

Area Committee for Great Yarmouth

Date: Monday 23 February 2009

Time: 9.30am

Venue: Supper Room, Town Hall, Great Yarmouth Borough Council

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Membership

Mr M R H Carttiss
Mr B J E Collins
Mr P T Hacon
Mr J A Holmes
Mr J R Shrimplin

Mr M Taylor
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Mr B R Walker
Mrs C M Walker

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Civil Parking Enforcement

Report by Mr David Law of Norfolk Constabulary

1 Background

- 1.1 For many years Norfolk Constabulary had up to seven full time Traffic Wardens working in the borough of Great Yarmouth and often employed two seasonal Wardens to assist during the Summer.
- 1.2 When Civil Parking Enforcement was proposed, a large number of Wardens not just in Great Yarmouth but across the County decided to leave for alternative roles within the Constabulary knowing that this would give them a greater choice of what and where they would work rather than waiting and have limited choice.
- 1.3 A small number of these vacant posts were filled with temporary staff on fixed contracts, the remainder were not filled, possibly because CPE was expected to be completed a lot sooner than is currently planned, as a result funding was diverted to other areas of the Constabulary.
- 1.4 We are now in a situation where there is One Traffic Warden at Holt and One at Cromer to cover the whole of the North Norfolk area including North Walsham, Aylsham, Stalham and Wroxham. We also have One Post covered by two Job Share Traffic Wardens at Great Yarmouth covering an area from Hopton to Potter Heigham.

2 Fixed Penalty Notices

- 2.1 The number of Fixed Penalty Notices Issued by Traffic Wardens in Great Yarmouth Borough are as follows:

2007 – 1,160 FPN's issued for Parking Offences
130 Council Tickets issued for Pay and display bays on Sea Front

2008 – 1,301 FPN's issued for Parking Offences
351 Council Tickets issued for Pay and Display bays on Sea Front
996 Fixed Penalty Notices issued by Police Officers
- 2.2 County Figures for these periods are:

2007 – 7,042
2008 – 6,013
- 2.3 Since the beginning of November 2008 the number of Traffic Wardens in the Borough dropped from Four to One, since November to 26 January a total of 105 Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued.

2.4 Please note that it is impossible to break down the Fixed Penalty Notices to Offence Types and locations in the time span given.

3 Traffic Warden Role

3.1 Traffic Wardens cover a large number of duties within their role, their priority is to keep traffic moving and often fixed penalty notices are the last resort, as Wardens will often try to find the owner of offending vehicles dependant on the situation and offer advice. They will also be called upon to assist with traffic control at Road Traffic Collisions, or Events on the Highway. They place out the Fatal/Serious Collision Signs on behalf of Road Policing, and have also been called upon to collect Property.

3.2 Most of there time in recent months is spent dealing with and responding to complaints from the public through our Force Control Centre, therefore patrols of certain areas is no longer an option.

4 A Look Forward

4.1 Negotiations with the County are well underway to implement an interim solution until CPE is introduced. This is intended to co-incide with the introduction of Local Government Review, originally proposed for April 2010 but now potentially delayed due to the extension of the Boundary Committee deadline for recommendations to Government.

4.2 The County has proposed to part fund the existing number of Traffic Wardens only within the County, which will mean we will continue to enforce parking all be it in a limited response. I am still waiting a response from the Car Park Strategy Steering Group as to the likelihood of funding for Seasonal Traffic Wardens to Police Great Yarmouth Seafront, which would obviously provide much needed assistance, an answer which I am expecting at anytime.

4.3 The Committee are asked to note this report.



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Gapton Hall Roundabout

Report by the Director of Environment, Transport and Development

Summary

A decision by the Highways Agency on the funding and timetable for the preferred option for Gapton Hall Roundabout is to be made at around the time of this meeting. The proposed scheme is at an advanced stage of detailed design. It is desired to start works in September 2009.

