

MEETING OF THE CABINET HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

held 12th August, 2010

PRESENT: Councillors Ian Auckland (Chair), Simon Clement-Jones,
Roger Davison and Shaffaq Mohammed.

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1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors David Baker and Penny Baker and Councillors Simon Clement Jones and Steve Ayris attended the meeting as the duly appointed respective substitutes.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 8th July, 2010 were approved as a correct record.

4. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS**

There were no public questions or petitions submitted to the Committee.

5. **ITEMS CALLED-IN FOR SCRUTINY/REFERRED TO CABINET HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE**

There were no items referred to the Committee from Scrutiny.

6. **PETITIONS**

New Petitions

The Committee noted the receipt of petitions (a) containing 425 signatures objecting to proposed signposting of goods vehicles along Abbey Lane and that a report would be submitted to future meeting of the south Community Assembly, (b) containing 10 signatures objecting to the pedestrian, vehicular and parking implications associated with the expansion of Westways Primary School (c) containing 24 signatures from residents of Westmoreland Street requesting changes to the proposed Uppertorpe Residents Permit Parking Scheme.

Outstanding Petitions List

The Committee received and noted a report of the Executive Director, Place setting out the position on outstanding petitions that were being investigated.

7. EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS DECISION RECORD

The following decision(s) were taken by the Cabinet

7.1 AGENDA ITEM 9: PETITION REQUESTING MEASURES TO ADDRESS PARKING AND CONGESTION PROBLEMS ON WESTBROOK ROAD, CHAPELTOWN

7.1.1 DECISION TAKEN

RESOLVED: That the Committee:

- (a) notes the petition;
- (b) rejects the request for parking restrictions on Westbrook Road at this time;
- (c) agrees that the request for a permit parking scheme on Westbrook Road is added to the Council's existing list for evaluation; and
- (d) requests that the petitioners be informed accordingly.

7.1.2 REASONS FOR THE DECISION

1. Any waiting restrictions introduced on Westbrook Road would equally apply to residents and visitors to the club.
2. The residents could be exempted from waiting restrictions by introducing a small Permit Parking Scheme [PPS] in the area.
3. The Council's current priority for introducing PPSs relates to large areas adjacent to the City Centre plus a trial scheme in Hillsborough. The Council has already decided that before other suburban locations are considered, the Hillsborough PPS will be both implemented and monitored.

7.1.3 ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

No further alternatives were put forward or considered to be appropriate in the circumstances.

7.1.4 ANY INTEREST DECLARED OR DISPENSATION GRANTED

None

7.1.5 REASON FOR EXEMPTION IF PUBLIC/PRESS EXCLUDED DURING CONSIDERATION

Not applicable.

7.1.6 RESPECTIVE DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Simon Green, Executive Director, Place

7.2 AGENDA ITEM 10: SHIREGREEN STREETSCENE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PHASE 2B

7.2.1 DECISION TAKEN:

RESOLVED: That the Committee approves proposals for the Quadrant 2b of the Shiregreen Streetscene Improvement Project.

7.2.2 REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To continue the roll out of the improvements in roads, footpaths and public areas across the Shiregreen Estate.

7.2.3 ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

No alternatives were put forward or considered to be appropriate in the circumstances.

7.2.4 ANY INTEREST DECLARED OR DISPENSATION GRANTED

None

7.2.5 REASON FOR EXEMPTION IF PUBLIC/PRESS EXCLUDED DURING CONSIDERATION

Not Applicable.

7.2.6 RESPECTIVE DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Simon Green, Executive Director, Place.

7.3 AGENDA ITEM 11: WAVERLEY LINK ROAD

7.3.1 DECISION TAKEN

RESOLVED: That the Committee:

(a) notes (i) the contents of this report, (ii) the uncertainties caused by the likely impact of significant reductions in capital funding for Major Road Schemes, (iii) the resolution of the Council on 28th July 2010 and (iv) the outcome of the of the joint meeting of the East and South-East Community Assemblies held on 22nd April, 2010 and thanks the respective Assemblies for arranging the meeting;

(b) agrees to the undertaking of a detailed review of the routing of the

Waverley Link Road scheme and alternative modifications to the existing highways network to accommodate the predicted increase in traffic from the Waverley development;

- (c) agrees that further development work is in accordance with the resolution of the Council on 28th July, 2010;
- (d) endorses the nomination for playing field land at Woodhouse Mill as a Queen Elizabeth II field; and
- (e) requests that Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council be advised accordingly.

7.3.2 REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The decision has been made with regard to the significant level of local opposition to the Link Road and the Council's resolution of 28th July 2010. The major advantages of a new road in terms of traffic reduction on roads within Sheffield and improvements to the environment especially as regards air quality and the economic regeneration benefits are significant to the recommendations, as is the significant financial restrictions at present, which means the scheme is not likely to proceed for some considerable time.

7.3.3 ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

- (a) Alternative alignments for the link road have been considered, but to date these have all been discounted following a detailed assessment which has clearly demonstrated that these alternatives are not viable at the present time.
- (b) The original alignment which missed the existing housing but passed through the centre of the playing field area is still potentially a viable alternative; however it has been discounted due to its impact on the playing fields.
- (c) Both the above two options would still have the same significant level of local opposition, as local residents have clearly expressed their view that they do not support any new highway, irrespective of the route.
- (d) The option of undertaking no improvements at all has been considered, but this has not been promoted as the level of traffic flow increase, predicted for Handsworth Road/Retford Road/Rotherham Road, would significantly increase congestion on these routes, and would have serious environmental implications for the area.
- (e) The alternative of simply improving the existing highway network has also been considered. This would reduce the serious consequences of doing nothing, but would still lead to extra through traffic using these roads, and would potentially cause major local concern where improvements were proposed. The more strategic network benefits of a new link road would

also be lost, of economic regeneration and access to the M1 and Lower Don Valley.

7.3.4 ANY INTEREST DECLARED OR DISPENSATION GRANTED

None

7.3.5 REASON FOR EXEMPTION IF PUBLIC/PRESS EXCLUDED DURING CONSIDERATION

Not applicable

7.3.6 RESPECTIVE DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Simon Green, Executive Director, Place