

CARLISLE HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP

Minutes of a Meeting of the Carlisle Highways and Transport Working Group held on Thursday, 7 October 2021 at 10.00 am at Conference Room A/B, Cumbria House, Carlisle. CA1 1RD

PRESENT:

Mr R Watson (Chair)

Mr J Bell
Mr N Christian
Mr S Higgs

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

Also in Attendance:-

Mr P Allan	-	Development Management Officer
Ms A Dodds	-	Traffic Management Team Leader
Mr D Coyle	-	Manager of Flood & Development Management
Mrs L Harker	-	Senior Democratic Services Officer
Ms A Hutson	-	Local Area Highways Network Manager - Carlisle
Mrs V Kelsall	-	Senior Programme Manager - Capital Programme
Mr P Musgrave	-	Area Manager - Carlisle
Ms S Nicholson	-	Traffic Management Senior Technician
Ms N Parker	-	Infrastructure Planning Manager
Mr K Poole	-	City Engineer (Carlisle City Council)

8 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mr R Betton and Dr S Haraldsen.

9 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Working Group held on 15 June 2021 were confirmed as circulated.

10 CARLISLE LOCAL CYCLING AND WALKING INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

Members received an update from the Infrastructure Planning Manager and Senior Programme Manager which detailed future options for the Carlisle Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) following a workshop on Carlisle City Centre Projects and cycling and walking.

The Working Group was informed that the Carlisle LCWIP public consultation was planned to commence on 5 November 2021. Officers explained the Southern Gateway and Carlisle Station projects would need to have agreed routes for cyclists to enable those to be taken forward in the design work required to support the Business Case for the Southern Gateway being developed by December 2021.

Officers presented a number of options for cycling routes from the south of the city to link into the railway station area which included:

- bi-directional cycle route on Botchergate;
- uni-directional cycle lanes on Botchergate;
- no provision for cyclists on Botchergate;
- alternative provision for cyclists on Lancaster Street, across Crown Street to Collier Lane/existing Station Car Park.

Members were presented with information which detailed the advantages and disadvantages of each option. The Working Group noted there were challenges and compromises within each option and the balance of risk and allocation of space between cyclists, pedestrians and traffic should be considered. During the course of discussion it was acknowledged there were concerns regarding both options highlighting the challenges encompassed when trying to implement an infrastructure retrospectively.

The Working Group was requested to give a steer and consider on balance what they wanted to take forward through the LCWIP consultation and to inform the designs for the Southern Gateway scheme.

Members were informed that more option development may be required on both routes as part of the Business Case development and to assist in informing a final decision. Officers advised that a decision was required soon to inform the design work for the Southern Gateway project to ensure that Business Case deadlines were achieved.

The Working Group was also presented with options for onward connections from Botchergate through the City Centre. The following options were considered as an alternative to Devonshire Street, previously considered challenging, particularly given the one-way nature of the Street:

- The Crescent (Bi-directional)
- Citadel Row (Bi-directional).

Following discussion the preferred option was via The Crescent.

RECOMMENDED, that

- (1) for the purpose of the LCWIP public consultation both the Botchergate cycling route and the Lancaster Street/Carlisle Station car park cycling route be included on the Cycling Plan and a question be included about this to gauge opinion on both route options;

- (2) engagement be undertaken with user groups on both options;
- (3) officers continue to develop designs for both options to support the Southern Gateway Business Case;
- (4) a preference for the route via The Crescent be used rather than Citadel Row when linking onwards from Botchergate/Crescent junction;
- (5) Local Committee consider whether to proceed with the Botchergate cycling route or the Lancaster Street/Carlisle Station car park route at their next meeting on 9 November 2021.

11 2021/22 FLOOD AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT UPDATE

The Working Group considered a report from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which presented an overview of Flood and Development Management activities in the Carlisle area.

The Carlisle City Council Member for the Wetheral and Corby Ward referred to the application for the land to the west of Steeles Bank, Wetheral, Carlisle and officers confirmed that currently there were no proposals for a new pipeline to the river Eden with outfall onto the river bank.

