

Hampshire Action Team for Test Valley

**Action Notes for HAT Highways Meeting
Friday 29th October 2010, 10am, Crosfield Hall, Romsey**

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)
Marc Samways (P)
Mike Wickeden (A)
Liam Presley (A)

Partners

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

Annie Tomlinson (TVBC) (P)
Ray Alborough (TVBC) (P)
David Wilson (TVBC) (A)

Item 1: Apologies

Apologies have been received from David Wilson, Mike Wickeden, Liam Presley and Dominic McGrath.

Item 2: Notes of Highways Meeting held on 6 April 2010

The notes were agreed as an accurate record, with the following correction- page 2 should read Lessons Leant.

Page 4: There was a query regarding the A&B Speed Review. Phase 1 (Investigation and Report by Mott Gifford) of the review has been completed and phase 2 (Review of report by Safety Engineering Team) will be completed by the end of March 2011.

Page 5: Cllr Perry requested that for the Wellow War Memorial scheme for parking provision, could the local Member be kept up to date with the design of the scheme.

Page 4: It was highlighted that Flexford Road/Pound Lane was still on the reserve list for 2010/11 and that recently there had been a serious accident and that the speed needs to be reduced. It was noted that this item features in the provisional 2011/12 Traffic Management Programme.

Item 3: Matters arising from Highways HAT meeting held on 6 April

The matters arising were agreed by Members. There was a query regarding the A&B Speed Review. Phase 1 of the review has been completed and phase 2 will be completed by the end of March 2011.

Item 4: Progress with 2010/11 Schemes Programme

Table 1: Maintenance and Special Maintenance Schemes update

Dave Irving updated Members on the progress with the maintenance scheme. Most of the schemes will be completed by the end of the financial year, apart from the schemes listed on page 4, which have been deferred due to funding being deferred to the land slip in Hill Head and to accommodate additional higher priority schemes.

The question was asked whether Enham Arch, St Mary's would happen in December. This is the expected timescale, however the local Cllr would be kept up to date if there were slippages.

The question was asked how are the schemes prioritised. The process is for the Highways Officers to review the information that they have received such as testing methods, skid resistance data, state of the roads and surveys by officers. Dave Irving will then prioritise the schemes with help from the design team.

There is no reference to the scheme 'Thrupton Road/Thrupton Green', this is an old scheme and should still be in the programme.

Action: Dave Irving to investigate and report back to Cllr Milner Williams.

On the list of deferred schemes it was noted that Smannell Road, Andover and the A3090 Winchester Road, Romsey are priorities for 2011/12.

Some work has been completed or scheduled but it does not appear on the list as the work has been completed under Operation Restore.

Cllr Gibson is on the Management Committee for Operation Restore so Members were advised if there are any issues to go through him.

Cllr Dowden asked whether School Lane Roundabout could be looked at as it is prone to flooding in heavy rain, and would need a new soak away.

Action: Dave Irving to investigate and report back.

Cllr Drew asked for Heron's Rise to be added to the programme.

Action: Dave Irving to investigate and report back.

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

Dave Irving gave up update on progress on these schemes, which have made good progress overall. It was reported that Harrow Way will slip from January as there is an issue with the street lighting.

Romsey Station Access Improvements – this scheme will take longer due to consent needed, but expected to be completed by the end of the financial year.

Action: It was agreed to add North Baddesley Accessibility to the over £50k programme.

Cllr Perry requested to be consulted on the Wellow Memorial, West Wellow scheme.

It was reported that for Romsey Road (Awbridge) scheme, Hampshire County Council are hoping to either secure funding from a Section 106 or from the Parish Council to finish the final section of the footpath, if not Hampshire County Council will complete it.

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

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

It was agreed that the Upper Clatford scheme would be removed from the programme, as it is no longer an issue for the Parish Council.

It was noted that the Shipton Bellinger section of the A338 has been identified as a red route within the A & B Road Speed limit Review and is therefore a priority route for lower speeds (subject to the existing vehicle speeds being in line with any proposed lower limit).

There was a plea to take a common sense approach to reviewing speed limits, the Village 30 Programme has left some anomalies with speed limits in areas, which go from 40mph to 30mph for no need.

There was a request for Winchester Hill to be reviewed as part of the A and B Road Speed Review.

With regard to the Monxton Scheme, the scheme has been designed by Test Valley Borough Council, which is separate from the bridge scheme, the question was asked whether these schemes could be coordinated to begin at the same time.

