

Agenda item no ...052...: Highways Report* October '24 (comprising two pages)

*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 (or thereabouts) Highways Liaison Meetings with NCC/Via EM/County Councillor.

1. Highways Liaison Meetings: Most recent meeting with representatives of Via EM held Thursday 19/9/24, as planned, using the **Southwell Traffic Management Plan (STMP) 25/26** approved and adopted by P&H at the 7/8/24 meeting, on behalf of STC, as the Agenda/basis for discussions. Notes of the Liaison meeting, showing attendees and actions/decisions, will be issued to Councillors separately. These will be elaborated verbally if/as necessary at the P&H meeting. Next Liaison meeting is now set for Thursday 31/1/25 10:00 at The Old Court House.

2. Update of P&H Committee Page of STC Website: In line with Councillors' wishes at the 7/8/24 P&H, a copy of the above STMP is now loaded onto this page, with associated wording suitably adjusted to explain basis and purpose of the document.

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 following a Freedom of Information (FOI) request to Notts CC earlier this year, 2024, about the 'Lorry Watch' reporting system, the latest HGV routing enforcement data for both Southwell and the entire County, including violations, are 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

1. Operation Data Summary for 2023 and 2024 (up to and including 6/9/24 patrol): In line with Councillors' wishes at the last (4/9/24) P&H, this is set out in the table included below. Councillors are respectfully requested to treat this information as sensitive. Speedwatch members will be in attendance to elaborate and/or answer any questions arising.

2. Safer Neighbourhood Group (SNG) Meeting Thursday 19/9/24:

- duly held with local PC and NSDC representative present (Chief Inspector declined to attend) and agreed -
- distribution and publication of recruitment 'flyers' on notice boards in town, via local U3A group and placing on STC website and Facebook pages should be repeated early in 2025. Local PCSO has been requested to train/issue documentation and high-vis jacket to one fresh volunteer following this year's publicity/recruitment drive, and
- (in)accuracy of FOI data, supplied by Notts Police 31/5/24, queried with new Police and Crime Commissioner (who has 'enforcement of speed limits' as a stated priority) and the reply dated 17/7 from the local Chief Inspector, should now be pursued with Inspector Charlotte Ellam. She will also be invited to the next SNG on a date TBD in January 2025.

SOUTHWELL SPEEDWATCH DATA SUMMARY FOLLOWS.....

YEAR 2023							
LOCATION (IN ORDER OF 'OFFENCES PER HOUR' – SEE PENULTIMATE COLUMN)	NO. OF PATROLS	TOTAL DURATION HOURS	TOTAL TRAFFIC VOLUME ¹	AVERAGE NO. OF VEHICLES PER HOUR	NO. OF VEHICLES AT 33MPH+ ²	OFFENCES PER HOUR	HIGHEST SPEED LOGGED AT LOCATION ³ (RELATIVE POSITION)
1. FISKERTON ROAD	5	2.73	537	196.7	53	19.4	43 (3)
2. NOTTINGHAM ROAD	6	6.85	1208	176.4	112	16.4	45 (1)
3. HALAM ROAD	4	4.18	708	169.4	62	14.8	44 (2)
4. LOWER KIRKLINGTON ROAD	6	6.68	1266	189.1	85	12.7	40 (6)
5. WESTGATE/OXTON ROAD	5	4.70	693	147.4	54	11.5	43 (3)
6. EASTHORPE	3	2.85	511	179.3	14	4.9	41 (5)
7. STATION ROAD	1	1.00	100	100.0	3	3.0	33 (8)
8. NEWARK ROAD	2	3.75	683	182.1	4	1.1	38 (7)
YEAR 2024 (UPTO AND INC. 6/9/24 PATROL)							
1. NEWARK ROAD	2	0.42	122	290.5	11	26.2	44 (2)
2. NOTTINGHAM ROAD	2	2.00	419	209.5	48	24.0	40 (4)
3. FISKERTON ROAD	4	4.00	345	86.3	70	17.5	46 (1)
4. HALAM ROAD	4	4.57	681	149.0	62	13.6	43 (3)
5. WESTGATE/OXTON ROAD	3	2.87	387	134.8	27	9.4	38 (6)
6. LOWER KIRKLINGTON ROAD	5	4.18	734	175.6	34	8.1	40 (4)
7. STATION ROAD	2	1.25	118	94.4	5	4.0	38 (6)
8. EASTHORPE	2	0.67	164	244.8	1	1.5	36 (8)

Notes:

1. Meaning traffic flow recorded only in the direction being monitored i.e. one-way.
2. All vehicles travelling at 33mph or greater logged for statistical purposes. Current Police policy, set out in a guidance document issued 28/10/22, is to issue 'warning letters' (and potentially to visit repeat offenders) in instances of 35mph or greater.
3. These are speeds despite prior warning notice boards being erected and patrollers standing in plain sight wearing high-vis jackets

End of Highways Report to October '24 P&H (base date 23/9/24)