

## NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

### WOLLATON AND LENTON ABBEY AREA COMMITTEE (AREA 7)

**MINUTES of the meeting held at Dining Room - at the Council House on 2 June 2014 from 5.00 pm - 7.20 pm**

#### **Membership**

##### Present

Councillor Steve Battlemuch  
Councillor Sally Longford  
Councillor Georgina Culley  
Councillor Eileen Morley  
Councillor Sam Webster

##### Absent

#### **Community representatives and citizens present:**

David Allen	North Wollaton Residents Association
Gary Beaven	Wollaton Park Residents Association
Nina Douglas	Wollaton Park and Lenton Abbey Neighbourhood Watch
Heather Duckworth	Wollaton West resident
Phillip Duckworth	Wollaton West resident
Anthony Hamilton	Wollaton Historical and Conservation Society
Trina Marshall	Wollaton Park Residents Association
Pamela Meese	LAFFDA/15 <sup>th</sup> Scouts
Pauline Peck	Wollaton Park Community Association
Helen Rigby	Partnership Council
Bill Smith	Lenton Abbey Residents Association
Anthony Swannell	Wollaton Vale Residents Association

#### **Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:**

Navid Arif	Highway Design
Pauline Dorey	Neighbourhood Development Officer
James Dymond	Parks Development Manager
Katy Follows	Crime and Drugs Partnership
Sergeant Hallsworth	Nottinghamshire Police
Dave Halstead	Head of City Services
Noel McMenamin	Constitutional Services Officer
Lylse-Anne Renwick	Neighbourhood Development Officer
Julie Walker	Nottingham in Bloom

#### **1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

Councillor Steve Battlemuch and Councillor Eileen Morley were nominated for the position of Chair. When put to the vote, Councillor Battlemuch received 3 votes and Councillor Morley received 2 votes.

**RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Steve Battlemuch as Chair of the Committee for the 2014-15 municipal year.**

## **2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR**

Councillor Sally Longford and Councillor Eileen Morley were nominated for the position of Vice-Chair. When put to the vote, Councillor Longford received 3 votes and Councillor Morley received 2 votes.

**RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Sally Longford as Vice-Chair of the Committee for the 2014-15 municipal year.**

## **3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

John Marsh – Locality Manager Central  
Inspector Robert Wilson – Nottinghamshire Police  
Lynne Dilks - Wollaton and Lenton Abbey Neighbourhood Watch

## **4 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Councillor Steve Battlemuch declared a personal interest in agenda item 10b (minute below) – ‘Harrow Road Traffic Scheme Update’ as a resident of Harrow Road. The interest did not preclude Councillor Battlemuch from speaking or voting on the item.

Councillor Eileen Morley declared a personal interest in agenda item 10c (minute below) – ‘Sutton Passeys Crescent Parking Scheme’ as a resident of Sutton Passeys Crescent. The interest did not preclude Councillor Morley from speaking or voting on the item.

## **5 MINUTES**

The Area Committee resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17 February 2014 as a correct record, subject to the following changes:

- (a) the revised wording of minute 37 ‘Bramcote Lane Traffic Calming Scheme’ at Appendix A to these minutes;
- (b) two minor typographical amendments to minute 36(a) ‘School Traffic Management Programme’ so that paragraph 2 states that ‘each area will be targeted by police and enforcement division colleagues **several** times a day during the identified week’, and paragraph 4 refers to ‘encouraging children to walk into the **school**’;
- (c) the correction of community representatives’ names to Nena Douglas and Anthony Swannell.

At this point, the Chair briefly addressed the Committee about the meeting held on 17 February 2014. He confirmed that the advice provided at the meeting about community representatives’ voting rights was correct. He also undertook to conduct Area Committee business by consensus wherever possible.

## **6 BRAMCOTE LANE TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEME UPDATE**

The Area Committee had previously discussed the issue of upgrading existing traffic-calming measures on Bramcote Lane at its meetings on 16 September 2013 (minute 18), 11 November 2013 (minute 26) and 17 February 2014 (minute 37).

