



**Hampshire**  
County Council

**Hampshire Action Team (HAT) for Winchester**

**Action Notes for HAT Highways Meeting**

**Friday 7 October 2010, 10.00 am**

**Jane Austen Room, Sparsholt College, Winchester**

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

**Hampshire County Council Members**

Councillor Allgood – Chairman (P)

Councillor Bailey (P)

Councillor Collin (P)

Councillor Dickens (P)

Councillor Mason (P)

Councillor Porter (P)

Councillor Hindson (P)

**Other Partner Organisation Representatives**

Councillor Learney, Winchester City Council (P)

Councillor Bell, Winchester City Council (A)

Councillor Coates, Winchester City Council (P)

Andy Hickman, Winchester City Council (P)

Myrna Coates, Chairman of Winchester District Association (P)

M Slinn, Winchester Action on Climate Change (P)

C Holloway, Winchester Action on Climate Change (P)

P Gagg, Winchester Action on Climate Change (P)

A Prestidge, Winchester Action on Climate Change (P)

**Hampshire County Council Officers**

Ruth Olczyk, Service Manager – Traffic Management (P)

Chris Lait, Head of Highways South and East (P)

Chris Wilson, Highways Manager (Winchester) (P)

Jane Biscombe, HATs Officer (P)

Councillors offered their congrats to Cllr Mason for 50 years as a volunteer train driver.

#### **1. Apologies**

None received

#### **2. Action notes from the Highways HAT meeting held on 27 April 2010**

Agreed as a true record of the meeting

#### **3. Actions arising from the Highways HAT meeting held on 27 April 2010**

Schools have been asking if they can have a grit bin.

#### **Action 1: Traffic Management will look into grit bins for schools**

Councillors requested that maps of grit bin locations are clear and readable in future. Problem mentioned with overhanging vegetation at St Cross bridge  
Drainage on Berewick Road is on this years programme.

#### **Action 2: Chris Wilson will resend information about Hensting Lane to Cllr Mason**

Councillors requested that future lists of drainage schemes include timescales. Chris Lait commented that officers can be specific in year but in future years time scales are dependant on funding.

#### **4. Winchester Action on Climate Change**

Chris Holloway outlined the paper and stressed that WinAcc would like an ongoing dialogue with Members on local climate change issues. Walking and cycling are important in reducing carbon emissions but the issues can go wider including reducing emissions associated with highways maintenance work. Other issues include contractors access to site increasing congestion, do contractors have green credentials? Deliveries also impact congestion in Winchester town centre, delivery access plans may assist in this area as they do in London. Could WinACC be a consultee on cycling provision?

#### **Action 3: A written response will be sent to Win ACC in due course when officers have had time to look closely at the paper, this will also be circulated to Members.**

Councillors reassured WinACC that all Council papers look at climate change impact as a matter of course and stressed the importance of community transport schemes and their financial viability. Councillors also noted the need to consult with the Winchester cycling group and the need to work with partners to ensure that public transport is accessible safe to use at night, especially for lone women. Councillors suggested that WinACC feed into the list of issues that Any Hickman from Winchester City Council maintains.

**Action 4: Traffic Management will ensure that Hampshire County Council's green travel plan is available on the HCC website.**

Councillors discussed the phasing of traffic lights and how this impacts on congestion in Winchester, rather than deliveries in the town centre.

**Action 5: Traffic Management will send a list of main contact names for highways officers to WinACC.**

## **5. Progress with 2010/11 Capital Programme**

### **Table 1**

Councillors can send details of footways requiring maintenance to Chris Wilson. Councillors agreed on the importance of Parish Councils having emergency plans to deal with severe winters.

**Action 6: Chris Wilson will send details of resurfacing areas to Cllr Bailey.**  
**Action 7: Traffic Management will look into footway remedial work in connection with the Hambledon flood alleviation scheme.**

### **Table 2**

Councillors offered thanks to officers for the work done on this. Chris Wilson presented eight viable schemes to Councillors.

Councillors stressed the importance of dealing with vegetation in order to protect local assets. Councillors cited many examples of where vegetation is causing footways and kerbs to break up. Chris Lait confirmed that Amey carry out two weed sprays per year. The Parishes could support this work by giving out notices regarding overgrown vegetation as they often know who the landowners are, some Parishes do this but not all.

