

BRIEFING TO THE FAILSWORTH & HOLLINWOOD DISTRICT EXECUTIVE

Highways & Engineering Service Update

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Purpose of Report

To provide the District Partnership with an update on issues raised by Councillors and members of the public and to give an overview of the current activity in Highways.

1 UPDATE ON ISSUES RAISED AT PREVIOUS DP MEETINGS

The following issues have been raised by members in the current period:

- 1.1 The Cabinet Member for Housing, Transport and Planning was looking to develop a strategy to deal with potholes and a feedback mechanism. *Ongoing*
- 1.2 Cllr Fielding: South Failsworth Primary School - Waiting Restrictions / School Safety Zone. Quotations required for the resurfacing.
- 1.3 Cllr McMahon: Wimbledon Road – Figures required to resurface the cul-de-sacs off Wimbledon Road and also to include option for including 3 groups of 3 trees integrated within the footway along Wimbledon Road.
- 1.4 Cllr Garry: Alexandra Avenue and Grimshaw Lane – work carried out in past to these locations which has since sunk. *Highways to investigate. These works could have been carried out by Utilities.*
- 1.5 Cllr Fielding: Delegated Budget for Failsworth West – query on the value of delegated budget remaining and whether Dean Street can be included as an option? *Approximately £20k remaining, TBC over next 3 weeks. Dean Street costs estimated at £69k.*

2 RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN ADVANCE OF THIS MEETING

2.1 None received

3 UPDATE ON PROGRAMMES OF WORK

3.1 Highways Investment Programme 2013/14

- 3.1.1 Coalpit Lane - Works due to commence in Sep-13
- 3.1.2 A6104 Hollins Road - Works due to commence in Sep-13
- 3.1.3 Westminster Rd Mersey Rd North - Works due to commence in Sep-13

3.2 DP Schemes

3.2.1 Failsworth East

Failsworth East				
Year	Funds Available	Scheme	Status	Fund Carried
2010-11 (1)	£25,000	Westminster Road	Complete	£0
2011-12 (2)	£25,000	No scheme identified	N/A	£25,000
2012-13 (3)	£50,000	Timpson Street	Complete	£14,000
2013-14 (4)	£39,000	Tavern Court Road	Complete	£24,000
		Wesley Street / Norman Street / Minor Street	Programmed	£15,000

Action on Members: Guidance on whether to use the remaining £15k to enhance Norman Street/Wesley Street schemes or Wimbledon Road scheme

3.2.2 Failsworth West

Failsworth West				
Year	Funds Available	Scheme	Status	Fund Carried
2010-11 (1)	£25,000	Miriam Street	Complete	£0
2011-12 (2)	£25,000	No scheme identified	N/A	£25,000
2012-13 (3)	£50,000	Aldred Street and Frank Street	On Site	-£4,000 (TBC)
2013-14 (4)	£21,000	Schemes to be identified Dean Street estimate @ £69k (not affordable)		

Action on Members: Additional Year 4 schemes to be proposed for consideration by Highways

3.2.3 Hollinwood

Hollinwood				
Year	Funds Available	Scheme	Status	Fund Carried
2010-11 (1)	£25,000	Higher Lime Road	Complete	£0
2011-12 (2)	£25,000	Houghton Avenue and Swallow Street	Complete	£3,000
2012-13 (3)	£28,000	No Scheme identified	N/A	£28,000
2013-14 (4)	£53,000	Scheme to be identified		

Action: Additional Year 4 schemes to be proposed for consideration by Highways

3.3 LTP

- 3.3.1 Unity is assisting the Council in developing “Oldham Gateway” proposals along the A62 Corridor. Options under consideration include Parking Lay bys and central Boulevards.

The detailed design of this work is underway. Following this, the scheme will be prepared for Tendering. As this work is situated along the length of the A62 that is currently the site of British Gas activities, the Boulevarding / Lay-by improvement scheme will progress as soon as the gas main has been replaced.

- 3.3.2 Road Safety Improvements programmed to take place at Wrigley Head / Crown Street junction immediately following the completion of the British Gas utility work (late March / early April).

