TOWN CENTRE PROJECT PANEL

14 JULY 2005

Chair: * Councillor Burchell

Councillors: * D Ashton * N Shah

† C Mote * Bill Stephenson (1)

* Denotes Member present

(1) Denote category of Reserve Member

† Denotes apologies received

PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION 3: Clarendon Road Restricted Zone

Your Panel considered a report of the Area Director (Urban Living), which sought approval to introduce additional measures to those previously agreed on Clarendon Road to further ease pedestrian flow and improve amenity.

It was always recognised that yellow road markings would detract from the distinctive public realm improvements that were being developed but it was concluded that the creation of a pedestrian zone, the normal means by which they could be omitted, was not a viable option. Discussions with the Department for Transport (DfT) had revealed that they would consider use of a special procedure that would create a 'restricted zone' thereby excluding the need for markings. It was added that regular enforcement inspections and clearly visible, but discreetly located, road signs would be required to make it clear that the area was restricted.

Resolved To RECOMMEND: (To Cabinet)

That (1) officers be authorised to take all necessary steps under Section 6 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act to extend the time of the loading restrictions in Clarendon Road to "No Loading at Any Time" in the area between the south east corner of St George's Shopping Centre and the adjacent disabled person's parking spaces and to modify the traffic orders to allow the relocation of the motorcycle bays as shown in Appendix 1 of the officer report, the details of which be delegated to officers and subject to consideration of any formal objections to the traffic orders; and

(2) officers be authorised to seek special authorisation from the DfT for the creation of a restricted zone, with uniform waiting and loading restrictions that permit less intrusive signing and road markings, in Clarendon Road.

Reason for Recommendation: To maximise improvements aimed at easing pedestrian flow and ensure that the traffic management and streetscene improvements are fully coordinated with the distinctive public realm improvements that have been developed for Clarendon Road.

(Note: The meeting having commenced at 7.30 pm, closed at 8.45 pm)

(Signed) COUNCILLOR KEITH BURCHELL Chair