

APPENDIX E - WATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HIGHWAY WORKS

Traffic Regulation Order -- Update

Cassiobury Controlled Parking Zone Review

Additional consultation with residents outside the current zone has led to changes to the proposed expansion from 3 to 8 roads. Traffic Orders and detailed plans to enable this expansion to take place are currently being developed. The target date for implementation of this expansion is the end of 2011.

Nascot Area

New controls in Kildonan Close, Oaklands Court and Kenilworth Court became enforceable on 10 October 2011.

Proposals for 'commuter ban' restrictions in Bellamy Close, Grandfield Ave, Langwood Gardens and Maple Grove are currently the subject of a consultation exercise with residents on a draft detailed scheme. Subject to the outcome of the consultation it is hoped to implement a scheme in late 2011 or early 2012.

Oxhey Ward parking Consultation

A Ward wide consultation with residents and businesses in relation to parking issues took place during July and August. At the time of writing of this report, results were still being collated. The outcomes will be used to identify areas where further work may need to be done to address issues highlighted by residents.

Queens Road/ The Broadway

Traffic surveys have taken place in Queens Road/ The Broadway to determine the level of parking demand and the duration of stay. Face to face interviews with drivers also took place in July and September to build a picture of where people are visiting, how long they are staying and whether they believe the current parking arrangements in Queens Road are satisfactory. Subject to the outcome of the survey work, proposals to amend the current parking scheme will be developed.

Shaftesbury Road – Waterfields Recreation Ground car park

Consultation with residents in Ebury Road, Shaftesbury Road and Ottoman Terrace indicated broad support for the proposals to manage the car park at the end of Shaftesbury Road to protect parking opportunity for residents permit holders and short term visitors to Waterfields Recreation Ground. The proposals will be implemented as part of the next variation to the Controlled Parking Zone Traffic Order.

Horseshoe Lane and Eastbury Road

Proposals to implement new yellow lines in Eastbury Road, Oxhey and Horseshoe Lane Garston have been advertised formally. No objections have been received and it is anticipated that the new parking controls will be in place and operational before the end of the year.

Various Road Traffic Orders

A Traffic Order introducing new parking controls in the following roads has been completed. Site work has been completed and the lines are now enforceable. Croxley View

Crusader Way

Faraday Close

Milton Street

The Roundway

Shakespeare Street

A Traffic Order to introduce new or extended controls in the following roads was advertised in July. Objection was received on the Lavinia Ave site and at the time of writing this report efforts were being made to negotiate the objections away . If this is successful it is hoped that all the proposals will be installed by the end of 2011.

Beechwood Rise

Bushey Mill Lane (Tudor Parade) – disabled bay

Courtlands Drive (Goodwood Parade) – disabled bay

Lavinia Close

Longspring/ Thrums

Tolpits Lane service road

Under s115 of the Highways Act

The Borough Council can undertake works on the highway where they are providing an amenity.

A) Highway related

1) Cassiobury Park

Improvements to cycle and pedestrian route signage from existing walking and cycle routes. Sign design options under consideration. Implementation late 2011.

2) The Parade Events Market space

The section of The Parade from Clarendon Rd to Gade Access Rd. Works to create a more viable market space by removing certain items of street furniture are now complete. The final specialist event market of the season will take place in Dec 9/10/11/12.

Herts Highways are drafting traffic orders to enable market vehicles to be driven in the pedestrianised section of The Parade and to suspend the cycle lane. Watford Council will make an Order under Town Police Clauses Act for the suspension of the cycle route for the December market if the permanent TRO is not made.

3) Town Hall subway facelift

Works to refurbish the subway lighting, paint the roof and brighten the tiled walls by applying a vinyl anti graffiti coating with images is complete.

4) Gade Access Road – removal of planter D

Works to remove the redundant planter at the side of Gade House commence are complete. A new loading bay has been created primarily to assist the setting up of the events markets.

5) Town Centre Cultural Study – Rickmansworth Rd to Albert Rd Sth

The Council is currently awaiting the return of tenders for the provision of consultancy services for the feasibility, design and supervision of the public realm works. This element will develop the concept design in the Town Centre Cultural Study for public consultation in Spring 2012

B) Transport related projects on Council owned land

1) Woodside Leisure Centre

a) A WBC 106/capital funded project for pedestrian and cycle access improvements to and across the site. Works are underway to construct a footpath to link the top car park to the running track and leisure centre. Phase 2 is complete and phase 3 has recently commenced. It is anticipated that all works will be completed late October 2011. A TRO to control parking in the top car park will also be made.

2) Oxhey Park pedestrian and cycle bridge

a) Following completion of the bridge additional works to upgrade the path and install direction signage on part of fp56 and the permissive path from the bridge to Lower High St are currently underway

3) Whippendell Woods Bridleway conversion

a) The existing Council owned permissive horse track has been upgraded to adoptable standard and access improvements made at the Rousebarn Lane and Grove Mill Lane entrances. HCC are in the process of finalising legal orders to adopt it as a Bridleway thus permitting cycling on it. Expected completion date Nov 2011

C) RIGHTS OF WAY WORKS BY THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY

The Council is required to carry out footpath diversions under the s.257 Town and County Planning Act 1990 to enable developments to take place.

1) Watford Springs site FP50 and 52

Planning consent was granted in August 2009 and the development necessitates the diversion of definitive footpaths 50 and 52. Preparation of draft legal orders has commenced. It is anticipated that they will be published for consultation in Nov 2011 (subject to HCC rights of way approval). A temporary diversion for the duration of the works will be in place for the duration of construction works.

2) Oxhey Park Bridge FP56

The siting of the bridge necessitates the permanent diversion of 60m of definitive footpath on the east bank of the river. Informal consultation has taken place with The Ramblers Association and draft legal orders are expected to be published in Nov 2011 (subject to HCC rights of way approval).

D) Watford Town Centre Cultural Study Programme

On October 5th WBC received competitive tenders for the production of design options for public realm improvements to the Pond area of the Parade together with a long term design solution for the Town Hall subway. Subject to completion of the tender evaluation process, it is hoped that a report will go to the November 7th meeting of WBC Cabinet recommending an appointment. The aim is to create space for temporary outdoors events, such as Imagine Watford, and to generally improve the streetscape in this area. Consultants have been asked to produce two design options for public and other stakeholder consultation: one based on the AECOM concept designs and the other retaining the pond at its current size. WBC has earmarked c. £4.3m for the scheme. It is anticipated that public consultation will take place next Summer and works will commence in 2013. A joint WBC / HCC programme board has been set up to steer this and other Cultural Study projects.