

OPEN SESSION: There were 4 members of the public present.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING, TOWN & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Held on Friday 3rd August 2018 at 10.00am at Ringwood Gateway, The Furlong, Ringwood.

PRESENT: Cllr Christopher Treleaven (Chairman)
Cllr Tim Ward (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Philip Day
Cllr Hilary Edge (*until 12.25pm*)
Cllr Christine Ford (*until 12.25pm*)
Cllr Gloria O'Reilly
Cllr Tony Ring
Cllr Angela Wiseman

IN ATTENDANCE: Jo Hurd, Deputy Town Clerk
Chris Wilkins, Town Clerk (*for P/5526 and P/5527*)

P/5522 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Deputy Town Clerk reported that apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Andrew Briers.

P/5523 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Ring declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application 18/00487 (The Granary, Hightown Hill) as the applicants are neighbours.

Cllr O'Reilly declared a pecuniary interest in planning application 18/00512 (Hedge House, Hangersley Hill) as the applicant is a client.

P/5524 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th July 2018, having been circulated, be approved and signed as a correct record.

P/5525 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members considered the planning applications (*Annex A*).

Cllr Ring declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application 18/00487 (The Granary, Hightown Hill) as the applicants are neighbours.

Cllr O'Reilly declared a pecuniary interest in planning application 18/00512 (Hedge House, Hangersley Hill) as the applicant is a client. She did not participate in the debate or vote.

Cllr Treleaven declared a non-pecuniary interest in tree application CONS/18/0494 (Linlea Croft, Cowpitts Lane) as the applicant is a friend.

With the agreement of all Members, 18/00449 (Land at Cowpitts Lane) and 18/10969 (41 Somerville Road) were brought forward as there were members of the public present who were interested in the applications.

RESOLVED: That the observations summarised in *Annex A* be submitted.

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The Town Clerk joined the meeting for the next two agenda items.

P/5526

LOCAL PLAN REVIEW 2016-36, PART ONE: PLANNING STRATEGY

Members gave further consideration to the Council's response to the Local Plan Review, following the Council meeting on 25th July when the Committee was given delegated authority to agree the Council's final response (C/6181 refers).

It was noted that the official response form required representations to specify whether or not any part of the Plan was legally compliant, sound (i.e. positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy) and complied with the Duty to Cooperate. The Town Clerk commented that the only point agreed at Full Council that could be accommodated on the response form related to the Council's support of Policy 16 in respect of housing type, size and choice. All other points were general comments only, and were not relevant to the soundness of the Plan.

Mr Derek Scott, a Governor at Ringwood School, addressed the meeting. He stated that the School was currently heavily over-subscribed and there was no capacity to accommodate additional applicants, which would result from new housing development. It was noted that the Infrastructure Delivery Plan states that secondary schools in the District could accommodate additional pupils either by way of expansion or in the accommodation they already have, and specifically that there is a surplus in Ringwood (albeit the school is at capacity due to out of catchment enrolments from parental choice). Cllr Treleaven said that if the School wished to challenge these statements, they would need to do so by responding to the consultation with supporting evidence. Members agreed to include support for the School's position in the Council's response.

It was noted that three Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) had been published by the District Council for consultation: Strategic Sites Masterplanning; Mitigation for Recreational Impacts Strategy; and Guide to Developer Contributions. These documents would be considered by the Committee in September and would provide an opportunity to comment in more detail on proposals for Strategic Sites 13 and 14.

Members agreed that the official response form should be completed in respect of the Council's support for Policy 16 and that a separate response should be submitted to outline the Council's concerns about deliverability, and in particular the suggestion that the Plan would be unsound if the improvements to the sewerage infrastructure could not be achieved.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the official response form be completed in support of the soundness of Policy 16, which places a greater emphasis on smaller homes for rent and purchase.
- 2) That comments 1 to 8 agreed by Full Council on 25 July 2018 (C/6181 refers) be submitted as a separate response, outlining the Council's concerns, and that the response include support for Ringwood School's position.
- 3) That further consideration be given to the proposals for Strategic Sites 13 and 14, when the Committee considers the Strategic Sites Masterplanning SPD in September.

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P/5527**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Town Clerk outlined his experience of neighbourhood planning whilst he was Clerk at Sturminster Newton Town Council.

