

WEST CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE – [23 SEPTEMBER 2004]

ACTION SHEET – OPEN FORUM

Subject	Action	Action to be taken up with officers by	Action confirmed
<p>Issue raised by Dr Shorthouse: Is it possible for an area in Pound Hill to be designated as parking area for residents only on Sunday. The Chair asked the Committee to note that this question had been asked at the previous meeting.</p>	<p>Reply to Dr Shorthouse. The Committee affirmed that the reply given at the previous meeting was correct and undertook to continue to follow this up with the officer concerned.</p>	<p>Councillor Holland as Ward Councillor who also sits on the Cambridge Environment & Transport Area Committee and Graham Lowe (Engineering Manager).</p>	
<p>Points raised by Andrew Aarons in an email to the Committee Manager in relation to the response he had received to the issues he raised at the previous meeting: The points related to the relationship, or rather the lack thereof, between the Huntingdon Road controlled parking scheme and the current uncontrolled parking in the Benson Street priory Street area.</p> <p>This is of particular concern to the Huntingdon Road residents because it is on Huntingdon Road where non residents park and fill the lay-bys after 5pm and often sit in their cars from 4:30 onwards waiting for the traffic wardens.</p> <p>The residents of Priory/Benson</p>	<p>Reply to Andrew Aarons. Councillor S Reid explained that the Area Joint Committee had decided in July 2003 to advertise the extension of the on street parking controls for the Benson Street/Priory Street area. However, they had also decided to delay doing this until the Local Authority Parking Enforcement (LAPE) came into effect. This is due to begin at the end of October 2004. Councillor C Rosenstiel also explained that the parking arrangements in Guest Road were unique in the city as it was the road where parking regulations were first put in place. He suggested that the whole of the</p>	<p>Councillor Holland as Ward Councillor who also sits on the Cambridge Environment & Transport Area Committee and Graham Lowe (Engineering Manager).</p>	

<p>Streets were asked at the same time as the Huntingdon Road residents whether they wanted residents parking and they chose not to have it. Huntingdon Road was considered a separate area of special need at that time and we were given residents parking. Does the Environment and Transport Area Joint Committee have any reason to believe that the Benson/Priory Street residents have changed their minds and if they have how does that impinge on the Huntingdon Road residents?</p> <p>As for the need for short stay parking on Huntingdon Road for businesses; I have not suggested that the pay and display short stay parking lay-bys be removed, I have suggested only that cars with Resident Parking permits be allowed to use the lay-bys as well without having to pay just as they do in other locations such as the Guest Road area of the city.</p>	<p>Huntingdon Road zone should be considered and that included the Castle Hill area.</p>		
<p>From a member of the public in response to what was said about LAPE: Would more enforcement have an impact on private roads?</p>	<p>The Chair said that he did not know the number of private roads in the city but would find an answer for the questioner.</p>	<p>Councillor Hipkin and Graham Lowe (Engineering Manager).</p>	
<p>Issue raised by Eric Markland: Why was it taking so long to install a pedestrian crossing at the junction of Huntingdon Road/Storey's Way. He had recently witnessed an accident</p>	<p>The Chair explained that there was an annual budget for pedestrian crossings in the city which was the responsibility of the Executive Councillor for Planning</p>	<p>Councillor Hipkin as Ward Councillor and Graham Lowe (Engineering Manager).</p>	

<p>between a car and a cycle which did not result in a fatality but was it going to take the death of someone to get anything done?</p>	<p>& Transport, Councillor Bailey. Priorities were set each year but individual items went back into the priority listing at the end of the financial year. That might be the reason why this particular request had not yet been implemented. He said that he had asked Councillor Bailey to look into the matter urgently. He would keep Mr Markland informed of progress. County Councillor A Reid wondered if it were possible to slow down the traffic in the main arterial roads into the city such as Huntingdon Road to give more place to cyclists and pedestrians.</p>		
<p>Because of the number of questions at the last meeting and this one on parking and traffic issues in the city, the Committee resolved to ask Graham Lowe, Engineering Manager, to attend the next meeting on 18 November to answer these and any other such questions raised at the next meeting.</p>			
<p>Issue raised by County Councillor A Reid: He handed out some photographs of work being carried out on a house and asked whether there was a policy/procedures in relation to altering the fronts of houses in Grantchester Meadows.</p>	<p>The Head of Development Services explained that he would need to check the planning history. He explained that some alterations to houses did not require planning permission and it might be that this was the case in this instance. He undertook to respond to County Councillor A Reid with details of the planning history and relevant planning policies.</p>	<p>Councillor S Reid as a Ward Councillor who is a member of Planning Committee and John Summers (Head of Development Services).</p>	