



Hampshire Action Team (HAT) for Eastleigh

Action Notes for HAT Highways Meeting Wednesday 6 October 2010, 2.00 pm Rooms 4a and 4b, Eastleigh Borough Council

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

HAT Members, Councillors

Councillor Davidovitz (HAT Chairman) (P)
Councillor Broadhurst (P)
Councillor House (P)
Councillor Kyrle (P)
Councillor Roling (NP)
Councillor Tennent (P)
Councillor Thomas (P)

Hampshire County Council Officers

Kate Fryatt , HAT officer (P)
Neil Jones, Deputy Director, Property Business & Regulatory Services (A)
James Atkins (P)
Chris Lait, Head of Highways South and East, Environment Dept. (P)
Mary-Ann Toop, Area Transport Manager South, Environment Dept. (P)
Richard Bastow, Environment Dept. (P)
Peter Boustred, Environment Dept. (P)

Partners

Councillor David Airey, Eastleigh Borough Council (P)
Councillor Grahame Smith, Eastleigh Borough Council (P)
Stuart Robinson-Woledge, Eastleigh Borough Council (P)
Jon Riddell, Eastleigh Borough Council (P)
Ed Vokes, Eastleigh Borough Council (P)
Peter Storey, Bishopstoke Parish Council (P)
Diccon Bright, Eastleigh Borough Council (A)
John Waugh, Chamber of Commerce (P)
Councillor Colin Mercer, Association of Parish & Town Councils (P)
Councillor Sue Toher, Bishopstoke Parish Council (A)

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Parish Councillor Toher (Bishopstoke Parish Council), Diccon Bright (Eastleigh Borough Council) and Neil Jones.

2. **Action Notes from Highways HAT meeting held on 30 March 2010**

The notes were agreed.

The HAT Chairman updated members on the recent National Highways and Transport National Satisfaction survey which had given Hampshire County Council top marks for public satisfaction with the overall condition of highways for County Councils in the South East of the Country. Congratulations were passed to officers from Hampshire County Council and Eastleigh Borough Council in achieving this and for all their hard work with Operation Restore.

3. **Matters Arising from Previous Meeting**

The issues and actions were noted.

4. **Issues Log**

Members noted the paper.

5. **Progress with 2010/11 Schemes Programme**

The tables were acknowledged by Members with the following comments being raised.

Table 1:

Upper Northam Road- it is hoped that money will be secured so that works can be completed without impacting on the programme.

Church Lane Botley – the scheme has been deferred. The Parish Council reported that the condition is deteriorating due to drainage issue and water seeping into patches, freezing and then patches coming out. The Lane is used by heavy agricultural vehicles and also has a high number of pedestrians.

ACTION 1: Officers to re-visit site.

Broad Oak- it was confirmed that the carriageway and cycle way surfaces will be patched where necessary and a rejuvenating process used on the remaining carriageway.

Botley Clock Tower – the Parish reported that they perceive that heavy traffic volume is causing the market hall to subside and for the clock to keep becoming unbalanced.

ACTION 2: Officers to note the above.

Midlands Estate – substantial patching is planned as there is localised failure in the surface.

Wildern Lane- work on the “Park and Stride” footway should commence in October half term.

Table 2:

Hamble Lane – the cycle link will form part of the National Cycle Network route 2 and will also improve links to the railway station.

Ingleside- pedestrian refuge. Works are currently out for tender.

Kings Copse- it was noted and commented on that the scheme was a great success.

Southampton Airport – officers reported no change in status in the last 6 months.

ACTION 3: Officers to advise local Member of start date for Hursley Road – puffin crossing.

M27 Junction 5- Phase 2 & 3 are on hold pending funding being secured. Money earmarked for the scheme has been withdrawn by central government.

Variable Messaging system- Eastleigh Town Centre car parks. There are delays in the procurement impacting on the project.

ACTION 4: Chris Lait to make enquiries regarding the delays. Local Member to be kept informed.

Table 3a

Members noted the table and were reassured that the recommendations of the A & B road reviews will be discussed with Members.

ACTION 5: A & B road review to be an Agenda item in the March 2011 HAT Highways meeting.

Table 3b

Members noted the table.

Table 3c

Members noted the table.

ACTION 6: Stuart Robinson-Woledge to update table for HAT officer to circulate.