The local Member for Houghton and Irthington referred to the application for the change of use of part of Eden Golf Course to allow for the stationing of up to 100 caravans and raised his concerns regarding egress from the site. It was agreed that officers would investigate this concern and discuss the matter further with the planning officers.

The local Member for Longtown referred to the proposal for the creation of a lorry park in her Division and asked why a cross-border consultation had not taken place on this matter. Officers confirmed that the impact of the application was solely on one side of the border, therefore, there was no requirement for a cross-border consultation.

RECOMMENDED, that

- (1) the report be noted;
- (2) it be noted there are no additional comments in the appendices to bring to the attention of Local Members. Any significant comments, changes and/or amendments will be highlighted here in subsequent and future reports to the Highways and Transport Working Group.

12 2021/22 FLOOD AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT UPDATE REPORT REGARDING ENVIRONMENT AGENCY PHASE 1 FLOOD WORK CHANGES TO LAUNDRY CULVERT WORKS

Members received a report from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which detailed an overview of the work carried out by the Environment Agency (EA) within the Carlisle Phase 1 Flood Works at Laundry Culvert, Riverside off Warwick Road.

The Working Group was informed that the Flood and Development Management Team and Highways had been working alongside the Environment Agency who were constructing Phase 1 flood defence works in Carlisle. It was explained that whilst the EA were constructing Phase 1 the Scheme had suffered flooding due to an unknown Laundry culvert allowing the river Petteril to seep back and onto Warwick Road. Members noted that during flood investigations the EA discovered that a flap valve on the existing piped outfall to the Laundry culvert had become jammed open allowing river water to recirculate back onto Warwick Road.

Members were informed that to remedy the problem the EA agreed with the Lead Local Flood Authority to renew the last section of the culvert and discharge the outfall to a location further down the river to ensure that the flap valve remained free from silting. Officers explained that EA would commence works in the next month.

The Working Group was informed there were still some concerns for the improved culvert regarding the discharges that could be carried out by UU, therefore, the LLFA had asked UU for their monitoring and contingency regime for the station to understand if this still represented a risk of flooding for Warwick Road. It was agreed that following receipt of additional details a report would be made to a future meeting of the Highways and Transport Working Group.

RECOMMENDED, that

- (1) the report be noted;
- (2) it be noted there are no additional comments in the appendices to bring to the attention of Local Members. Any significant comments, changes and/or amendments will be highlighted here in subsequent and future reports to the Highways and Transport Working Group.

13 2021/22 FLOOD AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT UPDATE REPORT REGARDING ENVIRONMENT AGENCY PHASE 1 FLOODWORK CHANGES TO TESCO ENTRANCE

Members considered a report from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which presented an overview of the work carried out by the Environment Agency within the Carlisle Phase 1 Flood Works at Tesco Supermarket road junction on Warwick Road.

The Working Group was informed that as part of the works there would be an additional flood gate defence at the Tesco supermarket main entrance at the junction of Warwick Road and Montgomery Way. It was explained this was on the alignment of the previous unofficial crossing point occasionally used in place of the official pedestrian crossing points via the main traffic lights.

Members were informed that the resulting changes required the Environment Agency to carry out a safety audit for the construction changes they had made to the Tesco access and their main recommendations included:-

- Appropriate 'Look Left' and 'Look Right' road markings be installed at each crossing point;
- Correction to tactile paving on eastern side.

During the course of discussion officers confirmed all subsequent recommendations from the stage 3 audit had been implemented.

RECOMMENDED, that

- (1) the report be noted;
- (2) it be noted there are no additional comments in the appendices to bring to the attention of Local Members. Any significant comments, changes and/or amendments will be highlighted here in subsequent and future reports to the Highways and Transport Working Group.

14 WARWICK ROAD, LIDL ACCESS

The Working Group received a verbal update from the Manager of Flood and Development Management regarding the future resurfacing locations on Warwick Road, Carlisle in relation to the Lidl store.

Members were informed there was no proposal to resurface the area in front of the proposed Lidl store locations at the present time as traffic signals, pedestrian refuge and pedestrian crossing would need to be installed as part of the scheme. Officers confirmed that in due course a small section to the west of Lidl would be resurfaced along with a larger section to the east up to Eastern Way.

