

KENDAL ROAD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES AND DECISION RECORD

8th December 2005

Present:

Councillors S Fortune and R Waller

Officers: Pat Watson, Democratic Services Officer

1. Apologies for absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Peter Jackson

2. Adjournment of meeting

Decision

The meeting was adjourned to be reconvened at 4.30pm

8th December 2005 at 4.30pm

On reconvening, the following were present:

Councillors S Fortune, P Jackson and R Waller

Officers: Tony Brown, Chief Solicitor
Mike Blair, Acting Transportation and Traffic Manager
Alastair Smith, Head of Technical Services
Pat Watson, Democratic Services Officer

3. Appointment of Chairman

Councillor R Waller was appointed as Chairman for this meeting.

4. Declarations of Interest by Members

There were no declarations of interest.

5. Kendal Road – Traffic Calming and Car Parking

(Director of Neighbourhood Services)

Type of decision

Non-Key Decision

Purpose of report

To seek approval for parking regulations, following objections to the Kendal Road Traffic Calming and Car Parking Scheme.

Issue(s) considered by the Committee

Members were advised, in a report circulated with the Agenda, that a resident of Kendal Road had initially made a complaint to the Ombudsman about parking difficulties in Kendal Road since the sports centre had been extended and the Ombudsman had ruled at the time that parking improvements should be investigated, including the possibility of extending the centre car park.

Surveys had been carried out and on each occasion it had been identified that all of the cars parked on the affected section of Kendal Road could be accommodated in either the centre car park or the nearby overflow car park at the Social Club. Consequently, the Council's Planning Division felt that there were insufficient grounds to justify the loss of public open space to provide parking, which would have been necessary in order to extend the Centre car park.

Following this, it had been proposed to regulate the on-street parking area on Kendal Road consisting of Residents Parking on the west side (houses side) and double yellow lines on the east side. The Centre had objected to the proposals and as a result a meeting had been arranged with their representatives to discuss the proposals. The proposal had then been revised to retain the Residents Parking on the west side, but reduce the double yellow lines on the east side to a short section near to the Centre entrance. This would allow parking for deliveries, disabled drivers and also keep an area clear to assist people crossing to and from the centre.

Consultation had been carried out, in the form of a door-to-door survey of residents. This allowed residents an opportunity to ask questions on the proposals and have the drawings explained to them, if required. From this consultation it had been determined that out of 10 residents, 7 were in favour of the proposals, 1 refused to comment and 2 could not be contacted. These results showed a clear majority of residents in favour of the proposals, which were also acceptable to the Belle Vue Centre. The scheme had then been approved by the Portfolio Holder for Culture, Housing and Transportation and was submitted to the legal section to allow them to proceed with the advertising of the proposed Order.

During the advertising period of the Order, objections had been submitted relating to the length of the double yellow line on the east side of Kendal Road, stating that they wished it to cover the full length of the block. These objections have been submitted by 6 of the 10 residents, who had previously agreed to the scheme in the door to door consultation.

The Committee indicated that they had noted all the information contained in the report, as detailed above, and made the following decision.

Decision

The Committee approved the scheme as they agreed that the formal public consultation carried out by the Council had demonstrated that the majority of residents were in favour of a shorter section of double yellow lines and the proposal was also acceptable to the Belle Vue Centre.

J A BROWN

CHIEF SOLICITOR

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