

B511

Cabinet 16 March 2011

Recommendations from Bury St Edmunds Area Working Party: 22 February 2011 (Mar11/01)

Cabinet Member: Cllr Robert Everitt Chairman of the Working Party:

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1. St Andrews Street South, Bury St Edmunds (Report B465)

RECOMMENDED:- That:

- (1) physical changes to the layout of St Andrews Street South, Bury St Edmunds, as detailed in Section 4 and shown on the Plan at Appendix B to Report B465, be implemented at a cost of £35,000 funded from the unallocated capital allocation for public realm works;
- (2) the additional loading and waiting restrictions, including incorporating the night-time taxi ranks, as detailed in Section 5 of Report B465, be implemented;
- (3) the signing for the existing access restrictions in St Andrews Street South between Woolhall Street and Risbygate Street be improved; and
- (4) Suffolk County Council be requested to undertake these changes.

On 30 November 2010 the Bury St Edmunds Area Working Party considered a Report on the access arrangements for St Andrews Street South (Report B331 refers). The Working Party requested that workshops be set up to consider the issues in detail and recommend potential solutions. Two workshops took place on 18 January 2011. The first included representatives of user groups; for example, bus operators, taxi drivers and disabled persons. The second was for town centre stakeholders; for example, Town Centre Management, arc Management and traders groups. The outcome of the workshops were summarised at Appendix A to Report B465.

To address the issues outlined in Report B465, various measures were proposed; namely, at the southern (Woolhall Street) end of the Street build-outs be installed on each side of the carriageway to create a chicane, move the bus stop on the east side of the road (outside Boots) and install a build-out in front of the stop and introduce a priority system and a further build-out at the Auction Street/Market

Thoroughfare crossing point be installed. In addition to the build-outs it was suggested courtesy crossings are installed at the two main crossing points.

Report B465 proposed that the current traffic restriction be removed once the measures outlined above had been installed. However, following discussions the Working Party proposed that the restrictions remain but the signing be improved.

2. Engineering Services Works Programme (Report B466)

RECOMMENDED:- That:

- (1) the canvassing of existing Zone H permit holders for their opinions on the extension of the eligibility to include other nearby properties in Kings Road (East), be approved, as outlined in paragraph 3.2.2 of Report B466. This consultation to be taken forward with proposals for additional permit bays in Kings Road (West);
- (2) the implementation of the traffic calming scheme in Horsecroft Road, Bury St Edmunds, funded by Suffolk County Council, be approved, as outlined in paragraph 4.1 and shown at Appendix B to Report B466;
- (3) the installation, on each corner of the War Memorial, Angel Hill, of additional signage, be approved, as outlined in paragraph 4.2 and shown in Option A of Appendix B to Report B466; and
- (4) 2 hours free parking, designated short stay spaces and annual season tickets for stays in excess of 2 hours between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm Mondays to Saturdays, in line with neighbourhood permit charge of £76 within the town, be implemented for the Vinery Road, Bury St Edmunds car park.

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

- (1) resurfacing of Glastonbury Road and Cannon Street/Orchard Street, and patching works at Nowton Road and Gloucester Road. The Working Party were advised that patching works to Gloucester Road would be postponed until after April 2011 and Trent Road would be patched instead;
- (2) canvassing Zone H permit holders for their opinion on the extension of the eligibility to include other nearby properties. The Working Party received a petition regarding Kings Road (West) and following discussions, it was felt appropriate that during consultations the issue of extending Zone H to include Kings Road (West) also be discussed:
- (3) traffic calming works to Horsecroft Road, Bury St Edmunds;

- (4) installation of bollards to each corner of the War Memorial on Angel Hill to prevent parking in the prohibited area; and
- (5) Vinery Road, Bury St Edmunds car park. Initially Report B466 proposed that no further action be taken. However following discussions the Working Party felt that 2 hours of free parking, with annual season tickets offered to neighbouring residents be implemented.

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