

**CARLISLE HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP**

Minutes of a Virtual Meeting of the Carlisle Highways and Transport Working Group held on Wednesday, 9 December 2020 at 10.00 am.

**PRESENT:**

Mr R Watson (Chair)

Mr J Bell  
Mr RW Betton  
Mr N Christian  
Dr S Haraldsen

Mr S Higgs  
Mr J Mallinson (Vice-Chair)  
Mrs V Tarbitt  
Mr C Weber

Also in Attendance:-

Mr K Crawley	-	Traffic Management Team Leader (East)
Ms A Dodds	-	Traffic Management Officer
Mr A Graham	-	Traffic Management Technician
Mrs L Harker	-	Senior Democratic Services Officer
Mr K Poole	-	City Engineer (Carlisle City Council)
Mr G Scott	-	Local Area Highways Network Manager

**16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence on this occasion.

**17 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Working Group held on 8 October 2020 were confirmed as circulated.

**18 2020/21 HIGHWAYS BUDGET/PROGRAMME PROGRESS REPORT**

Members considered a report from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which detailed the Highways Revenue, Devolved Capital and Non-Devolved Capital budget finance reports, combined with the highways programme progress information.

**RECOMMENDED,** that the following be noted:-

- (1) the revenue and budget allocations for 2020/21 and the commitments and expenditure (recorded in Appendices 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the report);
- (2) the programme progress information (as shown in Appendices 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5);
- (3) the Highways Revenue budget has been split for use against various budget headings (as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report);
- (4) the devolved Capital and Additional devolved Capital budgets have been split for use against various budget headings (referred to in Appendices 2 and 4 of the report);
- (5) the highways programme is very busy with a lot of work scheduled in the coming months and into the new year. This is also a busy time with winter maintenance, therefore, it is anticipated there may be some forced changes to the programme;
- (6) the aim remains to deliver the full programme of works within the financial year (end March 2021) and officers will continue to liaise with Local Members about any changes to work in their Electoral Division.

## **19 TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS REVIEW: VARIATION ORDER 58**

Members received a report from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which advised of the outcome of representations received in response to the statutory consultation and advertisement of The County of Cumbria (Various Roads, Carlisle Urban and Rural Area) (Consolidation And Minor Amendment of Traffic Regulations) (Order 2001) Variation (No 58) Order 20>< (“the Order”).

**RECOMMENDED**, that

- (1) following consideration of the representations which have been received to the statutory consultation and advertisement of The County of Cumbria (Various Roads, Carlisle Urban and Rural Area) (Consolidation and Minor Amendment of Traffic Regulations) (Order 2001) Variation (No. 58) Order 20>< (“the Order”), and, having taken into consideration the matters contained in section 122(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (more specifically referred to in paragraph 7.2 of the report):-

- (a) Local Committee overrule the objections and agree that the restrictions be implemented as advertised in respect of the proposals for Rosegate, Aglionby;
  - (b) Local Committee overrule the objection and agree that the restrictions be implemented as advertised in respect of the proposals for Broad Street, Carlisle;
- (2) Local Committee overrule the objections and agree that the restrictions be implemented as advertised in respect of proposals for Warwick Street, Carlisle
- (3) as no representations to the following proposals have been received, the Working Group, having taken into consideration the matters contained in section 122(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (which are more specifically referred to in paragraph 7.2 of the report) recommend that Local Committee agree that the following remaining restrictions proposed under the Order be brought into operation as advertised, namely to:
  - (a) introduce 'No Loading and Unloading At Any Time' restrictions on Bush Brow, Carlisle
  - (b) introduce a 'Prohibition of Motor Vehicles, Except for Access' restriction on Irthing Street/Short Street Back Lanes;
  - (c) introduce 'No Waiting 4pm to 10am Monday to Saturday inclusive' in loading bay on Lowther Street, Carlisle;
  - (d) introduce 'No Waiting At Any Time' restrictions on the junction of St Peters Close and Lowry Hill Road;
  - (e) introduce 'Restriction of Waiting at School "Keep Clear" markings, 8am-5pm Monday to Friday', outside Raughton Head School in Raughton Head;
  - (f) introduce a 'Prohibition of all vehicles' on the access road to Tesco superstore Warwick Road, only at such times that there is a risk of flooding or the flood gates are being tested.

## **20 RULEHOLME OLD BRIDGE - INTRODUCTION OF PROHIBITION OF ALL TRAFFIC TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER**

The Working Group considered a report by the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which advised members of the outcome of the statutory advertisement and consultation on the proposed introduction of a Prohibition of all Traffic, Traffic Regulation Order on Ruleholme Old Bridge. It was explained that the proposed changes had been requested by Cumbria County Council Bridges Team following an assessment of the bridge.

**RECOMMENDED,** that

- (1) having considered the representations and objections received during the statutory advertisement and consultation; and
- (2) having taken into consideration the matters contained in section 122(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (more specifically referred to at paragraph 7.2 of the report); and
- (3) being satisfied that for preventing the likelihood of danger arising to persons or other traffic using the road specified in the Order that it is requisite that Section 3(1) of the 1984 Act (referred to in paragraph 7.3 of the report) should not apply;
- (4) the Local Committee agree that The County of Cumbria (U1301 Ruleholme Old Bridge, near Brampton) (Prohibition of All Traffic) Order 20><("the Order") be brought into operation as advertised.

