

**Hampshire Action Team for Test Valley**

**Action Notes for HAT Highways Meeting  
Tuesday 5th April 2011, 2pm, The Lights, Andover**

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

**HAT Members**

Cllr Gibson (HAT Chairman) (P)  
Cllr Mutton (HAT Vice Chairman) (P)  
Cllr Perry (P)  
Cllr West (P)  
Cllr Drew (P)  
Cllr Dowden (P)  
Cllr Cooper (P)

**HCC Officers**

Jo White(P)  
Dave Irving (P)  
Dominic McGrath (A)  
Tim Lawton (P)  
Paul Garrod (P)  
Liam Presley (A)

**Partners**

Cllr Hatley (TVBC) (P)  
Cllr Hawke (TVBC) (P)  
Cllr Stallard (TVBC) (A)  
Cllr Milner Williams (P)

Annie Tomlinson (TVBC) (P)  
David Wilson (TVBC) (P)

Cllr Gibson welcomed everyone to the HAT meeting and reported that this would be the last HAT meeting in its current format, Highways meetings are likely to continue and a communication will be announced from the Environment Department as soon as possible.

**Item 1: Apologies**

Apologies have been received from Cllr Stallard, Dominic McGrath and Liam Presley.

**Item 2: Area West Highways and Transportation Management**

Tim Lawton gave a verbal update of the new management arrangements for area west, which consisted of the following points:

- Minor changes in the maintenance teams consolidating their operations into a single team approach and co-locating with our maintenance contractor, Amey, based at the four main depots at Hook, Petersfield, Totton and Bishops Waltham
- Working together and being based on the same site will deliver a more comprehensive and better integrated service, more responsive to customers and Members and help us drive out the efficiencies needed
- There will be three area teams- West, South and North East, with Test Valley coming under the West team along with New Forest and Eastleigh and will be based at Totton
- There will be a withdrawal of Hampshire County Council officers from the Borough Office at Beech Hurst, Andover and moving down to Weyhill depot
- The agency agreement managed by the Borough Council will continue at Beech Hurst

### **Issues raised**

Councillors requested contact details for the highways officers when they move offices

The question was asked whether Hampshire County Councillors can enter Beech Hurst using a swipe card. Only Hampshire Council Councillors who are also a Borough Councillor can have access to a swipe card to enter Beech Hurst. Similarly it is only twin hatted Councillors who have a swipe card to access Hampshire County Council offices.

### **Item 2: Notes of Highways Meeting held on 29 October 2010**

The notes were agreed as an accurate record.

### **Item 3: Matters arising from Highways HAT meeting held on 29 October**

The matters arising were agreed by Members.

Cllr Milner Williams thanked highways officers for the works that have been completed on Thruxton stream wall.

With regard to School Lane Roundabout- this needs to be monitored to ensure clearing the ditches of vegetation is adequate to reduce the flooding

Clarification was sought with regard to Heron's Rise, once the work has been complete on water metering boxes and street lighting the footpaths will be resurfaced as part of a future maintenance programme..

## **Item 4: Progress reports on 2010/11 Capital Programme**

### **Table 1: Maintenance and Special Maintenance Schemes update**

Dave Irving updated Members on the progress of the maintenance programme.

Some of the schemes have slipped in to 2011/12 particularly with regard to the drainage improvements and will now be completed in May when it is better weather.

Two schemes have been cancelled – Kinver Cose, Great Woodley ; only minor works were required and Chantry Street, Andover;; Test Valley have an improvement scheme planned .

A lot of the schemes have been deferred and will go into the resilience programme 2011/12

All the main road and minor road surface dressing schemes have been completed

#### **Issues raised**

Kinver Close- there is a safety issue with holes in the footway

Knightwood Road, Valley Park- the road is breaking up around the drains

Romsey Bypass Broadlands roundabout cobblestones have been displaced and weeds are growing through.

#### **Actions**

Dave Irving to inspect Kinver Close and Knightwood Road

Dave Irving to send Cllr Perry the plan for where the works are on Salisbury Lane, Romsey

Dave Irving-to investigate getting the cobbles reset and weeds removed from Broadlands roundabout.

### **Table 2: Operation Restore**

All the schemes have been completed

### **Table 3a: Capital Programme Scheme- Minor works under £50,000**

Dave Irving updated Members on the progress with regard to minor works under £50,00

Greatbridge Street, Romsey- the land has now been obtained and the works will commence in April 2011

Romsey Road, Awbridge- there are two sections still to be completed with the amended timescale of September in consultation with residents

Wellow Memorial, West Wellow- this is to increase parking and an order has been produced. A letter will be sent out to residents shortly.

Sherfield English footways- the footway improvements are being done to the satisfaction of the residents

### **Table 3b: Capital programme Scheme- over £50,000**

Dave Irving updated Members on the progress with regard to the over £50,000 capital improvement programme

Barge Canal, Romsey- there have been some ecological issues with regard to bats, which have now been resolved and work will commence in August 2011.

