

**RINGWOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ISSUES
INFORMAL LOCAL MEMBERS LIAISON MEETING – 20TH APRIL 2010**

Present : Cllr Steve Rippon-Swaine, County Councillor
Cllr Chris Treleaven, District Councillor
Cllr Christine Ford, Town & District Councillor
Cllr Michael Thierry, District Councillor
Cllr Nigel Clarke, Town Councillor
Cllr Brian Terry, Town Council

Nick Hunt, Transportation Section, NFDC
Allan Ellis, Transportation Section, NFDC
John Taylor, Parking Manager, NFDC
Jo Stannard, Deputy Town Clerk, RTC

1 Apologies

Cllr Jeremy Heron (District and Town Councillor) and Cllr Neville Chard (Town Councillor).

2. Hightown Road

The safety audit for the pedestrian and cycle crossing of Hightown Road between its junctions with Quomp and Kingsfield identified two issues relating to tactile paving and cycle route signs/markings. These are being incorporated into the final design. The one-day trial had been successful in reducing speeds and blocks for the approved semi-permanent trial had now been purchased. For the scheme to be successful, two further areas of waiting restrictions are suggested (outside numbers 59-65 and 49-51a). However, this further loss of on-street parking had raised some concern amongst local residents. It had also highlighted the issue of the local garage's use of highway land for the sale/storage of vehicles. It was noted that this issue had been reported to the DVLA (re. untaxed vehicles) and NFDC Planning Enforcement (re. trading on Highway land). Several options were considered in response to residents concerns and it was **AGREED**

- To proceed to advertise the proposed waiting restrictions outside numbers 59-65 and 49a-51 Hightown Road). **Action CO (Clive Olczyk)**
- At the same time, or in advance of this, to seek residents' comments to a possible residents' parking scheme (up to 9 spaces available in the 'off road areas'), on surfaced highway land opposite the Railway Hotel (currently being extensively utilised by the local garage). Normally 50% support needed.
- **Action CO**
- All present asked to be kept informed of any enforcement action taken against the garage. **Action NH to pass request to Planning Enforcement**

Members also discussed the new steps and build-out opposite Ringwood Junior School, which had been installed by HCC Safer Routes to School Team. It was noted that the Safety Audit team did not believe there was a need for a barrier, but had identified the need to extend the zig-zags opposite the build-out and to reinstate the double yellow lining. This work had been completed, and a TRO was now required so that the zig-zags could be enforced. *Post meeting note – two separated zig zags were part of the Hightown Road TRO that NFDC introduced two years ago. HCC's recent extensions will need revision to comply with regulations, and another TRO. JT confirmed enforcement of school zig zags is undertaken (subject to TROs being in place and markings meeting regulations)*

Action AE to request HCC Safer Routes to School to revise recently placed markings to comply with regulations, and note for further TRO.

3. Southampton Road Waiting Restrictions

The New Forest District (Southampton Road, Ringwood) (Parking Places and Restriction of Waiting) Order 2010 had been advertised and no objections received. **AGREED** that the Order be implemented in conjunction with the Southampton Road Environment Improvements scheme. **Action CO**

4. The Close Prohibition of Driving Order

The New Forest District (The Close, Ringwood) (Prohibition of Driving) Order 2010 had been advertised and no objections received. **AGREED** that the Order be implemented in conjunction with the Southampton Road Environment Improvements scheme. **Action CO**

5. Kings Arms Lane

It was noted that the deadline for comments on the one-way (southbound) trial was 6th May 2010. After this date, all comments would be considered and a decision taken as to whether the scheme should be made permanent or not. **Action CO**

6. Highways Agency Proposals

It was noted that HCC is working with the Highways Agency on proposals for the A31 and the possible closure of West Street. HCC was looking in detail at the results of the traffic flow survey, in particular through the Market Place, and analysing the economic impact of a West Street closure.

AGREED that Members should be kept informed of any discussions with the Highways Agency and be provided with an analysis of the traffic flow data.

It was suggested that the Town Council contact the Highways Agency direct to ask to be kept informed of progress. **Action JS**

7. Waiting Restrictions

Plans showing proposed waiting restrictions were considered – all had been suggested to improve road safety and to deter parking which was contrary to the Highway Code:

Manor Road

(Although an informal meeting, Cllr Rippon-Swaine declared a personal interest as he lives in this road)

AGREED to advertise waiting restrictions for junctions with Parsonage Barn Lane, Green Lane and Kingsfield.

Parsonage Barn Lane

AGREED to advertise waiting restrictions opposite 7 and 7a and on bend adjacent to A31, to include protection for footway from Queensway.

Kingsfield

AGREED to advertise waiting restrictions for bend adjacent to Ringwood Health & Leisure.

Frampton Place

AGREED to advertise waiting restrictions on entrance road.

Castleman Way

AGREED to advertise moving existing waiting restrictions east in order to protect footway/proposed cycleway.

High Street

AGREED to advertise changes to loading bays and disabled parking bays, which would have the effect of shortening the current bays and allowing for pedestrians to cross safely in between the bays.

All action CO

It was further **AGREED** to include in a future Traffic Management programme investigations into the use of the Eastern and Western Service Roads for parking, and in particular for disabled parking in an attempt to reduce the pressure for parking in the High Street.

Action NH

Monmouth Court

AGREED to alter the layout of the NFDC parking bays to allow for the cycle route, which crosses this area.

Action CO

It was noted that this area would be used as a site compound during implementation of the Southampton Road Environment Improvements scheme, and suggested that the contractors could be asked to make the road marking changes to the layout.

8. Christchurch Road Pedestrian Crossing

It was noted that the investigation of an informal pedestrian crossing near the Greyfriars roundabout was included on HCC's 2010/11 Traffic Management programme. Martin Wiltshire has advised that this would be progressed as soon as resources permitted.

9. Bickerley Road

It was noted that the proposal at the last meeting to investigate a change of traffic priorities at the junction with Bickerley Gardens and amendments to the double yellow lines outside number 37 had been assessed as low priority and had therefore not been included in the 2010/11 Traffic Management programme.

10. Cloughs Road

It was noted that Tim Lawton had stated in an email dated 15th February 2010 that he would start the ball rolling with regard to land acquisition to enable the continuation of the footway in Cloughs Road. However, to date, Jo advised that residents had not yet been approached.

Action JS and Cllr Rippon-Swaine to request an update from Tim Lawton.

Post meeting note – TL confirmed that the scheme is definitely included in this year's programme and is being overseen by one of his highway engineers

11. Any Other Business

Eastfield Lane Bus Stop

Cllr Thierry asked that HCC be pushed to resolve the matter without delay.

Action Cllr Rippon-Swaine

Parking for Students

Cllr Treleaven understood that additional parking on the Rugby Club/Ringwood Junior School site could be justified and asked for a progress update.

Action JS to ask Terry Simpson for an update to be provided to Members.

Furlong Car Park

It was noted that the arrows in the car park required re-painting and that this work was included in the current car park programme.

Grass Verge adjacent to Carvers Recreation Ground (Southampton Road)
AGREED to include improvements to this verge to the list of Transport Schemes currently being prepared to assist with securing developers' contributions.
Action David Stannard

Wessex Road

It was noted that the Police had asked NFDC to consider waiting restrictions opposite Ambassador Pools to assist with vehicle movements in this area.

AGREED to advertise an extension of the existing waiting restrictions in Wessex Road on both sides of the road as far as the end of the Ambassador Pools property.

Action CO to include with other proposals at 7 above.