

BRIEFING TO THE FAILSWORTH & HOLLINWOOD DISTRICT EXECUTIVE

Highways & Engineering Service Update

Portfolio Holder: David Hibbert

Report Authors: James Woodhead, Chris Hughes & Sarah Robinson

10 March 2014

Purpose of Report

To provide the District Executive 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 MEETINGS

The following issues have been raised by members (feedback in *italics*):

- 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.

2 UPDATE ON PROGRAMMES OF WORK

2.1 Highways Investment Programme 2013/14

- 2.1.1 Coalpit Lane - Complete
- 2.1.2 A6104 Hollins Road - Works delayed until Feb / Mar 2014.
- 2.1.3 Westminster Rd, Mersey Rd North - Complete

2.2 DP Schemes

2.2.1 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 Wesley Street / Norman Street / Minor Street	Complete Programmed	£24,000 £15,000

Action: Norman Street/Wesley Street schemes have commenced and will be completed March 2014.

2.2.2 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 at £69k (not affordable)		

Action on Members: The additional budget needed for Dean Street will be included in the 2014-15 LTP Budget proposals

2.2.3 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	Funds carried forward to next financial year to fund larger scheme	N/A	£28,000
2013-14 (4)	£53,000	Funds to be used to contribute towards Byron Street scheme	Byron street scheme to be included in 14/15 LTP.	

Action: Byron Street scheme placed on 14/15 LTP Budget and will be subject to cabinet approval.

2.3 LTP

- 2.3.1 Unity Partnership 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.

Update Jan-14: The A62 scheme is currently out to tender. The scheme is programmed to commence during Feb 2014 and has a projected completion date of May 2014.

Update Mar-14: The A62 scheme is at the ‘intention to award’ stage of the tender process. The successful tender is within budget. The anticipated start date is March 2014 and has a projected completion date of July 2014. The revised date is to compensate for the potential statutory undertakers equipment diversion works.

- 2.3.2 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 January 2014: An objection has been received to the scheme which will be considered by the Council's Traffic Regulation Order Panel at their meeting on 10 March 2014.

2.3.3 A request has been received into the investigation of Brookdale Street through traffic 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 January 2014: The District Executive comments are required for insertion into the Mod. Gov. report. Once the comments have been received the report can be submitted for delegated approval. The report is attached at the end of this report

Update March 2014: the report has been forwarded for delegated approval. Once approval has been granted the details of the scheme will be forwarded to the legal team for Advertisement. The advertisement period is 28 days. If no objections are received then arrangements can be made to have the scheme introduced; if objections are received they will have to be considered by the Council's Traffic Regulation Order Panel.

- 2.3.4 Traffic regulation Orders are progressing at the South Failsworth Primary School. The associated School Safety Zone is awaiting LTP settlement.
- 2.3.5 Local Sustainable Travel Fund (LSTF) targeted at cycle tracks along Hollinwood Avenue from Rochdale Canal to the A62
- 2.3.6 The Traffic Team has been asked by Ward Councillors to investigate the removal waiting restrictions from Albert Street West, Failsworth to assist residents in being able to park nearer to their properties. The report which considers this is attached at the end of this report and requires District Executive comments before it can be forwarded for delegated approval.

Update March 2014: the proposal has now received delegated approval and has been forwarded to the Legal Team for advertisement. The advertisement period commenced on Friday 28 February for a period of 28 days. If no objections are received the double yellow lines can be removed.

- 2.3.7 The Traffic Team has been approached by a resident of Wye Avenue, Failsworth for the introduction of double yellow lines within the street to remove the obstructive parking taking place. A briefing note is attached which considers this request and it is recommended that the District Executive advise on how this matter should be progressed.

Update March 2014: The District Executive has agreed that a consultation should be undertaken with the residents. This matter has been forwarded to the District Office for the consultation to be arranged.

- 2.3.8 The Traffic Team has been approached by a resident of Alan Avenue, Failsworth for the introduction of double yellow lines at the junction of Alan Avenue and Lord Lane to remove the obstructive parking taking place. A briefing note is attached which considers this request and it is recommended that the District Executive advise on how this matter should be progressed.

Update March 2014: The District Executive has agreed that a consultation should be undertaken with the residents. This matter has been forwarded to the District Office for the consultation to be arranged.

2.4 Utility works

- 2.4.1 A meeting has taken place with National Grid, to discuss the essential gas main replacement programme along Hollins Road. The length of gas main to be renewed is from the Copsterhill Road junction through to the Heron Street junction.

The work will commence at the roundabout at Copsterhill Road and will require Howgill Crescent to be closed with the use of 3 way lights to control traffic. The work will then progress along Hollins Road in the direction of Heron Street where the insertion technique will be used to keep traffic disruption to a minimum. If however a blockage is reached then it will be necessary to excavate the carriageway to locate the blockage.

It may also be necessary to use 3 way lights at the junction of Frederick Street and the junction of Trough Gate. National Grid has already approached the Fire Station about this and the Fire Station requirements will be met.

Once the gas main has been replaced it will then be necessary to replace the individual connections into the residential properties. Temporary signals will be used to undertake this work as the footway will be closed down and pedestrians will have to be accommodated within the carriageway.

The start date for the work has not yet been confirmed but it is expected to be around May or June this year and will take approximately 6 weeks to complete. National Grid will be undertaking a letter drop to residents in the area so they are aware of the disruption.

2.5 Direct Works teams

No update

List of Appendices

None