

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

HAMPSHIRE ACTION TEAM TRANSPORTATION MEETING - GOSPORT

LOCAL AND STRATEGIC ISSUES

1. Gosport Cycle Network Improvements (paper attached)
2. Gosport Peninsula Access (verbal update)
3. BRT (verbal update)
4. Operation Restore - progress on the Operation Restore Programme (paper attached)

Gosport Cycle Network Improvements

In 2008 a working party of four Gosport members carried out a review of cycle routes within the Gosport Borough. The resulting report, which identified and prioritised improvements to the cycle network based on safety and usage, was reported to the Fareham & Gosport HAT Highways Meeting on 18th March 2009 for consideration.

Members appreciated the report, endorsed the principle of cycling as an important form of transport to encourage in Gosport and were keen to explore the potential for the schemes outlined as potential projects in the report. Members also agreed that the potential projects should be fed into relevant work programmes and brought back to the HAT for prioritisation at the appropriate time.

This report updates the status of the identified cycle schemes.

Cycle Scheme	Description	Status
Holbrook to Tichbourne Way	Extending the cycle route along the old railway line	BRT future phases will provide this cycle route.
Newgate Lane	The provision of an independent cycle track alongside or off-set from the road.	A feasibility study to provide an on-line widening of the southern section of Newgate Lane, including a segregated shared cycle/pedestrian facility will be undertaken this year subject to funding availability.
Gomer Lane and Stokes Bay No.2 Battery	The provision of a cycle route through Stokes Bay to link up with existing cycle route from Gosport Town Centre and Lee-on-the-Solent (sailing club)	Funding from Sustrans (£400,000) secured and subject to planning permission cycle route should be implemented by April 2010.
Browndown Road	The narrowing of the carriageway and widening of the existing cycle track in the vicinity of the Alver bridge.	The funding of these works have been secured from the developer of the re-development of the Bay House School Playing Fields. The development has not yet been implemented.
Lee-on-the-Solent, Marine Parade East and West	Extending the existing cycle route from the sailing club by provision of an off road cycle track in the Clifflands open space.	Funding to undertake a feasibility study for the cycle route is being sought. £22,000 of developers contributions has been secured towards implementation costs.

Operation Restore

Works update

Location	Parish	Brief Details	Status
A32	Gosport	C/W resurfacing	Complete
Rowner Road	Gosport	C/W resurfacing	Programmed for November

Operation Restore is now well underway fixing the worst of the damage on the roads left from the freezing weather earlier this year. This multi million pound programme has been put in place to restore Hampshire's roads to the condition they were in before the severe winter weather struck, causing many potholes and other defects, and will begin to effectively 'future proof' our roads as more extreme weather events are expected in the future. It sees a shift toward more planned structural maintenance which will reduce the need for more costly running repairs in the long term.

Operation Restore will be followed by Operation Resilience in 2011/12, which constitutes a plan of action, supported by a significant financial commitment in the short and medium term, to improve the strength and condition of Hampshire's road network.

The project is being delivered by a dedicated team based in Petersfield convened specifically for the purpose comprising design, engineering, supervisory and administration staff from the County Council, Amey and the sub contractor Tarmac. The project is overseen by a four member panel and the Executive Member.

Operation Restore will rectify the damage caused by the severe weather of 2010, while Operation Resilience will be a programme of major structural repairs, resurfacing and drainage works to make the county's roads more resilient to the effects of climate change and less susceptible to damage in the future

There are approximately 194 schemes in Operation Restore across the county, the majority of these are carriageway resurfacing sites and a number of machine patching sites. All works are programmed to be completed by the end of November 2010.

In addition to the larger schemes there are a number of locations that are being treated with smaller hand patching repairs.

Media coverage of Operation Restore has been good, with a number of articles across the county (including a lead article in The Daily Echo on 14 September 2010: reporting the story positively).