

TORRIDGE HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC ORDERS COMMITTEE

10 October 2023

Present:-

Councillors D McGeough (Chair), L Hellyer (Vice-Chair), Hackett, J Morrish, A Saywell and J Wilton-Love

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Minutes

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meeting held on 27 June 2023 be signed as a correct record.

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Items Requiring Urgent Attention

It was felt that future agenda setting be in consultation with the Chair of the Committee.

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Petitions/Parking Policy Reviews

There was no petition received at the meeting.

It was noted that a petition had been received from residents from Appledore and to be discussed later at item 5 on the agenda.

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Proposed New Zebra Crossing on A386 Appledore, Northam

The Committee received the report of the Director of Climate Change Environment and Transport CET/23/74 on the proposed new zebra crossing on A386 Appledore, Northam.

It was noted that the County Council sought to develop walking, wheeling and cycling schemes across the county to help people travel more actively and help to reduce carbon emissions and to create safer routes. The crossing of the A386 in Appledore had been requested but due to the lack of funding available had not progressed. The crossing is part funded from a housing development scheme on Wooda Road.

It was also noted that a consultation exercise was undertaken and received 175 completed questionnaires, 101 online and 74 emailed. Comments raised through the consultation including concern expressed about the location of the proposed crossing with the contrary view that the proposal improved safety within the locality.

Councillor Hames put forward the following comments on behalf of residents:

- When travelling down hill, drivers could have to brake more severely
- Parked cars on the hill would cause traffic issues

- Bright sunlight could obscure vision on crossing
- Those vehicles idling at crossing could cause more pollution

During general discussion, Members referred to the following:

- Current 20mph speed limit, was not enforceable by Police
- Safety of children crossing is paramount and proposal will improve road safety
- Parking remains available for the school in the close vicinity
- Disappointment that crossing is not a 'Pelican crossing'

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Linda Hellyer, **SECONDED** by Councillor Jeffrey Wilton-Love and **RESOLVED** that

1. The proposed zebra crossing on A386 Appledore, Northam shown on drawing 21721-03 in Appendix 1 is approved for construction at an estimated cost of up to £129,170;
2. Relevant traffic regulation orders to amend restrictions in relation to the scheme are advertised, and made and sealed if no objections;
3. The Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport b given delegated powers in consultation with the Chair of HATOC and the Local Member, to make minor amendments to the scheme details.

* **32** **Actions taken under Delegated Powers**

The Committee received and **NOTED** the report of the Director of Climate Change Environment and Transport CET/23/75 on the Actions Taken under Delegated Powers.

* **33** **Bus Users and Stakeholders (BUS) Forum**

The Vice Chair reported attendance at the Bus Users and Stakeholders Forum on 5 July 2023. The following points were raised at the Forum:

- Passenger numbers have reduced
- Some bus timetables are not aligned with train connections
- £2 fixed fares will continue
- Timetables are available in libraries

* **34** **Dates of Future Meetings**

Future meetings to be held on the following dates:

26 February 2024
24 July 2024
6 November 2024
24 February 2025

NOTES:

1. *Minutes should always be read in association with any Reports for a complete record.*
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*** DENOTES DELEGATED MATTER WITH POWER TO ACT**

The Meeting started at 10.30 am and finished at 11.37 am.