

Portfolio Holder Report – Council 11 December 2013

By Cllr David Collins – Environment & Neighbourhood Quality

Environmental Health

Licensing

The new Scrap Dealers Act 2013 is now in force. It replaces previous legislation regarding the scrap metal and motor salvage industries. Licences are issued by the Borough Council for sites and for collectors wanting to work in the area. One of the new provisions is the requirement for all financial transactions to be made by cheque or electronically so that all sales are recorded and traceable. Both the Council and the Police have enforcement powers under the act.

Parking Strategy/Management & Traffic Management

The review of the parking charges following the receipt of the petitions and recommendations from Council is moving forward and options will be presented to Cabinet Briefing on Wednesday 27 November. This includes many new options and more targeted specific charging regimes.

The Civil Enforcement Officers will shortly be deployed with Body Worn Cameras that will help to prevent incidents of violence and obtain evidence in relation to parking contraventions. Full training has been given and a press release will be prepared.

The Traffic Team

Shaftsbury Avenue and Stakes Hill Road – Parking at school times – Plans have been prepared and is nearly ready for public advert.

Fraser Road and James Road Junctions – Visibility issues - Plans have been prepared and is nearly ready for public advert.

There are 4 areas where revocations have been requested, the Inies have been requested to be removed. These will be progressed in the last quarter to allow for any more to be received up until that point.

Public Realm Enforcement, including travellers

The rangers continue to patrol the hotspots within the borough, with an emphasis on areas noted as part of the cigarette butt campaign. We are pleased to report there has been a reduction in the number of dropped cigarette ends of between 25-30% in most areas based on the original inspections in April.

The team are working with Portsmouth City Council housing department on joint patrols regarding fly-tipping of domestic waste around bin sheds on the Wecock

Farm estate. They are in early discussions with the Somborne Drive office with a view to extending this work into Leigh Park in the future if resources allow.

The borough remains free of unauthorised encampments, and the rangers, beachlands and parks staff continue to monitor and maintain site defences.

The last fortnight has seen the rangers at Fort Purbrook speaking to over a thousand year six children from primary schools across the borough, at the Safer Havant Partnership 'Junior Citizen' event. The 15 minute lesson, given 12 times over each day, discusses littering and dog fouling, the environmental, health and visual impacts and penalties of both. It remains extremely popular with the young people.

Sustainable Transport & Implementation

Hayling Seafront Footpath/Cycleway

The second phase of the footpath has now been completed, from the COPP memorial through the eastern part of the SSSI to Seafront Road. Marker bollards have been installed and a seat is to be provided adjacent to the COPP memorial. The PUSH funding for this work included mitigation works on the western section of the SSSI, required by Natural England. This comprised excavation of redundant tarmac tracks to return the areas to coastal grassland.

Dunsbury Way TfSH Environmental Enhancements & changes to bus stops

The feasibility report including drawings is being taken to a public consultation event with an exhibition at the Leigh Park Community Centre from Monday 25th November until Monday 2nd December. It will have two sessions where officers will be present for questions and information. There will be a questionnaire available at the exhibition and online. The event has been publicised at the Community Centre, The Hub, The Library and the Crèche. All key stakeholders have been invited to the exhibition as well as the immediate residents at 3-33 Dunsbury way and 3,5 Bishopstoke Road.

The scheme is programmed to be implemented on site in July 2014 when the crèche will be closed, minimising disruption and then final soft landscaping will be put in place in autumn 2014.

The funding breakdown is as follows:

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

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

Work on the section between West Street and Solent Road has been completed and the feedback so far has been very positive. The remaining white and yellow lining can is programmed for 25th – 27th November, weather permitting.

Phase 2, comprising work to create a new frontage to Bosmere Pond, with bespoke 'water' design railings, started on 20th November with a completion date expected by the end of January. Restrictions on road occupation before the Christmas break may

require some of the railings to be installed before Christmas and others afterwards. This will complete the currently programmed works on this corridor.