The process had been driven by an existing community partnership in response to a fear of the town declining into a dormitory/retirement community, and the need to address planning issues in the town centre and sites for new housing. It was also used as an opportunity to refresh the existing Town Design Statement and give it legal force, and to increase the town's share of CIL receipts. A Steering Group was established by the Council, with representatives from the community partnership, a leader was appointed and 6 work-stream themes were identified with each being allocated a leader and a team of volunteers to build the evidence base and inform policies. Two professional consultants were engaged, one focussing on building design and the other giving general support and advice and carrying out the technical drafting of policies. The Steering Group met every 2 to 3 months to review process, monitor the budget, assess risks and report to the Council. The Project Leader, who had responsibility for monitoring the process and chasing work-streams, had to make a huge commitment, which was effectively a half time job for approximately 18 months of the total 3 years it took to complete the process. Work-stream leaders and consultants worked about a day a week, and in total about 50 volunteers were involved. A mix of skills was required including project, contract and people management, creativity in order to make consultations effective and engaging, and technical planning. The total cost was in the region of £85,000, of which £16,000 was obtained in grants. In terms of lessons learned, he said that good governance was required, early advice on feasibility to ensure critical issues were realistically achievable and early engagement with planning policy officers and consultants. In addition, the Council should be prepared for spin-off issues that couldn't be addressed through a neighbourhood plan but would be expected to do something about nevertheless.

In response to a question from Cllr Treleaven, the Town Clerk said that it was possible to develop policies that were dependent on others to deliver, but it was necessary to manage public expectation in these cases.

Cllr Ward was of the opinion that the time, effort and money required to prepare a plan would not be worthwhile. Citing a recent example, he said that even an adopted neighbourhood plan was open to challenge and the cost to defend it would be huge.

Cllr Day had some concerns about deliverability in terms of the commitment required, although he knew of some residents who were interested in being involved. He said there had been several issues over the years, for which, in the absence of a specific policy for Ringwood, an objection could not be upheld, and felt a neighbourhood plan would give the Council a better prospect of influencing future development of the town.

Cllr Treleaven said that the existing 2008 Town Plan would be a good starting point for a neighbourhood plan. He gave examples of the type of thing that could be achieved with a plan, such as allocating a small site for housing for local young people, forming a coherent plan for improvements to the High Street and Market Place, and designating special green spaces not to be built on. He said that the key would be finding people with the commitment to drive the process and engage with local people and organisations.

In response to a question from Cllr Wiseman about the affordability of producing a plan, Cllr Treleaven stated that he had recently attended a seminar with other Hampshire councils, where the maximum cost reported was £46,000. However, it was acknowledged that the cost was very much dependent on the scope of the Plan and the requirement for use of consultants.

Cllr Day proposed that the recommendations in the Town Clerk's report (*Annex B*) be adopted and Members voted as follows:

For – 3 – Cllrs Day, Ring and Treleaven

Against – 5 – Cllrs Edge, Ford, O'Reilly, Ward and Wiseman

The proposal was therefore lost.

The Town Clerk left the meeting.

Cllrs Edge and Ford left the meeting at 12.25pm.

P/5528

A31 RINGWOOD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report on the bid for designated funds as part of the A31 improvement scheme (*Annex C*). They were disappointed with the series of small scale improvements put forward by Hampshire County Council, which did little to address the schemes from the Town Access Plan (TAP) that had been identified by the Town Council for inclusion in the bid.

Comments on the specific schemes were as follows:

- 1) Western end of West Street – there was concern that if the carriageway was narrowed so that 2 cars could not pass, this could make the road dangerous for pedestrians, even with a wider footway – there would still be a need for large vehicles, such as delivery and refuse lorries to travel in both directions.
- 2) Entrance improvements to Jubilee Gardens – it was felt that no improvements were required in this area – this does not address any of the identified TAP schemes.

