

## **Report of the Cabinet Member for Highway Management**

### **Introduction**

I have been asked to report as follows for Full Council on 23 July 2020:

By Councillor Connett as follows:

- if I will publish a list of all the requests made by County Councillors, Parish and Town councils and residents for cycle and walking scheme projects, post Covid-19, and why they were refused?

By Councillor Greenslade as follows:

- on the lack of inclusion of the two Barnstaple County Councillors in Officer proposals to change traffic regulations in the town and the bypassing of the North Devon HATOC and the public in terms of consultation on these proposals.

### **1. Cycle and walking scheme projects**

I am happy to publish a list of all the requests made by County Councillors, Parish and Town councils and residents for cycle and walking scheme projects, post Covid19 and why they were refused, and will be happy to publish on the transport planning website.

Applicants were asked to submit requests by 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020 for consideration. In total 101 applications were received.

All schemes were then sifted to determine if they:  
meet the Dft criteria,  
can be started in 4 weeks,  
can be completed in 8 weeks,  
can be 50% funded by the communities,  
can be installed / maintained by the communities (where applicable),  
are technically deliverable and provide a benefit to the community.

Of the schemes received by 19<sup>th</sup> June, 11 met the criteria above and were approved.

## **2. Barnstaple traffic regulations**

Both local members were consulted by DCC officers before proceeding with any temporary emergency active travel measures in the town. Written confirmation was received from both members to confirm that temporary measures being proposed to remove traffic from the A3125 Longbridge were not supported.

Following a consultation this measure was subsequently dropped.

Similarly, both members were consulted at the same time by DCC officers to confirm that the temporary pedestrianisation measures being proposed for the town centre were supported. Responses suggested members were content with the exception to the pedestrianisation of The Strand. The responses also highlighted the need to replace the disabled parking spaces.

The Town Centre pedestrianisation is now in place without the Strand and Boutport Street and with replacement disabled parking spaces.

The measures that are in place are temporary traffic orders. Due to pressure to implement them quickly it was not possible to refer them to HATOC. Any consideration of permanent measures would be subject to a further consultation and approval by HATOC members.

**Councillor Stuart Hughes**

Cabinet Member for Highway Management