



Hampshire Action Team for Basingstoke and Deane

Action Notes for HAT Highways Meeting Friday 29th March 2010, 2:00pm, Milestones Museum, West Ham Leisure Park, Basingstoke

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

HAT Members

Cllr Still (HAT Chairman) (P)
Cllr Thacker (HAT Vice Chairman) (P)
Cllr Hussey (P)
Cllr Chapman (P)
Cllr Tucker (P)
Cllr Reid (P)
Cllr McNair Scott (P)
Cllr Frankum (P)
Cllr Gurden (A)
Cllr Burgess (A)

HCC Officers

Jo White(P)
Adrian Thorne (P)
Mohammed Mossadaq (A)
Andrew Bouflower (P)
Keith Rogers (P)
Peter Eade (P)
Rachel Sandy (P)
Simon Found (P)

Partners

Cllr Mitchell (BDBC) (P)
Cllr Baker (BDBC) (P)
Cllr Watts (BDBC) (P)
Cllr Sanders (BDBC) (P)
Cllr Biermann (BDAPTC) (P)
Barry Ford (BDBC) (P)
Ian Robertson (BDBC) (P)

John McLernon (Amey) (P)
Steve Abbotts (Amey) (P)

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Councillor Gurden.

2. Notes of Highways Meeting held on 10 November 2009

The notes were agreed as an accurate record.

List of previous actions on local issues

It was noted that items 28-32 were new items.

Item 6: Pack Lane - It was clarified that this issue is closed on the basis of the scheme having generated a significant reduction in accidents on Pack Lane.

Item 26: Old Kempshott Lane Concern was expressed about the delay in adopting the new roads constructed by Barratt Homes.

Action: Peter Eade to take this back to the Hook team to investigate. Steve Jenkins from HCC Development Control to respond to Cllr Reid

Silchester Road: Not currently on the list. There was a fatality recently and awaiting a Collision Reduction Partnership report before traffic calming measures are looked at.

Chineham- Clere Gardens, Chineham: the road is not yet adopted despite strong support.

Action: Adrian Thorne to liaise with Brian Millen to determine how to take this forward.

3. Presentation from Amey

(Item 7: Review of winter maintenance and implications of the winter weather for the highway network was also dealt with at the same time as Item 3).

Amey gave a presentation which focused on winter maintenance, potholes and network restoration.

Winter Maintenance

Amey described how they responded to the worst snow event for the past 30 years.

- There are 41 Priority Routes in Hampshire.
- They have HGV equipped with snow ploughs.
- On average 9,000 tonnes of salt is normally used during winter but this winter 20,000 tonnes was used.
- There were 21 gritting days in January.
- Basingstoke was particularly badly hit by the snow and the gridlock of traffic prevented effective road salting.

Lessons learnt

- Need for larger salt storage and more reserves
- There are plans to build an additional salt depot in Micheldever

- More salt bins allocated to areas (up to 4000)
- Reviewing priority routes
- Looking at community based salting as opposed to just a highways point of view

Potholes

- As a result of the bad weather there have been a large number of new or worsened potholes.
- Amey have 50 work groups dedicated to sorting out immediate safety issues
- Developing a phased programme to improve the state of the network in the long-term.
- “Find and Fix” initiative for pothole repairs where operatives identify a number of repairs that can be completed simultaneously rather than returning to the same road a number of times
- Jet patcher in operation in some areas.

Network restoration

- The bad weather has had a big effect on the work programme
- Focusing on how to get the network back to where we were before the bad weather
- Looking at a restoration programme with Hampshire County Council

A number of issues were discussed as follows:

- Councillors asked what technology is used to assess which roads are at risk from pot holes. Amey reported that a combination of inspections, ground radar and reports from Hampshire County Council via Officers, Councillors or the on line reporting website was used.
- Strength of the salt mixture: Amey confirmed that they use a range of 10-30 grams of salt depending on the weather, with more salt needed for heavier snow.
- Prioritisation of works repairs, particularly regarding footpaths that have been damaged and may result in public injury. It was confirmed that Peter Eade’s team is responsible for prioritising the orders.
- Councillors expressed the view the input of formal contractors should be increased to ensure the help of farmers can be fully utilised to clear snow.
- Councillors requested information about the procedure to get a country road to be swept and Councillors were directed to contact the Hampshire County Council local highway engineer.
- An issue was also raised about how defects are measured. It was noted that there is a electronic scanner device that can measure cracking and defect levels of roads.

In conclusion it was noted that the County Council's Policy and Resources Select Committee is carrying out a review of winter maintenance. The interim findings will be available in July. In addition Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council are also carrying out a similar scrutiny review.

4. Progress with 2009/10 Capital Programme

Updates on the maintenance, special maintenance, minor works, capital programme scheme and traffic management had been provided. Councillors were asked to take up any issues relating to schemes in their divisions with officers after the meeting.

Most schemes had been completed with the timescales of schemes deferred to 2010/11 detailed in the supporting papers.

It was noted that some schemes were not listed on table 1 (Special Maintenance and Surface Dressing) but Councillors had received notices about these.

Action: Peter Eade to investigate and report back to the HAT Councillors and partners.

5. Priorities for Minor Capital Programme 2010/11

Minor Works Sub-Programme:

The Minor Works sub programme was agreed by Members at the previous Local Highways meeting held on the 10 November 2009.

Members reconfirmed the following schemes as their priorities

- 1) Chineham Lane, Popley- Footway link to Everest Community College
- 2) Harrow Way/Loggon Road- Viables- new footway
- 3) Heath End Road, Baughurst- works across shop frontage to be funded by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.

Additional funding has been allocated for the minor works programme in Basingstoke (£45k in total). Councillors were asked to email Peter Eade with potential schemes.

Traffic Management:

Councillors had recommended their priorities in advance on the meeting. All priority one schemes will be completed in the 2010-11 financial year. Where a scheme states "investigation only" research will be carried out to see what type of scheme may be viable and further funding will then be sought to complete the scheme.

6. Proposed Capital Programme 2010/11

Maintenance and Special Maintenance

Councillors noted the Maintenance Capital Programme for 2010/11 and the Schemes and Study Programme.

8. Local and Strategic Issues

Paper 8 was for information only and included an update on the Basingstoke Town Access Plan (TAP) and the DaSTS Thames Valley Study.

9. Any other business

Councillor Still informed Councillors of the Basingstoke and Deane Local Development Framework Core Strategy Key Themes document which is currently out for consultation until 26th April 2010.