- 3) Strides Lane improvements – widening would not be possible without compulsory purchase of land – this does not address any of the identified TAP schemes.
- 4) Church footpath access – see (8).
- 5) Entrance to West Street – same comment as for (1) – buses would also need to travel both ways. Members were concerned that by narrowing the carriageway in West Street, HGVs would need to turn in the Market Place. This was not acceptable as additional space was required for amenity value, with landscape and streetscape improvements.
- 6) Gravel Lane – there was no requirement for this – there was currently no vehicle access at this point.
- 7) The Furlong – Members also wished to see improvements in the pedestrian crossing from Gateway Square to the Meeting House.
- 8) The Furlong priority change – use by large vehicles would make this route unsafe for pedestrians – this would enhance the case for the suggested new footpath through the Church wall to improve access to Market Place. If the priority change is approved, it will need to be put in place after the permanent closure of West Street.
- 9) The Furlong and B3347 crossing points – this does nothing to address TAP scheme PC25, or to provide a safe crossing for the route of the Avon Valley Path. The District Council's Infrastructure Delivery Plan identifies an essential scheme to modify the design of the A338/A31/B3347 roundabout and convert the junction to traffic signal control – could a pedestrian crossing be considered as part of this scheme?

It was further suggested that a meeting be requested with Hampshire County Council to discuss the schemes for inclusion in the bid in more detail.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the comments outlined above be submitted to Hampshire County Council in response to the proposals for schemes to be included in the bid for designated funds; and
- 2) That a meeting be requested to discuss the bid in more detail.

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PROJECTS**

Members received an update on projects (*Annex D*).

RESOLVED: That the update be noted.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 12.54pm.

RECEIVED
26th September 2018

APPROVED
7th September 2018

TOWN MAYOR

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Note: The text in the Action Boxes above does not form part of these minutes.

Annex A to Planning, Town Environment Committee Minutes 3rd August 2018
Ringwood Town Council - Planning Observations - NFDC

| Number | Site Address | Proposal | Observation | Comments |
|---------------|--|---|--------------------|--|
| 17/11358 | Land At Crow Arch Lane And, Crow Lane, Crow, Ringwood BH24 3DZ | RE-CONSULTATION:Final Phase (2/3); development comprised of a care home (Use Class C2); flexible business units (Use Class B1), 113 dwellings (Use Class C3), public open space, associated parking; landscaping; internal access arrangements and ancillary infrastructure (details of appearance landscaping, layout and scale associated with development granted by outline permission 13/11450). | Refusal (2) | The applicant must be able to satisfy the questions from the Planning Officer in his email dated 31 July, with regard to discharge of conditions. The Council supports the request by the Environmental Health Officer that acceptable uses within Class B1 be specifically defined, as appropriate for the site's setting adjacent to residential uses. |
| 18/10750 | 1, Manor Court, Ringwood. BH24 1LW | Boundary fence; shed; change of use of land to garden (retrospective) | Refusal (2) | Both the shed and fence detract from the character and quality of the local area. The unauthorised works are contrary to the Ringwood Local Distinctiveness SPD, which states that boundaries along Gravel Lane need to be either walls or hedges. |

1 - Recommend Permission, but would accept officer's decision 2 - Recommend Refusal but would accept officer's decision 3 - Recommend Permission 4 - Recommend Refusal
5 - Will accept officer's decision

| Number | Site Address | Proposal | Observation | Comments |
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| 18/10883 | 3, 6, 8, Avon Court, Gravel Lane, Ringwood. BH24 1LL | Use of flats 3,6, & 8 as residential units (Use Class C3) (Lawful Use Certificate for retaining an existing use of operation) | Officer Decision (5) | |
| 18/10890 | 15, Hudson Close, Poulner, Ringwood. BH24 1XL | Two-storey extension; first-floor extension; use garage as living accommodation | Permission (1) | |
| 18/10926 | 8 & 10, School Lane, Ringwood. BH24 1LG | Removal of condition 2 of planning permission 10/96056 Code 3 Sustainable Homes | Officer Decision (5) | |
| 18/10930 | 7, Highfield Road, Ringwood. BH24 1RF | Roof alterations in association with new first floor; first floor side extension; single-storey rear extension | Permission (1) | |
| 18/10964 | Church Hatch Centre, 22, Market Place, Ringwood. BH24 1AW | Rebuild 3 chimneys; repoint 1 chimney; repair 1 rooflight (Application for Listed Building Consent) | Officer Decision (5) | |
| 18/10967 | Land of 46, Forestside Gardens, Ringwood. BH24 1SZ | House; parking; access | Permission (1) | |

