



Leicester
City Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of the
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD

Held: THURSDAY, 17 JUNE 2010 at 5.30pm

PRESENT:

Councillor Grant– Chair

Councillor Bajaj
Councillor Joshi
Councillor Scuplak

Councillor Clair
Councillor Newcombe
Councillor Suleman

Also In Attendance

Councillor Draycott
Councillor Kitterick

Coleman Ward Councillor
Castle Ward Councillor

11. REVIEW OF THE VEHICLE CROSSING POLICY

The Director, Regeneration, Highways and Transportation submitted a report that informed the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board of certain current standards in the Vehicle Crossing Policy that were included in the Council's Transport Asset Management Plan (TAMP).

The Head of Highways Management introduced the report and stated that the report considered the size and angle of vehicle hard standings in the Council's current Vehicle Crossing Policy and compared them with other local authorities. The Board heard that in January 2009, it was agreed that 5 metres was a reasonable length as it accommodated the majority of cars.

Contained within the report was information relating to the standards set by neighbouring authorities. Further to that information, it was stated that Derby City Council imposed no minimum length of their vehicle crossing hard standings.

The Head of Highways Management also reported that the authority did not approve footway crossings where the parking hard standing would have to be at an angle in order to achieve the measurement, as this posed dangers. It was therefore made clear that officers currently strictly enforced the standard

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length to 5 metres at 90 degrees to the highway.

The Chair permitted Councillors Draycott and Kitterick to address the committee in relation to this item. They were both of the view that the council should assess each request for a hard standing on a case by case basis. They felt that a standard 5 metre length was problematic when situated outside small and narrow properties.

Members generally supported the views of Councillors Draycott and Kitterick and it was felt that the Council should adapt a more flexible policy. Concern was expressed around designing a hard standing to a specific length that would not suit a future occupant, and would therefore require modification.

In response to a question around enforcement, Members heard that it was the police who were responsible for enforcing the current standards and that Council officers did not share these powers.

RESOLVED:

That Cabinet be asked to revoke the current policy and seek to adopt a policy in line with both Derby and Nottingham City Councils by assessing each request on a case by case basis.