

Hampshire Action (HAT) for Gosport

Action Notes for Gosport HAT Highways Meeting Thursday 23 March 2011, 2.00pm Conference Suite, Gosport Discovery Centre

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

HAT Members

Councillor Carter (HAT Chairman) (P)
Councillor Edgar (P)
Councillor Chegwyn (P)
Councillor Geddes (A)
Councillor Snaith –Tempia (resigned)

Hampshire County Council Officers

Kate Fryatt, HAT Officer (P)
Chris Lait, Head of Highways South, Environment Dept. (P)
Mary-Ann Toop, Environment Dept. (P)
Andrew Peryer, Environment Dept. (P)
Alison Mills, Environment Dept. (P)

Partners

Councillor Langdon, Gosport Borough Council (P)
David Duckett, Gosport Borough Council (A)

Cllr Carter welcomed everyone to the meeting and made the following Chairman's announcement.

As part of the continuing plans to make highway services as efficient and effective as possible a number of changes are taking place in the highways and transport service stream. The new Area South Highway team will comprise of Fareham, Gosport, Havant and Winchester Districts. Chris Lait will be the Head of Highways and his management team will comprise of 3 Highway Managers, Andy Peryer, Peter Mitchell and Peter Eade, with Andy Peryer having particular responsibility for Fareham and Gosport

The Transport Manager contact will be Mary-Ann Toop and the local Traffic Management contact will be Alison Mills.

Agreement in principle has been agreed to consolidate highway maintenance teams into a single team approach and co-locating with our maintenance contractor, Amey, based at the four main depots at Hook, Petersfield, Totton and Bishops Waltham over the next 12-18 months. Consultations with Amey are in hand.

Gosport staff will be moving out to Bishops Waltham. Members were reassured that it will still be possible to have pre-arranged meetings in Gosport.

In addition it is anticipated there will be local drop in centres but details and locations of these have not been confirmed.

Item 1: Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Geddes and David Duckett (GBC).

Item 2: Notes of Highways Meeting held on 22 October 2010

The notes were agreed as an accurate record.

Item 3: Matters arising from Highways HAT meeting held on 22 October 2010

The matters arising were agreed and noted with the following additional comment and action.

ACTION 1 : The footway cut through between Russell Road and Durham Street is very dark and unlit. Highways officer to investigate if this is public highway and if lighting can be provided.

Item 4: List of Previous Actions on local issues – issues log

Members noted the paper.

Item 5. Progress with the 2010/11 Schemes Programme

Members noted the tables and made the following comments and requested the actions listed below.

Albermarle Avenue, Table 1 p2 – there are large areas for patching and works should start in the next couple of months. Concern was expressed that there may be an underlying problem with the road.

ACTION 2: Officers to advise Local Members of start date of patching in Albermarle Ave.

Stokes Bay Cycleway, Table 1, p3 – there was a lengthy discussion about this route and the opportunity to name the route after local cyclist Ray Rees who cycled round the world in 1971. The responsible naming authority is Gosport Borough Council and there is thought to be local Member support. Hampshire County Council could provide an additional interpretation Board and enquiries have begun. The following actions were agreed:

ACTION 3: Councillor Carter, HAT Chairman to write to Gosport Borough Council expressing the views and support of the HAT in naming the route after Ray Rees.

ACTION 4: Andy Peryer to follow up obtaining an additional interpretation panel.

Trafalgar Square, Table1, p3 – Members enquired what the time for completion would be and how this links into Phase 2 of the ROUA project which is partly funded through the HAT.

ACTION 5: Andy Peryer to give Members an update on timescales of both phases.

A32 Forton Road, bus stop before Brockhurst Roundabout. There remain concerns with the new lay by and bus stop with buses having difficulty pulling out. The bus company were fully consulted in the scheme prior to implementation. A meeting with Hampshire Highways and senior staff from the bus company has been arranged in April. Highway engineers have several possible options for improvement.

ACTION 6: Members to be kept apprised of discussions and outcome of meetings with bus company.

Marine Parade West, Table 41, p7- Members were aware of some local issues but no adverse comments have been received by officers.

Table 4b shows the progress of the TRO's investigated in 2010/2011. Any schemes not completed will be carried forward to the 2011/12 programme.

ACTION 7: The potential one way systems of Elson Lane/Exmouth Road and Pelham Road/Zetland Road are not included in the TRO programme. Alison Mills to ensure both one way systems are on the list for prioritisation in the future. Alison Mills to update Councillor Chegwyn on the latest status of these two TRO requests.

ITEM 6. Proposed Capital Programme 2011/12

Members noted the tables and made the following comments and requested the actions listed below.

In Table 5 the following amendments showing location and wards are needed:

Greenway Road is in Leesland

Felix Road is in Forton

Hamlet Way is in Elson

Military Road is in Brockhurst

Felix Road – consideration should be given to works being done during school holidays as this route is used by school children to get to and from school. A question was raised relating to the works including the link footway to St Johns Road.

ACTION 8: Andy Peryer to look into timing of works and whether link footway is included and advise local Member.

8c, New Assessment Framework – Traffic management.

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

1. BRT Communications

Members noted the paper.

2. BRT works update

Members noted that work is progressing well. The grant money for the project has been substantially spent.

Members enquired about the final completion date – this is not yet determined.

A question was raised about the Village Green application. This is to be considered at a special County Regulatory Meeting on 11 April 2011.

3. Daedalus

There have been a number of recent meetings regarding future use of this area. SEEDA ran a public exhibition in March and a planning application (outline) has been submitted combined with access routes. Officers have been negotiating potential developer contributions for highways.

4. Quay Street

The legal agreements with Tesco's have been signed, the planning consent is in place and work commences imminently. Newsletters were sent out last week. Road works will comprise of partial lane closures at night time only, daytime work will not affect the junction capacity. A PR strategy has been agreed and is being implemented.

5. A and B Speed Limit Review update

Members noted the paper and the list of named roads handed out during the meeting. Only 2 roads are identified as high priority in Gosport which will need further action. These are the B3385 Broom Way/ Manor Way and A32 Fareham Road. Members voiced concerns about the reduction in the speed limit on the A32, there needs to be clear data to support any amendment.

These roads have been identified due to safety issues either raised by Police, Highways Departments, through complaints and road accident statistics. These roads will now be investigated further and reviewed in line with the DfT Guidance.

ACTION 9: Members to be kept updated on any future proposals.

ITEM 8: AOB

Newgate Lane. An Indicative allocation of £3 million from the capital programme 2013/14 has been allocated to the southern end of Newgate Lane. Initial work has started to identify the nature of the scheme which will probably include widening, creation of new cycleway and will maximize links to Daedalus. Improvements should also provide a safer route with better HGV access. Members welcomed this news.

Members expressed their thanks to Highways officers for all their hard work in making the HAT Highways meetings so successful.

Members expressed their thanks to Kate Fryatt for all her hard work and effort with Gosport HAT.

The meeting concluded at 3.30pm.