1 - Recommend Permission, but would accept officer's decision 2 - Recommend Refusal but would accept officer's decision 3 - Recommend Permission 4 - Recommend Refusal
5 - Will accept officer's decision

| Number | Site Address | Proposal | Observation | Comments |
|---------------|---|---|-------------------------|--|
| 18/10969 | 41, Somerville Road, Poulner, Ringwood. BH24 1XJ | Two-storey side extension; Single-storey rear extension | Refusal (2) | The principle of the proposal is satisfactory. However, the creation of an additional bedroom, taking the total to 4, requires provision of 3 parking spaces to meet the Parking Standards and it is not clear if this can be met on site. |
| 18/10983 | Willow Cottage, Hightown Road, Hightown, Ringwood. BH24 3DY | 1 Pair of semi-detached houses; completion of works already commenced (Lawful Development Certificate that permission is not required for proposal) | Officer Decision (5) | |

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5 - Will accept officer's decision

Ringwood Town Council - Planning Observations - NFNPA

| Number | Site Address | Proposal | Observation | Comments |
|--------------|--|--|----------------|---|
| 18/00449 | Part Parcel Ref: 6766, Land At Cowpitts Lane, Poulner Common, Ringwood. BH24 3LH | 1no. New Agricultural Workers Dwelling with attached garage; creation of hardstanding access track from existing gateway and associated landscaping, post and rail fencing | Refusal (4) | The proposal is contrary to Policy DP13 - no justification has been given for exceeding the maximum dwelling size of 120 square metres (the proposed building is in excess of 300 square metres) - there is no evidence of financial soundness or future sustainability of the holding, and the policy relates to agricultural workers not employers. |
| 18/00487 | The Granary, Hightown Hill, Picket Hill, Ringwood. BH24 3HH | Single storey rear extension | Refusal (2) | The principle of the proposed development is satisfactory, providing plans are amended, as requested by the Planning Officer, to meet the requirements of Policy DP11, in that the additional floorspace proposed is limited to a 30% increase. |
| 18/00512 | Hedge House, Hangersley Hill, Forest Corner, Hangersley, Ringwood. BH24 3JW | Single storey extension to existing office building | Permission (1) | |
| CONS/18/0494 | Linlea Croft, Cowpitts Lane, North Poulner, Ringwood. BH24 3JX | Prune 4 x individual Oak trees Prune 1 x Group of Oak trees Prune 1 x Ash tree Prune 1 x Silver Birch tree | Permission (1) | |

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5 - Will accept officer's decision

| Number | Site Address | Proposal | Observation | Comments |
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| CONS/18/0602 | Wychcombe Cottage, Hangersley Hill, Hangersley, Ringwood. BH24 3JR | Fell 1 x Hazel tree | Permission (1) | |
| CONS/18/0609 | Holly Cottage, Cowpitts Lane, North Poulner, Ringwood. BH24 3JX | Fell 2 x Cupressus Leylandii trees Prune 1 x Holly tree | Permission (1) | |
| CONS/18/0622 | Vicinity Of Furlong Shopping Centre | Prune 9 x Hornbeam trees Fell 1 x Cherry tree Fell 1 x Pear tree | Permission (1) | |
| CONS/18/0647 | Wentworth, Burcombe Lane, Hangersley, Ringwood, BH24 3JT | Prune 1 x Group of Oak trees Prune 1 x Cedar tree Fell 1 x Ash tree Fell 1 x Silver Birch tree | Permission (1) | |
| CONS/18/0668 | 26 Lynes Lane, Ringwood. BH24 1EH | Prune 1 x Sycamore tree | Permission (1) | |

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5 - Will accept officer's decision

PLANNING, TOWN & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
3rd August 2018

Neighbourhood Plan

1. Introduction and reason why decision required

- 1.1 The possibility of a Neighbourhood Plan for Ringwood has been under active consideration for some time. Planning policy officers at New Forest District Council commented recently that now would be the ideal point in the Local Plan review cycle for such a Plan. If the Neighbourhood Plan is not prepared soon, the opportunity for it to inform and influence content of the new Local Plan Part 2 will be lost.

