

Portfolio Holder Report – Council 16 October 2013

By Cllr David Collins – Environment & Neighbourhood Quality

Environmental Health

The Environment Team have written to all Pet Shop Licence Holders in the Borough to advise them and provide them with a free copy of the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health's Model Conditions for Pet Vending Licensing 2013 published in July of this year. They are intended to encourage consistency of approach across local authorities as well as minimising the risk of transmission of disease from animals to humans. They are also intending to reflect the need to protect animals from cruelty and ill-treatment, and to encourage good standards of animal husbandry in pet vending. The letter reminds the Licence Holders that Pet Shop Licences have to be reissued each year and advises them that it is intended that as from 1 January 2014, licences issued within the Borough of Havant will require compliance with the new model conditions.

The Commercial team has contacted all the registered tattooists and body piercers in the Borough to inform them of a new toolkit developed by the trade and Public Health England (with others). The use of this guidance toolkit will help to ensure the health and safety of both clients and operators. The guidance document contains useful information on topics such as infection control, before/after care of tattoos or piercings, and disposal of clinical waste. A number of client aftercare leaflets are also available and can be printed and distributed.

Parking Strategy/Management & Traffic Management

The parking team continue to enforce the restrictions around the borough and have been making a concerted effort to visit as many schools as possible when staffing levels permit as the new years intake are educated about parking near to the school.

The car park review is still underway and surveys have been carried out and the results are being compiled currently.

Copse Lane car park talks are ongoing between the community, estates and parking.

The following Traffic Regulation Orders have been implemented

Chaucher Close, Waterlooville – Live 17 May 2013

Queen Street, King Street, High Street, Emsworth – Live 9 August 2013

New Lane, Havant – Live on 21 September 2013

London Road, Waterlooville – Live 28 September 2013

Harkness Drive, Waterlooville – Live on 18 October 2013

The following schemes are in differing stages of progression at the moment.

Firs Avenue and Hart Plain, Waterlooville – Ready to go to advert

Middle Park Way, Leigh Park – Out to advert currently

West Street, Havant – Site assessments underway, plans being put together.

Lovedean Lane. Cowplain – Surveys being undertaken.

Public Realm Enforcement, including travellers

The Rangers continue to spend much of their time on patrol, concentrating on areas identified under the 'cigarette butt' initiative, and other hotspot areas. The cigarette hotspots were identified working with operations staff and retail support, with assistance from local businesses such as pubs, restaurants, coffee shops and bookmakers, many of which are helping to raise the profile of the problem with their customers and displaying the project poster. It is planned to continue this initiative into the third quarter, possibly through until March. Early morning and late evening patrols are being undertaken against dog fouling and fly-tipping in known problem areas.

With the return of many students to school and college, the Rangers have been working with several classes and Student Services at Southdowns College getting out the message that littering will not be tolerated. The rangers patrol from the college to the various retail areas locally (and back) during lunchtimes and break times to deter and prevent littering and where necessary issue fixed penalty notices. Similar patrols are undertaken from Havant College to the local retail areas and Havant Town and Park.

Since 1 April 2013, 14 fixed penalty notices have been issued for offences of littering, one of these by the Beach Patrol following assistance and supported patrols from the rangers.

The Borough continues to be visited by small groups of gypsies and Irish travellers. So far these encampments have been on public highway or private land, with one notable overnight stay at Waterlooville Swimming Pool car park. The Rangers continue to offer support and advice where appropriate and work closely with Hampshire Police and Hampshire County Council.

Sustainable Transport & Implementation

Dunsbury Way Transport for South Hampshire TfSH Scheme:

Introduction:

Dunsbury Way has been identified as requiring improvements due to the high levels of bus users and the proximity of a number of community based buildings e.g. Community Centre and Library.

The successful Local Sustainable Transport Fund LSTF bid has allocated £26,500 towards enhancements to the Bus Interchange improvements at Leigh Park Centre - Bus stop clearway or box markings, pole and flag, litter bin, good quality surfacing / pavement, seating, visible clock, paper timetables, interchange layout diagrams. An additional £50,000 from the Quality of Place QoP fund has been provided to help enhance the urban realm and complement the recent regeneration initiative in Leigh Park Centre. Consultation with existing users will be required during the feasibility stages.

Objectives:

The overall aim of this work is to provide both a high quality bus interchange and public realm.

