

## Hampshire Action Team for New Forest

### Action Notes for HAT Highways Meeting

Friday 8th April 2011, 2pm, Lyndhurst Community Centre, Lyndhurst

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

#### HAT Members

Cllr Evans (HAT Chairman) (A)  
Cllr McEvoy (HAT Vice Chairman) (P)  
Cllr Heron (P)  
Cllr Rice (P)  
Cllr Rippon- Swaine (P)  
Cllr Thornber (A)  
Cllr Kendal (P)  
Cllr Mans (P)  
Cllr Harrison (P)  
Cllr Dash (P)  
Cllr Weeks (P)

#### HCC Officers

Jo White(P)  
Dominic McGrath (P)  
Tim Lawton (A)  
Paul Garrod (P)  
Richard Bastow (P)  
Simon Found (P)

#### Partners

Cllr Treleaven (NFDC) (P)  
Cllr Vickers (NFDC) (P)  
Nick Hunt (NFDC) (P)  
Chris Gregory (NPA) (P)

Cllr McEvoy welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed Members that she would be chairing the meeting as Cllr Evans has had a fall whilst out walking.

#### Item 1: Apologies

Apologies have been received from Cllr Evans, Cllr Thornber and Cllr Beck

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

Richard Bastow on behalf of 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
- The agency agreement managed by the District Council will continue the same

A contact list of highways officers in the west team was circulated.

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

The minutes of the meeting were agreed as an accurate record.

#### **Issues raised:**

Page4: Dominic McGrath reported that agreement has been reached with the taxi operators and the concerns have now been overcome.

Cllr Heron requested a note outlining the reasons why the A338 Salisbury Road was originally in the under £50,000 Minor Works Programme, he is now content that it is no longer in the programme.

**Action:** Richard Bastow to send Cllr Heron a note on the reasons why the A338 Salisbury Road was in the Minor Works Programme.

### **Item 3: Matters arising from Highways HAT meeting held on 2 November**

The matters arising were agreed by Members.

#### **Issues raised:**

With regard to footway lighting on the A337 which Cllr Rice had previously requested it to be added to the PFI schedule of works.

**Action:** Richard Bastow to review this with Julian Higgins

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

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

Richard Bastow introduced this item.

Most schemes have been completed or will be by the end of April.

Page 5- deferred schemes- most of these have been deferred to Operation Resilience 2011/12

One scheme has been cancelled- Southampton Road, Hythe as this will be combined with a cycleway scheme.

All main road, minor road and footway surface dressing has been completed- page 7- 11.

Cllr Heron raised a concern that small mammals could be trapped in some of the grids.

**Action:** Richard Bastow to review the cattle grids to ensure there are escape ramps.

## **Table 2: Operation Restore**

All schemes have been completed, a part from some remedial work which is outstanding for some of the schemes. Richard circulated an updated schedule with this added detail.

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

### **Richard Bastow presented the minor works capital programme**

- Gorley Road- completed
- Moat Lane and Hamtun Crescent will be completed by the end of April
- Cloughs Road- by May 2011
- Rhinefield Road - ongoing due to negotiations over land acquisition

### **Issues raised**

The question was asked in relation to when works are completed, does the County Council carry out consultation with residents to determine if they are content with the works. The point was also made that maybe the County Council should make more use of Residents Associations in their consultation.

### **Response**

Currently the County Council does have a standard form that is given to residents upon completion of schemes but the return rate is very poor. There is now a central team to monitor the performance of the works and the use of Residents Associations will be considered as a way of improving responses

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

Dominic McGrath updated Members on the progress of the over £50k capital programme.

The first two schemes are developer contributions packages.

Hythe and Dibden Accessibility Improvements- phase 1a design complete and the works will start in Q1 of 2011/12

Marchwood Accessibility Improvements- main works completed and an order has been placed for remaining crossing point on Main Road

Southampton Road/Ringwood Accessibility Improvements have substantially been completed, although some remedial works are required.