2. Background information, options, impact assessment and risks

- 2.1 The Town Clerk will give a verbal report to the meeting about his experience of neighbourhood planning at his previous council to include:
- i The context (including similarities and differences between there and Ringwood);
 - i The process involved and time required;
 - i The resources it required (especially cost and the time commitment from councillors, staff and other volunteers);
 - i The evolution of effective governance arrangements and why these mattered; and
 - i Other lessons learned (especially about the wider political implications).
- 2.2 The step-by-step guide to the neighbourhood planning process is being circulated again with this report so members can, if desired, gain a more detailed understanding of that aspect before the meeting.
- 2.3 The question of whether to embark upon the process and, if so, the more important subsidiary questions about how to do it, ought to be decided by the full Town Council. So, this committee will consider and make suitable recommendations only. The remainder of this report sets out options for possible recommendations that the committee might make. These are only suggestions; members are free to amend them or devise entirely different recommendations (provided they relate to neighbourhood planning).

3. Suggested wordings for possible recommendations to the full Town Council

RECOMMENDED:

- [3.1] That the Town Council declare its support in principle for the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan for Ringwood and begin leading the process to produce it as soon as practicable.**
- [3.2] That the Ringwood Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group be formed as a working party of the Council with the responsibilities and subject to the arrangements and terms of reference set out as Annex A**
- [3.3] That Cllrs. [insert names] be appointed as the initial members of the Ringwood Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and Cllr. [insert name] be appointed its Chairman.**

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[3.4] That the sum of £4,000 which fell into general reserve at the end of last year, having not been spent on a traffic consultant, be added to the budget for the Neighbourhood Plan (increasing it to £7,000)

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Annex A



Ringwood Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Responsibilities and Terms of Reference

1. Ringwood Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (“the Steering Group”) is constituted as a working party of Ringwood Town Council (“the Council”) which has appointed its initial members.
2. The Steering Group may appoint additional members (who need not be members of the Council) at any time provided that at no time shall the total membership of the Steering Group exceed nine.
3. The Council will appoint a Chairman of the Steering Group from among its members and that Chairman will report upon its proceedings to the Planning, Town and Environment Committee (“the Committee”) of the Council.
4. The purpose of the Steering Group is to assist the Council in producing a Neighbourhood Plan for Ringwood by overseeing the process and making reports and recommendations to the Committee about:
 - a. Each formal step of the process (e.g. designating the Plan area);
 - b. How the process should be planned, managed and led;
 - c. The financial resourcing of the process (including a budget for the entire process, monitoring outcomes against budget, grant applications, use of Council funds and implications for Council budget-planning);
 - d. Use of Council officer time and other Council-owned assets for the purposes of the Plan; and
 - e. The management of risks associated with the Plan.
5. No powers of the Council are delegated to the Steering Group and its recommendations will take effect only if and when ratified by the Council, the Committee or an officer of the Council in accordance with the Council’s Scheme of Delegation.
6. The Steering Group will be assisted by the Deputy Town Clerk who will attend and clerk all its meetings, advise the Chairman and keep minutes of its proceedings.

Comment [CW1]: Since the Plan must be community-led the Steering Group must be able to co-opt additional members including non-councillors.

Comment [CW2]: However, the Council must be able to maintain effective oversight and, ultimately, control over the production of the Plan.

Approved by Ringwood Town Council at its meeting on: *[insert date of resolution]*

REPORT TO PLANNING, TOWN & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 3 AUGUST 2018

A31 IMPROVEMENT SCHEME – BID FOR DESIGNATED FUNDS

1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 1.1 At the meeting of this Committee on 2 June 2017, it was agreed to put forward the following schemes from the Town Access Plan for consideration for inclusion in the bid to Highways England Designated Fund for Cycling, Safety and Integration, as part of the A31 improvement scheme.

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| PC25 | Gravel Lane to Furlong Car Park and Southampton Road | Accessibility improvements for pedestrians and cyclists, to including signing. |
| PC26 | Furlong Car Park to Market Place/High Street | Improved links between the car park and town centre, to include accessibility and pedestrian improvements to adjacent roads including tactile paving and dropped crossings. |
| TMH4 (also RING6.12) | High Street/West Street | Improve facilities for pedestrians to encourage greater footfall, includes improved pedestrian links along West Street and dropped crossings on High Street. This should include proposals by the Church to create a new pedestrian link from the Furlong Shopping Centre to the Market Place via the churchyard. |
| PR3 | High Street/Market Place | Landscape and streetscape improvements to complement TMH4 (above). |
| PC9 | A31 to Mansfield Road via West Street | Strategic on-road cycle route. |

- 1.2 In order to provide sufficient information for the bid, it was agreed that Hampshire County Council (HCC) would carry out some feasibility work on each of the schemes listed.

