

DELEGATED DECISIONS BY CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT (INCLUDING TRANSPORT)

MINUTES of the meeting held on Thursday, 2 March 2017 commencing at 10.00 am and finishing at 10.55 am

Present:

Voting Members: Councillor David Nimmo Smith – in the Chair

Other Members in Attendance: Councillor Liz Brighthouse (for Agenda Item 4)
Councillor Mark Gray (for Agenda Item 7)
Councillor Steve Curran

Officers:

Whole of meeting G. Warrington (Directorate for Resources)

Part of meeting

Agenda Item	Officer Attending
4 - 7	D. Tole (Environment & Economy)
9.	P. Day (Environment & Economy)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered the matters, reports and recommendations contained or referred to in the agenda for the meeting, and decided as set out below. Except as insofar as otherwise specified, the reasons for the decisions are contained in the agenda and reports, copies of which are attached to the signed Minutes.

7/17 PETITIONS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS

(Agenda No. 3)

<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Item</i>
Roger Jenking - (Local Resident, Joan Lawrence Place) County Councillor Liz Brighthouse)) 4. Waiting Restrictions - Wood Farm)
Simon Hunt – CYCLOX	5. Broad street Junction with Parks Road etc, Oxford

Dave Rushton (Benson Neighbourhood Plan team) Councillor Mark Gray)) 7. Littleworth Road, Benson))
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8/17 PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS WOOD FARM AREA OXFORD

(Agenda No. 4)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered (CMDE4) objections and comments received in the course of a statutory consultation on proposals to introduce waiting restrictions in various roads in the Wood Farm area, Oxford.

Roger Jenking commended the proposals particularly those at the Joan Lawrence Place/Titup Hall Drive junction. Currently parking arrangements at the school presented problems with sight lines at specific times and posed a genuine danger.

Whilst welcoming the benefits that these proposals would bring to specific areas Councillor Brighthouse pointed out that ultimately more robust proposals would be required in order to protect the interests of residents. Currently the biggest issue locally was parking and that situation had been compounded by the effects of displaced parking from adjoining CPZs and supposedly car free student accommodation. That along with issues of inadequate enforcement meant that the current situation was unacceptable.. She considered student accommodation should be provided outside the city limits and work on a CPZ for the Wood Farm area progressed as quickly as possible. In the meantime she commended the proposals.

Mr Tole reported an additional response which had been received from the landlord of a property in Blackstock Close which, although not included in the report, reflected comments previously received from residents of the property which had been included. The proposals being put forward now were aimed at addressing some of the problems at local hotspots and although there had been some objections he felt they were on balance a positive move. It was hoped to progress proposals for a CPZ in the next financial year..

Councillor Steve Curran agreed that the proposals offered some respite for some areas in the immediate future but it was inevitable that further restrictions would increase pressure on current parking levels.

The Cabinet Member for Environment appreciated that CPZs elsewhere could have contributed to displaced parking and the concerns expressed regarding problems associated with supposedly car free student accommodation. However, noting the comments made regarding future plans for a CPZ for this area he felt that in the short term these proposals would improve the situation at various hot spots. Therefore having regard to the information set out in the report before him and the representations made to him he confirmed his decision as follows:

to approve implementation of proposed waiting restrictions for the Wood farm area as advertised.

Signed.....
Cabinet Member for Environment

Dated.....

9/17 PROPOSED RAISED JUNCTION TABLE - BROAD STREET JUNCTION WITH PARKS ROAD, HOLYWELL STREET AND CATTE STREET - OXFORD
(Agenda No. 5)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered (CMDE5) objections and comments received in the course of a statutory consultation on proposals to construct a raised junction table at the crossroads junction of Broad Street with Parks Road, Holywell Street and Catte Street, Oxford.

Simon Hunt (Cyclox) supported the proposals as an interim measure but preferred designs incorporating shared space which prioritised cyclists and pedestrians. He supported removal of the signals, introduction of measures to effectively limit the speed of vehicles approaching and entering the junction and called for further monitoring following installation to gauge the scheme’s effectiveness

Mr Tole confirmed that the County Council were contributing to the cost of this scheme along with the City Council and University. There had been several iterations of the scheme with an obvious desire by all parties to secure safety improvements at this junction while recognising the visual sensitivity attached to this part of the City. Levels of support currently being expressed seemed to suggest that this scheme did that while offering something which was deliverable, enforceable and dealt with issues of speed. There had been some objections to the removal of the lights even though they had not been operational for 9 months and had no pedestrian facility. The scheme would be monitored with the wider proposals for Broad Street very much in mind.

The Cabinet Member for Environment recognised the levels of support for the scheme and that it formed part of the long term aims for Broad Street. Therefore having regard to the information set out before him in the report and representations made to him he confirmed his decision as follows:

to approve implementation of a proposed junction table – Broad Street junction with Parks Road, Holywell Street and Catte street – Oxford as advertised.

Signed.....
Cabinet Member for Environment

Dated.....