With reference to Hurstbourne Tarrant it was highlighted that single white lines will be completed by the end of December.

With regard to the Thruxton scheme, concern was expressed that this had been going on for four years, a timescale of when this would be happening was requested.

It was agreed to delete the proposed 30 mph limit on A27 through Chilworth because of the almost even split of opinion from the residents.

Marc Samways explained that the reserve schemes listed on page 3 would all be carried forward into the provisional Traffic Management Programme for 2011/12.

Table 3b: Test Valley Borough Council Traffic Management Agency Programme 2010/11

Ray Alborough updated Members on the progress with the current Traffic Management Agency Programme

Andover Vigo Zone- currently analysing the views from the consultation and options will be available next year.

Members stated as there are four schools in a small concentration along Floral Way in Andover that it is unsafe when dropping children off at schools and the Police cannot enforce parking on yellow lines or zig zag lines.

Action: Ensure there are enough Borough Civil Enforcement Officers to enforce the area particularly before 9am. when circumstances permit.

ITEM 5. Priorities for Capital Programme 2011/12

Table 1: Test Valley under £50,000 Minor Works Priority Table

Dave Irving presented table 1, which outlines four schemes that have scored the highest across all the schemes in the spreadsheet (distributed at the meeting). Members were asked to prioritise the schemes as there is likely to be only £25k available.

The four schemes are:

1) Halterworth Lane, Romsey

This is for a new footway from Jenner Way to Highwood Lane. There is some Section 106 funding for this scheme from the Abbotswood Development

2) Highwood Lane, Romsey

This is for an extension of an existing footway past Stroud School.

3) A27 Salisbury Road, Sherfield English

Provision of a crossing point to improve safety of pedestrians between Steplake Lane and Graemar Lane.

4) C121, Balksbury Hill, Upper Clatford

New footway on the west side from the existing footway from the Pilhill Brook to opposite the existing footway on the eastern side. There may be some Section

106 funding for this scheme in the region of £7-8k from the Andover Tennis Club development which had been allowed on appeal.

Members prioritised the A27 Salisbury Road Sherfield English and Highwood Lane, Romsey.

Table 2. Capital and Study Programme for 2011/12

Dave Irving presented the Capital and Study Programme for 2011/12. There is a substantial amount of Section 106 money for this programme.

There was a query regarding why St Johns Cross roundabout was not listed on this programme. Cllr Stallard requested it went back on the programme.

Action: To include St Johns Cross roundabout in the Capital and Study Programme for 2011/12.

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

Marc Samways presented the Traffic Management Programme for 2011/12, which will be as follows:

Management of Traffic Management Agency with TVBC.

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

Flexford/Pound Lane (concerns about speed of traffic)

Related to the Action Point above for St John's Cross roundabout there was a related Gateway request in the interim to go with the existing solution. The Gateway would be at 40 mph from the garden centre to just beyond St John's Cross on the Wallop/Salisbury Road.

Action: To put the Gateway at St John's Cross in the list of projects to be reviewed.

Table 3b. Test Valley Borough Council Traffic Management Programme 2011/12 – Proposed

Ray Alborough presented the proposed the Test Valley Borough Council Traffic Management Programme 2011/12.

With regard to Icknield Way, Andover there have been a lot of complaints, these have been discussed with the developers and they are happy to bring forward the scheme from the timing agreed in the Section 106 agreement and cover the costs. They have asked for implementation to coincide with the expected construction of a roundabout in May 2011.

ITEM 6. Local and Strategic Issues

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 Stacy. Changes have been made to County policy including salt re-orders when stock falls below 85%; instead of 75% with levels at 100% before winter. Priority 1 and 2 networks 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. The County is currently looking for additional resources, farmers etc to help with snow clearance.

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, repairing the many potholes and other defects that developed 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.

Andover TAP and Borough Update

Consultation has now ended on the Andover Town Access Plan (TAP).

Bus Station enhancements- this is a long running project, which has secured developers contributions and Test Valley Borough Council are working with architects to produce a design for the Station.

Item 7: AOB

The issue of excess signage and particular brown tourist signs was raised, this is due to the relaxed rules with regard to signs now means that pubs can apply for them.

Action: Dave Irving to remove the redundant signs in Hurstbourne Tarrant.

Cllr West raised the issue that the Environment and Transportation Select Committee are seeking to undertake an in depth review of the coordination of regulation and all works on Hampshire County Council Highways.

There was no other business and the meeting concluded.