

MINUTES OF ROADS AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE HELD IN CITY CHAMBER AT  
11.00AM ON WEDNESDAY 29 JUNE 2005  
(written by Doreen Edgar and Frances MacInnes  
on behalf of the Metered Parking Action Group)

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Introductory remarks by Robert Booth, Director of Land Services to explain the existing problems, the statutory process and specifics of the 4 areas under recommendation.

PowerPoint presentation given by one of the officials.

#### Reasons for the Orders

- Customer Representation
- Policy Objectives – Council’s Roads and Transport policies.

Showed a number of photos to demonstrate the problem of irresponsible commuter parking.  
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To ensure priority for residents over commuter parking

Arterial routes are excluded

£150 is an “appropriate charge for this particular area”

There had been consultation with Community Councils and Residents Groups over the past 2-3 years.

Also double the period recommended for statutory consultation, which had run from 11 March - 22 April 2005. During this time it was stated that amendments had been made accordingly and included:

- Parking bays removed
- Loading bays extended
- Reduction in time in certain areas

#### Questions

**Councillor John Mason** - Since the end of the consultation period on 22 April I have received many more emails from residents - it seems that by the close of the consultation period only a tiny proportion knew what was happening and had any awareness of the scheme.

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1 These could all be addressed by existing powers

**Robert Booth (Director of Land Services)** - We have complied with statutory consultation - met with Community Councils and Residents Groups etc - We have done more than was required

**Councillor John Mason** - the Herald is a minority newspaper - the consultation appears to have been aimed at community groups and approximately 1% of the population is attached to community groups

**Councillor Frank Docherty** - myself and probably the rest of the committee have received about 40 emails from concerned individuals. It is not one email that has been copied by 40 people, but individual letters raising different concerns. The MSP, Patricia Ferguson, has also written a letter of objection. In her letter she states that approximately 400 people were in attendance at the Belmont Street church on 10 June.

**Councillor Alastair Watson** – I too have received similar emails. The dept. went beyond the statutory period (followed by a derogatory remark to John Mason about the Baillieston Corridor and that he was “being selective”

**Councillor Niall Walker** – again I have received similar emails. Cost of permits in Richmond (London) is around £50 - £75. Our visitor’s permits are expensive and unduly restrictive. Is it commuters who are causing the problem? Is there a breakdown or analysis of the people who are parking?

**Robert Booth** - the scheme is cost-neutral and self financing. This will pay for enforcement. It will be continually reviewed. There have been early morning surveys carried out and registration number noted to establish what is resident and what is commuter parking. We will look at a reduction of visitor costs in due course. Presently there are 8,226 residents and 5,500 parking bays.

**Councillor Bashir Ahmad** – Members of the public are here today. These people are concerned and should be listened to.

**Councillor Steven Purcell** - Extending the consultation period will not change the mind of the objectors. It is regrettable that it has taken 3 years to come to this decision. We have met the statutory requirements and the dept. has gone even further. Amendments have been made. We want to encourage people to use public transport rather than their cars. The problem is caused by commuters. I propose that we proceed on behalf of the Administration. I went through all the letters of objections with the Director late in to the night and 60% of objections were to cost. Therefore I move that the cost is reduced from £150 to £50.

Councillor Frank Watson seconded the motion.

**Councillor Jim McKechnie** - I declare an interest in Woodlands as a car owner and a resident.

**Councillor Alastair Watson** – I advise that SPT have embarked on a major park and ride

scheme. This strategy is to deter most people driving into the city.

**Councillor John Mason** - welcomes a reduction in cost but there is a wider issue – there should be consultation throughout the city. Bailieston Quality Bus corridor had adequate consultation.

**Robert Booth** - consultation has come to an end

**Councillor Steven Purcell** - Motion that Traffic Orders go through subject to reduction in cost of residents permit.

**Councillor John Mason** - Amendment that there is more consultation with a leaflet being delivered to every household

**Councillor Bashir Ahmad seconded Councillor Mason's amendment**

Motion - 14 votes

Amendment - 2 votes

Motion carried

Meeting ended abruptly at this point.