RECOMMENDED, that the update be noted.

15 CUMBRIA HOUSE AND CECIL STREET OFF-STREET CAR PARKS - ELECTRIC CHARGING FACILITIES AND ADDITION OF ANNUAL PERMIT CHARGE

Members considered a report from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which updated the Working Group on plans to install electric charge points at the Cumbria House and Cecil Street off-street car parks and the necessary changes to the off-street parking orders.

The Working Group was informed that an annual permit charge would be included in the orders for all car park users and the extent of the Cecil Street off-street car park would be increased to allow enforcement of the land adjacent to Stanley Hall.

During the course of discussion members suggested that suitable signs be located on the sites displaying the appropriate charges.

RECOMMENDED, that Local Committee agree:-

- (1) to proceed to statutory consultation and advertisement of changes to:-
 - (a) The County of Cumbria (Cecil Street, Carlisle) (Off Street Parking Places) Order 2016; and

The County of Cumbria (Council's Office Car Park,) (Off Street Parking Places) Order 2016;

"the Orders", to include spaces for electric charging points and an annual permit charge for all car park users; and to extend Cecil Street car park to include land adjacent to Stanley Hall;
- (2) that in the event that no objections are received, the changes and Orders be brought into operation;
- (3) that any unresolved objections to the changes (as detailed in paragraph (1) above), will be brought back to the Local Committee for consideration.

16 TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS REVIEW 2020/2021: VARIATION ORDER 62

The Working Group considered a report from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which advised of the outcome of the statutory advertisement and consultation of additions, amendments and variations to the Traffic Regulation Orders Review 2020/21: Variation Order 62.

RECOMMENDED, that having considered the representations received during the statutory advertisement and consultation, (referred to in paragraph 4.2 of the report), 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), recommend that The County of Cumbria (Various Roads, Carlisle Urban and Rural Area) (Consolidation and Minor Amendment of Traffic Regulations) (Order 2001) Variation Order (No. 62) 20><, (“the Order”) be brought into operation, as advertised, SAVE FOR the following: -

- (a) Old Raffles Parade – recommend to Local Committee that the proposals are not introduced;
- (b) Craw Hall, Brampton – recommend to Local Committee that the proposals are not introduced.

17 SPEED LIMIT CONSOLIDATION ORDER NO 8, VARIOUS ROADS 2020/2021

Members considered a report from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which detailed the outcome of the statutory consultation in relation to the proposal to introduce a 30mph speed limit at Aglionby, Plains Road, Wetheral, Lanercost, Wetheral Pasture; and 40 mph speed limit on Lanercost C1025, Wetheral Pasture, section of both C1038 and B6263.

RECOMMENDED, that Carlisle Local Committee agree that the objection (as detailed at paragraph 4.5 of the report) is overruled and The County of Cumbria (Various Roads, Carlisle City & District) (Consolidation and Provision Speed Limits) (No.8) Order 20>< (“the Order”) be brought into operation, as advertised.

18 2021/22 HIGHWAYS BUDGET/PROGRAMME PROGRESS REPORT

The Working Group considered a report by 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.

Members noted the allocated budgets for 2021/22 were Highways Revenue budget £1,438,010, Devolved Highways Capital budget £2,465,000 and the Non-Devolved Highways Capital budget of £1,809,000.

RECOMMENDED, that the following be noted:-

- (1) the programme progress information (as shown in Appendices 4 and 5 of the report);

- (2) the various Highways Revenue budget allocations and headings (detailed in Appendix 1 of the report);
- (3) the various Highways Capital budget allocations and headings (shown in Appendix 2 of the report);
- (4) there are no comments in the appendices to bring to the attention of local members. Any significant comments, changes and/or amendments will be highlighted here in subsequent and future reports to the Working Group.

19 REVIEW OF FORWARD PLAN

The Forward Plan was noted.

20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note that the next meeting of the Working Group will be held on Wednesday 15 December 2021 at 10.00 am in Conference Room A/B, Cumbria House, Carlisle.

The meeting ended at 11.20 am