2. DRAFT PROPOSALS

- 2.1 Coming forward from the work carried out by HCC is a series of draft small scale improvements for the town centre (Appendix 1), which would potentially be delivered as part of the wider works promoted by Highways England (HE) to improve the capacity and safety of the A31.
- 2.2 The series of accessibility improvements have been developed to compliment the proposed closure of West Street at its junction with the A31, and aim to facilitate walking and cycling access within the town centre for both residents and visitors, to ensure good permeability within the town; which in turn encourage and maintain footfall and support the vitality of the town.
- 2.3 The Town Council has been invited to comment before submission to HE.
- 2.4 Prior to bringing the proposals forward for consideration, clarification has been sought from HCC on some of the draft schemes, and the following comments are provided for Members' information:

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1. Western end of West Street

HCC are working on the basis of a total closure of West Street, with no access for emergency vehicles. A turning head will be constructed by HE and HCC are proposing some landscaping to enhance the setting of the area and perhaps assist with noise attenuation.

2. Entrance improvements to Jubilee Gardens

The proposal is to repair/repaint the railings and cut back vegetation. Access into Jubilee Gardens will be improved to reduce the camber. No works are proposed to the footways within the Gardens.

3. Strides Lane Improvements

No additional comment.

4. Church footpath access

HCC did look at Star Lane as an alternative access for improvement but it was deemed as being in good condition, providing good permeability for pedestrians, and no improvements were justified.

5. Entrance to West Street

No additional comment.

6. Gravel Lane

No additional comment.

7. The Furlong

It might also be possible to improve the crossing from Gateway Square to the Meeting House.

8. The Furlong priority change

No additional comment.

9. The Furlong and B3347 crossing points

HCC has not proposed any improvements to the crossing points on each arm of the roundabout, even bearing in mind the expected increase in the volume of traffic using the roundabout when West Street closes.

HCC have had some survey work undertaken and the number of pedestrians wanting to cross the B3347 is very low, but the volume of traffic is high. It is not safe to encourage more pedestrians to cross here without making provision for a controlled crossing. To achieve this, the duelling would need reducing to single carriageway in each direction; this would not be recommended as the volumes of traffic are high and likely to increase in future years with traffic growth.

It should be noted that the route of the Avon Valley Path (from the north) follows Gravel Lane, crosses the town roundabout to the north and then the west and follows the footpath through the middle of the short stay car park.

It has been agreed that the proposals should tie in with the project in New Forest District Council's (NFDC) Mitigation Strategy to improve links from the town centre to walks at Blashford lakes and in the Avon Valley, following the route of the Avon Valley Path through the town centre. It is hoped that the views of NFDC on these proposals will be reported to the meeting.

- 2.5 There are some additional issues that appear not to have been addressed, and clarification has also been sought from HCC on these, as follows:

Improving facilities for pedestrians and crossings in High Street (as outlined in PC26 and TMH4)

HCC consider that there is no requirement for additional crossing points as pedestrians should be encouraged and feel able to cross wherever they wish. Existing dropped kerbs (total of 5) are in locations to facilitate those with buggies and scooters. In addition, traffic flows should reduce with the removal of through traffic, making crossing the road easier.

Strategic On-Road Cycle Route from West Street to Mansfield Road (PC9)

There will be some additional cycle storage facilities within the town, together with directional signage, which is all that is required for this on-road route. No other infrastructure is required.

HE will deliver improvements to the existing path alongside the A31 as part of their scheme.

