



**Hampshire Action Team for Winchester**

**Action Notes for HAT Highways Meeting  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2.00pm, The Wellington Room, Winchester**

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

**HAT Members**

Cllr Allgood (P)  
Cllr Bailey (P)  
Cllr Collin (P)  
Cllr Dickens (P)  
Cllr Hindson (P)  
Cllr Mason (P)  
Cllr Porter (P)

**HCC Officers**

Cheryl Bosworth (P)  
Chris Wilson (P)  
Colin Taylor (P)  
Dominic McGrath (P)  
Jenny Larby (A)  
John Clarke (A)  
Julie Amies (P)  
Mandy Ware (P)  
Ruth Olczyk (P)

**Partners**

Andy Hickman (WCC) (P)  
Cllr T Coates (WCC) (A)  
Cllr M Coates (WALC) (P)  
Cllr K Wood (WCC) (A)  
David Fawcett (Amey) (P)  
Kunle Kolaru (Amey) (P)

**1. Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Councillor Tony Coates, Winchester City Council.

**2. Matters arising from previous meeting and previous actions**

The notes of the Highways meeting held on 25 November 2009 were agreed as a true record. There were two actions arising from this meeting;

- 1) **Item 3, page 2, pinch point traffic calming on the B2150, Hambledon** - there have been some recent issues relating to building works. Chris Wilson to update Councillor M Coates on progress.

- 2) **Item 4, page 2, minor works programme** – this was to be covered later in the meeting.

### **3. Presentation from Amey**

(Item 6: Review of winter maintenance and implications of the winter weather for the highway network was also dealt with at the same time as Item 3).

Colin Taylor explained the winter weather had been the worst experienced for 30 years and had a large impact on the highway network. A number of things worked well including:

- clearing of the primary road network
- regular update communications from the Director of Environment
- Emergency Planning Office set up at Netley
- help from local partners and farmers to clear snow - coordinated centrally from two control rooms in Petersfield and Winchester
- grit bins provided to domiciliary care organisations
- Adult Services used a register of four wheel drive vehicles to ensure care was still provided to vulnerable people

There are still lessons to be learnt, as follows:

- a review of the highways winter maintenance policy will be carried out to see how community issues can be better incorporated (e.g. access to schools/ community facilities)
- additional salt storage depot to be provided in Micheldever
- review resources used for clearing snow on footways - Winchester hospital reported a number of pedestrians who had fallen on pavements

Councillors asked for the following issues to be considered as part of the winter maintenance policy review:

- low floor buses and automatic buses could not run on some of the routes – need to speak to the bus companies
- medical facilities must be considered – not just the main hospital but also access to local doctors surgeries
- priority 2 routes were not getting cleared - some communities were very isolated
- clearing of footpaths by residents – it is important the County Council gives a positive message to the public to address their concerns regarding being sued
- the availability and use of tractors for snow clearance is not consistent across the area – do we need to recruit more farmers locally?
- need to keep County Councillors better informed on what is happening – particularly when clearing footways
- issue guidance for Parish Councils on extreme winter weather conditions - as provided previously for flooding issues.

**ACTION: Colin Taylor to pass these issues on to Chris Lait**

There was a discussion about grit bins. Councillors wished to thank staff for keeping the grit bins refilled during the bad weather. Councillors would like to

be involved in the decisions about the location of additional grit bins in the district.

**ACTION: Colin Taylor to provide a map of the current grit bins in Winchester District to HAT members**

Amey described how they responded to the weather conditions. On average 9,000 tonnes of salt is normally used during winter but this winter 20,000 tonnes was used. They had staff on 24 hour shifts for 18 days.

As a result of the weather some of the roads are in a worse condition now than last October. There are 50 dedicated gangs on pothole busting performing permanent and semi-permanent repairs. Amey and Hampshire County Council are working together to run a network restoration programme (Operation Restore) over the next 6-9 months programme to get roads back up to condition.

Councillors queried why pothole repairs only fix certain potholes and leave others in the same road unfixed. Amey explained that repairs are done on a risk basis with the most dangerous ones completed first, there is a also a need to be aware of budgetary restraints.

Councillors asked how Amey gets the list of potholes, they come through 4 routes:

- publically reported
- maintenance inspections of A roads - carried out regularly by Amey
- Hampshire County Council highways area offices
- Police (emergency repairs)

Councillors were concerned about potholes reoccurring on specific roads due to the delamination of concrete bases. County Council officers are looking at specialist material that can be used on these surfaces

Councillors were also concerned about the public perception of Amey staff sitting and waiting in their vans. Amey are aware of this issue and have been putting their operatives through customer behaviour training to address this.

#### **4. Progress with 2009/10 Capital Programme**

##### **Table 1 Maintenance and Special Maintenance 09/10**

Officers explained that some of the schemes had been deferred due to the problems caused by the winter weather conditions.

The following items were discussed:

- Bereweke Road, Winchester - deferred due to a drainage issue
- Mill Hill, Alresford, there is an order in the system to sort out drainage issues
- Hensting Lane, Colden Common and Plough Lane, Soberton are now on the 2010/11 programme
- Longwood Road, Owslebury and Littleton Lane and Station Hill, Itchen Abbots are on the restoration programme
- Romsey Road, Winchester is on the restoration programme (but there may be a need to complete next year due to road closures).

