

## STREETS AND WALKWAYS SUB COMMITTEE

23 April 2012

**Minutes of the meeting of the STREETS AND WALKWAYS SUB COMMITTEE held at Guildhall, EC2 on Monday, 23 April 2012 at 11:15am.**

### **Present**

#### **Members:**

Jeremy Simons (Chairman)  
 Archie Galloway (Deputy Chairman)  
 Deputy John Barker  
 Martin Farr  
 Marianne Fredericks  
 Alderman Alison Gowman  
 Alderman Bob Hall  
 Brian Harris  
 Michael Hudson  
 Sylvia Moys  
 Deputy John Owen-Ward

#### **Also in attendance : -**

John Tomlinson  
 Vivienne Littlechild

#### **Officers:**

Katie Odling	- Town Clerk's Department
Esther Sumner	- Town Clerk's Department
Simon Owen	- Chamberlain's Department
Iain Simmons	- Department of the Built Environment
Victor Callister	- Department of the Built Environment
Bronwyn Claridge	- Department of the Built Environment
Steve Presland	- Department of the Built Environment
Ian Hughes	- Department of the Built Environment
Rob Oakley	- Department of the Built Environment
Deborah Cluett	- Comptroller and City Solicitors Department
Patrick Hegarty	- Open Spaces Department
Alan Rickwood	- City Police
John Parks	- Public Relations Office

## **1. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for absence.

## 2. **DECLARATIONS BY MEMBERS OF PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS IN RESPECT OF ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING**

Sylvia Moys declared a personal interest in respect of Item 4c as Chairman of the Board of Governors of the London School for Girls.

Jeremy Simons, John Tomlinson and Archie Galloway declared a personal interest in respect of Item 4c having been invited to attend the 'Topping out Ceremony' at The Heron, Milton Court.

## 3. **MINUTES**

The public minutes and summary of the meeting held on 19 March 2012 were approved subject to the following amendments: -

### **Item 2**

*'Marianne Fredericks declared a personal interest in respect of Item 4e due to being a season ticket holder at Tower **Hill** Car Park.'*

### **Item 3**

*'**Queen Anne Statue** – Members were informed that the cleaning of the statue and repainting of the railings were also a priority ahead of the Queen's visit.'*

## **MATTERS ARISING**

### **Item 3**

**Aldersgate Street / Beech Street Junction Review** – Members were informed that the Pedestrian Countdown Timers were due to be installed by late September/early October 2012.

**Staircase under London Bridge** – Members noted that a full report would be presented to the Committee in June 2012.

**Drainage outside St. Giles' Church** – The Summit Group would be considering a report regarding drainage outside St Giles' Church on 10 May 2012 and the outcome of their discussion would be reported to this Committee on 21 May 2012.

*(The Chairman moved item 4C to item 4A on the Agenda).*

## 4. **REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

### **A. MILTON COURT HIGHWAY WORKS – GATEWAY 4C (DESIGN AND GATEWAY 5) – AUTHORITY TO START WORK**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment which sought approval for the detailed design of the Highway Works around the Milton Court Development.

Vivienne Littlechild who was observing the meeting declared a personal interest in respect of this item.

Members discussed issues associated with the safety of the scheme, including perceived versus actual safety of pedestrians, the merits of shared space (likely pedestrian behaviour) and the traffic flows both at present and following completion of the Milton Court development. It was noted that whereas previously bridges had been available to cross the road above street level, now pedestrians of all ages crossed at street level.

Members noted that wide-ranging consultations had taken place on the Milton Court development and associated street-scene works, and that the Guildhall School of Music and Drama had expressed concerns about the lack of zebra crossings for use by Junior Guildhall participants.

It was anticipated that the use of granite at the three road junctions (“roundabouts”) would slow traffic by around 5mph and information was provided on a similar granite junction at Shoe Lane. Concern had been expressed at the level of noise caused by traffic on granite setts. The Chairman noted that in his experience setts of the type used around the New Street Square development did not present a noise problem. Members were informed that the joints assembling the granite roundabouts would be filled with “powdered” granite which would ease any reconstruction required following works by utilities.