Update Sep-13: The highway improvement at Wrigley Head / Crown Street / A62 has been completed.

- 3.3.3 Proposal for the Lord Lane Zebra Crossing has been submitted in the LTP bid for 2014/15.

Update Sep-13: The bid wasn't successful – funding not allocated. A bid will be forward again from next year's allocation

- 3.3.4 Investigations progressing into the extension to the Beach St Area Residents Parking Scheme.

Further to discussing the matter with the Ward Councillors, Unity has been instructed not to pursue residents only parking, but progress the removal of waiting restrictions on part of Old Road. It would appear the problematic parking is taking place in the evening and is generated by residents in the area. Consequently, residents only parking will not alleviate the problem. The removal of the waiting restriction will however increase the available on-street parking in the area. The report recommending this is currently being processed through the Council's delegated approval procedure.

Update Sep-13: A petition has recently been submitted from residents of Beech Street requesting residents only parking; Councillors resolved to pursue the removal of the waiting restrictions and revisit the request for residents parking in 12 months time.

3.3.5 Investigations progressing into the Residents Parking Scheme along Wrigley Head.

The existing residents parking scheme along Wrigley Head will be amended slightly to introduce additional dual function spaces. Dual function spaces can be used for an unlimited period of time by permit holders but non permit holders are subject to a maximum stay of 3 hours. The hackney carriage stand on Wrigley Head is also being removed as part of this proposal.

Update Sep-13: The changes are being made to assist the businesses in the area and the report recommending the proposal now has delegated approval and will be advertised in October.

3.3.6 A request has been received into the investigation of Beresford St parking issues.

The Traffic team has been asked, via the District Co-ordinator, to look for a solution that will prevent HGVs travelling past the residential properties on Brookdale Street, which can be accessed via Beresford Street. A pinch-point has been suggested by Ward Councillors. The advice given to the District Co-ordinator is as follows:

When you refer to a pinch point I presume you mean a 6' 6" width restriction which would allow normal traffic to drive along the street, but anything greater in width than 6' 6" would be prevented 'through' access.

This type of restriction has recently been estimated for a street in Chadderton and, due to the type of kerbing and illuminated signing requirements, they are expensive to introduce. The scheme in Chadderton has been estimated at £25,000; a width restriction within Brookdale Street would be a slightly different design to the one in Chadderton costs could be expected to be £10-15k.

The other alternative would be to introduce a Prohibition of Driving Order which would prevent any motorist from driving the full length of the street; a prohibition of driving order would see an island built in the middle of the road with the provision of 3 bollards to prevent vehicles from mounting and driving over the area. This arrangement is indicated on the attached drawing. It would also be necessary to erect a 'no through road' sign at each end of the street and erect temporary signs for a period of 6 months to advise highway users the road layout has changed. The cost of providing all these measures would be in the region of £3,000.

However, when introducing this type of measure it is normal practice to ensure a turning head facility is provided on both sides of the island area. The street will be effectively split into two culs-de-sac and vehicles need to be able to turn round to exit the street in a forward gear; unfortunately, it is

not possible to provide this facility along Brookdale Street. Having said that, looking at the surrounding streets in the area, none seem to have turning head provision. It is therefore suggested that if the councillors want to pursue the introduction of a prohibition of driving order a consultation should take place with local businesses and the refuse collection service to determine if a lack of turning head would cause them a problem.

Before the above can be introduced a legal order would have to be successfully processed; part of this process includes consulting with the emergency services, who may not be in favour of this type of restriction being introduced due to the difficulty it would cause them for access in an emergency.

Update Sep-13: A consultation has been undertaken with residents and businesses and no adverse comments have been received; Councillors have therefore requested the proposal be progressed. A report is to be drafted for the next available TMU meeting and for progression for delegated approval.

3.3.7 Traffic regulation Orders are progressing at the South Failsworth Primary School. The associated School Safety Zone is awaiting LTP settlement.

3.3.8 Local Sustainable Travel Fund (LSTF) targeted at cycle tracks along Hollinwood Avenue from Rochdale Canal to the A62

3.4 Metrolink

No update

3.5 Utility works

No update

3.6 Direct Works teams

No update