1. Background

- 1.1. The Highways Agency and its regional agent, WS Atkins, made a presentation at this Committee's meeting of 6 October 2008. They said that the feasibility study had been completed and a proposal agreed internally.
- 1.2. Partial signalization of the roundabout was the preferred scheme. The northern arm of the roundabout would remain signalized. It would use the MOVA system of traffic control to minimize queuing and delay, and retain pedestrian and cyclist crossing facilities.
- 1.3. Signals would be removed from the Gapton Hall Road arm, which would require re-alignment of the entry on to the roundabout to make it safe.
- 1.4. Changes would be made to the lane markings on both the A12 approaches and the circulatory carriageway to increase capacity and efficiency.
- 1.5. A decision by the Highways Agency on the funding scheme in the next financial year was expected in February 2009.

2. Progress Report

- 2.1. Detailed design is well underway and should be complete by the end of May. However, a decision on funding the scheme in 2009/10 will not be made until around the time of this Committee's meeting. If a decision has been made, officers will inform the Committee at the meeting.
- 2.2. Highways Agency approval is required after design work is complete. Allowing for approval time and avoidance of the summer holiday period the probable start of work would be in early September 2009. Works would take approximately 10-12 weeks. This is all subject to confirmation of 09/10 funding.

2.3. Your officers will continue to monitor progress of this scheme and provide feedback to the Highways Agency and WS Atkins on its proposals.

3. **Resource Implications**

3.1. **Finance** : None.

3.2. **Staff** : None.

3.3. **Property** : None.

3.4. **IT** : None.

4. **Other Implications**

4.1. **Legal Implications** : None.

4.2. **Human Rights** : None.

4.3. **Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA)** :

A crossing facility for pedestrians and cyclists is maintained across the northern arm of the junction (the A12 north).

4.4. **Communications** : None.

5. **Section 17 – Crime and Disorder Act**

5.1. None.

6. **Risk Implications/Assessment**

6.1. None.

7. **Conclusion**

7.1. Detailed design work is continuing until May on the preferred option for Gapton Hall Roundabout. If funding is approved by the Highways Agency, work could start in September 2009.

Recommendation or Action Required

- (i) The Committee is asked to note the current status of the preferred option.

Background Papers

None

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Road Train: Seafront / Heritage / Town Centre Route

Report by the Director of Environment, Transport and Development

Summary

This is an information report about the proposed road train route to link Great Yarmouth's heritage quarter and town centre with the seafront. The operator wishes to start running the route from Easter 2009.

1. Background

- 1.1. A consultation exercise was carried out during April 2008 into the introduction of a circular route for the tourist road train that will link the seafront with the heritage quarter and town centre.
- 1.2. As a consequence of the consultation a further route was considered to link Caister Haven holiday park with Yarmouth's Marine Parade. This has subsequently been dropped.
- 1.3. The road train is licensed by the Department for Transport. They require the route to be approved by both the police and the highway authority. The police are fully supportive of the heritage route. There were fourteen written responses to the consultation. Of these, half were in favour and half against.
- 1.4. Those against the proposals cited congestion, potential loss of trade for taxis/local buses and the choice of route. These points were discussed at a meeting represented by members of the *inte*GREAT Management Board along with the Police, at which the proposal was agreed subject to the implementation of traffic orders. The orders are required to allow the road train to use the bus gates along Regent Street and to turn right onto Fullers Hill from the northern end of the Market Place. No objections were received to these orders which have subsequently come into operation.

2. The Proposed Route

- 2.1. A plan of the route is included in the appendix, drawing No PF3014-DN-85D.

Six stops are proposed along the route. These are at Joyland, the Pleasure Beach entrance, outside the Time and Tide museum, St George's Chapel, at the eastern end of Regent Street (for the town centre) and on Trafalgar Road next to St George's Park.

During the consultations requests were received to have the route modified to take in South Quay and its attendant museums. This was investigated but rejected given the greater levels of traffic involved. The stop at St George's Chapel will however allow wider exploration of this area of the heritage quarter.

3. **Publicity**

- 3.1. The road train operator intends having a leaflet produced detailing the route, and this will highlight the various attractions close to each stop. This will be prepared in consultation with the Tourist Authority.

4. **Finance**

- 4.1. The road train operator has agreed to fund all of those costs associated with the consultation and traffic order processes.

5. **Human Rights:**

- 5.1 None identified

6. **Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) :**

- 6.1 The operator would like to use a train which has wheel chair access for this route.

