

STC Planning & Highways (P&H) Committee Meeting Wednesday 1 November 2023

Agenda Item No. 010 : 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.

The 2023/24 STMP was approved/adopted at the 2/11/22 P&H Meeting. A reminder about contents was included at Annex B of Highways Report to 7/6/23 P&H meeting.

In December 2022, copies were sent to Cllr Roger Jackson (NCC), Joanne Horton (Via EM) and Aidan O'Connor (Via EM) to tie in/assist with the now-routine schedule of 3-monthly Highways Liaison Meetings that take place (previous ones held 20/5/22, 14/10/22, 31/1/23, 12/6/23 and 21/9/23).

November '23 update (for action):

1) A draft of STMP 24/25 has been prepared (as agreed at last P&H meeting (4/10/23) and last Highways Liaison Meeting (21/9/23)). This 'stand alone document' is to be distributed with this Highways Report for consideration by P&H members at the November meeting.

2) The STMP 24/25 document, with any amendments/updates agreed by P&H members, then to be issued to Via EM Officers (Joanne Horton and Louise Poole-Richardson) and Councillor Roger Jackson prior to next Highways Liaison Meeting (date TBC).

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)

November '23 update (for info):

Judge's decision on handling of a Freedom of Information request about 'rogue HGV' reports – such reports having been submitted via Notts CC's 'Lorry Watch' scheme - is still outstanding at base date of this report. See previous P&H Highways Reports for more details/background..

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

November '23 update (for info):

1) Per 2023 programme issued 10/12/22, and at base date of this report, x 25 (twenty-five) Speedwatch patrols by the local group have been effected so far in 2023, totalling 26 hours 18 minutes in duration.

2) NSDC Community Officers effected a 30 minute patrol on Easthorpe on 9/10.

3) County Police deployed a speed enforcement van on Nottingham Road 16/10 (duration not known).

4) The Safer Neighbourhood Group (SNG) next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 14/12/23 in The Old Court House starting at 18:00.

*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 NOVEMBER 2023 P&H HIGHWAYS REPORT (BASE DATED 19/10/23)