

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

4.00PM – 8 DECEMBER 2005

**COMMITTEE ROOMS 2/3
BRIGHTON TOWN HALL**

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Mitchell (Chair); Councillors Turton (Deputy Chair), Elgood, Fitch, Kemble (OS), Pennington, Meegan, Norman, Peltzer Dunn, Smith (Culture & Recreation OS) and Wrighton

PART ONE

ACTION

99. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

99A Declarations of Substitutes

99.1 Substitute Councillor For Councillor

Pennington

Battle

99B Declarations of Interest

99.2 Councillor Turton declared a personal interest in item 115 as a relative lived in the area.

99.3 Councillor Pennington declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 118 as a nearby resident, he would leave the chamber during consideration of the item.

99C Exclusion of Press and Public

99.4 The Committee considered whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of any items contained in the agenda, having regard to the nature of the business to be transacted and the nature of the proceedings and the likelihood as to whether, if members of the press and public were present, there would be disclosure to them of confidential or exempt information as defined in Section 100A(3) or 100 1 of the Local Government Act 1972.

99.5 **RESOLVED** - That the press and public not be excluded from the meeting during consideration of any items.

100. MINUTES

100.1 **RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2005 be approved and signed by the Chair.

101. CALLOVER

101.1 **RESOLVED** - That with the exception of the items reserved (and marked with an asterisk), the recommendations and resolutions contained therein be approved and adopted without debate, excepting Notices of Motion, Deputations, Petitions and letters.

102. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

102.1 Question from	Response from
Mr. Higgins	Cllr Mitchell
Mr. Wells	Cllr Mitchell
Mr. Thompson	Cllr Mitchell

103. LETTERS FROM COUNCILLORS

103.1 There were none.

104. PETITION: MRS. VICTORIA DAVIS

104.1 The Committee received a number of 'petition / letters' from Mrs Davies in respect of proposals for parking arrangements in Chesham Street.

104.2 **RESOLVED** – That the submission be noted.

105. PETITION: PARKING ON CONNAUGHT ROAD

105.1 The Committee received a petition, signed by 18 people, presented at Council on 13 October 2005 by Councillor Older.

"We, the undersigned, as residents of Connaught Road agree there is inadequate residents parking on Connaught Road, often forcing residents to park on neighbouring streets. We hereby petition Brighton & Hove City Council to:

- Re-designate the southern section of Connaught Road from 'Pay and Display Only', which is presently continually under occupied, to allow residents to park along the whole of their road.
- Increase the number of 'Permit Only' spaces from the inadequate 6 currently provided;
- Increase the total number of parking spaces available by providing oblique parking on one side of Connaught Road."

105.2 **RESOLVED** – That the petition be noted.

106. PETITION: ONE-WAY SYSTEM IN MARMION ROAD

106.1 The Committee received a petition, signed by 117 people, presented at Council on 13 October 2005 by Councillor Kemble.

‘We, the undersigned, would like the western section of Marmion Road to become a one-way, starting from Mainstone Road (going west).’

106.2 **RESOLVED** – That the petition be noted.

107. PETITION: REDUCE PARKING TO THE FRONT OF COWLEY DRIVE PARADE

107.1 The Committee received a petition, signed by 1072 people, presented at Council on 13 October 2005 by Councillor Mitchell.

‘We the undersigned customers and local residents of Cowley Drive shopping area deplore any suggestion that there may be a crossing or raised platform of any kind that may in any way reduce parking to the front of Cowley Drive Parade of your local shops!’

107.2 **RESOLVED** – That the petition be noted.

108. PETITION: TRAFFIC CALMING AND SPEED LIMIT IN THE DROVEWAY

108.1 The Committee received a petition, signed by 116 people, presented at Council on 13 October 2005 by Councillor Bennett.

‘I / We support traffic claming and a speed limit of 20mph in The Droveaway, Hove.’

108.2 **RESOLVED** – That the petition be noted.

109. PETITION: ESTATE AGENTS BOARD IN WATERLOO STREET

109.1 The Committee received a petition, signed by 14 people, presented at Council on 13 October 2005 by Councillor Elgood.

‘East Brunswick Residents Association

Residents opposed to Estate Agents Board in Waterloo Street, Upper Market Street, Lower Market Street and Cross Street, Hove.