Lylse-Anne Renwick introduced a report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services updating the Committee on progress of the proposed traffic calming review scheme along Bramcote Lane between Wollaton Vale and Wollaton Road. The Committee also received a presentation by Navid Arif, Engineer, Highway Design. The main issues highlighted in the report and presentation were:

- (a) the majority of respondents to consultation supported or partially supported the proposals, but there was less support for chicane/give-way features because of concerns over congestion and tail-backs. As a result, chicane/give-way features will not be put in place, and instead 3 pedestrian refuges will be installed;
- (b) 6 round top road humps are proposed to replace 7 existing speed cushions and the raised plateau near the Community Centre will be removed;
- (c) the proposed zebra crossing is to be relocated closer to the library and Community Centre and 2 bus stops (WO18 – Community Centre and WO07 – Library) will be moved slightly to accommodate the zebra crossing;
- (d) several changes around the Village Pump area are proposed, including extending the Riven Yorkstone paving around the pump to Wollaton Road, removing pedestrian guard railing, relocating illuminated bollards away from the Village Pump and uplighting the Village Pump to make it a more prominent local feature;
- (e) several changes to road signage are proposed, including relocating the 'bend ahead' sign near St Leonard's Church and installing 20mph roundels (not vehicle-activated signs) on the carriageway;
- (f) new footway arrangements at both the northern and southern sides of the Bramcote Lane junction with Wollaton Road;
- (g) revised funding estimates are £100,000, with £60,000 from the Local Transport Plan and £40,000 from Wollaton West Area Capital Fund. The revised proposals are subject to consultation.

During discussion, councillors and community representatives made a number of points:

- (h) a community representative stated that a number of citizens had concerns about the proposed relocation of the zebra crossing, and that it should be located at Wollaton Vale, where there was greater footfall. Mr Arif explained that the Wollaton Vale location was not suitable. The smallest zebra crossing

possible was 2.4 metres wide, and that once appropriate zigzag markings were in place this would block citizens' driveways;

- (i) Mr Arif explained that the current location of a crossing point near to the roundabout was not ideal, because drivers normally accelerate away from roundabouts, and having to slow down suddenly can lead to shunting accidents;
- (j) a councillor and community representative suggested that a crossing refuge nearer to Glenwood would be more convenient for those crossing to and from the church and schools, and Mr Arif undertook to include this feedback in the consultation process;
- (k) a community representative did not support installing 20mph roundels and Mr Arif undertook to include this feedback in the consultation process.

**RESOLVED to support the following proposals:**

- (1) replace the existing seven pairs of speed cushions with six round top road humps; similar to the humps on Parkside. One pair of speed cushions will be removed to allow one of three pedestrian refuges to be built. This will also reduce the number of raised traffic calming features;**
- (2) remove the existing raised plateau near the Community Centre and Library to further reduce the number of raised traffic calming features;**
- (3) remove the three proposed chicane/ give-way features due to possible congestion issues and instead install three pedestrian refuges to improve pedestrian safety;**
- (4) relocate the proposed zebra crossing closer to the Library and Community Centre to be closer to the pedestrian desire line and to lessen the possibility of congestion onto Wollaton Road;**
- (5) slightly relocate bus stops (WO18 –Community Centre) and (WO07 - Library) to accommodate the proposed zebra crossing;**
- (6) create new and safer crossing points for pedestrians by extending the paving (Riven Yorkstone) around the Village Pump to Wollaton Road;**
- (7) create a new footway by building out from the northern side of Bramcote Lane with Wollaton Road and to accommodate three parking spaces adjacent to the cottages;**
- (8) create a new safer crossing point for pedestrians by building out the footway on the southern side of Bramcote Lane with Wollaton Road. This will also create potentially four new parking spaces adjacent to the cottages on the south side of Bramcote Lane;**
- (9) remove the proposed two Vehicle Activated Signs (“too expensive” & “not in-keeping with the area”) and instead replace with 20mph roundels**

