



Hampshire County Council

Hampshire Action Team (HAT) for Havant – Action Notes

Tuesday 8 April 2011. 10.00am

Attendance (P = Present NP = Not Present A = Apologies Received)

Hampshire County Council Members

Councillor Bolton (Vice Chairman) (P)
Councillor Beagley (P)
Councillor Buckley (P)
Councillor Fairhurst (P)
Councillor Keast (P)
Councillor McIntosh (P)
Councillor Pearce (P)

Hampshire County Council Officers

Chris Lait (P)
Mary-Ann Toop (A)
Peter Mitchell (P)
Jane Biscoombe (P)
Paula Edwards (P)
Alison Mills (P)

Partners

Jim Edwards- Community Board Chair Leigh Park (P – part)
John Briggs - Community Board Chair Waterlooville South (P)
Cllr Gerry Shimbart - Community Board Member Waterlooville North (P)
Keith Chessell - Community Board Chair Havant & Bedhampton (P)
Nigel Chilcott- Community Board Member Hayling Island (NP)
Tony Cailles - Havant Borough Council (NP)
Cllr Cyril Hilton, Havant Borough Council (P)
Cllr Jenny Wride- Havant Borough Council (P)
Cllr Paul Buckley – Havant Borough Council (P)
Val Hartridge HBC Access Group (P)
Stuart Wood – Havant Borough Council (P)

ITEM 1. Apologies

Apologies received from Mary Ann Toop.

Update from Chris Lait

A reduction in senior management of 25% has been implemented as part of the measures aiming to meet the financial planning targets for the County Council, and plans to rationalise and consolidate offices, looking at co-location with Amey, are being developed. The area-based planned maintenance activity will be consolidated into the four main depots to improve the efficiency and coordination of this work. Havant will operate from the Petersfield depot although drop in facilities are being incorporated into the proposed salt barn arrangements in Broadmarsh. Peter Mitchell, Mary Ann Toop and Alison Mills will remain the main contact points for highways, transport and traffic management issues respectively.

The budget for HATs has ceased but both Members and officers recognise the value of these meetings. Highways meetings will therefore continue but the exact format of these is not known, the timing is expected to be every six months.

ITEM 2. Action Notes from Highways HAT Meeting held on October 2010

Members noted that Stuart Wood was present at the last meeting.

Members agreed the notes.

ITEM 3. Matters Arising from Highways HAT Meeting held on October 2010

Hampshire County Council has a policy for setting speed limits, each area put forward for 20 mph is assessed on its own merits.

With regard to Action 11, officers agreed that the markings were not painted to the highest standards. Officers appreciated the need to ensure that future marking are painted to a higher standard. Cllr Keast requested the no loading markings be removed along the woodland in Park Lane. If these are part of the no loading order then they cannot be removed.

Action 1: Alison Mills will find out if there is a review of this order planned.

Some new street lighting columns have been put in at Hambledon Road in connection with the new development. There are other areas where columns could do with replacing and the PFI scheme will start looking at this on October 2011. Consultation will start soon on this. Illuminated road signs are also being replaced under the PFI. Members noted the updates.

ITEM 4. Minor highways and traffic management log.

Chris Lait updated Members on the log. If officers are aware that there is no solution to an issue raised then the issue will not be added to the list.

Consultation on Petersfield Road will take place following the result of the Sustrans application. Members voiced concern at this crossing being put in when other areas have been denied a crossing. Alternative use of underpasses should be explored before infilling takes place. Decoration by artists, possibly via schools, may help to encourage children to use the underpass. Overhead cleaning will also help.

Traffic counts on College Road have shown that it is suitable for a crossing and HCC is now exploring funding sources to enable this to move forward.

ITEM 5 Progress with 2010/11 Schemes Programme

Table 1. Maintenance and Special Maintenance Schemes Update 2010/11

Peter Mitchell updated Members on the progress on the Maintenance Capital Programme for 2010/11 relating to resurfacing and special maintenance.

Contractors guarantee the work on surface dressing for 2 years, the contractor has a responsibility for the remedial work. Officers are aware of the issues at Portsdown Hill Road.

Residents at Glebe Park Avenue had little warning last year of the road closure as contractors arrived a day early to start works.

Action 2: Officers will emphasize these issues to the contractors

Hulbert Road will be completed this summer.

Officers noted the errors in the ward details for works, the lists are produced centrally and unfortunately the lists are based on the address rather than the boundaries, though the local highways office does try to check these for accuracy where this is possible prior to distribution.

Table 2. Operation Restore Update 2010/11

Peter Mitchell updated Members on the latest update on Operation Restore Programme

Table 3. Capital Programme Schemes Update 2010/11

Paula Edwards updated Members.

The Havant Rail Footbridge has been structurally assessed and remedial work will be undertaken in 2011/12.

The works at Beach Road Hayling Island are not in progress but have been planned and are ordered.

Table 4. Traffic Management Programme Update 2010/11

Alison Mills updated Members on the Traffic Management Programme

4a) Hampshire County Council Programme

Hart Plain Avenue has been retextured and no further works are planned. The 20mph roundels are due to be implemented followed by further speed surveys.

Loose chippings are very dangerous to motorcyclists but this method of surface dressing is cost effective. In the vast majority of cases there are few loose chippings and warning signs are put up to limit speeds in the first 24 hours. After this the roads are swept to remove loose chippings and so there should not be issues. These surfaces are guaranteed for 2 years. However, cold weather can result in additional chippings being released.