- Southgate Street, Winchester – need to look at the opportunity to complete a wider job as there are other areas of resurfacing required nearby. **ACTION: Officers to discuss with Cllr Collin.**

### **Table 2 Minor Works (under £25,000)**

Item 1, Mill Hill, Alresford – an order has been raised for the work.

**ACTION: officers to update the relevant councillor on progress with the B177 Black Horse Lane, Shedfield**

### **Table 3 Capital Improvement Schemes 09/10**

Councillors were concerned that the new cycle path to St Cross Bridge at the Park and Ride has grass coming up through it.

**ACTION: Dominic McGrath to follow up with contractors**

### **Table 4 - Hampshire County Council Core Service 09/10**

It was noted that the start date on Item 1 (Beeches Hill, Bishops Waltham) was incorrect.

**ACTION: Officers to provide a new start date for Beeches Hill to Cllr Mason**

### **Table 5 - Hampshire County Council Fixed Programme 09/10**

Officers explained that a number of items had been carried forward as they were not completed in the previous financial year. The following issues were discussed:

- Item 11 (Andover Road, Winchester) - councillors concerns were noted
- Item 15 (Romsey Road, Winchester) - feasibility studies have been done. There is a need to consider this scheme in conjunction with the park and ride and to consult with the local community.
- Item 22 (Chilbolton Avenue, Winchester) - safety audit results show the original plan to divide traffic is not possible. A decrease to 30 mph speed limit will be considered under the A & B Road Review
- It was queried why Alresford Crossing was not listed, officers said a feasibility study for this scheme had been requested
- Councillors noted that items which appeared on previous lists were not included in the table. Officers explained that a number of items would be addressed under the A&B speed limit review.

### **Table 6 - Winchester City Council Agency Programme 09/10**

Councillors requested a list of the current developers contributions available in the district. Officer explained that these are held and updated by Winchester City Council.

**ACTION: Andy Hickman to provide a link to the relevant Winchester City Council webpage with the Minutes of the Meeting**

## **5. Priorities for Minor Capital Programme 2010/11**

### **Table 7 - Maintenance and Special Maintenance 2010/11**

Officers explained that in addition those items listed there will be some extra schemes completed through the project restoration budget.

It was noted that Hensting Lane, Colden Common is not related to Thompson Lane and must be corrected on the table. Cllr Mason requested information on this scheme.

**ACTION: Scheme designers for Hensting Lane to contact Cllr Mason**

### **Table 8 – Surface Dressing Sites 2010/11**

‘Newmans’ Lane, Denmead – should be changed in ‘Newland’

### **Table 9 - Minor Works (Under £25,000) 2010/11**

There is now £45,000 for this budget. Officers will carry out a proper analysis of the HAT members proposals and will present schemes with costings at the next highways meeting.

The following items were raised:

- B2177, Waltham Chase, pedestrian refuge is not on this list. The feasibility study has been completed. Cllr Hindson to email Chris Wilson
- Greenhill Road, Winchester - is now considered a maintenance issue.
- Clifton Road scheme is likely to be very costly. Cllr Dickens would like to have a meeting about this. It was agreed the best people to be present are Chris Wilson and Phil Yexley.

### **Table 10 - Capital Improvement Schemes 2010/11**

Councillors wished to know which developers funding was paying for the Alresford to Winchester cycle signing and Pond Cottage schemes.

**ACTION: Dominic McGrath to provide information to HAT members**

Councillors wished to know where the new bus shelters would be located on Stoney Lane and Sleepers Hill.

**ACTION: Dominic McGrath to get Passenger Transport to contact the relevant councillors.**

### **Tables 11 and 12 - Hampshire County Council Core Service and Fixed Programme 10/11**

These tables include a lot of items carried forward from 09/10 programme.

Table 12, Page 7 – there was a discussion regarding the HAT members individual priorities. It was agreed that it was a priority to complete the items that had been carried forward from the previous year – rather than adding additional ones.

It was noted that there were no drainage schemes listed, councillors wishes to see these.

**ACTION: Chris Wilson to provide a list of drainage schemes to HAT members**

### **Table 13 - Winchester City Council Agency Programme 10/11**

Councillors asked for a progress update on the Winchester 20 mph speed limit review – officers explained this item relates to a wider policy level issue which Adrian Gray is leading on for the County Council and will involve the Department for Transport.

Councillors asked what happens if a Village 30 scheme is not working? Officers said every Village 30 is being monitored before and after – and reports will be produced to look at outcomes. If it is not working it would need to be looked at afresh.

Councillors requested an update on the Winchester high street disabled access review. Officers said this would need to be done after the high street refurbishment scheme was complete – which is why it is currently on the reserve list.

## **8. Local and Strategic Issues**

### **Local Transport Plan 3 Update**

This is a 20 year strategic document – there will be a 12 week public consultation period in the summer – at which point Councillors will have chance to comment on it.

### **Winchester Town Access Plan**

There will be a draft ready for consultation in the summer – this will take the form of an exhibition and member briefing / workshop.

### **Whiteley Accessibility**

There are proposals for the bus gate on Yew Tree Drive open for general public use – consultation is underway at the moment. There is ongoing work to develop traffic management approaches on Leafy Lane.

A North Whiteley Forum has been set up which includes Winchester, Fareham and Whiteley residents.

There is an access plan under development for Segensworth and there is funding available through the Business Improvement District (BID). A report on this will be brought to the next HAT meeting.

## **9. Any other business**

There was no other business.