Funding is from HBC's Tesco S106, using the balance remaining from the earlier 'Phase 1' works. Tender return price was £42,000, with the cost of the railings including all fees being a further £100,000.

Park Road North, Havant Enhancement (HCC Funded)

The remaining white and yellow lining and anti-skid surfacing will be completed 25th – 27th November, weather permitting.

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

This 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. Tenders were issued on 14th November, with return set for 3rd December. Assuming the tenders are returned within the estimated cost range, work is programmed to start on 6th January and be complete on 11th April, ready for Easter.

Funding is from a variety of sources including HBC S106, HCC S106, and Quality of Place HCC grant. The estimate for the scheme is £172,000 including fees.

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, was completed early in November, ahead of schedule. Discussions with Portsmouth City Council to use part of the Golf Club car park for dropping off children attending the School have been able to be progressed and although a satisfactory conclusion has not been reached as yet, we do expect to be able to carry out a future 'Phase 3' for this element, which would be built in the spring / summer of 2014 using the remaining funding available.

Emsworth Feasibility Studies

Four 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. A fifth package is intended to be awarded shortly, to look at updating the facilities on the A259. An initial meeting with local Members and the Portfolio Holder has been held with regular updates to follow, to allow the studies to progress with key inputs from local stakeholders.

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

Start date: October 2013

Finish date: April 2014

Funding by HCC - £20,000 fee income for four studies

Third Avenue Bridge Shared Pedestrian / Cycleway, Havant (HCC Funded)

Additional works on the Third Avenue approach requested by a tri-cyclist to be completed by mid-December 13.

Trosnant Schools (HCC Funded Safe Routes to School)

Additional works have been agreed of highlighting the informal crossing on Bancroft Way with high reflective bollards requested by the local councillor to be completed by mid-January 2014.

Hambledon Parade

Detailed design work is continuing and expected completed mid December followed by tender at the beginning of January 2014. Construction is expected to start on site by end of February 2014.

Rachael Madocks Crossing

The Eagle Avenue crossing and the associated cycleway works are being designed with expected completion of design by end of December. Construction of the combined scheme to start on site by end of February 2014.

Havant Park Havant Railway Station to Havant Bus Station LSTF

Design work is underway and expected completion is at the end of November 2013. The works include the upgrade of the pelican crossing on Elm Lane to a Toucan Crossing. Consultation will follow with an expected construction expected to start on site by February 2014

West Beachlands Surface Dressing Works (HBC Funded)

Lining works have been ordered to reinstate the road markings and should be complete mid December.

Frendstaple Road Cycle Route (HBC Green Transport Funded)

Works to provide a cycle route from A3 London Road to Park Lane via Highfield Avenue, The Glade and Tempest Avenue utilising the existing highways and footpaths wherever possible commenced in November 2013 and expected to be completed by the end of December 2013. The project extends to Sapphire Ridge and the necessary signing will be erected as part of the overall scheme.

Car Park Slurry Sealing (HBC Funded)

Work has commenced to procure the slurry sealing of four 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 however due to the nature of the works, there will be a period of approximately four days between the completion of the slurry sealing and the laying of the lining works during this period the car park will remain unlined. There will be extensive consultation with the Parking Partnership to ensure that any disruption is kept to a minimum. Due to the Christmas restrictions, this work has been scheduled to commence in January 2014 to limit any disruption to the respective shopping areas.

Bedhampton Way Pedestrian Refuge (HCC Funded)

Design and consultation on this scheme to provide a safe crossing point across Bedhampton Way opposite Keats House has been completed and the scheme is currently out to tender with an anticipated construction during January 2014.

LSTF Waterloooville Cycle Strategy (HCC Funded)

Feasibility report on the options available to connect the various cycle routes leading into Waterloooville 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 has commenced, the scheme will also encompass junction improvements at Broadmere Avenue. It is anticipated that design work will be complete by end of December 2013, it is hoped that construction works in the vicinity of the school could be carried out during the February 2014 half term.