Gore Road cycle Road and A326 Lay-By Improvement Schemes - projects appraisal approved/tenders issued and it is anticipated the works will start in Q1 of 2011/12.

**Action:** Paul Garrod to attend a site visit with Cllr Harrison on Normandy Way, Marchwood to review the HGV issues.

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

Paul Garrod updated Members on progress with the Hampshire County Council Traffic Management Programme 2010/11. The majority of the schemes are either underway or have been completed. A few have been carried forward to 2011/12.

#### **Table 5: New Forest District Council Traffic Management Agency Programme 2010/11**

Nick Hunt updated Members on progress with the New Forest District Council Traffic Management Agency Programme 2010/11.

All the schemes have been delivered.

#### **Issues raised:**

Fawley- the traffic regulation order was issued in February, lining work has been complete and the signs will be completed in April.

Shaw Road, Hythe- request for white lining on the section near the stream as it is very dark.

**Action:** Nick Hunt to look at a possible solution

Burley- a retailer has offered some land to Hampshire County Council to construct a pedestrian refuge.

**Action:** As this is outside the Traffic Management Programme, Richard Bastow will review under the Minor Works Programme and is aware of the offer.

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

##### **Table 1: New Forest under £50,000 Minor Works Programme**

The Programme has been revised in light of comments from the last HAT Highways meeting.

The priority schemes put forward are:

1) Michigan Way, Totton- crossing points to make it safer to cross the road as the built outs did not work. One suggestion is for a raised speed table.

2) Green Lane, Fordingbridge

3) Bickerley- Ringwood- there are legal and land issues to be resolved first, it was been with the Office Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) for a long time.

Action: Richard Bastow/legal team - to chase up the progress with this scheme.

The cost of these 3 schemes is £35k, if any of these are not able to progress then there are 3 schemes in a reserve list.

Members supported the schemes in the programme put forward.

## **Table 2: Operation Resilience**

Richard Bastow presented Operation Resilience for 2011/12. All the maintenance programmes now are under Operation Resilience.

### **Issues raised:**

Members wanted to know the criteria for prioritising footways, as number were noted in bad repair- Sea Road, Milford.

Response: Footways are identified by inspections or by reports from Members or residents, they are then assessed on a worst first basis, however some are on hold due to the PFI schedule of street lighting works.

**Action:** Members requested a schedule of the PFI, this is available from the Members portal and also available on Hantsweb, however for the New Forest installation is not expected to start until 2013 and will continue into 2014.

<http://intranet.hants.gov.uk/members/membersportal/keyservices/hwmembers-homepage/hwmembers-tabs.htm>

Members requested that Ashlett Close Road and Rockbourne Road be considered for inclusion in Operation Resilience.

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

Dominic McGrath presented the Capital and Study Programme for 2011/12.

For the following schemes (Hythe and Dibden, Gore Road Cycle Route and A326 Lay- By Improvements) the second phase of the schemes will be implemented in Q1 of 2011/12.

Church Footpath, Lyndhurst- Highways officers are optimistic that this can be delivered in this financial year.

The last three schemes (New forest Highways and Transport Strategy Review, Waterside Rail Study and Circular routing of HGVs in Beaulieu )- both of the studies are underway and Members will be involved in the consultation.

## **Issues raised:**

With regard to the circular routing of HGVs in Beaulieu, there is a proposed solution through Denny Lodge but there is concern how this will be progressed as the Parish are not in favour of this.

Cllr Kendal reported that the study is looking at a circular routing through Ipley Cross and if this is the solution then the roads at Ipley Cross will have to be widened.

There was a query regarding what had happened to the outcomes of the work in Totton Town Centre.

**Action:** Dominic McGrath to liaise with New Forest District Council who are leading on this through their LDF to send the outcomes to Cllr Weeks.

