

RINGWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

28th October 2009

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

HAMPSHIRE ACTION TEAM (HAT) – October 2009

(same as last month)

Ringwood Bus Services

- April 2010 Retendering: a local opportunity to have your say (to be considered by the Town Council's Planning Committee on 6th November 2009)

Manual for Streets

- A Government Guidance to change the emphasis away from vehicles to people in areas of 60klms/hr (35mph) or less. HCC is producing a Consultation Document, but the result will not be a Standards Document. It is also not just for new development, it is part of the process of enhancing "Local Distinctiveness". It is intended to induce a change in the behaviour of car users, reduce signage and change surfaces; but this not necessarily the total concept. This is part of the 'shared space' that we envisage for the Southampton Road Enhancement Scheme. There is currently a test case being pursued by the RNIB; decision awaited.

Speed Management

- National target reductions by 2010:-
- 40% reduction in all KSI from average level in mid-1990's.
- 50% reduction in child KSI over the same period.
- **Both targets are on course to do better than the target.**

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- Measures are being put in place to change the influences over drivers' behaviour and choice of speed by:-
- Safety engineering: road painting, vehicle activated signs, speed limits, traffic calming and speed limit reminder signs, which can be purchased by Town and Parish Councils from HCC.
- Enforcement by Safer Roads Partnership, funded by HCC
- Village 30 Programme has reduced speeds by 9% (target 10%). Latest statistics are showing 11%.

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