We call on the council to ban boards in these roads.’

109.2 **RESOLVED** – That a report be brought to a future meeting, at an appropriate time.

110. DEPUTATION

The Committee received a Deputation presented at Council on 24 November in respect of a proposed parking scheme for the Shirley Road area in Stanford Ward.

110.1 **RESOLVED** – That the deputation be noted.

111. NOTICE OF MOTION: SOUTHERN TRAIN CYCLE BAN

The Committee considered the following Notice of Motion submitted to Council on 13 October 2005 by Councillors Turton and Meegan.

This Council notes with regret the proposal by train operator Southern to ban all cycles from trains from the London to Brighton line during peak hours and to enforce such a ban from 16th January 2006.

The ban would prevent commuters without folding cycles from travelling on Southern trains towards London and Brighton between 7.00am and 10.00am and trains leaving London or Brighton between 4.00pm and 7.00pm.

This Council is committed to increasing sustainable forms of transport that minimise damage to the environment and promote healthier lifestyles. Cycling achieves both of these aims and our City has seen a 47% increase in the number of cyclists since the year 2000.

This Council believes that cycling should be fully integrated with public transport to facilitate cycle use as part of longer journeys. Such integration includes the convenient carriage of cycles on the rail network. It is regrettable that Southern ignored this Council's recommendation to ensure that the new Electrostar rolling stock had at least comparable cycle provision compared to that previously available on the old slam-door stock. Southern's decision has resulted in increased cycle congestion on the London to Brighton line as there is insufficient capacity to meet the demand of cyclist commuters.

This Council believes that Southern's proposed ban on cycles during peak hours of travel undermines the aim of the Government and the City Council to promote sustainable transport and to fully integrate cycle use with travel on the rail network. Such a proposal is particularly regrettable given this Council's excellent partnership record of working with Network Rail to improve facilities for cyclists at stations throughout our City.

This Council requests that the Chief Executive write to:

- Charles Horton, Chief Executive of Southern, requesting Southern to reconsider their proposal and to;
- The City's three Labour MPs urging them to lobby Southern and Derek Twigg, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Transport, about Southern's proposal.

111.1 **RESOLVED** – That the Notice of Motion be supported. Members voted unanimously in favour of the motion.

***112. WOODLAND DRIVE TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEME**

112.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment concerning a Traffic Calming Scheme in Woodland Drive (for copy see minute book).

112.2 **RESOLVED** –That (1) having taken due account of all duly made representations and objections received, the 'Brighton & Hove (Woodland Drive) Restrictions On Access Traffic Regulation Order 200*' be made as advertised, for the reasons given in the report.

(2) That the changes in traffic flows, following completion of the Woodland Drive Traffic Calming Scheme be noted.

***113. FIVE WAYS AREA TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT STUDY**

113.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment concerning the Five Ways Area Traffic Management Study (for copy see minute book).

113.2 **RESOLVED** (1) That the implementation of changes to the highway network as shown in the Five Ways Area Traffic Management Study, as summarised in paragraph (3.6) of the report, be approved.

(2) That the timetable for the construction of the changes, starting with preliminary works in early 2006, with the rest of the works being carried out in the 2006/2007 financial year, be approved.

(3) That the advertising and implementation of the traffic regulation orders necessary for the works to be carried out, subject to the receipt and consideration of any objections, be approved.

***114. WESTBOURNE PARKING REVIEW**

114.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment concerning the Westbourne Parking Review (for copy see minute book). Councillor Kemble proposed that residents of Braemore Road, Hogarth Road and Langdale Gardens be

consulted with a view to introducing a lighter touch parking scheme in the area and that roads affected by this proposed scheme be re-consulted as to the implications of implementing such. Councillor Peltzer Dunn seconded the motion and the committee approved the proposal.

114.2 RESOLVED (1) That the extended Westbourne (Area R) resident parking scheme proposals for the Westbourne West & Poets Corner areas identified in Appendix D and Appendix E be progressed to detailed design and the Traffic Regulation Order advertised. (A further 21-day statutory consultation period would take place following publication of the Traffic Regulation Order notice.)

(2) That the scheme will be operational from 9am to 8pm Monday to Sunday.