**on the carriageway, at appropriate locations, to remind motorists to travel at 20mph;**

- (10) relocate the existing internally illuminated “keep left” bollards away from the Village Pump and put in recessed up-lighters to highlight the Village Pump;**
- (11) in partnership with Nottingham in Bloom relocate and upgrade the existing planters and put in additional planters where appropriate;**
- (12) remove unnecessary pedestrian guard railing around the Village Pump area;**
- (13) relocate the triangle warning “bend ahead” sign adjacent to St Leonard’s Church to a more appropriate location.**

## **7 RESPECT SURVEY OUTCOMES**

The Committee received a presentation by Katy Follows, Implementation Officer, Crime and Drugs Partnership, providing a summary of the 2013 Respect Survey findings for Area 7. Ms Follows provided the following information:

- (a) the survey was based on face-to-face interviews with a random sample of 2,700 citizens from all city wards, and the final data set from the survey was weighted according to the most up to date census data;
- (b) the headline outcome from the survey is that anti-social behaviour (ASB) levels have seen a significant improvement since the previous survey. The main perceptions of ASB in the City Centre focused on people being drunk or rowdy in public places, begging, street drinking and littering. In neighbourhoods, the main issues were dog fouling, littering, disruptive behaviour by children and young people, drug dealing and people being drunk and rowdy in public places;
- (c) Area 7 had low levels of ASB compared to other areas in Nottingham. The most commonly reported instances of ASB were flyposting, littering, dog fouling and parents not taking responsibility for the behaviour of their children;
- (d) the perception of citizens in Area 7 was that the Area had become safer at night and that confidence in the Police and the City Council remained high. However, the findings also pointed to a loss of sense of community, in common with city-wide findings.

In the brief discussion which followed, councillors and community representatives were surprised that fly-posting was considered a significant issue in Area 7. In response, Ms Follows suggested that the term fly-posting was sometimes misunderstood by citizens, thinking it referred to unsolicited flyers being put through letterboxes.

**RESOLVED to note the Respect Survey 2013 summary findings.**

## **8 NOTTINGHAM IN BLOOM**

Julie Walker, Nottingham in Bloom Partnership Manager, introduced the Director of Sport, Culture and Parks' report on Nottingham in Bloom's involvement in the Royal Horticultural Society's East Midlands in Bloom competition in 2014.

Ms Walker explained that competition judges will visit Nottingham on 14 July 2014, when they plan to meet local volunteers at Wollaton Park, Martin's Pond, Wollaton Library garden and Wollaton Dovecote garden. She also explained that Harrison's Plantation will seek Green Flag accreditation.

**RESOLVED to support local involvement in the East Midlands in Bloom judging tour in July 2014, and to acknowledge the hard work and community spirit of local groups preparing for the competition.**

## **9 DESIGNATION OF PART OF WOLLATON PARK AS A LOCAL NATURE RESERVE**

James Dymond, Parks Development Manager, introduced the Corporate Director for Communities' report, seeking support to designate part of Wollaton Park as a Local Nature Reserve (LNR).

Mr Dymond explained that there will be little difference 'on the ground' to existing habitats within the Park, but that LNR status will provide additional protection and give more scope for wildlife-themed events and interpretation. Responses from the public and from statutory consultees have been generally very positive.

In the brief discussion which followed, Mr Dymond confirmed that public access to Wollaton Park will be unaffected by the designation.

**RESOLVED to note the report and to support the designation of part of Wollaton Park as a Local Nature Reserve.**

## **10 HIGHFIELDS PARK: HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND, PARKS FOR PEOPLE RESTORATION AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - STAGE 2 APPLICATION**

James Dymond, Parks Development Manager, introduced the Corporate Director for Communities' report, presenting the Highfields Park Landscape restoration project Stage 2 proposals to submit to the Heritage and Big Lottery Parks for People Fund (HBLPPF).

