

## **Agenda item no .....022.....: 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.

**1. Quarterly Highway Liaison Meetings:** Per action agreed at STC Full Council session 19/6/24, and further confirmed by Chair in an email dated 10/7/24, Clerk has confirmed that next quarterly meeting now set/diarised for 19/9/24 (last one held 1 /2/24).

#### **2. Southwell Traffic Management Plan (STMP) 25/26**

- a) In line with P&H members' wishes at April '24 meeting, draft update of STMP has separately been submitted for consideration, discussion and any necessary adjustments.
- b) This latest draft, which supersedes all those previously circulated, takes full account of Cllr Roger Jackson's inputs at STC Full Council session of 19/6/24 and other recent developments eg resurfacing/fresh on-road lining works for Private Road.
- c) **The aim is to submit revised and agreed STMP 25/26 to NCC / Via EM / County Cllr Roger Jackson immediately following P&H clearance.** Thus, it would effectively become the source of/background to Agenda items for next and future Highway Liaison meetings (see a) above), and allow six months for these ideas to be assessed and, where acceptable/appropriate, incorporated 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.

**Members are reminded** that latest data about HGV routing enforcement -

- both in and around Southwell and for the entire County,
  - during the periods 1 /4/22 - 31/3/23 inc and 1 /4/23 – 31/3/24, and
  - provided May '24 by Notts CC in response to a Freedom of Information request about its 'Lorry Watch' reporting system,
- is set out in the June '24 Highways Report.

### **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**

- a) x16 local Speedwatch patrols have taken place this year to date, totalling 14 hours 42 minutes. x7 other patrols have been lost due to rain.
  - b) Distribution and publication of recruitment 'flyers' currently in-train (publication on STC website and Facebook pages).
  - c) Recruitment article published in June '24 edition of The Bramley newspaper.
  - d) Replacement batteries for radar gun procured and successfully installed.
  - e) Challenge, in writing, of the recent NSDC decision NOT to provide any level of patrol support to local Speedwatch groups has resulted in this policy being reversed.
  - f) Accuracy of FOI data recently supplied by Notts Police has been queried with new Police and Crime Commissioner (who has 'enforcement of speed limits' as a stated priority). Reply dated 17/7 now being considered with view to sending response, inc invite to SNG.
- End of Highways Report to Aug '24 P&H (base date 26/7/24)**