Councillors suggested using the Parish car park to provide parking instead of a new lay by on the B3047 at Bishop's Sutton. Improved local footpaths will also help.

There is £4,000 of developer funding available for the new section of footway near Sutton Manor, Wonston.

Councillors agreed (1) the new footway at the A334 near Blind Lane; (8) parking provision at Martin's Field, Compton and (15) the new footway at Sutton Manor as priorities for 2010/11.

Councillors agreed 4, 9 and 14 as priorities for next year. Schemes not selected will remain on the list.

### **Table 3a**

Emergency services are consulted on schemes. The extension of the 30 mph limit through South Wonston is on the list of schemes to be looked at. Item 752 to be removed.

**Action 8: Ruth Olczyk will send the list of all issues and scheme updates to Councillors as part of the regular information sent to Members. Members will also be contacted shortly to agree next year's programme.**

### **Table 3b**

Councillors voiced concern over the use of roads by HGVs (not farm vehicles), and suggested limits along similar lines to the scheme in Wonston. Ruth Olczyk confirmed that all requests were looked at on a priority basis.

Councillors should contact Adrian Gray in the first instance to discuss enforcement needs in local areas by the Safer Roads Partnership.

The consultants reviewing the speed limits on the A and B roads have completed their report with first stage recommendations. Further work is needed to collect speed data and liaise with Hampshire Police. A list will be presented to Members in the future.

### **Table 3c**

Councillors can contact Andy Hickman to discuss particular points.

**Action 9: Andy Hickman will ensure a reply is sent to Cllr Dickens regarding waiting restrictions.**

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

### **Capital Programme Schemes and Study Programme**

Dominic McGrath is the main contact for this. Councillors expressed concern that the M3 J9 / Easton Road cycle route scheme is not lost.

**Action 10: Councillors requested to be kept up to date with National Cycle Network Route 23. Dominic McGrath will forward an update to members.**

The next meeting of the Cycle Group is at 2.30 on 12 January 2011. Sue Coles is the main point of contact for this.

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

### **Planning Update**

Links to the Winchester LDF were raised.

### **Operation restore**

Chris Lait outlined Operation Resilience. It is hoped that it will include those schemes not progressed under Operation Restore. All those schemes programmed for

September have been completed, except Chilbolton Avenue. Chris Lait confirmed that drainage issues are not generally a part of Restore or Resilience. The drainage programme sits as part of the special maintenance programme. There is new legislation requiring flood risk plans and this comes with some additional funding, some drainage will be looked at under this. Local issues are dealt with under the highways maintenance budget.

**Action 11: Traffic Management will send an update on Teg Down Meads to Cllr Dickens.**

**Action 12: Chris Wilson will look into resurfacing on Otterbourne Road and contact Compton and Shawford Parish Council to discuss.**

County G.I.S. (Graphical Information System) does not include a layer on the water table.

**Action 13: Chris Wilson will confirm the colour of the spot to be used in checking drains to Councillors**

**Action 14: Chris Wilson will confirm a list of jetting and drainage clearance with timescales to Councillors.**

#### **8. Winter Maintenance Update**

Salt stocks have been increased up to a capacity of 18,000 t. This should last 18 days but this depends on conditions. A new salt barn is being built at Micheldever which will hold 4,000t. Priority 1 and 2 routes have been reviewed to include changes in bus routes, school and emergency vehicle waiting points. Community routes have been identified and introduced, these include schools, community centres and health centres. This requires nine new units and these are currently being sourced and will give additional flexibility during peak times. The maps on Hantsnet will be updated soon.

**Action 15: Traffic Management will ensure the message from the DfT regarding the public being able to grit footpaths is widely disseminated.**

New grit bins will be in place by Christmas and will be filled as part of the installation process.

The public are not able to buy grit bins from Hampshire County Council as there are issues regarding correct siting and filling. Parish Councils can contact officers to request existing bins going on the list for filling. The provision of further grit bins depends on budget but Parish Councils can contact officers to get added to the list of prospective new locations.

**Action 16: Chris Wilson will send a list of exact grit bin locations for both existing and new grit bin locations.**

**9. Any other business**

None

Meeting finished at 12:40