Mr Dymond made the following points:

- (a) Highfields Park successfully received Stage 1 funding approval from the HBLPPF in July 2013. This funding has been used to assemble a project team, commission detailed design works, carry out further surveys of the park and appoint a dedicated Park Ranger;
- (b) a major element of the Stage 2 bid proposals involves developing a sustainable method of de-silting the lake and Tottle Brook, and the City

Council has worked with the Environment Agency and other partners to identify a solution;

- (c) the restoration project refurbishment and repair of historic buildings on the site, including pavilions, ticket office and lighting columns. Furniture/signage, paths and boundaries and gateways will also be refurbished. The derelict paddling pool will be restored as a site for pond dipping;
- (d) the project team has compiled a 10-year Maintenance and Management Plan and 5-year Activity Plan as part of the overall Stage 2 bid. The proposals have been informed by extensive public consultation earlier in 2014;
- (e) in a major development, the University of Nottingham is not just a partner but is now a co-signatory of the Stage 2 bid proposals;
- (f) at Stage 1, the HBLPPF asked the City Council to investigate opportunities to develop a social enterprise on-site. The City Council has already trialled a social enterprise partnership with Colwick Park Lifeguards to manage the boating concession on the lake.

The Committee welcomed and supported the proposals, and especially the developments planned for the western end of the Park, and made the following comments in the discussion which followed:

- (g) Mr Dymond explained that the paddling pool could not be reinstated to its former use because of its poor state of repair;
- (h) several community representatives raised the issue of car parking, particularly cars parking on grass verges close to the main entrance to the Park. Mr Dymond explained that the HBLPPF will not pay for parking and so parking does not feature as part of the Stage 2 bid. However, he understood that Sustainable Transport colleagues were looking at the issue of inconsiderate and obstructive parking near the main entrance to the Park.

**RESOLVED to support and endorse the Highfields Park Landscape Restoration Project and Stage 2 Heritage and Big Lottery Parks for People Fund bid.**

## **11 HARROW ROAD TRAFFIC SCHEME UPDATE**

Councillor Steve Battlemuch declared a personal interest in this item as a resident of Harrow Road. The interest did not preclude Councillor Battlemuch from speaking or voting on the item.

Lylse-Anne Renwick, Neighbourhood Development Officer, advised that further features, including additional school markings and 'No parking' signs were proposed, and that 'No waiting at any time' signs were proposed for Eaton Grove and Harrow Gardens. Proposals were subject to consultation and it was planned to undertake work during the Summer holiday period.

In the brief discussion which followed, a councillor stated that the system in place during the Week of Action, when one side of the road was car-free, had worked well.

A councillor also suggested having 'No waiting' signs to cover the peak school drop-off and pick-up times of 8-10am and 2.30-4pm.

**RESOLVED to note the update.**

## **12 SUTTON PASSEYS CRESCENT PARKING SCHEME**

Councillor Eileen Morley declared a personal interest in this item as a resident of Sutton Passeys. The interest did not preclude Councillor Morley from speaking or voting on the item.

Lylse-Anne Renwick, Neighbourhood Development Officer, advised that an objections report on the proposed parking scheme had been submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transportation for her consideration.

**RESOLVED to note the update.**

## **13 WARD PERFORMANCE REPORTS**

Pauline Dorey and Lylse-Ann Renwick, Neighbourhood Development Officers, introduced 2 reports of the Director of Neighbourhood Services, detailing performance of the Wollaton West and Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey wards against a range of performance measures. The Committee also received a verbal presentation from Sergeant Hallsworth on Police and Crime issues in Area 7.