6. Priorities for Capital Programme 2011/12

All tables were noted with the following comments:

Table 1

The level of capital funding for Minor Works Schemes 2011/12 is not known. However Members agreed to prioritise the following works:
To be moved into the 2010/11 programme

- Charterhouse Way. Hedge End, West End and Botley (HEWEB) Local Area Committee agreed to meet the shortfall in funding.
- Winchester Street, Boorley Green – scheme is now fully funded

Priorities for the 2011/12 programme

- Hamble Lane. New footway links adjacent police HQ
- Templars Way. New footway link adjacent Lulworth close
- Chestnut Avenue. New bus shelter adjacent B & Q HQ
- Coltsfoot Close. Pedestrian crossing improvements

ACTION 7- 10:

- 7) Charterhouse Way and Winchester Street programmes to be moved into the 2010/11 Programme now funding is secure.
- 8) Richard Bastow to liaise with Test Valley Borough Council and Local Member re Templars Way.
- 9) Woodside Avenue- lamp post to be moved as part of Private Finance Initiative for street lighting- can be removed from this list.
- 10) The priorities for 2011/12 be submitted for inclusion in the minor works capital programme to the Executive Member of Environment

Table 2

Hedge End / Botley cycles – this was previously 2 schemes but have now been merged. Several design details need to be resolved to progress the scheme to implementation..

ACTION 11: Officers to keep local Member informed as the Hedge End / Botley cycles detailed design progresses.

Crestwood School – land issues need resolving.

ACTION 12: Officers to update local Member on land issues.

Shamblehurst Lane - the local Member is not satisfied with the current proposals. The proposals will be discussed at the next Members Local Area Committee meeting.

Table 3

Hiltingbury Road – local Members advised officers that there was a road traffic accident involving a cyclist the previous week.

ACTION 13: Officers to investigate safety issues in Hiltingbury Road as a high priority.

Archers Road footbridge – the local Member reported that bits are falling off the bridge. Officers advised Members that there is no funding available to replace the bridge and agreed the below action.

ACTION 14: Officers to request a report on the current condition of Archers footbridge.

7. Local and Strategic Issues

7.1 Transport Contributions Policy Scheme List.

Member endorsed the scheme in principle and made the following comments:

- TSI 466 Shakespeare Road – a number of conflicting and controversial views surround this proposal.
- TSI 127 Bridge Road / Dodwell Lane- bus shelter is not needed
- Information kiosks are not seen by local member as value for money
- All references to Strategic Development Area and Major Development Area to be removed as these no longer exist
- A community engagement and consultation exercise is to be undertaken investigating community demand for a pedestrian crossing of Botley High Street near junction Homesland Drive. The standard formula for evidencing need is not met, possibly because locals do not try and cross the road at this point because the road is too busy.

ACTION 15: Officers to re-look at the table and incorporate above views from Members.

7.2 Eastleigh Town Access Plan

Peter Boustred gave a presentation on the Town Access plan. The final consultation period is underway. The Chamber of Commerce are disappointed a more radical plan was not proposed and will be sending in their detailed comments.

Work is in hand to finalise the action plan so that it can be formally adopted by both Hampshire County Council and Eastleigh Borough Council in early 2011.

7.3 Co-ordination of road works.

Officer explained that there are mechanisms in place to try and limit disruption on key access points into and out of Eastleigh. Where possible shared road space is encouraged. Essential emergency works cannot be predicted (e.g. collapsed sewer pipe / gas leak).

ACTION 16: It was agreed that communication should be improved between the County/ Borough, bus companies and taxi traders so that others know what work is going on, why and the start and end dates of the works. Officers to ensure that details are in the monthly HAT bulletins and that these bulletins are sent to the taxi trade.

7.4 Winter maintenance

Members were advised that the majority of Hampshire's winter salt has arrived and further deliveries to bring us upto 18,000 tonnes will arrive by the end of October. Tenders are currently being returned for the construction of a new salt barn at Micheldever.

Changes have been made to County policy including salt re-orders when stock falls below 85%; reviewed priority of 1 and 2 networks to incorporate bus, Ambulance routing and new community routes have been developed. 1250 additional grit bins have been purchased. The County is currently looking for farmers etc to join the snow clearance emergency list.

Officers thanked the positive partnership working approach they have with Eastleigh Borough Council which proved so effective in dealing with the severe winter conditions earlier in the year.

7.5 Operation Restore

Operation Restore has proved extremely successful and positive working relationships have been fostered with Amey. £2 million was spent on immediate pot hole repair in February/ March and a further £10m on the restore programme of works.

A similar operation is planned for 2011/12 named operation resilience. The programme and funding is yet to be confirmed.

7.6 2010/11 Capital Expenditure

Chris Lait gave a verbal update detailing the amount of funding which has been spent in Eastleigh. Approximately £3.2 million will be spent on highway maintenance in this year and a further £2 million on capital improvement schemes

8. Any Other Business

- Botley Parish Council and the Association of Parish and Town Council proposed that there be a number of small pilots whereby Parishes could check on the quality of small utility repairs to assist the County using digital photos etc. Botley Parish Council are willing to volunteer as a pilot area.

ACTION 17: Officer to consider and look into about suggestion regarding Parish Council pilot to “sign off” small utilities works.

- Officers were asked to consider reducing street scene signage wherever it was safe and possible to do so. This was noted and is considered.
- The location of the grit bin for Shakespeare School needs to be reviewed as the wrong road is shown on the list for grit bin locations.

1645 meeting closed.