

East Hampshire Highways HAT – 12 October 2010

Local and Strategic Issues

Town Access Plans

The Town Access Plan (TAP) for Whitehill, Bordon and Lindford is currently under development. It is anticipated that the TAP will be broadly based on the EcoTown Emerging Transport Strategy, with a widened scope to ensure that issues local to Lindford are reflected and to ensure that developer contributions can be secured from development coming forward prior to the major planned growth.

A member briefing and stakeholder workshop are planned to take place later this year, followed by public consultation early in 2011. It is anticipated that the plan will be adopted in the Spring of 2011, subject to the outcome of the consultation.

There is currently sufficient staff capacity to develop one Town Access Plan for East Hampshire in 2011/12. Views are currently being sought on the respective priority between Petersfield and Alton. As part of this process, the HAT's view on prioritisation is sought.

It is anticipated that work on the remaining TAP for East Hampshire will be undertaken in a future year's programme.

West of Waterlooville Major Development Area

Outline permission granted for 2000 dwellings across whole Major Development Area (MDA) in 2007. Wimpey's northern section has permission for 450 of these. Grainger's southern section has permission for remaining 1550.

Development has now started on the northern section of the MDA. The majority of phase 1 is now sold (circa 100 dwellings) and Taylor Wimpey have now submitted a planning application to Winchester City Council and Havant Borough Council for detailed approval of phase 2 (circa 100 dwellings).

Development on the southern section of the MDA has not yet started. The developer 'Grainger' are expected to submit a new planning application for 2550 dwellings on all of their land in October. This will include the 'reserve land' and if permitted will result in 3000 dwellings being built over the overall MDA site (450 on Wimpey, 2550 on Grainger).

Gales Brewery Development

An application has been submitted for 73 dwellings; 60 bed care home; retail unit; doctors surgery; office space/community facility. The development incorporates three sections of the former brewery on either side of London Road including the distribution centre.

This proposals include improvements to London Road and the junction of Portsmouth Road/Havant Road in the form of traffic management works, carriageway narrowing and adjustments to the roundabout to encourage slower speeds and to make the area more pedestrian friendly. It is reported in the Transport Assessment that the proposal will generate less traffic than that which could be generated under the permitted/previous use.

The County Council is currently considering this application before responding to East Hampshire District Council, who are likely to determine the application during October and November.

Keydale Nursery Site

Some brief pre-application discussions have taken place with the County Council in relation to both of these sites, although there is currently no certainty on when or if these sites will come forward, nor the form or scale of development. The Havant Road site is an existing Reserve Site in the East Hampshire District Local Plan, and East Hampshire District Council are currently considering future spatial distributions through their Local Development Framework (LDF) work.

No firm details for either of the sites are currently available. If and when these sites are promoted, the County Council will look closely at the transport impacts of each site and seek any mitigation that may be necessary as a result.

Whitehill/Bordon Eco Town

The Masterplan for the re-development of Whitehill Bordon as an Eco Town has recently undergone public consultation, seeking local views on plans to re-develop the Ministry of Defence (MoD) areas of the town for the provision of 4,000 dwellings along with a new town centre, significant employment space and community facilities. The latest Masterplan can still be viewed at http://www.whitehillbordon.com/whitehill_bordon_opportun/the-latest-version-of-the-masterplan-is-published.html.

No formal decision has yet been made regarding the provision of combined services training in South Wales and as such there has been no decision on the potential release of MoD land at Bordon that would facilitate this development. The Defence Training Review will provide clarity on this matter and will follow the Strategic Defence and Security Review, due to report in October. No decision is expected on land releases at Bordon until 2011.

In the meantime the County Council is working with the District Council to develop a future Transport Strategy for the re-development and regeneration of the town, should the decision be made by the MoD to leave Bordon. An emerging Transport Strategy has been prepared to guide the future development of the strategy. Part of this work includes looking at the potential for direct rail connection to the future town, and gathering a sound and

credible transport evidence base to properly consider the likely impact of development. The Rail Study is underway and is likely to complete by the end of the year, and the evidence base, which includes the development of a multi-modal Transport Model and the preparation of a Transport Assessment, will be complete by early 2011.

Following the award of grant funding from the Government, the County Council is also engaged in delivering a number of early win transport projects. Such projects include the establishment of a transport web-site, establishment and promotion of car-sharing measures, the recruitment of a Town Transport Manager to work with local schools and businesses and providing improvements to public transport and walking and cycling infrastructure. The County Council will also shortly be bringing forward proposals for local bus service improvements, designed to demonstrate the latest technology but also to provide a real benefit to local people.