

Agenda item no 082 Highways Report* Dec '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) Since the last Liaison Meeting held on 19/9/24 **no progress can be reported**, other than the repainting of on-road mini-roundabout signage at Saracens and Ropewalk.
- c) The updated STMP (issued nearly 2 months ago, after the Liaison Meeting) has **not yet been loaded onto the STC website** (as part of the P&H Committee page, as agreed with P&H Chair).
- d) There has been **no feedback from NCC/Via EM** reported to the authors of this report on any items discussed at the 19/9/24 meeting. This despite the meeting having been seen as constructive.
- e) Residents, particularly on Westgate (Mews, by bakery, crossing at Trinity School) and on town side of the Garden Centre on Fiskerton Rd are left **totally frustrated** as to why, after many months of asking, minimum cost road painting cannot be effected to help alleviate daily traffic dangers.
- f) The pedestrian pen for bus passengers on Nottingham Road is **still in a dangerous state**.
- g) Road markings outside the Minster School are now **badly worn and in need of repair**.

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 :

- the authors of this report continue to submit 'Lorry Watch' reports to Notts CC (NCC) for actioning (system link here: [Report the misuse of weight restricted routes by lorries | Nottinghamshire County Council](#)), and
- b) HGV traffic observed during Speedwatch sessions is also reported to NCC 'Lorry Watch'.

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 x30 patrols (over 27 hours) so far in 2024,
- b) Two new volunteers have now been trained. High-vis jackets for them on order (by Clerk 31/10).
- c) Charlotte Ellam, Police District Commander for Newark and Sherwood, has agreed to attend the next Safer Neighbourhood Group (SNG) meeting on 23 January 2025 (starts 18:00 in The Old Court House).

End of Highways Report to December '24 P&H (base dated 25/11/24)