

LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

**MEETING HELD AT THE COMMITTEE ROOM - BOOTLE TOWN HALL,
TRINITY ROAD, BOOTLE, L20 7AE
ON 6 NOVEMBER 2023**

PRESENT: Councillor John Kelly (in the Chair)
Councillor Waterfield (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Carragher, Corcoran, Sonya Kelly,
Lloyd-Johnson, Morris, O'Brien, Spencer, Thomas,
and Lynne Thompson

15. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bradshaw, Hardman, Harrison-Kelly, and Anne Thompson.

16. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of any disclosable pecuniary interests or personal interests were received.

17. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 September 2023 be confirmed as a correct record.

18. DRAFT LICENSING POLICY 2023

Further to Minute No. 56 of 9 January 2023, the Committee considered the report of the Assistant Director of Place (Highways and Public Protection) which sought Members' comments on the final draft revised Statement of Licensing Policy and approval to refer the report to Council for approval.

The Committee were informed of the results of the consultation.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the final draft of the revised Statement of Licensing Policy be approved; and
- (2) the agreed revised Statement of Licensing Policy be referred to Council for approval.

19. NORTHERN ROAD PEDESTRIAN CROSSING, CROSBY

The Committee considered the report of the Assistant Director of Place (Highways and Public Protection) which sought approval to implement a new signal-controlled pedestrian crossing on Northern Road in Crosby.

RESOLVED:

That the Assistant Director (Highways and Public Protection) be authorised to implement the introduction of a new traffic signal-controlled push button crossing facility on The Northern Road in Crosby to improve safety together with complementary traffic calming measures.

20. HIGHWAY ENABLING WORKS AT THE STRAND SERVICE ROAD - VERMONT WAY / DELAWARE ROAD, BOOTLE.

The Committee considered the report of the Assistant Director of Place (Highways and Public Protection) which sought approval for changes to the highway layout and traffic control at Vermont Way and Delaware Road in Bootle town centre. The principal change being the replacement of the existing mini roundabout layout at the Vermont Way / Delaware Road junction with a new traffic signal junction.

In addition, modifications to enable a left turn access would be introduced from Marsh Lane into Delaware Road, with an aim to revoke the existing one-way restriction on Delaware Road and enable two-way access along the full length of Delaware Road. This would support the overall redistribution of the vehicular access in this area and provide greater flexibility as vehicular access was currently only possible via Washington Parade and Vermont Way.

The introduction of the new traffic signal junction on Vermont Way would enable the two-way operation of The Strand service road at Vermont Way, to replace the current one-way circular arrangement, whereby service vehicles accessed the road from Washington Parade, and egressed from Vermont Way. This was necessary to release a section of the Service Road i.e., that parallel to the canal, to be incorporated into the emerging development proposals for Phase 1 of the Bootle New Strand Reimagining Project, which would involve the closure of the vehicular access from Washington Parade.

The Committee received assurances about the flow of traffic, impact on local businesses and any impact on taxi drivers.

RESOLVED:

That the Assistant Director of Place (Highways and Public Protection) be authorised to implement the following modifications to the highway:

- (1) introduction of a 4-arm signal-controlled junction to replace the existing 3-arm mini roundabout arrangement at the junction of Vermont Way and Delaware Road;
- (2) modifications to enable a left turn access from Marsh Lane into Delaware Road and to the multi-storey car park (MSCP) entrance, to enable the effective redistribution of traffic in the area and an alternative direct access to the New Strand MSCP; and
- (3) modifications to improve the left turn into the New Strand multi-storey car park (MSCP).

21. HAWTHORNE ROAD TRAFFIC CALMING, BOOTLE

The Committee considered the report of the Assistant Director of Place (Highways and Public Protection) which sought approval to implement a traffic calming scheme on Hawthorne Road from Balliol Road to the borough boundary with Liverpool, near the junction with Olivia Street, to reduce vehicle speeds making the road safer for all users.

The Committee discussed the materials and distances proposed for the traffic calming scheme.

RESOLVED:

That subject to the approval of the Cabinet Member – Locality Services, the Assistant Director of Place (Highways and Public Protection) be authorised to implement the introduction of a traffic calming scheme on Hawthorne Road between Balliol Road and Olivia Street in Bootle.

22. A59, NORTHWAY AND KENYON'S LANE JUNCTION IMPROVEMENT AND CYCLE WAY SCHEME.

The Committee considered the report of the Assistant Director of Place (Highways and Public Protection) which sought approval of changes to the highway to deliver improvements on the A59, Northway between Dodds Lane and the Borough boundary, including the junctions with Kenyon's Lane and Robbins Island. The scheme would create a cycleway compliant with current standards and include modifications to the Kenyon's Lane junction aimed at providing improved crossing facilities for pedestrians and a safer environment for cyclists.

RESOLVED:

That the Assistant Director of Place (Highways and Public Protection) be authorised to implement the following modifications to the Highway:

- (1) introduction of a cycle route adjacent to both carriageways linking Dodds Lane to Robbins Island;
- (2) modification of the junction of A59, Northway with Kenyon's Lane to include crossing facilities on all legs for both pedestrians and cyclists; and
- (3) introduction of the signal-controlled crossing over the A59, Northway at the junction with Robbins Island together with the continuation of the cycleway around the roundabout to link with existing facilities at the borough boundary.

23. MARITIME CORRIDOR HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 1

The Committee considered the report of the Assistant Director of Place (Highways and Public Protection) which sought approval of changes to the highway to deliver improvements in the 'Maritime Corridor' which defined an area included on the A59, Northway between the A5036 (T) and A59 and A5038, Netherton Way. These improvements would be delivered on a phased approach, with Phase 1 to be completed by March 2025 to meet funding requirements. Phase 1 would include the introduction of a left turn lane on A15036(T) to Atlantic Park, new cycleway infrastructure on the A5036, Netherton Way and Bridle Road, to link with other routes and improvements to the junction of Netherton Way and Bridle Road.

RESOLVED:

That the Assistant Director of Place (Highways and Public Protection) be authorised to implement the following modifications to the Highway pending confirmation of funding from the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority:

- (1) introduction of a new cycle route on Netherton Way linking the A5036 and Bridle Road;
- (2) modification of the junction of the A5058, Netherton Way and Bridle Road incorporating pedestrian and cycle crossings; and
- (3) with agreement with National Highways, introduction of a left turn lane from A5036, Dunnings Bridge Road, into Atlantic Park.