This feasibility work provides a sketch scheme based upon information gathered from site visits and research within the local area. The scheme needs to make improvements to the Bus Interchange in line with the funding awarded through the LSTF bid however the surrounding area including Havant Borough Council land can also be considered for improvements to the street scene through the additional funding available to this project.

Aims:

- To provide new bus shelters with Real Time Information RTI on both sides of Dunsbury Way including raised kerbs
- To upgrade pelican to toucan crossing including any cycle route signing – being undertaken by HCC and programmed for site start 12th August 2013 for 2 weeks
- To resurface footway from Bishopstoke Road to Park Parade
- To construct parking lay-by in eastern footway
- To improve the public realm and approaches to public building frontages from Bishopstoke Road junction to the Library on HBC land

Description of the work to be undertaken: Required Output

Works undertaken by HCC

- Site surveys / a topographical survey – this has been provided by HBC
- Land searches/ownership investigations and liaison if required
- Liaison with HCC ITS over Toucan pedestrian crossing
- Liaison with HCC Passenger Transport over RTI in shelters
- Incorporate C2 enquiries – provided by HBC onto drawings
- Sketch scheme with sufficient detail for detail design to be undertaken
- Landscape/urban design aspects fully considered including designer duties under CDM

Start date of task: April 2013

End date of task: July 2013

Required Output

Works to be undertaken by HBC:

- Budget cost of sketch scheme
- Detail design work including any tracking required
- Consultation – HCC to assist where necessary
- Tender preparation
- Construction
- Maintenance

Start date of task: September 2013

End date of task: March 2015

Funding:

LSTF: £26,500 (Monies to be spent by March 2015)

QoP: £50,000 (Monies to be spent by March 2015)

Residual QoP: £25,000 (tbc)

External Funding: £20,000 (approx.)

Total: £121,500

Funding already allocated:

Toucan crossing upgrade: £3000

Project Budget (works and fees): £118,500

Havant New Lane Cycleway, Havant (HCC Funded)

The new advisory cycle lanes along New Lane, the central island refuge crossing New Lane to Littlegreen Avenue and improved off road cycle lane from New Lane to Crosslands Drive is completed. Third Avenue bridge works to be completed by the end of the first week in October 2013.

Trosnant Schools (HCC Funded Safe Routes to School)

Improved pedestrian crossing works outside Trosnant School along Stockheath Lane were completed on 28 August 2013.

Hambledon Parade

Public consultation was carried out in July 2013 and detailed design is in progress and expected to be completed mid November, followed by tender at the end of November. Construction is expected to start on site by end of January 2014.

Purbrook Way Cycleway

The draft feasibility report is still with the Client Manager and will be discussed with the HBC councillors after receiving comments from the client.

Rachel Madocks Crossing

The feasibility study and detailed design is underway and expected completion is end of October. Construction is expected to start on site by the end of January 2014.

Havant Park Havant Railway Station to Havant Bus Station LSTF

Design underway and expected completion is at the end of November 2013. Consultation will follow with an expected construction expected to start on site by February 2014.

Park Road South, Havant Enhancement (HBC / HCC S106 Funded)

Work is due to be substantially completed by the end of September. The only outstanding work in Phase 1 is to install short sections of railings alongside the new toucan crossing and some minor remedial works in the footway outside Rothmans' Accountants. Due to compensation events and extra work ordered in relation to the resurfacing of Park Road South and additional path slabbing, the completion date is in accordance with the agreed revised programme.

Phase 2, comprising work to create a new frontage to Bosmere Pond, with bespoke 'water' design railings, will commence in mid October with a completion date by Christmas. This will complete the currently programmed works on this corridor.

Park Road North, Havant Enhancement (HCC Funded)

Apart from minor finishing works (provision of antiskid surfacing and remedial lining) this project has been completed..

Hayling Billy Trail Phase 4 Bridge Approaches (Sustrans / HBC / HCC S106 Funded)

Following completion of works outside the Ship Inn late last year, two projects now remain to complete the unbroken cycle route between Hayling and the Mainland. The project will cover two discrete locations, both of which have been designed and are fully funded following the outcome of environmental studies; these are from the south end of the bridge to the old 'Texaco' garage, and along the frontage of the Langstone Sailing Club HQ building. Implementation is planned for the first quarter of 2014.