Market Place – increased paved area / shared space

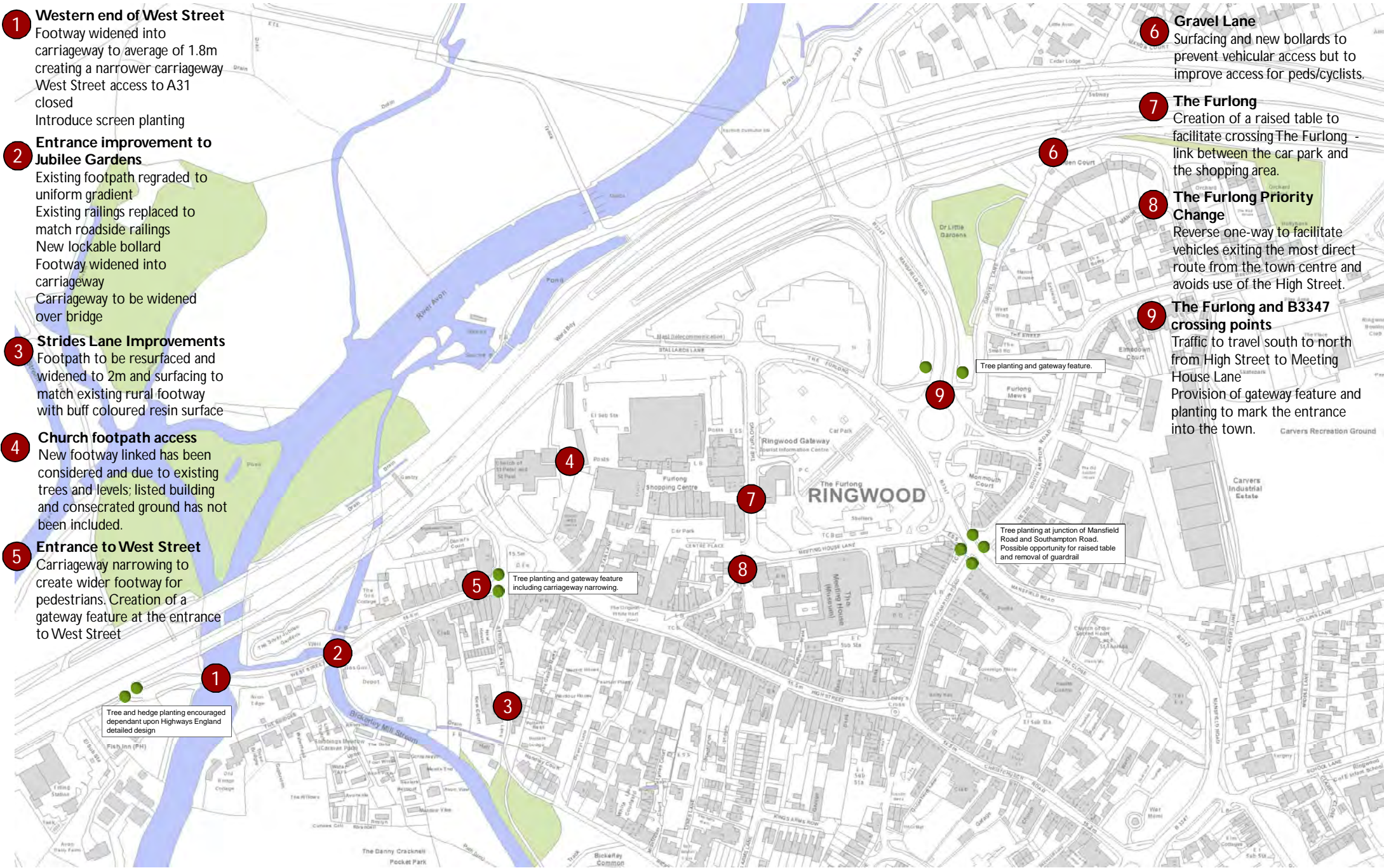
This was considered by HCC, however, it was viewed that there was plenty of space available with the existing layout and that the road space would be needed to act as a turning facility and prevent vehicles from using West Street unless for access or delivery purposes.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 It is recommended that Members consider the draft improvements proposed by HCC for inclusion in the bid to HE Designated Fund for Cycling, Safety and Integration, and a response be agreed based on views expressed at the meeting.

