



To be submitted to the Council at its meeting on 17th December 2020

PORFOLIO HOLDER – ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT

28th September 2020 at 10.30 a.m.

Present

Councillor S Swinburn (in the Chair)

Officers in Attendance:

- Zoe Campbell (Scrutiny and Committee Advisor)
- Martin Lear (Deputy Head of Highways and Transport - Engie)
- Mark Nearney (Assistant Director of Housing and Interim Assistant Director of Highways, Transport and Planning)
- Keith Thompson (Property Solicitor)
- Debbie Swatman (Traffic Team Manager – Engie)
- Darren Braithwaite (Highways Asset Engineer - Engie)

Also in attendance:

Councillor Sheridan.

PH.ETE.8 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence for this meeting.

PH.ETE.9 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Swinburn declared a personal interest in PH.ETE.15 (Tracking report) as a member of Immingham Town Council.

PH.ETE.10 PETITION - FOR A MOTORCYCLE GATE IN PEOPLE'S PARK, GRIMSBY

The portfolio holder received a petition requesting the installation of a motorcycle gate in People's Park, Grimsby.

Mr Westcott, lead petitioner, was invited to address the portfolio holder and explained there was a big problem with motorcycle activity in the Park Ward and via Heneage Ward which had gone on for 20 years. There were existing barriers for motorcycles, but Mr Westcott felt they were not as effective as an anti-motorcycle gate on the cutting between Legsby Avenue and Park Drive. He confirmed that they had proved successful in other parts of the ward. The route was used by parents and children attending the local schools as well as providing access to People's Park. Mr Westcott referred to Operation Yellowfin that was underway with police officers deployed to pursue people driving motorcycles illegally. He appreciated this would not stop them and it relied on members of the public reporting the incidents. The gate would certainly stop the motorcyclists using a major footpath route through People Park and beyond and reduce the volume of illegal traffic. Mr Westcott felt it would reduce the risk of people being hurt or injured.

The portfolio holder sympathised with Mr Westcott. He appreciated that this activity was going on across the borough and it was a big issue to address.

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

PH.ETE.11

PETITION – FOR INSTALLATION OF SPEED BUMPS ON THE CORNER OF BEESON STREET AND ARMSTRONG STREET, GRIMSBY.

The portfolio holder received a petition requesting the installation.

Councillor Sheridan, ward councillor for West Marsh ward, explained that she was in support of the petition for enhanced safety measures on the corner of Beeston Street and Armstrong Street. This was an historical issue for residents, and she confirmed there was a one way system down Armstrong Street, some street signs and road markings. Councillor Sheridan felt that the measures already in place were not sufficient when cars did not stop because they had not seen the give way signs and there was chance of a collision. She felt there needed to be either speed bumps, chicanes or some traffic calming measures installed to make it safe for car drivers and pedestrians, especially because it was sited next to a community centre that was frequently used.

Ms Swatman confirmed that officers would review the petition request and explained that officers would look at the speed and the accident statistics in the area. She referred to the existing measure in place and confirmed that they would look at upgrading options alongside the statistics and report back to the portfolio holder.

The portfolio holder suggested that officers and himself meet with the petition leads and ward councillors on site.

RESOLVED –

1. That the petition be received, and progress be reported through the tracking report at future meetings of this portfolio holder.
2. That a site visit be arranged between the portfolio holder, officers, the lead petitioners and the local ward councillors.

PH.ETE.12

ANNUAL HIGHWAY WINTER SERVICE REVIEW – HIGHWAY WINTER SERVICE POLICY AND OPERATIONAL PLAN (2020-21)

The portfolio holder considered a report that dealt with the annual review of the Council's highway winter service policy and operational plan.

Mr Nearney confirmed there was no feedback from the Economy Scrutiny Panel when this report was considered at its meeting in September 2020. He explained the report gave the full details around the annual highways winter service policy and the operational plan.

RESOLVED – That the highway winter service policy and operational plan (2020-2021) be approved.

PH.ETE.13

TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 20-13: FREEMAN STREET, GRIMSBY – 24 HOUR PROHIBITION OF WAITING

The portfolio holder considered a report that proposed an introduction of a new vehicular egress facility from the approved YMCA development. IN order to protect users of the nearby pedestrian crossing, it was also proposed that the current limited waiting restrictions be replaced with 'No Waiting at any Time' restrictions.

Ms Swatman explained this traffic regulation order was in conjunction with the development of the new YMCA and a revision of some of the road markings to accommodate the new access. The portfolio holder asked for confirmation of the timescales for the consultation and if the ward councillors would be included. Ms Swatman confirmed that the ward councillors would be consulted on the proposals and, because the building work was in progress, it would fit in with the timing of when the work was finished.

Ms Swatman explained that officers would officially advertise the order. If there were any objections these would be reported back to the portfolio holder and, if not, the order would be made.

RESOLVED –

1. That approval be granted to the making of a Traffic Regulation Order to revoke the current limited waiting restrictions and introduce a 24 hour Prohibition of Waiting (double yellow line) restriction, as detailed in the Schedules to Appendix 1 of the report now submitted and shown indicatively on drawing TR-20-13 to Appendix 2 of the report now submitted.
2. That, in the event of unresolved material objections to the Order, these be referred back to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport for determination and a decision as to whether or not the Order be confirmed and executed.

PH.ETE.14

**TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER – HUMBERSTON AVENUE:
30MPH SPEED LIMIT**

The portfolio holder deferred consideration of this item to allow further investigations to be made and recommendations from these investigations would then be referred back to a future meeting.

PH.ETE.15

TRACKING REPORT

The portfolio holder received a report tracking his previous decisions and seeking to agree any items for sign off.

On the petition regarding Bolingbroke Road, Cleethorpes, Ms Swatman confirmed that officers were waiting to hear back from the ward councillor about a meeting with residents as part of the consultation. This had been delayed due to Covid-19.

On the petition to close the access between The Spinney and The Lawns in Grimsby, Mr Nearney confirmed officers were waiting for residents to compile and submit evidence of any anti-social behaviour for their case.

On the petition regarding the creation of residents parking permits on Kew Road and Elm Gardens in Cleethorpes, Ms Swatman confirmed officers had received feedback from the surveys. She confirmed that this was being looked at as a priority and as part of the wider parking scheme. Proposals were being drawn up and the next steps, once agreed with the ward councillors, would be to go out to consultation with the residents. The portfolio holder requested that this scheme be carried out as a matter of urgency due to the length of time this process had taken.

On the petition regarding the creation of a public footpath between Barnoldby Road and Salisbury Avenue, Waltham, Mr Lear confirmed that

the Planning Committee on the 22nd July 2020 approved the proposed diversion. The order had been made and that would have a 28 day consultation period with the hope that the public footpath work would be implemented in October 2020.

On the petition requesting a crossing to be installed on Bluestone Lane in Immingham, the portfolio holder referred to the work that had already started and he highlighted that the 'wigwams' were not working. He asked for officers to check why they were not operational. He requested the gathering of data around the speed of traffic since the new crossing was installed.

RESOLVED –

1. That the tracking report be noted.
2. That officers report back to a future meeting of this portfolio holder on why the 'wigwams' on Bluestone Lane in Immingham were not working.
3. That data be provided on speed of traffic around the new crossing that had been installed on Bluestone Lane in Immingham.

There being no further business, the portfolio holder closed the meeting at 11.02 a.m.