

Hampshire Action Team for New Forest

Action Notes for HAT Highways Meeting

Tuesday 2nd November 2010, 2pm, Lyndhurst Community Centre, Lyndhurst

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

HAT Members

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

HCC Officers

Jo White(P)
Dominic McGrath (P)
Marc Samways (P)
Richard Bastow (P)
Paul Garrod (P)
Bevis Ingram (A)
Abigail Walton (A)

Partners

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

Cllr Evans welcomed all HAT Members and partners to the meeting. There was a minute silence for Cllr Shotter who had sadly passed away after a long illness.

Item 1: Apologies

Apologies have been received from Cllr Thornber, Cllr Vickers, Chris Gregory, Bevis Ingram and Abigail Walton.

Item 2: Notes of Highways Meeting held on 9 April 2010

The notes were agreed as an accurate record. Cllr Rice requested footway lighting on the A337 to be added to the street lighting schedule of works.

Item 3: Matters arising from Highways HAT meeting held on 9 April

The matters arising were agreed with the following amendments:

Longstock Crescent, Totton was listed as being completed as part of the 2010/11 Special Maintenance Programme. Cllr Weeks indicated that this has not been completed.

Action: Richard Bastow to review and report back to Cllr Weeks.

Vehicle parking at Ibsley Garage: concern was expressed that vehicles cannot get past the lorries and it was requested that the Police should be made aware of this.

Action: Marc Samways to make the Police aware of this problem.

Item 4: Progress with 2010/11 Schemes Programme

Table 1: Maintenance and Special Maintenance Schemes update

Richard Bastow updated Members on progress with the Special Maintenance Programme 2010/11.

Most schemes have been completed or are in progress, however there are a number of deferred schemes (page 5), due to the funding being diverted to deal with the land slip at Hill Head (each highway area has been asked to set aside some money to go to remedial works to the land slip).

Members thanked Highways Officers and said that they had received positive comments from residents on a number of schemes.

It was confirmed that the deferred schemes would be a priority if funding becomes available in 2010/11 or will go forward to 2011/12.

Members asked if they could be kept informed if there is any slippage in schemes/works, which is normally picked up through the monthly Highways Bulletins.

It was suggested that it would be useful to have an asterisk on the Bulletins to highlight changes since the last Bulletin as they are such large documents.

Table 2: Capital Programme Schemes over £50,000 and minor works under £50,000

Dominic McGrath updated Members on the progress with the Capital Programme Schemes over £50,000.

All schemes are on target apart from the Hythe and Dibden Accessibility Package, for which detailed design was underway and the first phase of works programmed to commence February 2011.

With regard to the A326 Lay By Improvements, this scheme will be completed by the end of the financial year.

The issue of new bus stopping arrangements at the Hythe Ferry Yard was highlighted. Cllr Dash indicated that he favoured utilising developer contributions to resurface the Ferry Yard.

Minor works under £50,000

Richard Bastow updated Members on the minor works under £50,000, all the programme will be delivered. With regard to Rhinefield Road, funding has been allocated to securing the land for this year, it also features in next year's programme for the new footway to be constructed.

Table 3a: Hampshire County Council Traffic Management Programme 2010/11

Marc Samways updated Members on progress with the Traffic Management Programme 2010/11.

It was mentioned that there has been a 20% cut in the budget for this programme which will have an impact on the ability to deliver some schemes on the list with 2010/11.

With regard to Ringwood- there is no budget as yet to do this scheme and it is likely to be moved to next year.

With regard to Marchwood (lorry issues) the 3 options proposed- HGV restrictions, footpath widening or lorry bans, which does not meet with Hampshire County Council policy. Currently awaiting HGV survey results. Cllr Kendal advised that there would be no change in policy and the problem is around parking and it is best to look to parking restrictions.

With regard to speed reductions on Southampton Road (Lyndhurst) Cllr Mans asked to be advised on the costs.

Action: Paul Garrod to advise on costs to Cllr Mans.

With regard to re signing on Shrubbs Lane, the question was raised that would this discourage people diverting to Sandy Lane. Cllr Kendal mentioned that an option would be to put speed bumps in.