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1 Western end of West Street
Footway widened into carriageway to average of 1.8m creating a narrower carriageway
West Street access to A31 closed
Introduce screen planting

2 Entrance improvement to Jubilee Gardens
Existing footpath regraded to uniform gradient
Existing railings replaced to match roadside railings
New lockable bollard
Footway widened into carriageway
Carriageway to be widened over bridge

3 Strides Lane Improvements
Footpath to be resurfaced and widened to 2m and surfacing to match existing rural footway with buff coloured resin surface

4 Church footpath access
New footway linked has been considered and due to existing trees and levels; listed building and consecrated ground has not been included.

5 Entrance to West Street
Carriageway narrowing to create wider footway for pedestrians. Creation of a gateway feature at the entrance to West Street

6 Gravel Lane
Surfacing and new bollards to prevent vehicular access but to improve access for peds/cyclists.

7 The Furlong
Creation of a raised table to facilitate crossing The Furlong - link between the car park and the shopping area.

8 The Furlong Priority Change
Reverse one-way to facilitate vehicles exiting the most direct route from the town centre and avoids use of the High Street.

9 The Furlong and B3347 crossing points
Traffic to travel south to north from High Street to Meeting House Lane
Provision of gateway feature and planting to mark the entrance into the town.

Tree and hedge planting encouraged dependant upon Highways England detailed design

Tree planting and gateway feature including carriageway narrowing.

Tree planting and gateway feature.

Tree planting at junction of Mansfield Road and Southampton Road. Possible opportunity for raised table and removal of guardrail





| Item No. | Name | Recent developments | Resource use | | | | Finish in 2018-19? | Notes |
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| | | | Finance | | | Staff time | | |
| | | | Budget | Spent to date | Predicted out-turn | | | |
| Projects with budgetary implications (bids included in 2018-19 budget) | | | | | | | | |
| A1 | Traffic Assessment | Agreed not to proceed at Full Council 27/06/2018 (C/6167 refers) | £4,000 (Provision) | £0 | £0 | N/A | N/A | Budget revised from £7,000 |
| A2 | Cycle Stands | Included in plans for Market Place improvements | £500 (Provision) | £0 | £500 | Minimal | Probable | Awaiting choice/availability of site |
| A3 | Crow Stream | Annual flail to be carried out by end August to be followed by clearance by volunteers 13/9/18 | £1,020 | £0 | £1,020 | Moderate | Probable | Annual flail, clearance and spraying |
| A4 | Human Sundial | Meeting held with Hampshire Highway; further work required to define more specifically who does what and exact scope of works | £8,000 | £0 | £8,000 | Moderate | Possible | Project overseen by Town Centre Working Party To be funded by CIL receipts (Agreed by P&F 13/12/18 (F/5518)) |
| A5 | Neighbourhood Plan | See separate item on agenda. | £3,000 | £0 | £3,000 | Moderate | Probable | |
| A6 | Sign Painting at Friday's Cross | Planning consent granted 24/7/18 Ringwood Society obtaining quotes for sign painting and scaffold | £400 | £66 | £400 | Minimal | Probable | Ringwood Society project, with contribution and support from RTC |
| A7 | Street-lighting in Kings Arms Lane | Work not carried out as expected as pole disconnected from mains – awaiting details of other options and outline costs from HCC/SSE | £0 | £0 | £800 | Minimal | Possible | To be funded by CIL receipts (Agreed by P&F 19/10/17 (F/5497)) HCC agreed to adopt for maintenance purposes. |
| Projects with budgetary implications (not included in 2018-19 budget but added since) | | | | | | | | |
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Projects with no budgetary implications

| Item No. | Name | Recent developments | Resource use | | | | Finish in 2018-19? | Notes |
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| | | | Finance | | | Staff time | | |
| | | | Budget | Spent to date | Predicted out-turn | | | |
| C1 | Pedestrian Crossings Christchurch Road | HCC completed feasibility of crossing to south of Lidl roundabout and carrying out feasibility of crossing to north in revised location– awaiting approval prior to design and implementation | | | | Minimal | Probable | Pressure to be maintained for additional crossings further south |
| C2 | A31 improvement scheme | HCC allocated resources to carry out feasibility study to inform bid for designated funds – see separate item on agenda | | | | Moderate | Unlikely | Might involve use of developer contributions in addition to contributions from Highways England |
| C3 | Moortown drainage improvements | | | | | Minimal | Probable | To be carried out and funded by HCC |