

Agenda item no ...009.....: Highways Report* (comprising this one page)

*Prepared in liaison with Paul Mackintosh and Tom Whitmore per P&H agreement 7/4/21. Approved by P&H Chair for inclusion on Agenda and circulation to P&H members prior to this meeting.

Section A: Highways Maintenance and Improvement Category

Purpose: To monitor the initiation/development/implementation of schemes required in the town by (a) use of and updating the Southwell Traffic Management Plan (STMP), and (b) Quarterly Highways Liaison Meetings with NCC/Via EM/County Councillor.

Southwell Traffic Management Plan 25/26

1. No date fixed yet for next ('quarterly') Highways Liaison meeting with County Cllr Roger Jackson and representatives of NCC and Via EM (last one held 1 /2/24).

2. In line with P&H members wishes at April '24 meeting, draft update of plan has separately been submitted for consideration, discussion and any necessary adjustments.

The aim is to submit agreed STMP 25/26 to NCC / Via EM / County Cllr Roger Jackson by end-September to allow six months for these ideas to be assessed and incorporated where acceptable into NCC formal programming for 25/26.

Section B: Environmental Weight Restriction/HGV Reporting Category

Purpose: Concerned with actions to minimise the noise, nuisance and pollution caused by HGV traffic in the town (mainly by reports to NCC 'Lorry Watch' system). A 7.5t Environmental Weight Restriction applies to all highways in and around the town. The A612 through the town was downgraded to C road (No 32) status end-2018.

FOI request about NCC 'Lorry Watch' reporting system has provided following data:

a) Southwell area:

Period 1/4/22 - 31/3/23 x25 'public reports' processed. No warning letters nor prosecutions. Two enforcement patrols carried out by NCC staff.

Period 1/4/23 - 31/3/24 x28 'public reports' processed. 1 warning letter, no prosecutions. No enforcement patrols by NCC staff.

b) Throughout Notts County area:

Period 1/4/22 - 31/3/23 x738 cases processed. 181 warning letters, no prosecutions

Period 1/4/23 - 31/3/24 x969 cases processed. 160 warning letters, no prosecutions.

Section C: Speed Limit Enforcement Category

Purpose: Concerned with activities to enforce Statutory 30 mph speed limit in town, thereby minimising dangers and nuisance to residents.

Speedwatch

x7 local Speedwatch patrols have taken place this year to date, totalling 5 hours 19 minutes. x6 other patrols have been lost due to rain.

The following matters currently being processed by Safer Neighbourhood Group (SNG) Chair in liaison with STC office:

a) production of recruitment 'flyers';

b) placing of recruitment article in The Bramley newspaper;

c) procurement of replacement batteries for radar gun; and

d) challenging, in writing, the recent NSDC decision NOT to provide any level of patrol support to local Speedwatch groups.

End of 5th June 2024 Highways Report (base date 23/5/24)