

STREETS AND WALKWAYS SUB (PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION)
COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 21 June 2016

Minutes of the meeting of the Streets and Walkways Sub (Planning and Transportation) Committee held at the Guildhall EC2 at 11.30 am

Present

Members:

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| Christopher Hayward (Chairman) | Marianne Fredericks |
| Graham Packham (Deputy Chairman) | Alderman Alison Gowman (Ex-Officio Member) |
| Randall Anderson | Gregory Jones QC |
| Emma Edhem | Jeremy Simons (Ex-Officio Member) |

Officers:

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| Amanda Thompson | - Town Clerk's Department |
| Rob Oakley | - Director of the Built Environment |
| Steve Presland | - Department of the Built Environment |
| Iain Simmons | - Director of the Built Environment |
| Ian Hughes | - Director of the Built Environment |
| Patrick Hegarty | - Director of the built Environment |
| Alan Rickwood | - City of London Police |
| Olumayowa Obisesan | - Chamberlain's Department |
| Karen McHugh | - Comptroller & City Solicitor's Department |
| Sam Lee | - Director of the Built Environment |

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Deputy John Barker, Brian Harris, Deputy Alastair Moss and Tom Sleigh.

2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2016 were agreed as a correct record subject to the following amendments:

The inclusion of Alderman Alison Gowman listed under Members present.

Cycle Super Highway – Tudor Street

Paragraph 2 – 'Members expressed' to be changed to 'A Member expressed'.

The inclusion of the following:

'Marianne Fredericks proposed a motion calling for the immediate closure of Tudor Street. This was not supported although the Sub-Committee felt there was a need for quick and immediate action'.

The Sub-Committee agreed that the questions and answers in relation to Tudor Street circulated after the meeting should be annexed to the minutes of the 21 June meeting.

(These are at Appendix 1)

4. **OUTSTANDING REFERENCES**

RESOLVED – That the list of outstanding references be noted and updated as appropriate.

5. **REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT :-**

5.1 **Mayor's Vision for Cycling - Quietways**

The Sub-Committee considered a Gateway 5 report of the Director of the Built Environment in relation to the Quietways network.

The Sub-Committee noted that the responses to the public consultation carried out in November and December 2015 had now been analysed and a summary was detailed in the report.

The Sub-Committee was advised that officers had continued to engage with TfL and the Mayor's Cycling Commissioner (at the time) to review further Quietways routes in the City and the reconsideration of the routes previously deferred by Members. From this engagement, it was now proposed to proceed with a section of the previously postponed route from Wilson Street to Bishopsgate.

Members raised a number of questions in relation to the volume of cyclists expected, the responses to the consultation, the purpose of extended bays at traffic lights, the impact from future road works and the costs of any future improvements.

A member also raised a question concerning safety issues at Primrose Street and it was agreed that an update be given at the next meeting.

RESOLVED - That

- 1) Authority to start the work is approved, at a total estimated cost of £1.21m funded from TFL's Grid programme.
- 2) The budget adjustment as detailed in Appendix 4 is approved.
- 3) The Quietways route from Wilson Street to Bishopsgate and the related measures be approved at a total estimated cost of £22,000 (which is included in the above £1.21M), funded from TfL's Grid Programme.
- 4) The Director of the Built Environment be authorised to accept and use any

further funding towards this project that may be made available by TfL.

Bloomberg Development - Issues Report

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment concerning the Bloomberg Development at Cannon Street.

The Sub-Committee was advised the due to a recent design change at Cannon Street affecting the proposed highway levels, there was now a need to place orders for additional preparatory works (including utility diversions) in advance of the Gateway 5 approval. The design change had been requested by the developer who was funding the highway works as part of their s278 obligations.

RESOLVED - That

- 1) Authority be given for orders to be placed for any necessary preparatory works (such as utility diversions) in advance of the Gateway 5 approval provided funding is received from the developer; and
- 2) Agreement be given for construction material (such as Yorkstone paving) with critical lead-in times to be pre-ordered before Gateway 5 approval subject to funding being received from the developer.

6. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB COMMITTEE

Local Byelaws

A member reported that a recent event involving a large group of people riding scooters had caused significant congestion and the CoLP were unable to take any action as scooters were not included in local byelaws restricting cycling.

The Sub-Committee asked the City Solicitor to review existing byelaws to establish what the definition of a 'vehicle' was, whether it included other wheeled transport such as scooters, and to also establish the process required (if needed) to include other wheeled modes of transport to be prohibited from City Walkway.

Newgate Street Closure

In response to a question concerning the closure of Newgate Street and the resulting congestion, the Chairman reported that he had asked officers to explore with TfL the possibility of reinstating the yellow grid box at the junction and to consider rephasing the traffic lights. Officers would also monitor the area to try and identify further mitigating measures.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

Tudor Street

The Chairman advised that in advance of the meeting he had asked officers to provide an update on the situation at Tudor Street and a briefing note was tabled.

An internal safety review of the Junctions between Tudor Street and New Bridge Street and Bridewell Place and New Bridge Street had been commissioned resulting in temporary improved signage being installed.

Officers had also commissioned an independent safety audit of the new Cycle Super Highway and safety risk assessment of impacted streets. These reports would be passed to TfL for comment and would also be distributed to all Members of Planning and Transportation and Streets and Walkways Committees.

A question was raised concerning what safety issues the Sub-Committee needed to be aware of in relation to the findings of the independent consultant. The Director of the Built Environment advised that in relation to the Stage 3 Safety Audit some 17 minor snagging items had been identified, all of which related to issues such as lighting, street markings and signage and that all of these should be addressed when TfL carry out works to make their temporary infrastructure more permanent.

In relation to the separate risk assessment of impacted streets Members were advised that most of the streets presented a low risk of collisions however there were 3 exceptions. In 2 locations the consultant considered the risk to be medium to high. The first of these related to the risk of speeding vehicles in Tudor Street and the second to the risk of cyclists making an illegal right turn into Bridewell Place. The Director advised that both of these risks related to illegal behaviour and could be addressed through improved signage and possibly additional enforcement. The consultant identified 1 risk that was considered to be 'high to very high'. This again related to illegal behaviour, this time motorised vehicles making an illegal right turn into Tudor Street. The Director advised that one solution recommended by the consultant was the closing of Tudor Street to all but cyclists but that the Court has already declined this option. The other possible solution put forward by the consultant was that the junction be signalised. The Director advised that this option was being further evaluated by TfL and that if implemented this measure along with improved signage highlighting the banned right turn should effectively mitigate this risk.

In response to a question asking whether or not TfL had undertaken a full stage 3 survey, the Director of the Built Environment advised that only stages 1 & 2

had been undertaken, however that was to be expected and Stage 3 would be undertaken further on.

The Chairman advised that the Sub-Committee would continue to maintain a very clear and paramount focus on safety at Tudor Street and this matter would remain a standing agenda item.

The meeting closed at 1.30 pm

Chairman

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