Harrow Way, Andover- detailed design underway and the scheme will be delivered this summer

Northern Avenue- this scheme has been completed

Romsey Station- this scheme has been completed

#### **Issues raised**

The question was asked whether as part of the Romsey Station access improvements, dropped kerbs were part of the scheme

**Action:** Dominic McGrath to check and report back to Members

The location of the ticket machine is now only on one side of the station, so for disabled rail users travelling on the other side they have to buy their tickets on one side of the platform and then go to the other platform

**Action:** Cllr Gibson to write a letter to Network Rail to put pressure of them to review this

### **Table 4: Hampshire County Council Traffic Management Programme 2010/11**

Paul Garrod updated Members on the progress with regard to the Traffic Management Scheme for 2010/11

A few schemes have not started and will now be carried forward to 2011/12

#### **Issues raised**

There are a number of speed limit reviews on the list, which have not been progressed and have been carried forward to 2011/12, these need to be completed in 2011/12 and not carried forward again.

Flexford Road, North Baddesley- the new road markings have improved the speeding but there is still a need to have a reduced speed limit

Hurstbourne Tarrant and Shipton Bellinger were highlighted as being key to be reviewed early 2011/12

## **Table 5: Test Valley Borough Council Traffic Management Agency Programme 2010/11**

David Wilson updated Members on the progress with the Borough Traffic Management Programme.

With regard to the link road for the Enham Retail Park there is a formal agreement for this link road to happen and it will be paid for from developers contributions.

Members highlighted the ideas being put forward at a Romsey and District Society hosted event on 23rd March, where Ben Hamilton-Baillie outlined the new opportunities for improving the public realm in market towns, and sketched out some initial ideas for key locations in the centre of Romsey. 200 people attended the event, including officers and Members of Hampshire County Council and Test Valley Borough Council.

Cricketers Way Bus Gate under railway arch- there have been difficulties with legal problems which have delayed the scheme, redesign and negotiation are now going forward.

Thrupton Circuit and 100 Acre Roundabout schemes have both been completed.

## **ITEM 6. Priorities for Capital Programme 2011/12**

### **Table 1: Test Valley under £50,000 Minor Works Programme**

Dave Irving informed Members that the budget for the under £50,000 Minor Works Programme has been increased to £35,000, an extra £10,000 than was initially understood.

The two schemes in the programme are:

£25,000 for Highwood Lane, Romsey extension of existing footway scheme (the extra money means all the footway can be delivered)

£10,000 for A27 Salisbury Road- provision of a crossing point

Members supported the proposed programme.

### **Table 2: Operation Resilience**

The entire maintenance programme for 2011/12 is now rebranded as Operation Resilience.

Within the programme there are the deferred schemes from 2010/11

## **Issues raised**

Rownhams Road desperately needs repairing and the suggestion was to bring it forward from quarter 3.

### **Action:**

Dave Irving to investigate if it is possible to carry out Rownhams Road in the summer holidays.

Dave Irving to investigate and assess whether Ryedale Lane is priority over Whinewhistle Road.

### **Table 3. Capital and Study Programme for 2011/12**

David Wilson on behalf of Dominic McGrath informed Members of the proposed Capital and Study Programme 2011/12.

Andover Bus Station Improvements- this will be a two year project and will be 100% funded through developers contributions, design is underway and the works will start in January 2012. Public consultation will begin in the next couple of months.

Andover Rail Station improvements- work is underway for a new ticket office. Development work for project to include new car park and access to the northern (London bound) platform from Mylen Road. Negotiations are currently underway with Network Rail.

### **Tables 4: Hampshire County Council Traffic Management Proposed Programme 2011/12**

Paul Garrod introduced the proposed Traffic Management Programme for 2011/12, which is largely deferred schemes from 2010/11. In future the plan is to have a scoring basis for the traffic management scheme, to enable Members to prioritise.

It was noted that the Hampshire Constabulary are wanting to set up Community Speeding Watch Teams, the idea being to launch it in Farnborough and to roll out if successful.

### **Table 5. Test Valley Borough Council Traffic Management Proposed Programme 2011/12**

David Wilson updated Members on the proposed Borough Traffic Management Agency Programme 2011/12

North Baddesley and Abbey Park Estate Parking Restriction Review – consultation with residents are finished and comments are being reviewed, most people seems in favour of the proposals.

Lee Lane- prohibition of driving experimental order- the trial to close the road will commence on the 16<sup>th</sup> May for two weeks followed by two more fortnightly closures in June and July. Cllr Perry supports the trial.

### **ITEM 7. Local and Strategic Issues**

A paper on The Local Sustainable Transport Fund was circulated to Members. Hampshire County Council are planning on submitting a bid in the first round for up to £5million from the fund over four years. The outcome of the bid should be known by the end of June 2011. Members noted that the bid would focus on urban centres- Basingstoke, Aldershot, Farnborough, Andover, Fleet and Winchester.

Paul Garrod introduced the paper on the A&B Speed review, which sets out which main roads in Test Valley are rated high , medium and low priority for a speed review. In Test Valley there are 9 road rated high, 11 rated medium and 10 roads rated low.

It was noted that there is a limited pot of money for this and so the priority is to concentrate on the roads that have the highest number of accidents

### **Item 8: AOB**

With regard to potholes there has been an additional 6 million awarded by central government , and the environment department are currently working out how best to spend it as the county need to inform central government how this will be spent by September 2011.

The question was asked what percentage of temporary works get to be made permanent, as the perception is that people think that there a lot of temporary fixes. It was noted that the plan is to have 100% of temporary fixes made permanent, but this takes time.

There was no other business and the meeting concluded.