



St Edmundsbury
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**1. St Andrews Street/Risbygate Street/Brentgovel Street Enhancement
(Paper A577)**

RECOMMENDED:- That

- (1) the outcome of the consultation into the concept proposals for Risbygate Street and St Andrews Street North be noted;***
- (2) a consultation meeting with the businesses and residents of Risbygate Street and St Andrews Street North be held; and***
- (3) the outcome of that meeting be reported to a future meeting of the Working Party.***

In July 2005, all businesses and residents in the area around the Cattle Market development site, plus other local stakeholders, were invited to an event at the Corn Exchange. At this event they were invited to highlight any existing concerns they had with the highways and access around the Cattle Market development site and any problems they anticipated during and after construction. The concerns raised in 2005 helped inform the work subsequently undertaken in Kings Road, Woolhall Street, Central Walk and Parkway Central reservation. Concerns were raised at the event relating to difficulties experienced by pedestrians at the junction of St Andrews Street/Risbygate Street/Brentgovel Street. In November 2008, a workshop was held involving Councillors and other town centre stakeholders groups to explore principles for changes to the junction. In November 2009, these principles were again confirmed as the basis for local consultation.

The Working Party considered the responses received from the consultation exercise, as contained within Appendix B to Report A577 and an updated Appendix B was circulated following receipt of 10 more responses.

2. St Andrews Street South Access Review (Paper A578)

RECOMMENDED:- That

- (1) the data collected about activity in the section of St Andrews Street South between Woolhall Street and Risbygate Street be noted;***
- (2) the response of the Police to the request for additional enforcement be noted; and***
- (3) options 5.1.6, 5.1.8, 5.1.9, 5.1.11, 5.1.12 and 5.1.13 be further developed and brought back to the Working Party for further consideration.***

For many years St Andrews Street South between Woolhall Street and St Andrews Street North was a one way street northbound, open to all classes of vehicle. In 1996 a detailed investigation into public transport in the town identified this street as important to the future development of bus services, in particular as the main pick up and drop off point for passengers accessing the town centre. As a consequence of this study, significant changes were made to restrict northbound traffic to local buses, cyclists, deliveries and access to private off street parking. This enabled a southbound bus contra-flow lane to be established. Subsequently, as a result of intense lobbying by the local hackney carriage operators, the Traffic Regulation Order was amended to allow them to use the street northbound and a short while later southbound access as well. A short time afterwards, complaints were received from private hire operators of unfair competition, so they were allowed to access the street from the south only, provided they were picking up and dropping of a pre-booked fare. Following discussion the recommendation was amended to include the entry feature option for further consideration.

3. Engineering Services Work Programme (Paper A579)

RECOMMENDED:- That

- (1) the impact of the winter weather on the condition of the highway network and actions taken to deal with this be noted;***
- (2) the highway maintenance budgets for 2010/2011 be noted;***
- (3) the changes to the loading/bus bay on the south side of Angel Hill, as set out in Paragraphs 3.1.1 to 3.1.2 of Report A579, be approved;***
- (4) the changes to the management of parking in Cotton Lane, as set out in Paragraphs 3.2.1 to 3.2.4 of Report A579, be approved;***
- (5) the changes to the waiting restrictions in Skyliner Way, as set out in Paragraphs 3.3.1 to 3.3.6 of Report A579, be approved and a further review of the road be carried out when it is fully adopted;***

- (6) *the outcome of the consultation into parking in the Queen's Road and York Road areas be noted, the decision be deferred to allow the Engineer and local Ward Members to consider the matter further and the issue be reported to a future meeting of the Working Party; and***
- (7) *the changes to the car park charges on Hardwick Heath, as shown at Appendix G to Report A579, be approved.***

The Working Party considered highway schemes within Bury St Edmunds, namely:-

- (1) the Highways maintenance budgets for 2010/2011 and priorities for works;
- (2) the proposed changes to parking restrictions on the Angel Hill;
- (3) the proposed changes to parking management in Cotton Lane;
- (4) the proposed changes to parking restrictions on Skyliner Way;
- (5) the outcome of consultation on the introduction of a neighbourhood parking scheme in the Queen's Road/York Road area; and
- (6) the proposed changes to the car parking charges on Hardwick Heath.

A detailed discussion was held regarding the outcome of consultation on the introduction of neighbourhood parking scheme in the Queen's Road/York Road area, however, it was decided that the issue would be deferred to allow for further consideration.