(3) That an order be placed for all required pay and display equipment to ensure implementation of the proposed Westbourne (Area R) resident parking scheme extension area is undertaken as programmed. If the proposed extension scheme is delayed or not implemented following statutory consultation, the equipment can be used in other schemes in the City.

(4) To re-consult with residents of Braemore Road, Hogarth Road, Langdale Gardens, Richardson Road, Reynolds Road, Titian Road, Raphael Road, Modena Road, New Church Road (part), Portland Road (part) and Lawrence Road (part), where the preference was for no scheme in case there is a change of views. The roads would be re-consulted on three options - no change, a light touch parking scheme or a full resident parking scheme.

***115. MILE OAK SAFER ROUTES TO SCHOOL SCHEME**

115.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment concerning Mile Oak Safer Routes to School Scheme (for copy see minute book).

115.2 RESOLVED (1) That the principles of the proposals contained within the report be approved.

(2) That officers are instructed to prepare detailed designs be drawn up and,

(3) That consultation be carried out with the local community where appropriate, in order that the Safer Routes To School Scheme can be taken forward and implemented during 2005/6.

***116. REVIEW OF PARKING PROGRAMME FOR 2006 ONWARDS**

116.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of

Environment concerning the Review of parking programme for 2006 onwards (for copy see minute book). Councillor Mitchell proposed that officers be instructed to see if there was any way to assist residents in the Reigate Road and Viaduct Road areas in respect of parking congestion. This was seconded by Councillor Turton. The committee approved the proposal.

116.2 **RESOLVED** (1) That the short-term programme of reviews and/or extensions to parking schemes set out in Appendix A of the report, subject to the outcome of consultation, committee decisions and availability of resources, be noted.

(2) That the areas within the priority timetable for the development of new residents' parking schemes and parking reviews in the medium-to-long term, as listed in section 4 and illustrated in Appendix B of the report, be approved.

(3) That (i) officers be instructed examine the implications of combining the Prestonville Review (including the Reigate Road area) and the Preston Park Station reviews and look further at the timetabling of Westbourne and Shirley Road reviews.

That (ii) a further report be submitted in relation to the above.

***117. QUEENS PARK PARKING REVIEW**

117.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment concerning the Queens Park Parking Review (for copy see minute book).

117.2 **RESOLVED** - That, having taken account of all responses to the recent consultation, a lighter touch parking proposal for the area identified on the map in Appendix B of the report is progressed to detailed design and the Traffic Regulation Order advertised.

118. SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

118.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment concerning a Supplementary Planning Document (for copy see minute book).

118.2 **RESOLVED** –That (1) the nature of the representations made to the draft Supplementary Planning Document 'Construction and Demolition Waste and the draft Sustainability Appraisal' be noted

(2) That the responses and recommendations set out in Schedules 1, 2 and 3 (Appendices 2, 2a and 3) of the report be approved.

(3) That the adoption of the Supplementary Planning Document,

Construction and Demolition Waste as a Supplementary Development Plan Document, subject to any minor non-material alterations that may be made by the Director of Environment in consultation with the Chair of the Environment Committee, be approved.

(4) That any alterations requested by East Sussex County Council, following consultation with the Chair of the Environment Committee, be incorporated.

***119. EXTENSION OF WHEELIE BINS**

119.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment concerning the Extension of Wheelie Bins (for copy see minute book).

119.2 **RESOLVED** – That (1) the extension of wheelie bins to two refuse areas (rounds) covering Hollingbury & Stanmer wards and Moulscroomb & Bevendean wards, be approved.

(2) To recommend to Policy and Resources Committee a capital expenditure of £154,000 for the extension of wheelie bins to two refuse rounds.

***120. CLEAN NEIGHBOURHOODS AND ENVIRONMENT ACT**

120.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment concerning the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (for copy see minute book).

120.2 **RESOLVED** – That (1) the wide ranging powers in the in the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act and their potential to support the activities of the Environment Directorate, be noted

(2) That required changes in the Directorate's policies as a result of the Act will be the subject of separate reports to Committee.

PART TWO

122. ITEMS TO REMAIN EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE TO THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

122.1 **RESOLVED** - That no items remain exempt from disclosure to the press and public.

The meeting concluded at 5.40 pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

2006