



To be submitted to the Council at its meeting on 18th December 2019

SPECIAL PORTFOLIO HOLDER – ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT

1st November 2019

PRESENT: Councillor S Swinburn (in the Chair)

Officers in attendance:

Hannah Dixon	Solicitor
Debbie Swatman	Traffic Team Manager
Mark Nearney	Assistant Director of Housing and Interim Assistant Director of Highways, Transport and Planning.
Martin Lear	Interim Deputy Head of Highways and Transport
Luke Greaves	Interim Head of Highway and Transport
Zoe Campbell	Scrutiny and Committee Advisor

Also in attendance:

Councillor Jackson – Ward Councillor for Waltham Ward
 Councillor Wheatley – Ward Councillor for Croft Baker Ward
 Councillor Callison - Ward Councillor for Croft Baker Ward

There were two members of the public in attendance.

PH.ETE.20 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made with regard to any items on the agenda for this meeting.

PH.ETE.21 **PETITION –RESIDENTS PARKING IN HINKLER STREET, CLEETHORPES**

The Portfolio Holder received a petition requesting a residents parking scheme in Hinkler Street, Cleethorpes.

Councillor Callison explained that at the end of Hinkler Street there was a service garage where large commercial vehicles were dropped off in an evening ready to be serviced the following day. These vehicles took up a lot of parking spaces. The same problem occurred the following day when the vehicles were returned on to the street after being serviced

Councillor Callison was concerned that this parking was dangerous because it blocked access and made it difficult to enter or exit the street.

A residents parking permit scheme would solve this problem, especially for elderly people who needed to get out and for children walking to school. This issue had been raised on numerous occasions to himself and it was highlighted in the summer when visitors to the borough were using the street to park because they didn't have to pay.

Councillor Wheatley spoke in favour of introducing a residents parking scheme. She explained that it was a small street and residents were hesitant to take their cars out in case they came home and could not get parked on the street again. She confirmed she would like some prompt action to get the resident parking scheme in place. Councillor Wheatley also stressed that there needed to be enforcement of the parking scheme which would give the extra bit of community protection.

The Portfolio Holder received the petition and asked that officers report back at a future meeting.

RESOLVED – That the petition be received and progress be reported through the tracking report at future meetings of this portfolio holder.

PH.ETE.22

PETITION – TO STOP THE CLOSURE OF A PUBLIC FOOTPATH IN WALTHAM BETWEEN BARNOLDBY ROAD AND SALISBURY AVENUE/DRIVE

The Portfolio Holder received a petition requesting to stop the closure of a public footpath in Waltham between Barnoldby and Salisbury Avenue/Drive.

Ms Lennox explained that the closure of the footpath had caused distress and inconvenience to residents, especially those with mobility problems who used the footpath on a daily basis to go into Waltham village and were unable to cope with the steep sloped footpath on Salisbury Avenue leading to Barnoldby Road junction.

She explained that although residents had letters through the door since the footpath was closed, they were given no prior warning the footpath would be closed or given the chance to comment before planning permission was given to the building on the site of the footpath.

There was an alternative footpath but residents felt it was not fit for purpose and access from the back of their houses would be impossible if the gates of the nursery were locked from 6pm to 7:30am the following day.

Ms Lennox confirmed that when Mencap had the premises there were no restrictions and that allowed residents to leave their houses, meet people and take a short cut into the village.

Residents understood the need for safety during the construction of the nursery on the land where the footpath used to be, however, they were concerned that there had been no construction for the past six weeks. Furthermore, the footpath had not been closed at any time while the building was being built, so it was difficult to understand why it needed to be now. Residents appreciated that it was necessary to keep the children attending the nursery safe. She noted that there were no children currently attending the nursery so why couldn't the footpath be reopened.

Residents had looked at their house deeds and ordinance survey maps and the footpath was clearly marked on all.

Residents were concerned that with winter fast approaching the other paths could become icy and residents would be confined to their own homes due to the worry of falling on the hill.

On behalf of the residents, Ms Lennox said they felt the simple solution to the issue was a fence to run alongside the footpath so elderly residents could get their lives back and mix with the community.

They asked that the portfolio holder support the residents in applying for a definitive map modification order.

Councillor Jackson spoke in support of the residents. He explained that the original footpath went across what was now a car park and, although used for many years, it was not registered as a footpath on the Definitive Map and therefore did not have a legal standing. The owners of the site were going to use the car park for a playground. He appreciated the owners had offered to provide a permissive footpath around the side of the site. The solution was for the planning application to include the permissive footpath which would get the footpath in quicker than a definitive map modification order which would take a lengthy period of time.

The portfolio holder explained that he was governed by the planning application process. However, he received the petition and requested that Public Rights of Way Officers consider the matter with any formal decision being referred to the Planning Committee.

RESOLVED – That the petition be received and Public Rights of Way Officers be requested to consider the matter, with any formal decision being referred to the Planning Committee.

PH.ETE.23

EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER – SCARTHORoad, GRIMSBY

The Portfolio Holder considered a report to introduce an experimental traffic regulation order on Scartho Road to improve the traffic flow.

Mr Nearney confirmed the experimental traffic regulation order was to help to reduce the congestion and improve traffic flow on the main traffic route through the borough.

Mr Greaves explained officers had worked together with agencies and partners such as Stagecoach. A detection device had been introduced which activated the traffic lights when a bus approached and gave it priority.

Ms Swatman confirmed that there was a period of six months for objections to be received from the public and these would be monitored.

The portfolio holder queried how long the traffic regulation order lasted for. Ms Swatman confirmed it was for a period of 18 months.

The Portfolio Holder welcomed the scheme and approved the recommendations set out in the report.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That approval be granted for the making of an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order, to allow the trial removal of the existing bus lane on Scartho Road, Grimsby and permit the introduction of a 'No Waiting' and 'No Loading' restriction on Scartho Road.
- (2) That, in the event that there were unresolved material objections received during the six month objection period following the making of the order, these be referred to the portfolio holder for consideration prior to a decision on whether to make the order permanent.
- (3) That the Director of Economy and Growth be authorised to:
 - Commence a procurement exercise for any works associated with the experimental traffic regulation order and to make an appropriate award.

- Develop and deliver a six month trial traffic signal bus priority project at the junction of Scartho Road, Forsythia Drive and Cragston Avenue, Grimsby.

There being no further business, the portfolio holder closed the meeting at 11.00 a.m.