4b) Hampshire County Council additional works programme

Action 3: Alison Mills will look into the number and size of signs on the A3 Widley to Horndean, in particular the cycle signs, and report the outcome to Cllr McIntosh.

4c) Havant Borough Council Programme

Cllr Hilton requested information regarding TROs advertised at Westbrook Grove/Shafesbury Avenue and Stakes Road

Officers are still awaiting the legal agreement from Network Rail to start works on the lighting for Staunton Road rail bridge.

Cllr Wride reported that concern has been expressed by Bedhampton RA regarding the width of the footway/cycleway by the A3(M) slip road as part of the Rusty Cutter roundabout works

There have been no new road layout signs at Hambledon Road following the new road markings.

Action 4: Peter Mitchell will raise footway/cycleway width at the Rusty Cutter and advanced signs for new road layout as part of the MDA.with the Section 278 works team.

ITEM 6. Proposed Capital Programme 2011/12

Table 5. Peter Mitchell updated Members on the Planned Maintenance Programme (Operation Resilience) for 2011/12.

Some footway surface dressing sites have been completed; Perseus Place, Trojan Way, Zeus Lane (partial). The outstanding sites will all be dressed in September 2011. The Langstone Mill Pond Wall is still with the legal team to determine the responsibility for repair.

Action 5: Peter Mitchell will pass on the safety and security concerns regarding the footpath at Langstone Mill Pond Wall to the Rights of Way Team and share the results of the legal investigation with Havant Borough Council.

Action 6: Peter Mitchell will get back to Cllr Shimbart regarding the extent of resurfacing on Hart Plain Avenue.

New Lane minor road surface dressing will be reinstated in 2012/13 (this work is only undertaken every other year)

Members noted the schemes and priorities for 2011/12

Table 6. Peter Mitchell detailed the under £50,000 Minor Works Sub-programme 2011/12. Cllr Fairhurst raised the previous request for a pedestrian island adjacent Keats House, Bedhampton Way.

Schemes have not yet been programmed, Curlew Gardens should start in spring 2012. Members noted the schemes and sites included. It was noted that there is County Member support for the Bell Crescent scheme.

Table 7. Capital Programme and Study Programme for 2011/12

Paula Edwards outlined this programme.

Action 8: Paula Edwards will update Members on Havant Rail Footbridge maintenance works when more information becomes available.

Members noted the Capital programme schemes and studies proposed for 2011/12

Table 8. Traffic Management Programme 2011/12

Alison Mills detailed this report.

8a) Hampshire County Council proposed Programme

The table should read Wakefords Way, not Place.

8b) Havant Borough Council Programme

Parking in Trosnant Road is still an issue.

Members asked for consistency in waiting times in lay-bys. However, when the orders are advertised it is necessary to take notice of objections and comments.

Partnerships on parking with Housing Associations are sometimes successful and can be looked at again, with regard to dealing with parking on grass verges.

There are still issues at the London Road lay-by with parked vehicles. Havant Borough Council are looking into this.

8c) New Scheme assessment framework.

Officers explained that a new priority assessment process is being prepared to prioritise traffic management in a more consistent and measured manner. The process will involve a technical assessment which will link predominantly to road safety but will also link to the Local Transport Plan objectives.

ITEM 7. Local and Strategic Issues (paper attached)

- A and B road speed limit review update
Alison Mills tabled some additional information (Annexed to these notes)
- West of Waterlooville MDA integration
Paula Edwards updated Members. The local Members have been updated separately. The S.106 agreement still has to be signed but includes £1.2m for integration measures. Tackling integration is important as the current dual carriageway acts as a barrier between the town and the MDA. Modelling work will be carried out on Maurepas Way to see how proposals to reduce it down to a single lane in each direction would affect traffic. The results will be fed back to Members. If results show that narrowing Maurepas Way is a feasible option an on street trial would be carried out. If either the modeling or the on street trial show that reducing the number of lanes on Maurepas Way is not feasible a clause has been included in the agreement with the developers, Grainger, for them to come back to the table to help to develop an alternative solution. Local Members feel that narrowing the road should be the last option and any trial should last a minimum of three months.
- Winter Maintenance
Peter Mitchell update Members on the following:
Salt routes: Some minor changes with the introduction of a community route to treat more local roads to schools that are not covered by priority 1 or 2 routes.
Farmers' snow ploughs: HCC is supplementing existing salt routes with local farmers carrying ploughs. They will be able to access narrower local routes. Three farmers have been contracted to provide ploughing within the borough. Cllr Pearce suggested that Havant Borough Council also may be able to offer the use of their tractor at Beachlands to provide ploughing on Hayling Island.
Grit Bins: A further consignment of bins recently has been received; there are currently 72 bins in Havant and 15-20 further requests are presently being assessed. Stickers are to be applied to all bins with the HantsDirect telephone number and a unique reference number to allow members of the public easily to request top-ups. The stickers are to include the warning that members of the public may not use the salt for private areas.
Members stressed the need to get a bin reference number for HantsDirect when reporting restocking requests.
Salt Storage: Salt Barn at Micheldever is now in place and can take 4,000 tonnes, bringing the countywide covered storage capacity up to 18,000 tonnes. Plans for a salt barn with a capacity of 4,000 tonnes at Broadmarsh are being looked at; subject to planning approval and funding this could be in place from the winter of 2012/13.

Communications: Webpages being updated and links to DfT advice pages. Prior to next winter all County Councillors will be given salt route maps showing treatment within their divisions.

ITEM 8. Any Other Business

Cllr Wride raised the importance of Bus Rapid transit and the proposed links across Havant and requested to be kept updated

Meeting finished at 12:16