schemes were proposed:

#### North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum

- i) Snowdon Grove / Speeding Drive – improved parking facilities and installation of bollards - £8,305.72
- ii) Muirfield Walk – planting of trees and shrubs - £8,400
- iii) Marley Walk – provision of bollards and trees to prevent vehicle access across the grassed area - £4,250
- iv) Swanage Grove – grassed area to be removed and replaced with tarmac - £7,235
- v) Union Street – hand rail to be fitted - £1,669
- vi) Hurworth Street – removal of seating areas to be replaced with additional planting areas - £2,000
- vii) Multi-Use Games Areas – Headland Town Moor - £10,000

#### Central Neighbourhood Consultative Forum

- viii) Macauley Road – removal of grass verge to be replaced by tarmac - £2,600
- ix) Raby Road – replacement of existing zebra crossing with a controlled crossing and minor junction improvements - £15,000
- x) Darwin Grove – removal of grass verge and replacement with tarmac - £1,600
- xi) Sinclair Road – replacement of grass verge with tarmac - £2,600
- xii) Galsworthy Road – replacement of grass verge with tarmac - £4,650
- xiii) Macauley Road – replacement of grass verge with tarmac - £2,200
- xiv) Thackeray Road – replacement of grass verge and tree with tarmac - £1,700

- xv) Marina Promenade – provision of seating - £1,050
- xvi) Cresswell Drive – improvements to street lighting - £6,000
- xvii) Skate Board Park – removal of perimeter fence - £1,600
- xviii) Burn Valley Footway – provision of a footway to facilitate access to the club house - £2,640

### **South Neighbourhood Consultative Forum**

- xix) Newark Road – removal of existing columns and installation of new columns and bulk heads - £11,500
- xx) Glaisdale Grove – removal of existing columns and installation of new columns - £3,500
- xxi) Bilsdale Road – removal of shrub bed and overgrown areas and replanting of more suitable species - £2,605

In addition a provision of £5,000 from each of the Neighbourhood Consultative Forums was agreed to contribute to the work of Pride in Hartlepool and £3,500 from each to contribute towards the ongoing rolling programme to provide dropped crossings throughout the town.

### **Decision**

That the recommendations of the Neighbourhood Consultative Forums, be approved.

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