

APPENDIX E - WATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HIGHWAY WORKS

A) Highway related

Under s115 of the Highways Act

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

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

The Council has appointed Building Design Partnership to provide 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. Site surveys are currently underway.

B) Transport related projects on Council owned land

1) 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 will be complete by mid April 2012.

2) 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. HCC have not given a completion date.

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 is being completed by HCC Rights of Way unit. It is anticipated that they will be published for consultation in April 2012. A temporary diversion for the duration of the works will be in place for the duration of construction works.

A Creation Order under s.25 for the dedication of an additional width of path leading to Watford Fields infant school will also be made by Watford Council.

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 May 2012 (subject to HCC rights of way approval).

D Planning and Development

New Style Street Name Plates

Following the introduction of the new style street name plates as part of phase 1 of the County Council led Clarendon Road Pedestrian Improvements Programme, a further 50 new style plates with destination sub-plates are being introduced throughout the town. In addition to the name plates already installed in the Central ward the new name plates will be appearing in Oxhey, Tudor, Park, Vicarage and Woodside over the next month. The plates will provide average walking time to key pedestrian destinations. The scheme aims to combine information on one single sign and de-cluttering old signage.

Parking Service

New Parking Machine Project

The new parking machine upgrade project has been completed with the final 12 machines installed last month. The new machines will cater for the new style 5p and 10p coins which are being introduced in March/April. They will also provide added security and user reliability.

The parking service has been working towards producing new GIS (Geographic Information Systems) maps which will be available to the public on-line. The maps will show where 1, 2 and 4hour pay and display parking are located in the Borough and the boundaries of the controlled parking zones.

Traffic Regulation Orders

Cassiobury Controlled Parking Zone Review

Revised proposals for the detailed design of the parking arrangements for the 8 additional roads proposed for inclusion in the zone have been developed in light of objections received to the statutory process run at the end of 2011. The revised proposals will be advertised formally inviting objection at the end of March 2012.

The informal consultation on proposals to manage parking in the vicinity of the shops at the Langley Way/ Cassiobury Drive junction is on-going and a preferred scheme is to be submitted to Hertfordshire Highways for comment

during March. Improvements to the facilities for pedestrians at this junction are being incorporated in to the design with a view to bringing forward a more detailed proposal for wider consultation later in 2012.

Nascot Area

A revised scheme parking controls in Bellamy Close, Grandfield Ave, Langwood Gardens and Maple Grove have been prepared taking account of comments received through the public consultation held in November 2011. Formal Statutory Consultation the revised scheme is proposed for May 2012. Further consultation on parking and other traffic related issues in The Avenue, Church Road area and Park Road is planned for later in 2012.

Oxhey Ward parking Consultation

A Ward wide consultation with residents and businesses in relation to parking issues took place during July and August indicated that residents did not support area wide parking controls to address parking issues. Measures to adjust existing yellow line restrictions at junctions within the Ward, including the introduction of some short stay parking to support local shops and some new parking controls on junctions where obstructive parking has been a problem have being developed in conjunction with Ward Members and OVEG. These proposals are currently out to informal consultation with the Police, Herts Highways and the Council's Waste Services Team with a view to commencing the Statutory Consultation later in the year. The Council and Hertfordshire Highways are also supporting OVEG in the development of a community led Considerate Parking Scheme aimed at encouraging responsible parking attitudes within the Ward.

Queens Road/ The Broadway

Proposals to introduce a small number of free limited waiting spaces in Queens Road to support top up shopping habits are to be taken to Statutory Consultation during the early part of 2012 along with a number of other small amendments to current parking controls in the existing CPZs. Changes to parking controls in Queens Road to extend the length of time motorcycles can be parked free of charge in the designated motorcycle bay from 1 hour to 2 hours is included in the proposed changes. Subject to the satisfactory resolution of any objections received it is expected that the changes will be implemented during the Summer.

Shaftesbury Road – Waterfields Recreation Ground car park

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 are also due to go to Statutory Consultation as part of the same process referred to above.

Various Road Traffic Orders

Work on the next 'various roads' Order covering between 15 and 20 sites across the Borough has commenced. Ward/ Divisional Members will be contacted with initial proposals for their initial comments in the next two months. It is anticipated that it will take up to the end of the summer 2012 to complete this Order.