10/17 PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS WESTLANDS DRIVE, OXFORD

(Agenda No. 6)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered (CMDE6) an objection and comments received in the course of a statutory consultation on proposals to introduce waiting restrictions in Westlands Drive, Oxford as part of the Northway and Marston Flood Alleviation scheme being delivered by Oxford City Council.

Recognising that this proposal was part of a flood alleviation scheme and having regard to the information in the report before him the Cabinet Member for Environment confirmed his decision as follows:

to approve implementation of proposed waiting restrictions on Westland Drive, Oxford as advertised.

Signed.....
Cabinet Member for Environment

Dated.....

11/17 PROPOSED 20MPH SPEED LIMIT , TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES, ZEBRA CROSSING AND WEIGHT LIMIT- LITTLEWORTH ROAD, BENSON

(Agenda No. 7)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered objections and comments received in the course of a statutory consultation on proposals to introduce a 20mph speed limit, supporting traffic calming measures, zebra crossings and a 7.5 tonne weight limit on Littleworth Road at Benson.

Speaking on behalf of the Benson Neighbourhood Plan Infrastructure Team and Parish Council David Rushton referred to substantial growth and development planned both locally and for Chalgrove all of which would have significant long term implications for the area. These issues had not yet been fully assessed and, bearing in mind the significant impacts on traffic levels from this proposed growth, it seemed premature, therefore, at this stage to pursue proposals for speed and weight limits. Proposals for growth and changes to the road infrastructure including a new 'Edge' road formed a vital element in taking these discussions forward and these needed to be firmed up before anything was finalised. As there had been no direct discussion with the Highway Authority it seemed sensible to defer until that had been done.

Councillor Mark Gray endorsed the comments made by Mr Rushton on behalf of the very experienced Infrastructure team. It was imperative that proposals were drawn up which addressed real local concerns regarding the effects of planned growth and development and how traffic, particularly HGVs, would be managed and so he supported calls to defer these proposals to enable further discussions.

Mr Tole recognised that if proposals for development locally and more significantly perhaps for Chalgrove went ahead they would impact on this area. However, those matters were outside the scope of this report and the proposals currently before the Cabinet Member had been drawn up in response to current free standing development approved on the north east side of Littleworth Road. He confirmed that any approved traffic calming and weight restrictions could be removed if there were significant changes in the future as a result of further major development and while it was accepted that there could be some diversion of traffic away from Littleworth Road these proposals were aimed at managing that and in any event diverted traffic was not expected to make a significant difference.

Responding to a question from the Cabinet Member for Environment Mr Tole confirmed that the development off Littleworth Road had started but was some way off completion and although it was not conducive for this to drag on that provided an opportunity for further discussion in order to achieve some common ground and clarity and it would also be of no benefit to approve part of the scheme such as the crossings. Therefore a deferral for further discussion was manageable.

The Cabinet Member for Environment recognised that the proposal before him was predicated by S278 developer funding from an adjacent permission and therefore dealt with the certainty of current proposals and not what might happen. However, it was obvious there was local concern and having regard to the information before him and the representations made to him which had indicated an opportunity for further discussion he confirmed his decision as follows:

to defer consideration of the proposed 20 mph speed limit, traffic calming measures, zebra crossings and weight limit on Littleworth Road, Benson to a future meeting to enable further discussion.

Signed.....
Cabinet Member for Environment

Date of signing.....

12/17 PROPOSED REVISED ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISITORS PARKING PERMITS IN RESIDENTS PARKING ZONES IN ABINGDON AND HENLEY
(Agenda No. 8)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered (CMDE8) objections and comments received to a statutory consultation on proposals to introduce new arrangements for the issuing of visitor parking permits in Abingdon and Henley-on-Thames within the residents parking zones in those towns.

Mr Tole presented the report and confirmed support from both Town Councils.

Having regard to the information before him the Cabinet Member for Environment confirmed his decision as follows:

to approve implementation of proposed revised arrangements for visitors parking permits in residents parking zones in Abingdon and Henley as advertised.

..... Signed
Cabinet Member for Environment

Date of signing.....

13/17 OXFORDSHIRE MINERALS & WASTE ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT 2016

(Agenda No. 9)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered (CMDE9) the Oxfordshire Minerals & Waste Annual Monitoring Report 2016 which covered a 12 month period between 1 April 2015 and March 2016. The County Council was required to prepare and publish a report under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 which assessed and reported on implementation of the Council’s local development scheme and the extent to which local plan policies were being achieved.

Mr Day confirmed that mineral sales figures were increasing which bore out the County Council’s current approach to aggregate supply.

Having regard to the information before him the Cabinet Member for Environment confirmed his decision as follows:

- (a)** approve the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Annual Monitoring Report 2016 as set out in the Annex to the report CMDE9;
- (b)** authorise the Interim Director for Planning & Place to carry out any necessary final editing of the Minerals and Waste Annual Monitoring Report 2016 for publication on the County Council website.

Signed.....
Cabinet Member for Environment

Date of signing.....

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