

STC Planning & Highways (P&H) Committee Meeting Wednesday 4 October 2023

Agenda Item No.10: Highways Report* (comprising this single page)

Section A: Highways Maintenance and Improvement Category

Purpose: To monitor the initiation, development and implementation of schemes required in town, mainly through use/updating of Southwell Traffic Management Plan (STMP), the 23/24 version of which was approved/adopted at the 2/11/22 P&H meeting

For info: Southwell Traffic Management Plan (STMP) 23/24 and Highways Liaison Meetings

a) Copies of STMP 23/24 – a reminder about the contents of which was included in Annex B of the Highways Report to the 7/6/23 P&H meeting - were sent during Dec '22 to Cllr Jackson (NCC), Joanne Horton (NCC) and Aidan O'Connor (Via EM) to tie-in/assist with the Highways Liaison meetings forming into regular pattern - previous ones held 20/5/22, 14/10/22, 31/1/23 and 12/6/23.

b) The latest Liaison meeting between representatives of STC P&H, NCC and Via EM, plus County Councillor Roger Jackson, was held Thursday 21/9/23. **P&H Chair will provide feedback about that meeting, in line with the separate item on today's Agenda, including agreement to produce a 24/25 update of the STMP which members will be able to comment on at Nov, 23 P&H prior to an agreed version being sent to NCC, Via EM and Cllr Jackson by the end of that month.**

c) Members will also wish to note that the following highways works have been effected: i) **taking down of the Brackenhurst sign on Nottingham Road** (late Aug '23 following direct liaison with Brackenhurst); ii) **clearing of the compacted drain near the Easthorpe NCT bus stop**, which, during spells of rain, had caused extensive/dangerous highway flooding (attended 5/9/23 after several formal reports using NCC on-line system, though it is understood more work may still be necessary), and iii) **re-painting of the zebra crossing on Halam Road adjacent to Lowes Wong schools** (week ending Fri 15/9 following formal reporting using the NCC on-line system).

Section B: Environmental Weight Restriction/ HGV Reporting Category

Purpose: Concerned with actions to keep to a minimum the noise, nuisance and pollution caused by HGV traffic in the town (mainly by reports to NCC's 'Lorry Watch' system), given that an Environmental Weight Restriction of 7.5t applies to all highways in and around the town (wef 4/3/14), plus A612 downgrade to C road (No 32) status (wef end-2018)

For info: re HGV/ 'Lorry Watch' Reports

NCC/Information Commissioner/Appeal: Background to this case, about Notts CC's (NCC) handling of a Freedom of Information (FOI) request about 'rogue HGV' reports, is set out in the Highways Report to May '23 P&H. Based on the Judge's Case Management Directions, a decision - initially expected on or after 31/7/23 - is still outstanding at base date of this report.

Section C: Speed Limit Enforcement Category:

Purpose: Concerned with activities to enforce Statutory 30 mph speed limit in town, thereby minimising dangers and nuisance to residents

For info:

a) **Per programme issued 10/12/22**, and at base date of this report, x 21 (twenty-one) Speedwatch patrols by the local group have been effected so far in 2023, totalling 22 hours 27 minutes in duration.

b) **The Safer Neighbourhood Group (SNG) met on Thurs 21/9** for updates from local PC and reps of Speedwatch group, and to discuss/agree ways of improving effectiveness of speed limit enforcement.

*Approved by P&H Chair for inclusion on Agenda and circulation to P&H members prior to meeting. Prepared in liaison with Paul Mackintosh and Tom Whitmore following P&H agreement on 7/4/21.

END OF OCT 2023 P&H HIGHWAYS REPORT (BASE DATED 25/9/23)