

TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT

DECISIONS made by the Lead Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment, Councillor M Lock on 23 March 2009 at County Hall, Lewes.

Councillors Bentley and Thomas spoke on items 5, 12, 13, 14 and 15 (see minutes 92, 99, 100, 101 and 102))

Councillor Shing spoke on items 6 and 7 (see minutes 93 and 94)

Councillor Martin spoke on items 6 and 7 (see minutes 93 and 94)

88. MINUTES

88.1 Councillor Lock approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2009.

89. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

89.1 Councillor Lock declared personal, non-prejudicial interests in the following agenda items:

- (a) Item 6 (Petition requesting footway and traffic calming measures on the C120 Lullington/Litlington Road) as a Vice-Chairman of the South Downs Joint Committee.
- (b) Item 12 (Traffic Calming: priority assessment of requests) as a Cabinet Member on Hastings Borough Council.
- (c) Item 14 (Integrated Transport Capital programme) as a Cabinet Member on Hastings Borough Council.
- (d) Item 15 (Supplementary Planning Guidance: a new approach to development contributions) as a Cabinet member on Hastings Borough Council and Director on the Hastings and Bexhill Renaissance Limited Board.

89.2 Councillor Doodes, Leader of Wealden District Council, declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in item 5 (Petition for the Reclassification of the B2095) as a local Member for Ninfield.

89.3 Mr Doodes, a Ninfield Parish Councillor, declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in item 5 (Petition for the Reclassification of the B2095) as a Parish Councillor for the area.

89.4 Councillor Kent, Ninfield Parish Councillor, declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in item 5 (Petition for the Reclassification of the B2095) as a Parish Councillor for the area.

89.5 Councillor Bentley declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in item 15 (Supplementary Planning Guidance: a new approach to development contributions) insofar as the discussions touched on Adult Social Care as his daughter is in receipt of Adult Social Care services.

90. REPORTS

90.1 Copies of the reports referred to in the minutes below are contained in the minute book.

91. PETITION FOR A 30mph SPEED LIMIT ON DEANLAND ROAD, GOLDEN CROSS

91.1 Councillor Lock considered a report by the Director of Transport and Environment. Mr P Brass addressed the Lead Member on behalf of the petitioners.

DECISIONS

91.2 To advise the petitioners that (1) Deanland Road is not an appropriate site for a 30mph limit in accordance with the County Council's approved policy on setting local speed limits; and

(2) consideration will be given to the introduction of a 40mph limit on this road as part of the review of speed limits on rural C-class and unclassified roads that is expected to commence after 2011.

Reason

91.3 Deanland Road does not meet the criteria in the County Council's approved policy to be considered for the introduction of a 30mph speed limit. It may be appropriate for a 40mph limit, but this will need to be investigated as part of the next phase of the rural speed limit review covering C-class and unclassified roads which is expected to start after 2011.

92. PETITION FOR THE RECLASSIFICATION OF THE B2095

92.1 Councillor Lock considered a report by the Director of Transport and Environment. Councillor R Kent, Ninfield Parish Council, addressed the Lead Member on behalf of the petitioners. At the invitation of the Lead Member, Councillor Doodes, Leader of Wealden District Council, addressed him.

DECISION

92.2 To (1) advise the petitioners that it is not proposed to reclassify the B2095 between its junction with the A259 and A269 from a B class road to a C class road to enable the introduction of a vehicle size limitation;

(2) request the Director of Transport and Environment to review all aspects of signage in the area to help determine what steps can be taken to ameliorate the current situation; and

(3) request the Director of Transport and Environment to consider the role of this road in the context of the proposed Hastings/Bexhill Link Road.

Reason

92.3 In practical circumstances, the reclassification of a section of the road network tends only to be undertaken if a new, more appropriate selection of carriageway is constructed eg a bypass. In the context of the B2095, there are currently no such road improvement proposals in the area which would necessitate a review of its classification. In addition if the road was down classified outside of this context there could be a number of potential implications as set out in paragraphs 3.3, 3.4 and 3.5 of the report.

