
Meeting	Decision Session - Executive Member for Transport
Date	8 October 2024
Present	Councillor Ravilious
Officers in Attendance	James Gilchrist – Director of Transport, Environment and Planning Annemarie Howarth – Traffic Projects Officer Geoff Holmes – Traffic Projects Officer Lauren Grindley – Definitive Map Assistant, Rights of Way Alison Newbould – Public Rights of Way Officer

12. Declarations of Interest (10:00am)

The Executive Member was asked to declare, at this point in the meeting, any disclosable pecuniary interests, or other registerable interests she might have in the respect of business on the agenda, if she had not already done so in advance on the Register of Interests. None were declared.

13. Minutes (10:00am)

Resolved: That the minutes of the Decision Session held on 19 July 2024 be approved and signed by the Executive Member as a correct record.

14. Public Participation (10:00am)

It was reported that there had been 5 registrations to speak at the session under the Council's Public Participation Scheme, 4 of these speakers were in attendance.

Cllr Whitcroft Spoke in support of officers recommendations; he noted that residents should be able to park outside their own houses. He asserted that visitors should use paid car parks, park and rides etc instead of free on-street parking spaces outside residents houses.

Lucy Shaw – Spoke as a resident, non-residents parking in the area have increased. Not just students but people commuting, attending events in Barbican, working on construction sites or living in neighbouring areas with respark but not wanting to pay for more than one car. HMOs.

Pippa Cole – Spoke as a resident saying that the scheme had failed to meet 50% support. Unfairly penalised because in an area between university and holiday lets so unlikely to meet this threshold due to short term interest of many in area. Sig cost to low income families.

Andy D'Agorne – Speaking as someone who has represented people in Fishergate for 20 years. Scheme no longer fit for purpose. 50% threshold has no basis in law, is something a previous council leader put in place over a decade ago. Called for further spending on sustainable/active travel.

15. Consideration of results received from the consultation to introduce residents' priority parking restrictions within the Heslington Road area to be known as R66 Wellington Street (10:18am)

The Executive Member discussed the possibility of switching the sides of Heslington Road allocated to parking and Traffic Enforcement near St Lawrence's School and requested this be explored before proceeding to formal consultation.

The Executive Member also requested exploration of the remaining usage levels of parking on Heslington Road if these recommendations are adopted, stating that she wished to review this to ensure all parking remains in laybys so as not to not excessively impede uphill cycle traffic and key bus routes to the university.

With these concerns expressed, the Executive Member

Resolved:

To approve Option 2 - Advertise an amendment to the Traffic Regulation Order to introduce new Residents' Priority Parking restrictions for the whole of the consultation area, to be known as R66, to operate 24hours Monday to Sunday. In addition, progress the proposed separate restrictions on Heslington Road to statutory

consultation and legal advertisement, as outlined on the decision plan, included as Annex D.

Reason:

The Executive Member believed that the only way to establish the level of support for the scheme in this location was through statutory consultation.

16. Mansfield Street TRO Consultation (10:26am)

17. Stockton Lane/Seymour Grove TRO Consultation (10:29am)

Resolved:

To approve Option 1, outlined in paragraphs 22-23 of the Decision Report – implementation of the originally advertised proposal.

Reason:

This option removes the obstructive parking that is currently occurring, which is reducing visibility of vehicle exiting Seymour Grove. Vehicles parking between Seymour Grove and the roundabout are also leading to vehicles approaching the roundabout in the centre of the carriageway and into the path of vehicles exiting the roundabout.

18. Proposed diversion and upgrade of public footpath Acaster Malbis 3 (10:31am)

Resolved:

That the Executive Member approve Option 1 as outlined in paragraph 26 of the Decision Report, authorising the making of a public path order to divert and upgrade to bridleway public footpath Acaster Malbis 3.

Reason:

This is the best option for the public because it reopens a long obstructed route and allows more classes of user to enjoy it.

This benefits the landowner because it removes the existing public footpath from their garden. This is the best option for the council because it discharges the council's duty as Highway Authority to ensure public highways are not obstructed whilst costing the least amount of money.

The new route will be laid out as part of the redevelopment of the site. The route will have a smooth hard surface. The council will ensure that the new route is made available for public use, to the agreed standard, before the Order is confirmed.

Cllr K Ravilious, Chair

[The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 10.35 am].