

DELEGATED DECISIONS BY CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT (INCLUDING TRANSPORT)

MINUTES of the meeting held on Thursday, 8 October 2015 commencing at 10.00 am and finishing at 10.58 am

Present:

Voting Members: Councillor David Nimmo Smith – in the Chair

Other Members in Attendance: Councillor Steve Curran

Officers:

Whole of meeting G. Warrington (Corporate Services); S. Smith and D. Tole (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.

34/15 PETITIONS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS

(Agenda No. 3)

<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Item</i>
Ian Busby	4. Proposed Car Club Bays – Various Locations, Oxford

35/15 PROPOSED CAR CLUB BAYS - VARIOUS LOCATIONS, OXFORD

(Agenda No. 4)

The principle of providing specific parking bays for Car Club vehicles had been agreed at the meeting of the former Transport Decisions Committee in November 2009 with currently 15 vehicles from two separate Car Clubs in operation from on-

street bays across Oxford with others based in private off-street areas. Redevelopment of the former Barns Road Community Centre in Cowley included the provision of two Car Club bays and the opportunity had been taken to use some of the funding provided to introduce additional bays in locations as requested by one of the current Car Clubs. The Cabinet Member for Environment considered (CMDE4) a report setting out representations received to formal consultation on proposals to introduce new parking bays for Car Club vehicles in All Saints Road and Sandfield Road in Headington and in Salter Close, South Oxford.

Mr Busby spoke against the specific proposal for All Saints Road which was right outside his property. Although not opposed to this sort of initiative he questioned the integrity of a proposal which seemed to benefit only the interests of a private company. In that respect he felt the consultation had misled the public by suggesting that this was a car club and was therefore flawed. There was a social impact even from the removal of one parking space particularly where on-street parking was already stretched with pavements blocked by parked cars. He understood that alternative arrangements could be available at 2 large pubs both close to All Saints Road both of which had with largely underused car parks and who had indicated a willingness to make some of that space available.

Mr Tole confirmed that the principle now well established currently offered 15 spaces and that this was the third scheme in the City although the first proposed for Headington. The proposal to remove one space from the general pool had been in response to a specific request and consultation had been carried out in exactly the same way as for other proposed changes to the highway. The scheme in All Saints Road was in an area considered to be under less pressure. The consultation had made clear that the space would no longer be available to the public but would specifically be for the use of the car club for which the County Council charged. That was not the same as for disabled parking bays which could be used by any blue badge holder. If the space was never used then it would be removed and returned to the general pool. It was well established that car clubs had a beneficial effect on car useage and helped reduce car ownership.

Responding to the Cabinet Member he confirmed that he had not been aware of the potential for alternative parking as referred to by Mr Busby but could see no reason why the All Saints and Sandfield Road Car Clubs should not consult with the owners of those properties. Responding to a further query raised by Mr Busby he confirmed that every care had been taken to ensure that car clubs were bona fide organisations.

Noting the support of the local member with regard to the proposals for Salters Close and having regard to the information set out in the report and the representations both received and made at the meeting the Cabinet Member confirmed his decision as follows:

to approve the proposals as advertised for Salters Close but defer implementation of proposals for Sandfield Road and All Saints Road, Headington in order to explore further the commercial option to provide off-street parking at alternative sites before any further consideration was given to the on-street option

Signed.....
Cabinet Member for Environment

Date of signing.....

36/15 PROPOSED WAITING AND PARKING RESTRICTIONS NORAL WAY, BANBURY

(Agenda No. 5)

Noral Way contained a new access in connection with the redevelopment of a disused industrial site into a modern distribution depot. The road currently had unrestricted parking which was used by commuters to local offices and some HGVs connected with nearby industrial estates.

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered (CMDE5) a report setting out representations received to a formal consultation on the proposals to introduce new waiting and parking restrictions proposed on Noral Way. He advised that having visited the site he recognised the specific issues highlighted in the area around ‘The Entertainer’ and therefore having regard to the information set out in the report and representations made to him at the meeting confirmed his decision as follows:

to approve the proposals as advertised with a minor reduction in permitted parking on the north side as described in the report CMDE7.