It was confirmed that a cycle rack in Moor Lane would be relocated so it did not obstruct views of wheelchair users of the Silk Street / Moor Lane junction. It was noted that improvements to the north end of Moor Lane (which was shared with the London Borough of Islington) was outside the scope of the project.

Following a vote:

Members in favour of the proposals without zebra crossings (Appendix 1):  
3 votes,  
Members in favour of including zebra crossings (Appendix 2): 7 votes,

It was noted that the project cost given in the decision element would include the cost of the two zebra crossings and that the proposals were consistent with the “Review of Materials: Evaluating the City’s palette of street construction materials with regard to economic, social and environmental sustainability”, agreed in December 2010.

RESOLVED: - That,

- i) the previous approval shown in Appendix 2, be confirmed at a total project cost of £1,811,000;
- ii) authority to start work be given, subject to the approval of Traffic Management officers (TMOs); and
- iii) progress be monitored via regular programme reports to the Projects Sub Committee.

*(Deputy John Barker left the meeting at 12:30pm).*

## **B. CHEAPSIDE STAGE 4A – GRESHAM STREET EVALUATION**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Built Environment regarding the Gresham Street evaluation.

Members were informed that two formal objections to the experimental order had been received, and it was unlikely that these would be resolved through discussion. It was therefore likely that the project would come back to this Committee for consideration at a later date to resolve the objections to the Traffic Regulation Orders.

The Chairman referred the Committee to the concerns raised by the Projects Sub Committee who supported the detailed options appraisal for permanent reopening of Gresham Street at their meeting on 17 April, subject to the use of alternative, cheaper, road material than granite setts. Members noted that should the Streets and Walkways Sub Committee not support the use of alternative materials then the Town Clerk would report this back to the Projects Sub Committee.

One Member indicated he was in favour of granite setts but considered there could be a more cost effective material.

The Chairman noted that cycle connectivity between Angel Street and Gresham Street had already been implemented, however he requested that consideration should be given to the use of stencils on the shared use area of the footway on the west side of St Martin's le Grand.

RESOLVED: -That Option 4 be supported with the use of granite setts for the permanent reopening of Gresham Street, in line with the Corporation's Materials Policy.

## **C. THE TIMES CITIES FOR CYCLING CAMPAIGN**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment which outlined the Times Cities Fit for Cycling Campaign.

The Committee welcomed and expressed their support for the campaign and noted the efforts made by the Corporation to support cycling in the City.

**Received.**

## **D. PARKING AND ENFORCEMENT PLAN PROGRESS STAGE 3 – CITY WIDE REVIEW OF LOADING RESTRICTIONS AND FUNCTIONAL STREET ENHANCEMENT**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment which outlined the Parking and Enforcement Plan - Stage 3.

The Committee commended the work of Officers and would await a final report.

Received.

**5. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB COMMITTEE**

There were no questions.

**6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

**European Funding** - Approval was sought from the Committee to write a letter of support along with a joint bid led by the London Borough of Merton for funding from the European Union. Members noted that no commitment was being made at this stage; however the bid could be useful in unlocking funds.

**AGREED.**

**7. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

MOTION – That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act as follows:

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Paragraph(s) in Schedule 12A</u>
8	3
9	3
10 & 11	-

**Part 2 – Non-Public Agenda**

**8. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

The non-public minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2012 were approved.

**9. REQUEST FOR DELEGATED AUTHORITY – WINCHESTER HOUSE SECURITY (OLD BROAD STREET)**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment.

Received.

**10. QUESTIONS ON NON-PUBLIC MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB COMMITTEE**

There were no questions.

**11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE SUB COMMITTEE AGREES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**

There were no urgent items of business.

The meeting closed at 1.10pm.

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CHAIRMAN

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