

## **STC Planning & Highways (P&H) Committee Meeting Wednesday 3 January 2024**

**Agenda Item No. ....: Highways Report\*** (comprising this x1 (one) page)

**Section A: Highways Maintenance and Improvement Category:** Purpose: To monitor the initiation, development and implementation of schemes required in town, mainly through use/updates of Southwell Traffic Management Plan (STMP) and Highways Liaison meetings with NCC/Via EM and County Councillor.

1. The STMP update for 24/25 and associated categorised Priorities List were approved/adopted at the last (6/12/23) P&H Meeting.
2. Highways Liaison Meetings now take place between representatives of STC P&H Committee and Notts CC/Via EM, plus County Councillor Roger Jackson, on an approx 3-monthly basis - previous ones held 20/5/22, 14/10/22, 31/1/23, 12/6/23 and 21/9/23. The next is now set for 1/2/24.

### **3. January '24 update (for action):**

Chair and /or Clerk to now confirm that -

- in line with P&H wishes at the last (6/12/23) meeting, copies of the approved/adopted STMP 24/25 and categorised Priorities List have been sent to Joanne Horton and Louise Poole-Richardson (NCC/Via EM), plus Roger Jackson, under cover of a suitable note from P&H Chair,
- receipt of above has been acknowledged in anticipation of the 1 /2/24 Liaison meeting,
- in line with P&H previously-expressed wishes, the above documents will now be incorporated into the P&H Committee page of the STC website (in evidence of the Committee's ongoing efforts to lobby for improved road, cycling and pedestrian facilities in Southwell), and
- steps are similarly being taken to publicise the results of the recent 'Survey Monkey' poll about road safety and traffic control in the town, attention to which was drawn at the recent SNG meeting (see Section C below)

**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).

### **January '24 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 and is now being chased. 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.

### **January '24 update (for info):**

1. In 2023 -

- x30 Speedwatch patrols were carried out by the local Group, totalling 31 hours 10 minutes in duration,
- NSDC Community Officers effected one patrol (Easthorpe on 9/10 - 30 minutes), and
- it is believed County Police deployed a speed enforcement van twice on Nottingham Road (claimed sightings on 16/10 and 20/11 - durations not known).

2. The Safer Neighbourhood Group (SNG) meeting held on 14/12/23 laid plans to secure more local Group volunteers and better to integrate local Group, Police and NSDC efforts in 2024.

\*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 3 JANUARY 2024 P&H HIGHWAYS REPORT (BASE DATED 18/12/23)**