

Local and Strategic Issues

1. Transport Planning Update

a. Farnborough Town Access Plan

The Stage 1 of the work identified a number of access issues to services and amenities across the Farnborough area for residents, employees, shoppers and visitors. It 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 looking at options to tackle access issues identified has now been carried out. This has included drawing up a draft TAP Action Plan, which outlines a balanced package of transport measures for Farnborough's transport users that will facilitate environmental, economic and social sustainability. Stakeholder engagement on the draft Action Plan was carried out in January 2011, with feedback received from this and the Member Steering Group used to further refine the Plan. A Stage 2 report (including the draft Action Plan) has now been drafted. Public consultation is programmed to take place on 21st and 24 May 2011. The public consultation is planned to be held in Princes Mead Shopping Centre, Farnborough and is also planned to be accessible through the Hampshire County Council website

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 second phase to improve the Town. Next steps are to progress with Victoria Road improvements. The TAP document will be placed on the web site in the summer following public consultation for the improvements on Victoria Road.

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 were reported to the Steering Group in November and amendments agreed will feed into development of the final report. This report will be submitted for adoption at the Executive Member for Environment decision day on 5 April.

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, and is due for completion by end of the 2010/11 financial year.

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 now being finalised and is due for completion by end of the March 2010/11.

f. Local Sustainable Transport Fund

The Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) has been set up by the Department for Transport to allow Local Transport Authorities the opportunity to bid for monies towards "low-cost high-impact" sustainable transport improvements in their area. The deadline for the first round of bids is 18 April 2011 and Hampshire County Council is planning to submit a bid in this first round for up to £5 million from the fund over four years. The Department for Transport has advised that bids should comprise complementary packages of measures to

encourage greater use of sustainable modes for journeys. Forty percent of the funding sought should comprise capital measures and 60% should comprise revenue initiatives that seek to encourage travel behaviour change. Funding sought should not seek to replace allocated LTP or developer funding – this should be treated as ‘match funding’.

The bid will set out a package of capital and revenue measures which encompass the urban centres of Aldershot, Andover, Basingstoke Farnborough, Fleet and Winchester. If successful, monies from the fund will be used to deliver revenue initiatives (eg smarter choices promotion and marketing) with some limited potential to support delivery of sustainable transport measures.