93. PETITION REQUESTING FOOTWAY AND TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON THE C120 LULLINGTON/LITLINGTON ROAD

93.1 Councillor Lock considered a report by the Director of Transport and Environment. Mr Wojtulewski, addressed the Lead Member on behalf of the petitioners.

DECISIONS

93.2 To advise the petitioners that (1) this location does not at present qualify for assessment as a potential site for traffic calming in accordance with the County Council's approved policy;

(2) request the Director of Transport and Environment to work with Save Alfriston for Everyone (SAFE) to address traffic related problems in the area;

(3) the request for a footpath will be added to the list of schemes to be put forward for assessment for potential funding as part of the Integrated Transport Capital Programme; and

(4) request the Director of Transport and Environment to consider the provision of the footpath using the offer of private funding.

Reason

93.3 The C120 does not meet the initial qualification criteria for traffic calming. The request for a footpath can be added to the list of schemes for potential funding as part of the capital programme for Integrated Transport Schemes. However, this programme is already oversubscribed and only those schemes which contribute to a range of transport objectives are likely to be included in the approved programme.

94. PETITION REQUESTING IMPROVEMENTS TO PARKING AT THE JUNCTION OF HERON RIDGE AND BRIGHTLING ROAD, POLEGATE

94.1 Councillor Lock considered a report by the Director of Transport and Environment. Mr M Grimes addressed the Lead Member on behalf of the petitioners.

DECISION

94.2 To advise the petitioners that the County Council will consider the provision of waiting restrictions in Heron Ridge in the next parking review of Polegate.

Reason

94.3 A site visit has indicated that existing waiting restrictions in Blackpath and Brightling Road do not extend around the corners of the junction into Heron Ridge. The Highway Code advises that motorists should not park within 30 feet or 10 metres of a junction. To ensure that double yellow line waiting restrictions are enforceable a formal Traffic Regulation order is required to prohibit parking into Heron Ridge.

95 PETITION TO EXTEND AND DESIGNATE THE LAVENDER LINE AS A HERITAGE RAILWAY

95.1 Councillor Lock considered a report by the Director of Transport and Environment and reported receipt of representations from Councillors Sparks and St. Pierre, local Members, indicated support for the recommendation in the report. Mr M Pursglove addressed the Lead Member on behalf of the petitioners.

DECISION

95.2 To advise the petitioners that the County Council is unable to meet their request to purchase land in order to reinstate the Lavender Line and make the track between Isfield and Uckfield into a heritage line.

Reason

95.3 The purchase of land between Isfield and Uckfield is not a priority for the county Council as it would divert funding away from core services. The proposal could also prejudice the reinstatement of the line between Uckfield and Lewes if, following potential changes to the Government's appraisal process and policy on reinstating lines, a robust business case is established.

96. PROVISION OF AN ADVISORY DISABLED PARKING BAY IN PICARDY CLOSE, BATTLE

96.1 Councillor Lock considered a report by the Director of Transport and Environment and reported receipt of representations from Councillor Field, the local Member, indicating support for the recommendation in the report.

DECISIONS

96.2 To (1) note the concerns raised by the objectors; and

(2) approve the provision of an advisory disabled bay in Picardy Close, Battle in line with adopted policy.

Reason

96.3 The need for a disabled bay was identified by a site assessment and has been supported by the Director of Adult Social Care. The concerns raised by other residents relate to neighbour relationship issues and should not influence the decision for the approval of the disabled bay which is based on mobility and local environment issues. Parking is at a premium in the area, a key factor which must be considered before providing a disabled bay. The requirements of Policy PS 4/18 have been met in this case.

97. PROVISION OF A BUS STOP CLEARWAY AT TOWER STREET, RYE

97.1 Councillor Lock considered a report by the Director of Transport and Environment.

DECISIONS

97.2 To (1) note the concerns raised by the objectors;

(2) approve the provisions of a bus stop clearway in line with adopted policy.

