

**Decisions of the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and
Housing
(Councillor Hussain)**

28th April, 2009 at 11.00 am
at the Sandwell Council House, Oldbury

- Member in attendance:** Councillor Mrs J Underhill (Opposition Representative).
- Apologies:** Councillor Lewis (Chair of Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Panel) and Councillor McHard (Opposition Representative).
- Observers:** Councillors Dhallu, Randhawa, Ward and Webb.

Key Decision

44/09 **A4100 Improvements – Reddal Hill Road Improvement, Cradley Heath (Cabinet Forward Plan Ref. No. RT230)**

It was reported that on 12th December, 2008, the Cabinet Member had given approval to the proposed scheme for the Reddal Hill Road Improvement, Cradley Heath, as a basis for consultation with the public, stakeholders and other interested parties (see Decision No. 150/08).

Following the outcome of the consultation period, a number of changes had been made to the scheme and approval was now sought to the implementation of the revised proposals. Approval was also sought to make the necessary Side Roads Order to enter into negotiations for the acquisition of private land and to the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order, if necessary.

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The cost of the scheme would be met from the West Midlands Local Transport Plan Minor Works budget.

The Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Transport on 22nd April, 2009 had also approved the proposals in so far as they related to his particular area of responsibility (see Decision No. 25/09).

Decision:

- (1) that the implementation of the revised proposals for the Reddal Hill Road/Upper High Street Improvement, Cradley Heath, as shown on Drawing No. D120153/PM/01, be approved, subject to the acquisition of the necessary land;
- (2) that the Head of Legal Services be authorised to:-
 - (a) make and submit for confirmation to the Secretary of State for Transport "The Borough Council of Sandwell (A4100 Reddal Hill Road/Upper High Street Classified Road) (Side Roads) Order" as shown on Drawing Nos. D120153/PM/05 and D120153/PM/06 under the powers contained in sections 14 and 125 of the Highways Act 1980;
 - (b) serve the necessary Notices of making of the Side Roads Order as required by Schedule 1 of the Highways Act 1980.

Business Matters

45/09

Strategic Route Improvement Programme Route SA7
A4031/A4041 Red Route All Saints Way, West Bromwich and
Newton Road, Great Barr

It was reported that, on 2nd December 2005, the Cabinet Member approved the development and implementation of a series of Red Routes, which included Route SA7, A4031 All Saints Way, West Bromwich and A4041 Newton Road, Great Barr (see Decision No. 77/05).

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Public consultation had been undertaken based on the preliminary design that had been carried out by the engineering consultant, Scott Wilson. Positive support for the scheme had been identified with more than two thirds of people in favour of the proposals.

Funds for the implementation of the scheme had been provided through the West Midlands Local Transport Plan Major Scheme for Red Routes Package 1. The Sandwell allocation for all Package 1 Routes was £8.61 million. A detailed estimate would be drawn up as part of the design process but a preliminary estimate suggested this route would cost approximately £1.36 million.

Following further representations from residents of All Saints Way, West Bromwich, the Cabinet Member confirmed that the scheme had been amended to include additional parking spaces. The Cabinet Member also wished to place on record that there were no plans to charge for parking along All Saints Way, with the exception of charges associated with a Residents' Parking Scheme if such a scheme was introduced.

Whilst the Cabinet Member was minded to approve the proposals, he requested that the scheme be monitored and a further report on the findings be presented in twelve months time.

Decision:

- (1) that the implementation of the revised proposals for Route SA7 A4031/A4041 All Saints Way, West Bromwich, and Newton Road, Great Barr, including the creation of additional parking spaces, as shown on Drawing Nos. 53753TBME/ALL/01 Rev G, 53753TBME/ALL/02 Rev G and 53753TBME/ALL/03 Rev G, be approved;
- (2) that, in connection with Decision (1) above, the scheme be monitored for a period of twelve months and the Head of Highways and Environment submit a further report on the findings to the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Housing in due course;

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- (3) that, with the exception of charges associated with a Residents' Parking Scheme if such a scheme is introduced, no action be taken with regard to the introduction of charges for on-street parking on All Saints Way, West Bromwich;
- (4) that the Head of Legal Services be authorised to:-
 - a) make an Experimental Order under Sections 1, 2 and 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 in respect of the proposals shown on Drawing Nos. 53753TBME/ALL/01 Rev G, 53753TBME/ALL/02 Rev G and 53753TBME/ALL/03 Rev G, by carrying out the necessary statutory consultations before the Order is made;
 - b) affix the Common Seal of the Borough Council of Sandwell to the Experimental Order to enable it be operative for a period of 18 months;
 - c) publish notice of making of the Experimental Order to include a statement to the effect that the Council will be considering whether the order should be continued on an indefinite basis;
 - d) make a variation or modification to the Experimental Order not more than twelve months after the date it was made;
- (5) that, if any objections are received to the Experimental Order continuing on an indefinite basis, or as a result of a variation or modification to it, then a further report will be presented to the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Housing where any of these objections have not been withdrawn;
- (6) that, in the event of no objections being received in respect of the Experimental Order, the Head of Legal Services be authorised to make a permanent order and affix the Common Seal of The Borough Council of Sandwell giving permanent effect to it;

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- (7) that the Head of Legal Services be authorised to:-
- a) publish notice of the proposals to make permanent orders;
 - b) carry out statutory consultations in respect of the proposals;
 - c) subject to the withdrawal of any objections or none being received, affix the Common Seal of The Borough Council of Sandwell to the orders to give effect to them;
- (8) that in the event of objections being received to the proposals to make permanent orders, any objections not withdrawn be the subject of a further report to the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Housing for consideration.

