

Agenda item no ...096.....: Highways Report* Jan '25 (comprising this one page)

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

Section A: Highways Maintenance and Improvement Category

Purpose: To monitor the initiation/development/implementation of schemes required in the town by (a) use of and updating the Southwell Traffic Management Plan (STMP), and (b) Quarterly (or thereabouts) Highways Liaison Meetings with NCC/Via EM/County Councillor.

Southwell Traffic Management Plan (STMP) 25/26

- a) Above document approved and adopted by P&H at the 7/8/24 meeting.
- b) Following discussion at the December P&H about lack of action since the last Highways Liaison Meeting with Via EM representatives on 19/9/24, Clerk subsequently advised P&H Chair by email dated 6/12 that a Via EM official had called to give an update. Also, that a meeting between Via EM and STC officers would be held before Christmas to create a spreadsheet summary of all STMP proposals and respective 'red/amber/green' status. This will then form the basis of further discussion at the next Liaison Meeting scheduled for 31/1/25. Clerk to advise about progress/planned distribution of this spreadsheet update.
- c) Clerk also to advise about progress with STC website update proposals, particularly in the context of the updated STMP (issued over 3 months ago, after the 19/9/24 Liaison Meeting) not yet having been loaded onto the STC website (as part of the P&H Committee page, as agreed with P&H Chair).

Section B: Environmental Weight Restriction/HGV Reporting Category

Purpose: Concerned with actions to minimise the noise, nuisance and pollution caused by HGV traffic in the town (mainly by reports to NCC 'Lorry Watch' system). A 7.5t Environmental Weight Restriction applies to all highways in and around the town. The A612 through the town was downgraded to C road (No 32) status end-2018.

Members will wish to note that :

- the authors of this report continue to submit 'Lorry Watch' reports to Notts CC (NCC) for actioning (system link here: [Report the misuse of weight restricted routes by lorries | Nottinghamshire County Council](#)), and
- b) HGV traffic observed during Speedwatch sessions is also reported to NCC 'Lorry Watch'.

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.

Speedwatch

- a) In the 2024 'season', the local Speedwatch group effected x31 patrols (totalling 28 hours and 37 minutes), with another x11 lost (x10 to rain and one when a requisite team of 3 could not be raised). No patrols were reported by local Police or NSDC. The County Police 'radar van' was observed in action 5 times in 2024.
- b) Charlotte Ellam, Police District Commander for Newark and Sherwood, has agreed to attend the next Safer Neighbourhood Group (SNG) meeting on 23 January 2025 (starts 18:00 in The Old Court House), when anonymised statistical analysis of the local group 2024 patrols will be available. Hopefully also there will be opportunity to pursue concerns about Notts Police no longer being able to supply information about their 'radar van' activities in and around the town (as they have in the past), Police information about Speedwatch groups operating in the County (which appears to be inaccurate), and about the Police's policy for supply/funding of Speedwatch gear specified in its Oct '22 Guidance.

End of Highways Report to January '25 P&H (base dated 23/12/24)