

Local and Strategic Issues

1. Transport Planning Update

a. Farnborough Town Access Plan

The Farnborough Town Access Plan (TAP) Stage 1 study work has now been carried out, which focused on the identification of transport issues and problems through a review of relevant evidence and policy. This stage of the work included Stakeholder engagement in July 2010, with full results of the work reported back to the County and District Member Steering Group on 20 September.

The Stage 1 work has identified a number of access issues to services and amenities across the Farnborough area for residents, employees, shoppers and visitors. It has also indicated that developing transport improvements to help improve pedestrian, cycle, public transport and traffic movement would help in tackling these issues.

Stage 2 of the work will look at options to tackle access issues identified, and will seek to develop a balanced package of transport measures for Farnborough's transport users that will facilitate environmental, economic and social sustainability. It is planned for this work to include further stakeholder engagement in January 2011. Public consultation on the TAP is then planned for next Summer, following consideration by the Hampshire County Council's Executive Member in April 2011.

b. Aldershot Town Access Plan

As part of the Hampshire County Council Local Transport Plan and in partnership with Rushmoor Borough Council, other stakeholders and consultees a Town Access Plan for Aldershot has emerged. The document sets out to promote and manage the future of Aldershot Town Centre in terms of improvements for transport, pedestrian accessibility, safety and wider quality of life objectives. Improvement measures identified in the plan provides a framework which can be utilised to support funding bids towards the future regeneration of Aldershot.

A Steering Group meeting was held on 24 July to discuss the TAP report and next steps. Victoria Road was identified as an important area for improvement in terms of regeneration and safety and therefore a priority to take forward as a next phase to improve the Town. Next steps are to progress with the approval of the TAP document by the

Executive Member for Environment and Rushmoor Borough Council and to progress with Victoria Road improvements funding permitting.

c. Fleet Town Access Plan

The Fleet Town Access Plan consultation was undertaken during May and June 2010. This was a six week consultation period which included public consultation as well as Stakeholder consultation. The Town Access Plan information and plans were placed on Hampshire County Council's web site, Fleet Library and included a 3 day public exhibition which was provided in Fleet Town Centre. The event was well attended and very busy throughout the period. The public said it was good to have the opportunity to comment on the plan and to see Hampshire County Council and Hart District Council staff to speak to. The consultation results will be reported to the Steering Group in November and the final report submitted for approval by the Executive Member for Environment in the first quarter of 2011.

d. East of Aldershot Study

This study looks at potential highway access improvements to the east of Aldershot to the south, north and east of the proposed Aldershot Urban Extension (AUE) development area. This includes reviewing improvement options for Lynchford Road, a potential new highway access to the A331, and North Lane traffic/ HGV issues. The study is being jointly funded by Hampshire County Council and Rushmoor Borough Council, with initial conclusions on the work due by the end of 2010.

e. Redfield's Lane Study

This study reviews the impact of recent safety improvements implemented on the A287 in the vicinity of this junction, and looks at the viability and deliverability of options for further potential improvements at this location. Work on the study is commencing later than originally expected as traffic is currently being diverted due to ongoing maintenance work. The initial study conclusions are due by the end of 2010.