

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet Member for City Services held at
2.30 pm on Monday, 23 April 2018

Present:

Members: Councillor J Innes (Cabinet Member)
Councillor R Lakha (Deputy Cabinet Member)

Employees (by Directorate):

Place C, Archer, P Bowman, R Goodyer, L Knight, J, Logue,
R Parkes, K Seager

Apologies: Councillor T Sawdon

Public Business

48. Declarations of Interests

There were no disclosable pecuniary interests.

49. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 2018 were agreed and signed as a true record.

There were no matters arising.

50. Objections to Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) - Cannon Park Road and Fairlands Park Residents Parking Scheme

The Cabinet member considered a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place), which set out objections to the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order – Cannon Park Road and Fairlands Road Residents' Parking Scheme.

A resident's Parking Scheme came into operation on Cannon Park Road and Fairlands Road on 8th May 2017. The scheme operates Monday to Friday for one hour in the morning (10am-11am) and one hour in the afternoon (2pm-3pm). In addition, double yellow lines (no waiting at any time) were introduced for junction protection. The scheme was introduced in response to residents' concerns about student parking in the area. When residents were consulted on the proposal, significant support was received (over 80%).

The scheme was introduced as an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) to enable monitoring to be undertaken, especially in terms of whether displacement parking occurred and for residents to see how the scheme worked before making comments or objections.

4 objections had been received in relation to the Order, which were set out in the Appendix to the report. All of the objections received were from non-residents. In addition, all objections received were from University of Warwick students. 3 of the objectors advise that they park on Cannon par Road as they could not afford to

park on the University Campus car park. The other objection was received from an objector who parks on Cannon Park Road for convenience, as it is in close proximity to the University and lecture theatres. The Cabinet Member noted that the objectors had been invited to the meeting, but did not attend.

The restrictions installed had been designed to prevent verge parking at the junction of Cannon Park Road with Cannon Hill Road. Parking on the grass verge could cause damage and this could result in deep rutting, water ponding and, in many cases, mud from the verge may be transferred onto the road and into nearby properties. Mud on the road could also be a hazard and may result in an increase in road traffic collisions. In addition, vehicles parked at junctions restrict the inter-visibility between drivers and also between drivers and vulnerable road users, which significantly increases the likelihood of road traffic collisions.

After consulting residents and local Councillors, it was highlighted that if restrictions were only installed at the Cannon Park Road junction and Cannon Hill Road, that problem parking would simply migrate further into the affected roads. Subsequently, to avoid further disruption to residents by non-resident parking, a full residents' parking scheme was introduced.

Taking into account the objections raised, and the considered response, it was recommended that the ETRO be made permanent.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet Member for City Services:-

- 1. Considered the objections to the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order.**
- 2. Approves that the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order, City of Coventry (Canon Park Road and Fairlands Park) (Residents Parking Zone) (Experimental) Order 2017 is made permanent.**

51. Outstanding Issues

The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place), which contained a list of outstanding issue items that had been requested by the Cabinet Member.

It was reported that, in respect of item 1, Costain remained on the Council's list of contractors but that any future works would be prescriptive regarding what was expected and close monitoring would take place in relation to any works undertaken by Costain.

RESOLVED that the outstanding issues report be noted.

52. Any other items of Public Business

There were no other items of public business.

(Meeting closed at 2.45 pm)