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

Paul Garrod presented the Traffic Management Programme 2011/12 to Members. The Programme combines schemes carried forward from last year and new schemes which are listed below:

- Normandy Lane, Marchwood- extension to 30mph speed limit
- Ramley Road, Pennington- Investigate reduction to 40mph speed limit
- Downton Lane, Lymington- assess lower speed limit
- Scats Lane Junction, Sandleheath – slow traffic turning into Scats Lane from Main Road

Paul reported that for future Traffic Management Programmes these will follow the same scoring mechanism used for the Minor Works Programme, which will make the programme more focused and robust.

## **Issues**

The question was asked whether the NPA had been consulted on the new reflective barriers that have been put up. It was confirmed that the NPA has been consulted and they had expressed concerns about the reflective barriers.

## **Table 5. New Forest District Council Traffic Management Proposed Programme 2011/12**

Nick Hunt presented the New Forest District Council Traffic Management Proposed Programme 2011/12.

This programme integrates developer contribution schemes and also reviewing parking restrictions.

It was noted that there are a lot of reserve schemes as the programme is rather ambitious.

### **Issues raised:**

Concern was expressed about omitting Hythe Centre- Relocation of bus stops and taxi ranks from the programme. It was noted that the only reason for omitting from the programme was because the County Council is currently progressing this.

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

7.1 Paul Garrod introduced the paper on the A&B Speed review, which sets out which main roads in New Forest are rated high , medium and low priority for a speed review. In New Forest there are 13 road rated high, 7 rated medium and 9 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.

### **Issues raised:**

Cllr Heron asked that the A338 (W12 &W13) were given priority as there has been another fatality and it has been on the programme for 2 years.

7.2 Paul Garrod introduced a paper on traffic calming in other national parks in response to an action from the last HAT highways meeting in November.

Members welcomed the report and noted that the traffic calming measures identified in the report were confined to towns or villages in the form of urban and semi urban environmental improvements to reduce the impact of traffic on residential areas.

7.3 Nick Hunt gave a verbal update which covered the following:

### **Transport for South Hampshire Local Sustainable transport Fund Bid March 2011**

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. PUSH are submitting a bid, Totton and the Waterside are within the Transport for South Hampshire area. New Forest District Council suggestions include proposals that will encourage walking and cycling to

- Totton Railway Station
- Hythe Ferry head/Bus Interchange

### **Information on the allocation of developers contributions in the district outside the National Park.**

A summary of agreed allocations of developers contributions was circulated at the meeting and is available on the New Forest District Council website

<http://newforest.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=11402>

## **Sites and development management plan document consultation**

During the next few months the comments received from the recent consultation will be analysed and considered. New Forest District Council will determine how to amend/update the document in light of responses received, followed by preparation of the submission of the document. A pre- submission consultation is proposed in October 2011 with submission of the document for public examination in January 2012. Adoption is expected to be October 2012.

The list of sites will be reviewed after the May elections and will be brought back County Council Members.

Action: Dominic McGrath to follow up on the Hampshire County Council contributions to these sites.

### **Item 8: AOB**

Members highlighted a number of roads should be reviewed for a speed reduction, these are:

B3058 (near the Rising Sun at Bashley)- possible extension to the 30mph  
B3055- West of Bashley

**Action:** The speed limits on these roads are being assessed under the county wide A and B road review.

With regard to potholes the question was asked “when a pothole is filled do Amey fill in others near by”

**Response:** Currently potholes are only filled if they are reported but in the future this will change to filling in potholes that need to be when working in the locality.

Cllr Kendal outlined plans for the future Highways meetings, these will be held at Ashburton Hall, Winchester and there will be 3 meetings based on the new area structure- West, South and North East. The reduction in meetings is due to budget cuts.

Within these meetings there will be opportunities for the areas within the 3 areas to separate and discuss local issues relevant to them.

For New Forest this means there will be a meeting for the West area- which encompasses New Forest, Test Valley and Eastleigh, where they will discuss issues relevant to the whole area and then they will split into their own area to discuss local issues.

Concerns were expressed that New Forest did not have a lot in common with Test Valley and Eastleigh and they did not want to lose the district focus.

There was no other business and the meeting concluded.