

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 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 will be held 1/2/24.

3. February '24 update (for action per checklist at b) below):

a) In line with P&H wishes at the 6/12/23 meeting, Clerk has confirmed 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. At date of compilation of this report (29/1/24), receipt acknowledgements of above are being chased in anticipation of the 1/2/24 Liaison meeting,

b) At this Feb P&H Chair/Clerk will -

- provide full feedback/minutes of the 1/2/24 Liaison meeting,
- confirm that the latest STMP and Priorities documents have been incorporated into the P&H Committee page of the STC website (in evidence of the Committee's ongoing efforts in lobbying for improved road, cycling and pedestrian facilities in Southwell), and
- confirm the steps taken to publicise the results of the recent 'Survey Monkey' poll about road safety and traffic control in the town.

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 has been chased (with further Case Management Directions now having been issued by the Judge on 16/1/24). 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. 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.

2. In above connection-

- publicity 'flyers' for use in liaison with University of The Third Age (U3A) and general public, aimed at securing more volunteers, are currently being produced for use from February,
- a draft programme of patrol dates for the local Group is out for consultation until 9/2/24 (including invitations to the local Police and NSDC staff to add any dates they may already have planned), and
- per direction from County Police in ad hoc correspondence, an FOI has been raised to secure their input (response due by 1/2/24).

*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.

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