

LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

**MEETING HELD AT THE COMMITTEE ROOM - BOOTLE TOWN HALL,
TRINITY ROAD, BOOTLE, L20 7AE
ON 7 NOVEMBER 2024**

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

Councillors Carragher, Corcoran, Morris, O'Brien,
Robinson, Thomas, Thompson, Webster and
Williams

10. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cavanagh, Dodd and Porter.

11. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

12. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 10 June 2024 be confirmed as a correct record.

13. SOUTHPORT EASTERN ACCESS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS

The Committee considered the report of the Assistant Director – Highways and Public Protection which sought approval to changes to the highway to deliver improvements for the Southport Eastern Access Scheme which defined an area of key routes to and from Southport town centre, including Scarisbrick New Road, Southport Road, Kew Roundabout, Foul Lane, Meols Cop Road, Norwood Road and Haig Avenue. This improvement would be delivered on a phased approach, with Phase 1 to be completed during 2025/ 2026 and Phase 2 being delivered from 2026 to meet funding requirements. This report specifically related to Phase 1 and 2 which had been allocated £18.815m of funding from the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) for delivery by March 2027.

Part of the funding would be directed towards mitigation measures in the wider Norwood area to avoid any rat running of traffic as a result of the junction improvements and to improve the public realm. These mitigation

measures had been developed using a collaborative approach with Ward Members and the community and were subject to a separate report.

The Committee discussed the following:

- The speed limit on roads connected to Kew Roundabout
- Crossing points
- Consultations
- Stopping distances
- Accessibility
- Charging hubs in cycle lanes
- Engagement with young people, people with disabilities and local businesses
- The effect of the trees/shrubs on visibility around Kew Roundabout
- The no-left turn from Norwood Road onto Tithebarn Road
- Accident rates
- Parking on Bispham Road

RESOLVED: That

The Assistant Director – Highways and Public Protection:

(A) be authorised to implement the following modification to the Highway; subject to acceptance of funding by Council;

- (1) Bispham Road / Norwood Road - widening of the carriageway to allow for two lanes northbound, to improve operation of junction, cycling lanes and improved crossing facilities and geometry;
- (2) Sussex Road / Norwood Road – widening of carriageway and improved footways and geometry, maintaining existing accesses;
- (3) Foul Lane – opening of Foul Lane to link Kew roundabout to Crowland Street, cycling and walking facilities for the section of Foul Lane from Kew roundabout to Crowland Street; and
- (4) Kew Roundabout – improved pedestrian and cycling facilities including segregated crossing points and a segregated cycleway through Meols Park. Widening of the road to allow for the extension of the two-lane approach to the roundabout on Scarisbrick New Road; and

(B) be requested to submit an update report to the next meeting of the Committee concerning the Norwood Road / Tithebarn Road junction.

14. SOUTHPORT EASTERN ACCESS NORWOOD MITIGATION MEASURES

The Committee considered the report of the Assistant Director – Highways and Public Protection which sought approval to the highway to deliver proposed improvements for the Norwood area which was designed to address changes in traffic flows as a result of Foul Lane opening which was part of the Southport Eastern Access Improvement Scheme (SEA). The scheme would also make it easier for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users to travel around the area, by slowing the speed of traffic and encouraging drivers to remain on Norwood Road, Norwood Avenue and Roe Lane rather than Bispham Road and Old Park Lane as a through route. The areas of the proposed highway changes were Norwood Avenue, Bispham Road, Old Park Lane, Canning Road, Cobden Road and Wennington Road.

The delivery of these improvements were to be aligned with the SEA scheme, most importantly before Foul Lane opened which was planned to be delivered before 2026 as part of Phase 2, so that rat-running interventions were introduced in the residential area. The Norwood Mitigation Improvement Scheme would be funded by the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS 1) SEA allocation of £18.815million.

RESOLVED: That

The Assistant Director - Highways and Public Protection be authorised to implement the following modifications to the Highway; subject to approval by Council of funding and subject to the necessary TRO's being made:

- (1) **Norwood Avenue and Roe Lane junction:**
Carriageway widening on Norwood Avenue to accommodate an additional right turn lane and controlled pedestrian facilities across Roe Lane
- (2) **Norwood Avenue new pedestrian crossing near Chester Avenue/Norwood Crescent:**
Provision of new pedestrian crossing on Norwood Avenue
- (3) **Bispham Road and Canning Road junction:**
Installation of Signal controlled junction with pedestrian facilities
- (4) **Bispham Road and Old Park Lane junction:**
Introduction of mini roundabout Change with Zebra crossings on Bispham Road and Old Park Lane
- (5) **Bispham Road and Athole Grove junction:**
Safer pedestrian crossings
- (6) **Bispham Road and Athole Grove junction:**
Change priority at junction
- (7) **Old Park Lane, Heysham Road and Devonshire Road junction:**

Provision of raised table at junction, including new Zebra crossing,
together with
provision of banned right turn manoeuvres from side roads

- (8) **Old Park Lane and Chester Road junction:**
Provision of raised table at junction
- (9) **Old Park Lane and Sidney Road junction:**
Provision of raised table at junction
- (10) **Old Park Lane and Poulton Road junction:**
Provision of raised table at junction
- (11) **Canning Road and Newton Street junction:**
Provision of raised table at junction
- (12) **Canning Road and Milton Street junction:**
Provision of raised table at junction
- (13) **Canning Road and Cobden Road junction:**
Provision of raised table at junction
- (14) **Parking restrictions around the existing modal filter on
Wennington Road**
Provision of waiting restrictions to prevent vehicles blocking the
filter for cyclists