## **21 ROSEHILL PARKING ISSUES AFFECTING DURRANHILL AND SURROUNDING AREAS**

Members received a report from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which provided an update on the situation regarding displaced parking around the Rosehill Industrial Estate that had occurred since the redevelopment of part of the estate to create a new pay and display car park and retail premises.

The Working Group noted that following initial inspections by the County Council earlier in the year further inspections of parking in the surrounding area had taken place in September and October 2020 which revealed that parking had increased again over the summer but had not returned to the levels seen before March 2020.

Members noted that one of the recommendations of the previous report included introducing no waiting at any time restrictions to the junctions between Wingate Road, Farlam Drive, Geltsdale Road and Hespeck Raise, to ensure that visibility was not obstructed and movements through the junctions could be carried out safely. Officers felt it was likely that parking would increase further in that part of the estate and proposed including those restrictions in the next Minor Amendments Traffic Order, highlighting that informal consultation for this Order was due to commence early in the new year.

In conclusion it was felt that parking in some of the residential streets surrounding Rosehill Industrial estate continued to be an issue for some residents. Whilst this parking was not generally considered to be causing road safety or congestion issues in the area, measures would be considered at a later date to ensure that junctions were kept free from parked vehicles to ensure that road safety was not compromised.

The local Member for Botcherby emphasised his concerns regarding this matter and felt the situation was much worse than what was reflected in the report and that excessive traffic in the area was causing a number of road safety issues. He raised the concerns of residents in the area which included the volume of vehicles parked on the motorway bridge, blocked residential driveways and cars parked on grass verges and asked for a commitment that those issues would be taken into consideration. Whilst he welcomed the introduction of the proposed parking restrictions he felt that more action and commitment was needed by the Authority.

During the course of discussion he highlighted the issues he had raised at the Planning Committee which had not been taken into consideration and felt that officers involved in those meetings should have had input into the recommendations..

Whilst the concerns were acknowledged officers explained their role was to provide a technical response to the consultation. The Working Group supported the officers decisions and explained that a protocol was being drawn up to afford members sight of any comments made by officers on future planning applications.

During the course of discussion a suggestion was made regarding a tripartite meeting involving representatives from Carlisle City Council, Cumbria County Council and the Developer. Members and officers felt that as this was primarily a car park issue it was not appropriate for such a meeting to be convened and it was suggested that the local Member discuss this matter further direct with the Developer.

During the course of discussion officers highlighted the effects the current pandemic could have had on the situation. It was felt the area might be less congested because of empty buildings due to lockdown and people working from home and it was, therefore, agreed that the situation would be monitored in the future.

**RECOMMENDED,** that the report be noted.

## 22 CARLISLE PARKING REVIEW UPDATE

The Working Group considered a report by the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which provided an update to the Zone Parking Reviews that were commenced seven years ago to bring all of the parking zones up to date and address changes that had occurred in parking demand in Carlisle since the zones were initially introduced in the 1990s.

Members were informed of the work that had taken place to date and provided details of further changes that would need to take place over the next five years to ensure that the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for Carlisle effectively met the demands for the city and the management of parking by the County Council as the Traffic Authority.

With regards to the Schedule of Speed Limit Traffic Regulation Orders it was confirmed that:

- (a) Wetheral – this was the result of a planning application and would be an extension to the speed limit on Plains Road;
- (b) Cumwhinton – the position of the 30 mph from the motorway junction be moved closer to the village to be more effective;

both schemes would be funded by the appropriate Developer;

- (c) further information would be made available to Councillor Higgs regarding the proposed scheme at Cotehill.

The local Member for Longtown asked for further information regarding the proposed 30 mph speed limit in Lanercost and officers confirmed an initial outline assessment had been undertaken but nothing had been determined to date.

During the course of discussion the local Member for Longtown raised the concerns of a resident regarding the Naworth junction on the A69. Whilst it was acknowledged this stretch of carriageway was not the responsibility of the County Council it was confirmed this matter had been discussed at a recent meeting of the Cumbria Road Safety Partnership's CRASH Group and had been referred to Road Link for further investigation.

The local Member for Botcherby asked if there were any speed limit review proposals for Walkmill Crescent and Victoria Road. It was confirmed that Victoria Road currently had a 20 mph speed limit and this was monitored regularly; further discussions regarding Walkmill Crescent would take place direct with the local Member.

During the course of discussion the local Member for Botcherby raised concerns he had received from constituents regarding the size of type used on parking enforcement signs. The Traffic Management Team Leader confirmed all signs were compliant with the current regulations but asked that any defects be referred to him for further investigation.

**RECOMMENDED,** that Local Committee supports the Programmes referred to in Appendices 1 and 2 of the report.

### **23 REVIEW OF FORWARD PLAN**

The Forward Plan was noted. It was agreed that:-

- (1) a report regarding the 2021/22 Budget Recommendations be added to the February 2021 meeting;
- (2) 2020/21 Minor Amendments and 2020/21 Speed Limits Review scheduled for April be split into two separate reports.

### **24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Working Group would take place virtually on Wednesday 10 February 2021 at 10.00 am.

The meeting ended at 11.00 am