7. **Communications :**

- 7.1 None identified

8. **Section 17 – Crime and Disorder Act**

- 8.1 None identified

Action Required

- (i) Members of the committee are asked to comment on this report.

Background Papers

Drawing No. PF3014-DN-85D

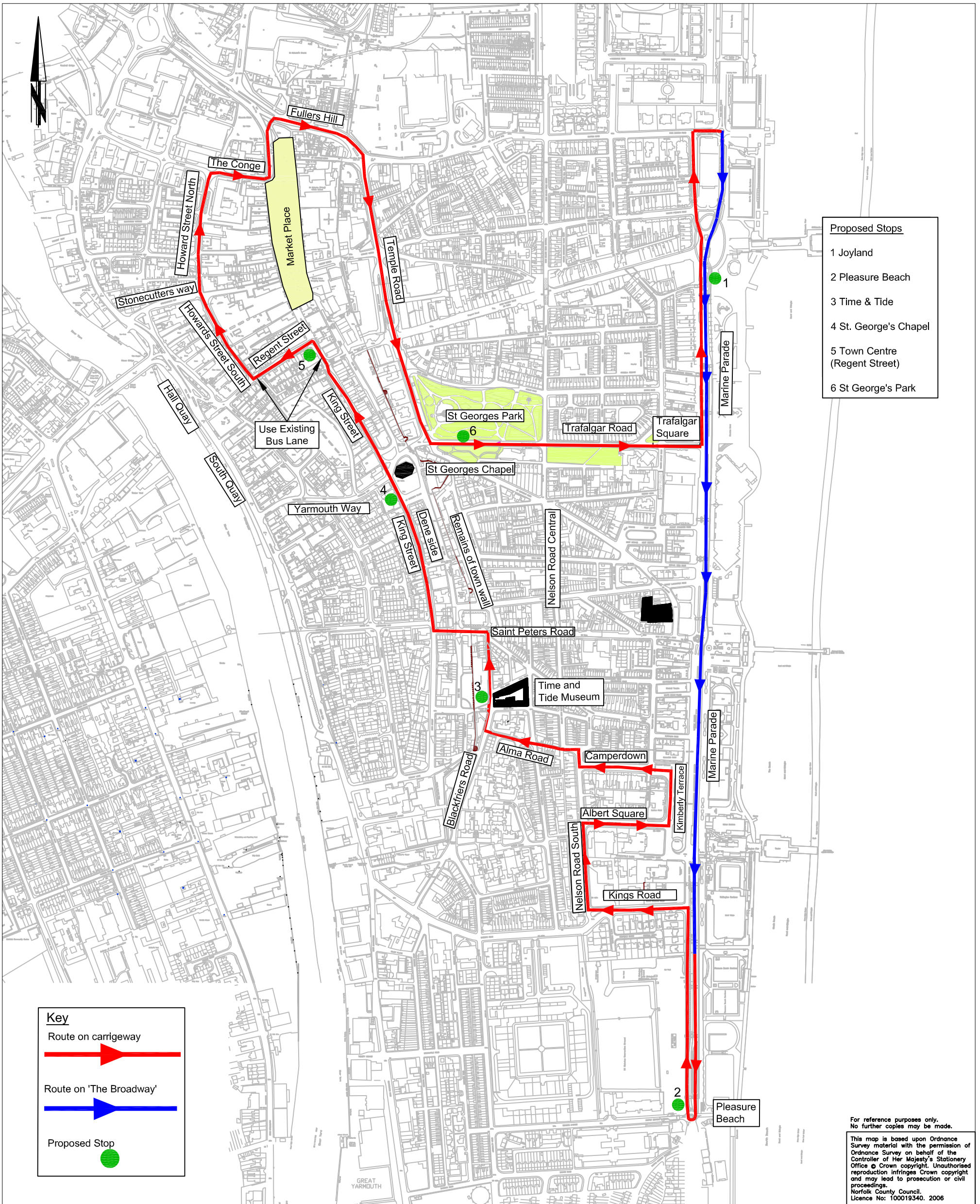
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St. George's Parkway
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Seafront to Market Place and Heritage Quarter

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D	FURTHER ROUTE REVISIONS	DGW	30/09/08

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