

## **Agenda item no 69 Highways Report\* Nov '24 (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 (or thereabouts) Highways Liaison Meetings with NCC/Via EM/County Councillor.

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

- a) Above document approved and adopted by P&H at the 7/8/24 meeting.
- b) It was used as the Agenda/basis for discussions at the last Highways Liaison meeting with Via EM representatives held on 19/9/24. Notes of that meeting, showing attendees and actions/decisions, were to be issued to Councillors as an agreed action at the October P&H. Additionally, as since agreed with P&H Chair, an annotated version of the STMP 25/26 is in the process of being loaded onto the P&H Committee page of the STC website so that members of the public are also aware of the latest position with each scheme proposal.
- c) Fresh white lining and mini-roundabout markings have been effected at The Saracens Head and Lower Kirklington Road. Clerk may have other updates to report.
- d) The next Liaison meeting is now set for Thursday 31/1/25 10:00 at The Old Court House.

### **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 will wish to note that,** as a matter notified at the 19/9 Highways Liaison meeting (see Section A b) above), new signage has been obtained and is due to be installed by Via EM 'in the immediate future' to reinforce HGV 7.5 tonne vehicle restriction on lorries entering town from Station Road. This weight limit actually applies to all highways in and around Southwell, of course, but Station Road is known to be an unsuitable 'rat run'.

### **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) As at date of this report, the local group has effected x26 patrols so far in 2024, amounting to just over 24 hours of monitoring. Eleven other patrols, unfortunately, have been lost - 10 to rain and one when a requisite team of three could not be raised.
- b) One fresh volunteer has now been trained, with a request for a second to be so asap. Obtaining the high-vis jackets for them, as specified by the Police, is proving difficult but is currently being pursued by SNG Chair with NSDC. STC help may be needed.
- c) SNG Chair has now formally invited Charlotte Ellam, Police District Commander for Newark and Sherwood, to the next SNG on 23 January 2025 (starts 18:00 in The Old Court House). She has also been asked to clarify why Notts Police cannot now supply information about their own 'radar van' activities in and around the town (as they have in the past), plus their information about Speedwatch groups operating in the County which appears to be inaccurate.

**End of Highways Report to November '24 P&H (base date 28/10/24)**