Signed.....
Cabinet Member for Environment

Date of signing.....

37/15 PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER - ILGES LANE, CHOLSEY

(Agenda No. 6)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered (CMDE6) responses received to a consultation for a proposed Traffic Regulation Order for Ilges Lane, Cholsey currently a Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT) in order to regulate potential use of the Lane if improvements were made to its surface to link new developments on the A329 with amenities in Cholsey Village.

Mr Tole emphasised the need to balance concerns which had been expressed over the increased use and type of traffic which any improvement might attract and the future use envisaged for Ilges Lane.

Having regard to the information set out in the report and the representations made to him at the meeting the Cabinet Member for Environment confirmed his decision as follows:

to approve the approach to implement the scheme and to monitor any issues arising and to reconsider a TRO should the need arise.

Signed.....
Cabinet Member for Environment

Date of signing.....

38/15 PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS - CHURCH ROAD, WHEATLEY

(Agenda No. 7)

In response to traffic and road safety concerns raised by Wheatley Parish Council and local residents regarding the central part of Church Road a scheme had been developed to introduce some additional lengths of parking restrictions designed to help traffic, including buses, move more freely. The Cabinet Member for Environment considered (CMDE7) a report setting out objections received to a statutory consultation on the introduction of three new lengths of 'no waiting at any time' restrictions along part of Church Road, Wheatley.

Mr Tole confirmed there had been a number of objections but only one from a resident of Church Road itself. The scheme had been promoted by the parish council with the support of the local member who had recognised that whilst it could cause some problems for some individuals in Church Road traffic issues were now so bad something needed to be done.

The Cabinet Member having visited the site appreciated the potential for problems regarding safe traffic movement and he was happy to support the initiative put forward by the parish council.

Noting the support of the local member for the proposals, the representations made to him at the meeting and having regard to the information set out in the report the Cabinet Member for Environment confirmed his decision as follows:

to approve implementation of the proposal as advertised.

Signed.....
Cabinet Member for Environment

Date of signing.....

39/15 PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS - CALDECOTT CHASE, ABINGDON

(Agenda No. 8)

Proposals had been drawn up in conjunction with Thames Valley Police, residents of Caldecott Close and representatives of Covenant Management Ltd (who manage the Caldecott Chase development) to introduce ‘no waiting at any time’ restrictions at the entrance to the Close in order to address concerns regarding a perceived danger caused by cars parking close to the junction of Caldecott Close and Blacknell Road. Covenant Management had also offered to fund the introduction of the restrictions.

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered a report (CMDE8) setting out objections received to a formal consultation on those proposals.

Responding to a question from the Cabinet Member regarding potential to scale down the restriction to just a restriction on the north side Mr Tole expressed some concern that lines on just one side could encourage more parking on the other side.

Therefore, having regard to the information set out in the report and the representations made to him at the meeting the Cabinet Member for Environment confirmed his decision as follows:

to approve the implementation of proposal as advertised.

Signed.....
Cabinet Member for Environment

Date of signing.....

40/15 PROPOSED RAISED ZEBRA CROSSING - OXFORD HILL, WITNEY

(Agenda No. 9)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered (CMDE9) a report setting out objections received to a formal consultation on a proposal to introduce a raised zebra crossing to replace an existing ‘standard’ zebra on Oxford Hill, Witney. The proposal related to the planning consent for residential redevelopment of the former dairy site and the associated highway alterations.

Addressing concerns from an objector who felt that his original objection had not been reported accurately Mr Tole confirmed that the objection had been precised for the purposes of the report but that the full unabridged version had been available in the members’ resource room.

The Cabinet Member was mindful that further developments in the vicinity could well have an effect on what should be provided here and therefore what the best option might eventually be. Therefore having regard to that, the information set out in the report and the representations made to him at the meeting the Cabinet Member for Environment confirmed his decision as follows:

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to defer proposals for a replacement raised zebra crossing on Oxford Hill, Witney pending further information regarding traffic speeds and usage.

Signed.....
Cabinet Member for Environment

Date of signing.....

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