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LITHERLAND AND FORD AREA COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD AT THE GODDARD HALL, STANLEY ROAD, LITHERLAND ON WEDNESDAY 6TH OCTOBER, 2010

PRESENT: Councillor Hardy (in the Chair)
Councillors Brady, K. Cluskey, Kelly and Tweed

ALSO PRESENT: Local Advisory Group Members: Mrs.Burnhill,
Mr.McNeight, Mr.O'Brien and Mr.Walsh

1 member of the public

24. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Moncur.

25. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

26. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 July 2010 be confirmed as a correct record.

27. PUBLIC FORUM

During the Public Forum the following questions were submitted:

- (a) Mrs.MacFarlane asked for the installation of traffic calming measures including the erection of a bollard at the corner of Hatton Hill and Appleton Road to reduce the risk of more accidents in the area.

Mr.D.Marrin, Traffic Services Manager, replied in writing to Mrs.MacFarlane. Due to the narrow width of the carriageway, being only 6 metres, we are unable to provide a traffic island that would be required for the keep left bollard that you have requested. I have checked that latest three-year accident record for the whole length of Hatton Hill Road and there have been three recorded slight injury accidents, two occurring at the junction with Appleton Road. At

present, we are only prioritising roads for the introduction of traffic calming measures where there have been seven or more accidents in the last three years; therefore Hatton Hill Road has not been included in any of our local safety scheme speed management programmes.

However, it is acknowledged that two accidents did occur at the junction with Appleton Road and this junction is on a fairly sharp bend. Therefore it is proposed to enhance the centre line hazard markings, making them 150mm wide instead of the standard 100mm wide, it is also proposed to provide slow road markings on red surfacing on each approach to the bend. These remedial measures should highlight the bend more effectively and therefore reduce the number of collisions. I will also request that the Police carry out some speed enforcement along the route; however whether this enforcement is carried out or not is a Police decision subject to available resource.

In the meantime Hatton Hill Road would be included in future road safety reviews.

- (b) Mr.C.Penny, following a road traffic accident that resulted to damage to his garden wall, asked for the installation of traffic calming measures at the corner of Hatton Hill and Appleton Road to reduce the risk of more accidents in the area.

Mr.D.Marrin, Traffic Services Manager, replied in writing to Mr.Penny. I am sorry to hear of the incident that resulted in damage to your property and I am glad to hear that no one was injured.

I have checked the latest three-year accident record for the whole length of Hatton Hill Road and there have been three recorded slight injury accidents, two occurring at the junction with Appleton Road. At present, we are only prioritising roads for the introduction of traffic calming measures where there have been seven or more accidents in the last three years; therefore Hatton Hill Road has not been included in any of our local safety scheme speed management programmes.

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In the meantime Hatton Hill Road will be included in future road safety reviews.

- (c) Mr.G.McNeight, Advisory Group Member, asked for the installation of traffic calming measures at the corner of Hatton Hill and Appleton Road to reduce the risk of more accidents in the area.

RESOLVED:

That the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director be requested to investigate Mr.McNeight's concerns.

- (d) Mr.A.Downes asked for the installation of traffic calming measures at the corner of Hatton Hill and Appleton Road to reduce the risk of more accidents in the area.

RESOLVED:

That the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director be requested to investigate Mr.Downes's concerns.

- (e) Mr.J.Hazard asked for the installation of traffic calming measures at the corner of Hatton Hill and Appleton Road to reduce the risk of more accidents in the area.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director be requested to investigate Mr.Hazard 's concerns;
- (2) the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director be requested to note the Area Committee's concern regarding road safety at the corner of Hatton Hill and Appleton Road; and
- (3) the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director be requested to investigate the installation of reflective chevrons at the corner of Hatton Hill and Appleton Road.

28. POLICE ISSUES

No representative of Merseyside Police attended the meeting.

29. AREA MANAGEMENT UPDATE

The Committee considered the report of the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director that provided an update on area management activities that had taken place in Litherland and Ford wards since the last Area Committee meeting.

The Committee discussed the issues with access to the “Backy” off Daley Road and whether it would be appropriate to install an alley gate at the site.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the update report be noted; and
- (2) the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director be requested to conduct a survey to ascertain the local community's support for the installation of an alley gate.

30. PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE THIRD MERSEYSIDE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN

The Committee considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director advising of the consultation on the Preferred Strategy for the third Merseyside Local Transport Plan (LTP) and sought the views of the Committee on the priorities for the next LTP within its area.

The report indicated that the Merseyside LTP provided a long term transport strategy in accordance with the Government's requirements for transport planning; that two previous LTPs had been produced and consultation was now being undertaken on LTP3 that would set out the longer term transport strategy to 2024; and that the Area Committee was requested to provide a response to the following questions:

1. Does the Area Committee support the proposed 'vision' for LTP3, as set out in paragraph 2.2 of the report?
2. Does the Area Committee support the proposed 'goals' for LTP3, as set out in paragraph 2.3 of the report?
3. Does the Area Committee support the priorities for highway maintenance, road safety and freight movements that were identified by the Sefton workshop?
4. Does the Area Committee have any comments on the proposals in the public consultation document for LTP3?

5. Does the Area Committee have any specific issues that it considers are priorities for their area that should be addressed in the next LTP implementation programme?

Deborah Edwards, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, made a brief presentation on the LTP3 Preferred Strategy.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the consultation process on the Merseyside Local Transport Plan 3 be noted; and
- (2) the following responses be referred to the Cabinet Member - Technical Services for inclusion in the full response from Sefton Council:
 - (i) the Committee vehemently oppose any proposal to construct a road through the Rimrose Valley Country Park; and
 - (ii) the Committee vehemently oppose any proposed road widening scheme of the A5036 (Dunningsbridge Road / Church Road).

31. PROPOSED DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACES

The Committee considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director that sought approval for the progression of Traffic Regulation Orders, the effect of which would provide disabled residents with a parking place directly outside their place of residency.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Traffic Regulation Orders and as detailed within the report and its annexe, be approved; and
- (2) the necessary legal procedures, including those of public consultation and advertising the Council's intention to implement the Order, be approved.

32. BUDGET MONITORING

Further to Minute No.21 of the meeting held on 7 July 2010, the Committee considered the report of the Neighbourhoods and investment Programmes Director that provided information on available resources for the Committee and progress on those items approved at previous meetings.

RESOLVED:

That the current financial position and progress to date on items previously agreed within the report be noted.

33. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

In accordance with the agreed programme of meetings for this Area Committee, the next meeting of this Area Committee will be held on 17 November 2010, commencing at 18:30 at Goddard Hall, Stanley Road, Bootle.