

HARPER GREEN AREA FORUM

MEETING, 29th September 2009

Present – 38 members of the public attended the meeting.

Councillor Williamson(Chair)	- Harper Green Ward
Councillor Mistry	- Harper Green Ward

Also in attendance

Adrian Wolstenholme	- Area Co-ordinator
David Spencer	- Area Working Support Officer
Jeff Smethurst	- Chief Officer
Nick Fisher	- Environmental Services, Head of Performance and Improvement
PC Gary Howard	- Greater Manchester Police
PCSO Jade Fitzgibbon	- Greater Manchester Police

Councillor Williamson in the Chair.

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillor Clare and Dr
Brain Iddon MP

13. INTRODUCTION

Councillor Williamson opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, introducing himself, fellow Councillor from the Harper Green ward Councillor Mistry, Bolton Council Officers and partners.

14. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 13th July 2009 were submitted and signed as a correct record.

15. OPTIONS FOR PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON BROADWAY

Area Co-ordinator Adrian Wolstenholme, gave a presentation on the options available for the Broadway residents parking restrictions.

Mr Wolstenholme advised that one option available was to introduce residents only parking permits. He advised that this would incur a set up cost of around £15,000 and would have had to be funded through the Area Forum as it did not meet the essential criteria needed to be completed through the Highways Department's Budget. Also Mr Wolstenholme advised that an annual fee of £30 would be payable to Bolton Council from the residents of Broadway to keep up with ongoing administration costs.

Mr Wolstenholme went on to say that another possible option was to introduce waiting restrictions during a certain time of the day. Mr Wolstenholme gave an example of introducing a waiting restriction between 10:00am and 11:00am and between 2:00pm and 3:00pm. Mr Wolstenholme informed the meeting that this would cost around £5,000 to introduce and would deter people who parked along Broadway all day and advised that the times shown were only to give an example and could be changed to what time of day the residents felt necessary.

However, Mr Wolstenholme did advise that this would also apply to the residents of Broadway and was costly to enforce due to not being on normal patrol beats.

Mr Wolstenholme also informed the meeting that a 24 hour waiting restriction could be introduced at the junctions to protect visibility and assist pedestrians and to introduce this scheme it would cost around £3,000.

Mr Wolstenholme concluded his presentation by advising if the Area Forum wanted to pursue some form of waiting restrictions as outlined above, two courses of action were available:

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- Carry out another Consultation detailing possible options (Consultation costs £1,050 for up to 100 houses)
- Select an option now and seek approval to advertise a proposal with a view to implementing (costs as detailed above)

Resolved - That the report be noted

16. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

The following questions and comments were put forward during the question and answer session:-

1. The signs on the lamp posts for dog fouling on Broadway were ineffective. Could Bins not be put on Lamp Posts?
2. Could lighting and CCTV be placed on the Paths at Sunnyside Park?
3. Could traffic calming be introduced on the Flower Estate?
4. Could park wardens and a maintenance team be introduced within Sunnyside Park?

Resolved – That the questions be noted and the questions that have not been answered at the meeting be directed to the appropriate Council Department or external agency.

17. CHAIRS CLOSING REMARKS

Councillor Williamson thanked everyone for their attendance and contribution and informed the meeting that the next Area Forum was arranged for Tuesday 2nd February 2010 from 6:30pm, Venue to be arranged.

(The meeting started at 7:00p.m. and finished at 8:30pm.)