The main points raised in the reports and presentation were:

### Wollaton West – Lylse-Anne Renwick

- (a) there was a decrease in the 'burglary dwelling' rate, but an increase in 'burglary other' and 'criminal damage';
- (b) the Cleanliness Index rating was the highest in Nottingham, and fly tipping levels had decreased. However, graffiti incidents had increased, dog fouling continued to be a significant issue for the ward;
- (c) no Community Protection orders had been issued recently, and there had been no deliberate fires reported;
- (d) the key successes in Wollaton West included the start of construction work on the Wollaton Park Play Area, the launch of the Youth Café at Kingswood Church Hall and St Leonard's Community Centre, and the delivery of several successful Youth in the Park events on Torvill Drive and Rushford Park;
- (e) a recurring issue was inappropriate parking linked to citizens visiting Wollaton Park;

### Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey – Pauline Dorey

- (f) while the 'burglary dwelling' remained steady, there was a significant increase in 'criminal damage', 'thefts' and anti-social behaviour;



- (g) the Cleanliness Index rating had improved and there was less fly-tipping taking place;
- (h) the year-to-date incidence of fires was the second-lowest in Nottingham;
- (i) there was an increase in dog fouling, though this coincided with a targeted 'see it report it' campaign by Community Protection colleagues;
- (j) key successes included the Alleyways Day of Action in Lenton Abbey, securing external funding for a cooker and cooking equipment for the refurbished kitchen in the Sheila Roper Community Centre and a successful Wollaton Park Residents Association open meeting featuring the Police and Crime Commissioner, Paddy Tipping;
- (k) there were ongoing issues with parking in Lenton Abbey and Wollaton Park estate, and cycle theft was a specific concern for the ward;

Nottinghamshire Police update – Sergeant Hallsworth

- (l) there had been a recent spate of burglaries from garden sheds in both wards. Around half of the sheds broken into were not secure, and break-ins took place mostly at night;
- (m) Citizens were being encouraged to sign up to the Neighbourhood alert system;
- (n) Citizens reported being unsure about what to do if they saw someone in a garden, and the Neighbourhood Action Team was drafting advice for local residents letter;
- (o) Nottinghamshire Police has deployed a CCTV van to burglary 'hotspots' to help deter break-ins

The Committee expressed concern about the recent increase in overall burglaries, and welcomed the increased targeting of resources in 'hot spots' to address the issue. It was confirmed that partners were also working with international students at the University of Nottingham to make them aware of the issue, and the precautions they could take.

**RESOLVED to note the performance report.**

**14 PROJECT PROGRESS UPDATE**

**RESOLVED to note the progress of projects supported by the Committee budget in 2013/14 as set out in Appendices 1 and 2 to the report.**

**15 DELEGATED AUTHORITY PROJECTS**

**RESOLVED to note further financial allocations towards the following schemes from Ward Councillor budgets since the last meeting on 17 February 2014:**

<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Allocation</u> £
<b><u>Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey 2013/14</u></b>	
Lenton Abbey Fun Day 2013	1000.00
Fabulous Fun Day on Farndon Green	900.00
Christmas Lights switch-on and other events and future years	4000.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>5900.00</b>
<b>Uncommitted balance January 2014:</b>	<b>21400.00</b>

**Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey 2014/15**

Contribution towards Muslim Women's Organisation development Worker	660.00
Lenton Abbey Fun Day 2014	1000.00
Planting on Farndon Green	500.00
Fun day on Farndon Green	1000.00
Hope Nottingham Big Lunch Party	150.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>3310.00</b>
<b>Uncommitted balance May 2014</b>	<b>28090.00</b>

<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Allocation</u> £
<b><u>Wollaton West 2013/14</u></b>	
Wollaton West Community Engagement	800.00
Neighbourhood Arboriculture	140.13
Wollaton Library Teenage Library Area	1898.00
Friends of Wollaton Local Nature Reserves Funding	590.28
<b>Total:</b>	<b>3428.41</b>
<b>Uncommitted balance January 2014</b>	<b>6540.00</b>

**Wollaton West 2014/15**

Wollaton Park Walled Gardens Feasibility Study	11661.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>11661.00</b>
<b>Uncommitted balance May 2014</b>	<b>13705.00</b>

**15 AREA CAPITAL FUND**

**RESOLVED** to approve the works listed in Table 1 below, funded under the Local Transport Plan (LTP) and Public Realm (PR) elements of the Area Capital Programme and, in Table 2 to note the resulting situation of LTP and PR

