

**Action Notes of Local Highways Meeting – New Forest District**

**The Mitchell Room, Ell Court West, The Castle, Winchester  
13 November 2009  
10.00am – 12 noon**

**Hampshire County Council Members**

Councillor Dash  
Councillor Harrison  
Councillor Kendal  
Councillor Rippon-Swaine  
Councillor Weeks

**Other Partner Organisation Representatives**

Councillor Heron, New Forest District Council  
Councillor Hoare, representing Councillor Shotter, Association of Parish and Town Councils  
Councillor Treleaven, New Forest District Council  
Nick Hunt, New Forest District Council

**Hampshire County Council Officers**

Paul Archer, Assistant Director of Environment  
Kevin Fuller, Area Director West  
Dominic McGrath, Traffic and Transport Manager  
Charlotte Parfitt, Senior Democratic Services Administrator  
Jo White, HATs Co-ordinator

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Evans and Thornber.

**2. Community Aspirations**

The New Forest Community Aspirations Log, which detailed the highways and traffic management issues/aspirations recorded since the last HAT Highways meeting, together with an indication of actions taken where appropriate, was noted.

Dominic McGrath informed Members that the Log was not prioritised, but the information it contained was used to develop work programmes. Any requests that were received from Councillors were added to the Log if they could not be dealt with immediately. If Councillors had any issues which they wanted added to the Log they could Officers following the meeting.

It was noted that the request for a lower speed limit at Downton Lane, Milford-on-Sea would be investigated as part of the upcoming review of the

speed limits for all A and B roads.

**ACTION**

Councillor Weeks asked if low noise surfacing could be considered as part of the traffic management measures in Ringwood Road, Totton.

Councillor Hoare stated that the Normandy Way, Marchwood issue was a request for a speed limit reduction from 40mph to 30mph. Councillor Harrison asked if the possibility of installing a pedestrian crossing on Normandy Way in the vicinity of Admiralty Quay could be considered. Dominic McGrath reported that pedestrian use of the roads in the general area was being investigated at present at Councillor Harrison's request, as pedestrian volume was a factor that influenced where pedestrian crossings were installed.

**3. Progress with 2009/10 schemes, including the Special Maintenance Programme**

The current status of the Maintenance and Special Maintenance Schemes, Capital Programme Schemes, Traffic Management Programme and Traffic Regulation Orders was noted. It was noted that one road had failed in the Summer, leading to extra work and delays to the rest of the programme, however the programme was likely to be finished on time.

Councillor Dash asked for an update on the Marchwood Village lorry issues. It was noted that a lorry traffic count had been carried out and various solutions were currently being considered.

Councillor Weeks requested that a link be put in from Water Lane to Westfield Road car park as part of the proposed parking strategy for Totton Town Centre. Nick Hunt reported that this was currently being investigated.

**Nick Hunt**

**4. Priorities for Capital Programme 2010/11**

Dominic McGrath asked Members to agree the minor works schemes and note the current status of the feasibility studies.

Members discussed the merits of all of the schemes and agreed that the following schemes would be added to the work programme and be progressed when funding was available:-

New footway at Gorley Road, Ringwood  
Improving pedestrian link at Moat Lane, New Milton  
New footpath between U141 Hamptun Crescent and Salisbury Road, Totton

**5. List of Topics for Carrying Forward**

Members were updated on the following Local Issues:-

Lyndhurst Traffic Management Steering Group - Update

Signal Equipment had been installed and was currently being tested. Further improvements were being investigated at present.

Cycling in Brockenhurst

Ringwood Town Access Plan

A successful workshop had been held.

Back Lane, Sway

There was demand from residents for Back Lane to be closed, which would require a TRO.

Members were updated on the following Strategic Issues:-

New Forest Transport Strategy – Proposed Review

NPA Local Development Framework

The National Park Local Development Framework consultation was due to be held in January 2010.

National Park Management Plan

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A major maintenance programme was being undertaken along the whole route. Councillor Harrison requested that the use of low noise surfacing be investigated, as there was a great deal of lorry noise and it was confirmed that this was being looked at.

Dibden Bay

Developer Contributions

A & B Class Road Speed Limit Review

A strategic A and B road speed limit review was being carried out.

**6. Any Other Business**

20mph Zones

Councillor Kendal informed Members that the results of the MORI poll had given the County Council a mandate to introduce the 'Village 30' scheme, however there was not the same level of public support for the introduction of 20mph zones. However, 20mph zones could be created if they were supported by the Police and he felt that parts of Totton, Hythe and Marchwood would be suitable for 20mph zones. The County Council was currently investigating the process for setting up 20mph zones. It was agreed that any new 20mph zones would only be effective if motorists could see the need for them because only then would they comply.