Reason

97.3 The nature and location of Tower Street mean that a bus stop clearway is required to allow the scheduled bus service to pull in to load and off load passengers safely and ensure the free flow of traffic whilst the bus is doing so. The requirements of Policy PS 4/33 have been met in this case.

98. KINGSTON VILLAGE SPEED LIMIT AND TRAFFIC CALMING PROPOSALS

98.1 Councillor Lock considered a report by the Director of Transport and Environment. He reported receipt of representations from Councillor Rogers, the local Member, indicating support for the recommendations in the report.

DECISIONS

98.2 To (1) welcome the initiative of Kingston Parish Council in raising the funding needed to implement this scheme;

(2) approve the proposals shown on drawing numbers W9000/01 Rev A; W9000/01/02 Rev A and W9000/01/03, subject to any minor modifications required at the detailed design stage; and

(3) authorise the progression of the scheme through detailed design and construction during 2009/10, subject to the cost being met in full by Kingston parish Council.

Reason

98.3 The initiative of Kingston Parish Council in raising the necessary funding is welcomed. It will enable a worthwhile scheme to go ahead that would otherwise continue to be a relatively low priority for the County Council in comparison with the many other requests for traffic calming throughout the County.

99. TRAFFIC CALMING: PRIORITY ASSESSMENT OF REQUESTS

99.1 Councillor Lock considered a report by the Director of Transport and Environment. He noted, in respect of Appendix 3, that the current position for the site at South Road, Hailsham should read 'Substantially completed' rather than 'Completed'.

DECISIONS

99.2 Subject to (2) below, to (1) note the results of the priority assessment procedure, as set out in Appendix B, and, subject to the amendment set out above, the current position on schemes being developed as set out in Appendix C to the report;

(2) request the Director of Transport and Environment to review the position with regard to the 'A271 Hailsham (near WDC Amberstone Depot)' and authorise the Director to make such amendments to Appendix B as he considers appropriate in the light of the above review; and

(3) authorise the Director of Transport and Environment to initiate new preliminary investigations, in priority order, according to the funds available.

100. EAST SUSSEX CYCLING STRATEGY

100.1 Councillor Lock considered a report by the Director of Transport and Environment.

DECISIONS

100.2 To (1) approve the new Cycling Strategy for East Sussex;

(2) note the recommendations made in the Pilot Climate Change Assessment of the Cycling Strategy as set out in Appendix 3 to the report; and

(3) request the Director of Transport and Environment to report back to the Lead Member with further information on the cycle usage figures.

101. INTEGRATED TRANSPORT CAPITAL PROGRAMME

101.1 Councillor Lock considered a report by the Director of Transport and Environment. He noted that, at the Member Panel meeting on the 17 March 2009, Member representations had been considered. It had been agreed that Real Time Information for buses in Hastings should be reinstated and a revised schedule was circulated.

DECISIONS

101.2 To approve (1) the revised programme of Integrated Transport Schemes for 2009/10 and 2010/11 as set out in the revised appendix circulated at the meeting;

(2) the allocation of County Council capital funding within the integrated Transport block towards specific schemes identified in the 2009/10 and 2010/11 programme and authorise the Director of Transport and Environment, in

consultation with the Lead Member, to continue work on maximising the use of existing and potentially available contributions to augment the delivery of the programme; and

(3) the indicative programme of Integrated Transport Schemes for subsequent financial years, as set out in the appendix to the report, which will be reviewed annually.

102. SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE: A NEW APPROACH TO DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS

102. Councillor Lock considered a report by the Director of Transport and Environment.

DECISIONS

102.1 To (1) approve the revisions set out in Appendix A to the report, updating stress areas, information and contribution costs;

(2) commend the updated information on stress areas and contribution costs to the East Sussex District and Borough Councils; and

(3) request the Director of Transport and Environment to consider the best way of raising awareness amongst Members across the County of the way in which the development contributions process works.