

## SOUTH HAMS HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC ORDERS COMMITTEE

8 July 2022

Present:-

Devon County Council

Councillors J Hawkins (Chair), J Brazil, R Gilbert, J Hart, J Hodgson and D Thomas

S Hams District Council

Councillors H Reeve and P Smerdon

Apologies

Councillors R Croad

Members attending in accordance with Standing Orders 8 and 25

Councillor S Collinson

\* 10      **Election of Chair**

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Hart and **SECONDED** by Councillor Hawkins and

**RESOLVED:** that Councillor Croad be elected Chair for the ensuing year.

\* 11      **Election of Vice-Chair**

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Hart and **SECONDED** by Councillor Gilbert and

**RESOLVED:** that Councillor Hawkins be elected Vice-Chair for the ensuing year.

\* 12      **Minutes**

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2021 be signed as a correct record.

\* 13      **Local Waiting Restriction Programme**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport (CET/22/25) on submissions to the statutory

consultation to rationalise existing parking arrangements within the South Hams.

Due to the 680 responses received during advertising for the proposals in Dartmouth and Stoke Gabriel, there had been insufficient time to properly consider all the representations and it was therefore recommended for consideration at the next meeting. The local County Councillor was advised that this would not adversely affect the implementation timescale of any proposed measures to be agreed.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Hawkins and **SECONDED** by Councillor Hart and

**RESOLVED:** that

(a) that work on the local waiting restriction programme be noted;

(b) that the recommendations contained in Appendix 2 to Report (CET/22/25) be approved, subject to the following amendments:-

(i) ENV5937-13 Packs Close, Harbertonford:-

-relaxation of proposals as shown on plan ENV5937 -13b (App 4), subject to an additional 3 metre reduction in parking on the corner of 1 Packs Close/Woodland Road;

(ii) ENV5937-25 Coach Road, Noss Mayo:-

-that a (virtual) site meeting be undertaken with the local County Councillor to review objections and the site prior to a decision on whether the advertised restriction (or any part of that restriction) should be progressed, with the final decision delegated to the Director of climate Change, Environment and Transport in consultation with the local County Councillor and HATOC Chair;

(iii) ENV5937-29 Staverton Bridge Cottages, Staverton:-

that the middle section of the no waiting at any time proposals on the south east side as shown on plan ENV5937-29 be approved together with Officer's to investigate the ownership\* of the coned off area of verge above the cottages;

and

(c) that a report on the restrictions proposed for Dartmouth and Stoke Gabriel be brought to the next meeting.

\*Note (post-meeting): Officers confirmed ownership was not Highway maintainable at public expense (HMPE).

\* 14 **Totnes, Ashburton Road near Puddavine Court - Proposed Improvements to Footway**

The Committee considered the Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport (CET/22/26) on footway widening, by removing vegetation and resurfacing the footway on the SW side of the A385 road near Puddavine Court Residential Home. This would address the sub-standard footway width and maintenance issue. The estimated cost was £50,000 (of which £2,401 was spent in 2021/22, to be funded from section 106 developer contributions received).

The local County Councillor whilst supporting the scheme was disappointed that she had not been consulted in considering the use of the section 106 funding in the vicinity as she considered there were also other stretches of the A385 requiring footway improvement. However it was noted that section 106 funding implementation was a District Council matter as part of a planning application and that the use of this funding had specific criteria/conditions attached to it.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Hodgson and **SECONDED** by Councillor Reeve and

**RESOLVED:** that no objection be raised to the proposed widening by removing vegetation and resurfacing of the existing footway east of Puddavine Court, Totnes.

\* 15 **Totnes, The Lamb - Pedestrian and Vehicle Survey**

(Councillor Collinson, Totnes Town Council spoke with the consent of the Committee).

The Committee considered the Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport (CET/22/27), following several requests for a pedestrian crossing, with an Officer traffic and pedestrian flow survey undertaken to determine demand, together with consideration of accident data as described in section 2 of the Report. This indicated a zebra crossing would not normally be considered at this location. Officers had also observed the site and concluded the bus stop and corner would need to be a consideration in the positioning of a crossing. Similar schemes indicated an estimated cost in the region of £50,000, although recent construction inflation and the heritage designation of the site could raise this further.

Councillor Collinson reported on a submission from Inclusive Totnes, circulated to Members and Officers immediately prior to the meeting. She advised the group had a number of concerns regarding the Officer's survey and the Report recommendation and would welcome further consideration.

The local County Councillor supported Councillor Collinson's position, advising this area was used as a ring road around Totnes and that Totnes

needed safe pedestrian/cyclist crossing points to support and encourage more sustainable travel around the town centre for all user groups.

In view of Inclusive Totnes' concerns raised, Members wished Officers to further consider the survey data and proposals and report back. It was also noted that although the County Council was unlikely to be able to give this location a high ranking compared to other countywide locations requiring funding, should the Town Council be able to secure funding it was more likely that a scheme could be progressed.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Hart and **SECONDED** by Councillor Gilbert and

**RESOLVED:** that a further report be brought to the next meeting as outlined above.

\* **16** **Dates for Future HATOC Meetings**

Please use link below for venue and meeting arrangements:-

<http://democracy.devon.gov.uk/mgCalendarMonthView.aspx?GL=1&bcr=1>

4 November 2022 at 10.30am

3 February 2023 at 10.30am.

**NOTES:**

1. *Minutes should always be read in association with any Reports for a complete record.*
2. *If the meeting has been webcast, it will be available to view on the [webcasting site](#) for up to 12 months from the date of the meeting*

\* **DENOTES DELEGATED MATTER WITH POWER TO ACT**

The Meeting started at 10.30 am and finished at 11.56 am