46/09

Strategic Route Improvement Programme A457 Red Route and Route 87 Bus Showcase

It was reported that the delivery of the Bus Showcase programme throughout Sandwell had been a continuing process since 1999.

On 15th August, 2008 the Cabinet Member gave approval to undertake public consultation on proposals developed as part of the A457 Route 87 Bus Showcase Scheme (see Decision No. 103/08).

The consultation process and findings were outlined and approval was sought to undertake further local consultation on various elements of the scheme that had developed in more detail and decisions on actions proposed as a result of the initial consultation.

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Funds for the implementation of the Red Route elements of the scheme had been provided through the West Midlands Local Transport Plan Major Scheme for Red Routes Package 1. The Sandwell allocation for all Package 1 Routes was £8.61 million. A detailed estimate would be drawn up as part of the design process but a preliminary estimate suggested the Red Route elements of this scheme would cost approximately £2.69 million.

Following further consideration of the proposals, the Cabinet Member was minded to amend the parking restrictions on High Street, Smethwick, opposite the Temple, from No Waiting at Anytime and No Loading Monday - Friday, 7.00 to 9.30am, 4.30 to 7.00pm, to No Waiting, Monday to Friday, 8.00 to 9.30am and 4.30 to 6.00pm and No Loading Monday – Friday 8.00 to 9.30am and 4.30 to 6.00pm and that parking at other times be limited to a maximum of two hours.

The Cabinet Member was also minded to approve the relocation of the eastbound and westbound bus stops near the Guru Nanak Gurdwara on High Street, Smethwick.

The Cabinet Member requested that the scheme be monitored and a further report on the findings be presented in twelve months time.

Decision:

- (1) that, subject to the satisfactory outcome of consultations with interested parties and funding being available, the implementation of further developments associated with the proposed A457 Route 87 Bus Showcase Scheme, as now submitted, be approved;
- (2) that the parking restrictions on High Street, Smethwick, opposite the Temple, be amended, from No Waiting at Anytime and No Loading Monday - Friday, 7.00 to 9.30am, 4.30 to 7.00pm to No Waiting, Monday to Friday, 8.00 to 9.30am and 4.30 to 6.00pm and No Loading Monday – Friday, 8.00 to 9.30am and 4.30 to 6.00pm;
- (3) that the eastbound and westbound bus stops near to the Guru Nanak Gurdwara on High Street, Smethwick, be relocated;

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- (4) that the A457 Red Route and Route 87 Bus Showcase scheme be monitored for a period of twelve months and the Head of Highways and Environment submits a further report on the findings of the monitoring exercise to the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Housing in due course;
- (5) that the Head of Highways and Environment submit a further report to the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Housing on any unresolved matters;
- (6) that the implementation of the A457 Red Route proposals, as now submitted, be approved;
- (7) that the Head of Legal Services be authorised to:-
 - (a) make an Experimental Order under Sections 1, 2 and 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 in respect of the proposals shown on Drawing Nos. B0628800/CON/030 Revision C, B0628800/CON/032 Revision B, B0628800/CON/033 Revision C, 33646/SA03/SP/201 Revision D, 33646/SA03/SP/202 Revision D, 33646/SA03/SP/203 Revision D, 33646/SA03/SP/204 Revision D, 33646/SA03/SP/205 Revision D and 33646/SA03/SP/206 Revision D, by carrying out the necessary statutory consultations before the Order is made;
 - (b) affix the Common Seal of the Borough Council of Sandwell to the Experimental Order to enable it be operative for a period of 18 months;
 - (c) publish notice of making of the Experimental Order to include a statement to the effect that the Council will be considering whether the order should be continued on an indefinite basis;
 - (d) make a variation or modification to the Experimental Order not more than twelve months after the date it was made;

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- (8) that, if any objections are received to the Experimental Order continuing on an indefinite basis, or as a result of a variation or modification to it, then a further report will be submitted to the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Housing on any unresolved matters;
- (9) that, in the event of no objections being received in respect of the Experimental Order, the Head of Legal Services be authorised to make a permanent order and affix the Common Seal of The Borough Council of Sandwell giving permanent effect to it;
- (10) that the Head of Legal Services be authorised to:-
- (a) publish notice of the proposals to make permanent orders;
 - (b) carry out statutory consultations in respect of the proposals;
 - (c) subject to the withdrawal of any objections or none being received, affix the Common Seal of The Borough Council of Sandwell to the orders to give effect to them;
- (11) that in the event of objections being received to the proposals to make permanent orders, any objections not withdrawn be the subject of a further report to the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Housing for consideration.

(Proceedings ended at 12.29 pm)

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