**elements and the de-commitments of the Area Capital Fund Programmes for 2013-15:**

**Table 1 – Approvals**

<u>Ward/Location</u>	<u>Work</u>	<u>Estimated cost (£)</u>
<b><u>Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey</u></b>		
Lime Tree Avenue	Bench	567.00
Woodside Road Central Reservation	Tree planting	1000.00
<b><u>Wollaton West</u></b>		
Bramcote Lane	Traffic calming	40000.00
Wollaton Play Area	Footpath	6065.00
Harrow Road	Tree works	3000.00

**Table 2: - Summary**

<u>Budget Element</u>	<u>Wollaton West 2013-15 (£)</u>	<u>Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey (£)</u>
Total Available Fund 2013-15	116394.00	113638.00
- LTP Scheme Costs	71190.00	19359.00
- PR schemes	12065.00	2020.00
+ Decommissioned funds	1166.00	12350.00
<b>Total Funds available:</b>	<b>34305.00</b>	<b>104609.00</b>

**16 DATES OF MEETINGS IN 2014/15**

**RESOLVED to meet on the following Mondays at 5pm:**

**2014**

1 September  
10 November

**2015**

9 February

**17 APPENDIX A**

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**Proposed amended minute 37 dated 17 February 2014**

**37 BRAMCOTE LANE TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEME**

The Area Committee had previously discussed the issue of replacing existing elements of the, now dilapidated, traffic calming measures on Bramcote Lane

at its meetings on 16 September (minute 18) and 11 November 2013 (minute 26), when the Chair, Councillor Battlemuch, reported that current proposals, then costed at £123,000, exceed the budget available and further consultations would be required to determine a way forward.

Lylse-Anne Renwick introduced a report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services which summarised the latest position and showed a revised cost for the proposals of £100,000 to be funded by contributions of £60,000 from the Local Transport Plan provision and £40,000 from the Wollaton West Area Capital Fund. The following range of replacement measures proposed to improve the vehicle driver experience along Bramcote Lane were explained by Scott Harrison and Navid Arif of the Traffic and Safety Division:

- Replacement of the existing 1.9m<sup>2</sup> speed cushion arrangement by 70 millimetre high round - topped road humps extending across the width of the carriageway which, due to their bituminous construction, would give a smoother ride for all vehicles;
- Removal of the existing raised plateau close to the Bramcote Lane/Wollaton Road junction and installation of a zebra - crossing to enable residents to cross safely and improve their accessibility to bus stops, library, community centre, nursery and other local amenities;
- Installing other traffic calming measures such as give-way build outs to slow traffic speeds, situated close to bus stops to improve accessibility to public transport, featuring dropped curbs with tactile paving to create shorter crossing distances;
- Installing double yellow lines at all minor junctions along the route, to provide junction protection and improve visibility for all road users;
- Working with Wollaton Historical and Conservation Society to tidy up the area around the water pump and consider using primrose yellow 50 mm lining in the Bramcote Lane area, so as to be more in keeping with the nature of the environment;
- subject to funding, installing two, vehicle activated signs (VAS) along its length, to remind motorists that Bramcote Lane is a 20 mph speed zone.

**ACTION**

Councillor Culley, by way of an amendment, proposed removing all current traffic calming humps in conjunction with the following recommendations:

- (1) undertake a thorough consultation exercise seeking residents' and road users' views on all possible options, and, subject to consultation::
- (2) insert gateway features at the Wollaton Road end, with inset cobble stones to slow speeds and railway sleeper planters to emphasise that this road is a 'village' road and to bring it in keeping with the area;
- (3) consider removing the existing raised plateau close to the Wollaton Road junction and put in a zebra crossing to enable residents to cross safely and to improve accessibility to the bus stops, library, community centre and other amenities;
- (4) install horizontal traffic calming such as give-way build-outs, which will maintain slow traffic speeds without the discomfort of raised traffic calming features. Large vehicles and motorbikes will also have to reduce their speeds and would be unable to avoid the features;
- (5) the give-way build-outs will have dropped kerbs and tactile paving to benefit pedestrians by creating shorter crossing distances. These crossing points should be situated closely to bus stops to improve accessibility to public transport;
- (6) install double yellow lines at all minor junctions to provide junction protection and improve visibility for all road users;
- (7) work together in partnership with Wollaton Historical and Conservation Society, the opportunity is to be taken to tidy up the area around the water pump, including conservation given to the use of Primrose Yellow 50mm lining in the Bramcote Lane area, to be more in keeping with the nature of the environment;
- (8) install vehicle-activated signs along the length to remind motorists that Bramcote Lane is 20 mph (subject to funding).

Honorary Alderman Hamilton circulated the observations of the Wollaton Historical and Conservation Society on the proposals contained in the report.

He drew attention to:

- the extension of a 20 mph speed zone into the area, but without the benefit of other traffic calming measures currently included on Bramcote Lane, making it an apparent anomaly. The 20 mph speed zone could be extended eastwards of the Admiral Rodney Public House up to Russell Drive;

- proposed installation of a zebra crossing close to the Bramcote Lane/Wollaton Road junction, remaining speed bumps, proposed 'Build outs' and tactile paving and placing double yellow lines on every corner were unnecessary. However, one set of speed bumps could be placed on each of the approach roads to the square to reduce speed and potential conflict between pedestrians and vehicles;
- the proposal to install two vehicle activated signs on Bramcote Lane is supported and a further sign should be installed on the approach to the dangerous bend at the bottom of Church Hill, opposite Rectory Gardens;
- The proposals as submitted do not represent value for money or address the problem of the speed bumps or the inconvenience which they cause to residents and damage to their vehicles;
- The majority of people attending meetings of the Historical and Conservation Society consider, when asked, that the proposed scheme is a waste of money and that speed bumps should be removed entirely. The Council should therefore consider withdrawing the scheme and submit a comprehensive plan for the whole of the Wollaton area which will better address the problems;
- The proposal to consult local residents and road users, suggesting that any consultation material should seek views on:  
  
Whether the proposals set out above are supported?;  
Whether the speed bumps should remain as they are, or should be removed, except for those closest to the Square?

**ACTION**

### **Discussion**

Community Representatives noted the proposal that "built out" measures will be illuminated by solar panel bollards, but also expressed the view that these features should, nonetheless, be properly lit to make oncoming traffic aware of them and avoid potential accidents.

It was pointed out that the effect of Councillor Culley's amendments was to remove the road humps before any consultation took place.

Several attendees reiterated the view that the Area Committee should take local views into account and that genuine consultation should include the widest range of residents and users, should be meaningful and should include a range of alternatives where possible.

The view that the City Council will be most reluctant to endorse formally alternative proposals which will see the removal of traffic calming features without recommendations for alternative measures also being included, due to the need for the authority to be seen to be actively promoting vehicle and personal safety and to avoid potential legal liability claims in the event of accidents in the future was appreciated by the Committee, but did not appear to move the matter further forward in a positive way.

The intention of Nottinghamshire Police to establish a vehicle speed group to monitor vehicle speed in the area, passing information from local residents to them to inform targeted enforcement action to reduce the problem is supported.

The interpretation that any formal vote on the proposals and/or alternative solutions was capable of being taken only by Councillors due to the inclusion of information about the source of financing, was not readily understood as, currently, the proposals are to be approved for public consultation purposes, before being finalised at a future meeting of the Area Committee.

The Chair indicated that restricting the vote to councillors was on the basis of advice from Constitutional Services earlier that day.

**RESOLVED by a majority of three votes to two:**

- (1) to reject Councillor Culley's proposed amendment outlined above;**
- (2) to approve the proposals as set out above for public consultation purposes with local residents and road users, before being considered again at a future meeting of the Area Committee;**
- (3) to note the revised cost and funding arrangements.**