It was agreed that Roundhill, Fordingbridge should be removed from the list of items on the reserve Traffic Management Programme 2010/11.

Members asked if more sensitive rural solutions for traffic calming could be looked at in the National Park. The National Park Authority (NPA) is always consulted when looking at suitable schemes. Members suggested that it would be worth looking at other Local Authorities that have national parks what traffic calming schemes they use.

Table 3b: New Forest Borough Council Traffic Management Agency Programme 2010/11.

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

Hythe Marine Park- this scheme has now been completed.

Hythe Centre – Relocation of bus stops and taxi ranks - Difficulties with finding alternative location for taxi rank. Likely that changes do not require a TRO. Due to mounting opposition from Taxi operators and linked concerns raised by NFDC officers this will be discussed at informal Hythe Traffic Members' meeting in November.

Lymington- Avenue Road near junction with Lower Buckland Road- Developers' contributions (£34,000 allocated and a further £51,158 allocated in Sept) likely to fully fund scheme. Implementation anticipated Winter 2010/Spring 2011 subject to contractor's programme.

Marchwood, Hythe Road, Twiggs Lane and other roads identified- Traffic Regulation Order to be advertised Autumn/Winter 2010.

Minstead, Running Hill-Required Prohibition of Driving Order will be advertised by NFDC in Winter 2010 so that in place if HA decides to implement the proposal unless HA say they are unlikely to progress the proposal.

Ringwood – Hightown Road (E end), Parsonage Barn Lane/Kingsfield area and Frampton Close – Waiting restrictions- Order made 28 Sept 2010.

Ringwood- High Street -Review of waiting, loading restrictions and disabled persons parking places- Order made 28 Sept 2010.

Ringwood - Hightown Road (E end) Uncontrolled pedestrian/Cycle crossing and associated traffic calming- Work commenced 2 November 2010

Ringwood- Southampton Road - Amended Parking restrictions- Order will be made November 2010.

Ringwood- Southampton Road - Amended Parking restrictions- Order will be made November 2010- Phase 1 substantially complete. Semi-permanent changed junction priority at Calmore Drive/Goodwood Gardens to be implemented Oct/Nov

Totton - Water Lane to Calmore Cycle Route – Phase 1 substantially complete. Semi-permanent changed junction priority at Calmore Drive/Goodwood Gardens to be implemented Oct/Nov

Everton/Pennington, Wainsford Road- Feasibility investigations planned for Autumn/Winter 2010. Police consulted and likely to support a 40 mph speed restriction

Lymington, Various Roads- Proposals agreed by Members expected to be advertised in Autumn/Winter 2010.

ITEM 5. Priorities for Capital Programme 2011/12

Table 1: New Forest under £50,000 Minor Works Priority Table

Richard Bastow introduced the proposed Capital Programme for 2011/12, with the following schemes scoring the highest.

- 1) The Bickerley, Ringwood- new footway from the riverside to Old Mills Flats
- 2) Rhinefield Road, Brockenhurst- New Footway between Oberfield and New Forest Drive
- 3) B3347, Sopley- Creation of new footway on the west side of Salisbury Road
- 4) Bashley Common Road, Bashley- Extension of new footway on the west side of St John's Road
- 5) Green Lane, Ringwood- Provision of new kerbed footway
- 6) A338 Salisbury Road- Extension of new footway on the east side of Salisbury Road between Lawrence Lane and Snowtalia Lodge

Concern was expressed about how many people would benefit from the Bashley Road Scheme.

Members queried why the A338 Salisbury Road, Hyde is a priority scheme.

Cllr Weeks asked why Michigan Way, Totton is not on the list as a priority as it is an urban area and a crossing is needed and therefore should score higher. Nick Hunt endorsed this view and said there may be developers contributions available for this.

Action: Richard Bastow to meet with Nick Hunt to discuss the use of developers contributions towards achieving any of these schemes.

Action: Richard to review the 6 schemes listed above and further consult with Members to determine the programme for 2011/12 by the end of December 2010.

Table 2. Capital and Study Programme for 2011/12

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

New Forest Highways and Transport Strategy Review- this will start this financial year and run into next year.

