

Council 23 November
Requisition of Draft Sustainable Transport Strategy 2020-2025
Draft Minute of the Environment and Neighbourhood Committee held on 1 October
2020

48. AUTHORITY TO CONSULT ON THE DRAFT SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT STRATEGY SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

Andy Webber, Head of Development Management and Strategic Planning, presented the report.

Members indicated the importance of public transport within the borough and the need to develop transport infrastructure. It was acknowledged that the document came from cross-committee working and will bring more resources which will improve residents lives and strengthen the Council's hand at the planning stage. However, concerns were raised about how the consultation will be handled, who will be handling it and how the data will be interpreted.

Officers confirmed that there was a great dependency on funding by TfL and the Department of Transport in order to deliver the strategy, however the document displays that the Council are ready to lobby for Sutton for any funding opportunities which may arise. It also reinforces the need to ensure that developers play their part and begins to shape up the Council's thinking towards how future development approaches, should funding then arise.

A motion that standing orders be suspended was proposed and general assent was given from members that business would conclude at 22.45.

In response to questions, officers clarified that the consultation for this supplementary planning document would be carried out over a six week period in accordance with the Council's adopted Statements of Community Involvement, and an update would be brought to the next meeting of the Environment and Neighbourhood Committee in January 2021. It was suggested that local committee Chairs promote the consultation through their agendas in the upcoming months.

RESOLVED: that the Draft Sustainable Transport Strategy 2020-2025 (STS) for public Consultation be agreed.

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