Morelands School (HCC Funded Safe Routes to School)

Phase 2, comprising the widening to shared cyclist / pedestrian status of the path linking Crookhorn Lane to Liddiards Way, is at the time of writing due to commence on 7 October 2013 for 5 weeks. Discussions with Portsmouth City Council to use part of the Golf Club car park for dropping off children attending the School have not progressed to a satisfactory conclusion as yet, and if agreed will have to form a future 'Phase 3'.

Emsworth Feasibility Studies

Five feasibility study packages have been awarded by Hampshire County Council to investigate the best way to implement new sustainable travel infrastructure in Emsworth, funded by S106 contributions from Hampshire Farm and Oak Tree Drive. Meetings with local members and the Portfolio Holder are being arranged at the time of writing, to gather key inputs to inform the direction of the studies.

Implementation of any schemes arising from the studies would be in the period summer 2014 – spring 2015.

West Beachlands Surface Dressing Works (HBC Funded)

Work to apply a surface dressing to the access road to Inn on the Beach and the access road leading from Central Beachlands to Inn on the Beach was completed on 27 June and finally swept to remove any surplus chippings during the week preceding the August Bank Holiday. Arrangements have been made with the Traffic team to reinstate the road markings as soon as possible.

Frendstaple Road Cycle Route (HBC Green Transport Funded)

Design on this scheme to provide a cycle route from A3 London Road to Park Lane via Highfield Avenue, The Glade and Tempest Way utilising the existing highways and footpaths wherever possible is complete and a bid to HCC extend this project to Park Lane and Sapphire Ridge has been successful. The design has been tendered and it is anticipated that the successful Contractor will commence construction work in late October 2013.

Car Park Slurry Sealing (HBC Funded)

Work has commenced to procure the slurry sealing of 4 No. car parks within the Borough, these are South Street Emsworth, Greywell Car Park Leigh Park, Rockville Drive and Wellington Way Waterlooville. It is anticipated that each car park will be either fully or partially closed whilst the works are carried out and all necessary white lining works completed before the car parks are opened. There will be extensive consultation with the Parking Partnership to ensure that any disruption is kept to a minimum. Work is anticipated to be completed before November 2013, but is subject to Contractor availability.

Bedhampton Way Pedestrian Refuge (HCC Funded)

Design on this scheme to provide a safe crossing point across Bedhampton Way opposite Keats House has been completed and consultation is underway. It is anticipated that this scheme will be tendered during October 2013, with an anticipated construction during November 2013.

Warblington School Footway (HCC Funded)

Construction work on Phase 1 of this scheme was completed in August 2013, the remaining Phase to link Southleigh Road to New Lane will be completed once the school re-development is at an advanced state. Currently the route is effectively blocked by the school sports hall and work can only commence once this hall has been demolished and the site cleared. It is anticipated that this will not happen until at least Summer 2014.

LSTF Waterlooville Cycle Strategy (HCC Funded)

The feasibility report on the options available to connect the various cycle routes leading into Waterlooville Town Centre has been prepared and is currently with HCC for comment before a formal consultation process with HBC & HCC Councillors is commenced.

Front Lawn Junior School (HCC Funded Safe Routes to School)

Design on this scheme to provide a cycle route from Middle Park Way to Dunsbury Way along High Lawn Way utilising the existing highways and footpaths wherever possible, the scheme will also encompass junction improvements at Middle Park Way and Broadmere Way. It is anticipated that design work will commence in November 2013 with construction completed before March 2014.

Hayling Sea Front Cycle Route PUSH Funded

Work started on site on 12 September constructing the second phase of the Seafront Footpath/Cycleway from the COPP memorial to Central Beachlands.

The excavation work on the footpath through the SSSI was finished by the end of September and the excavated material, including grass turves, was used to reinstate areas of redundant tarmac paving west of Central Beachlands, by agreement with Natural England. The remaining footpath sections will be completed during October and a bench seat is proposed next to the COPP memorial.

Community Safety

Supporting Troubled families – The supporting troubled families scheme has now entered its second year and has become the main focus of work for the Community Safety Team who are responsible for providing the leadership and co-ordination of the project locally. The team have had targets to identify and engage with 150 families by April 2014 and to date some 120 families have been identified and 50 are currently receiving active support.

The Havant Scheme was recently invited to address the Hampshire County Council management group chaired by Cllr Keith Mans and attended by County wide and Department of Communities and Local Government representatives to highlight best practice in the area.

CCTV – The review of CCTV continues under the auspices of the Environment and Neighbourhood Quality panel. Actions have included a street survey to gauge residents views and a survey of Councillors.