Totton Town Access Plan- this is the last commitment of the TAP in the New Forest, and may supersede the Urban Design Statement. No funding is available for the railings on Commercial Road (Totton), which was part of the Urban Design Statement.

Tables 3a: Hampshire County Council Traffic Management Programme 2011/12

Marc Samways presented the proposed 2011/12 Traffic Management Programme to Members.

The programme consists of:

Management of Traffic Management Agency with NFDC.
Input into ongoing A and B Roads Speed Limit Review.
Contribute to the Casualty Reduction Partnership
S278 Audits
Schemes from 2010/11 that have not been completed including those from the reserve scheme list.
New schemes identified through area office or Members

Members confirmed that the A338 is a priority for the A and B Roads Speed review.

Table 3b. New Forest Borough Council Traffic Management Programme 2011/12 – Proposed

Hythe Centre- relocation of bus stops and taxi ranks- this is in the 2010/11 Programme and as changes do not require a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) this proposal can be removed from 2011/12 Programme.

Lymington, Avenue Road near its junction with Lower Buckland Rd junction – Implementation anticipated Winter 2010/Spring 2011 subject to contractor's programme.

New Milton, Various Roads – Waiting restrictions including Sea Road- These were discussed in detail with local Members and Town Council representatives (13 Oct 2010) and HCC/NFDC Member approval being sought to advertise these and some additional suggestions in a draft traffic regulation order.

Totton - Water Lane to Calmore Cycle Route- This work is to be funded from traffic management allocation and available developers' contributions (NFDC preparing report to allocate a further £3,778).

Lymington – Review car park signing to town centre car parks- Initial work underway and meeting with local Member and key stakeholders being arranged. Modest changes likely to be progressed in the short term but if costly major changes to signing required special funding (NFDC and/or HCC) required

ITEM 6. Local and Strategic Issues-

1. Operation Restore

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 programmed 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.

2. Winter maintenance

Members were advised that the majority of Hampshire's increased stock of 18000 tonnes of salt has now all been delivered and is located at our depots around Hampshire. A new 4000t salt barn to be operational at Micheldever early January which will replace temporary storage at Barton Stacey. Changes have been made to County policy including salt re-orders when stock falls below 85%; instead of 75% with levels to be at 100% before the critical winter period (December- February). Priority 1 and 2 networks have been checked and reviewed to incorporate bus routes and large schools. New community routes developed with an additional 9 gritting units to treat smaller schools, health centres and community facilities. 1250 additional grit bins have been purchased and will be delivered by the end of November 2010. The County is currently looking for additional resources, farmers etc to help with snow clearance.

3. Lyndhurst Traffic Management

Intelligent Routing Signals in operation and have been reviewing the data over the summer. The green filter on the High Street is in its second phase of testing and is operational. Currently undertaking study of whether this has worked and improved the flow of traffic. The trial bus lane is to be made permanent.

With regard to the Gating Scheme – this would be a revision to traffic signals to hold back the traffic and would require the green filter to be removed. Results will be reported back to the HAT.

4. A326 Review of Safeguarding Schemes

A review of all land safeguardings for transport schemes in the New Forest is underway. There will be a report to the Executive Member in January 2011 and Members will be consulted on proposals directly affecting their division.

Based on technical work to date, it is likely that safeguardings for dualling of the A326 will be recommended for deletion. The work identifies that a junction

strategy would be more deliverable and would be more directly focussed on addressing congestion on the route.

5. Ringwood Town Access Plan and A31 Ringwood Study

The TAP is currently out for consultation until the 30th November.

Widening of the A31 west of Ringwood – Although funding had been secured to undertake detailed design this financial year, there is no funding available to the Highways Agency to undertake construction for the foreseeable future. DM confirmed that there would be no need to close West Street in the absence of this scheme going ahead.

6. Developers Contributions Policy

An agreed list of contributions with NFDC and HCC is available and is on the NFDC website. In total there has been £1,197,894 collected and, of this, £866,890 allocated.

Item 7: Community Requests Log

Members were made aware of the Community Requests Log as an item for information.

Item 8: AOB

With regard to Everton Junction, Cllr Kendal reported that a roundabout is not an option but a traffic light could be put in as soon as Developer Contributions become available.

There was no other business and the meeting concluded.