

Traffic & Pedestrian Safety Working Group – Report for HPC 5 September 2022

Since the last meeting the following steps have been taken:

- **Ampfield Traffic**, based in Chandlers Ford, will carry out speed tracking around the Village for 6 weeks beginning shortly. Two devices at a time will be set up in suitable locations. The data captured from the 24/7 operation will be analysed by the T&PSWG.
- The **T&PSWG** met on 1 August to reaffirm our preferred speeds around the Village and to decide where best to locate the speed tracking devices.
- Jo Walker, a member of the T&PSWG, has made contact with relevant SDNPA officials. Her interesting report is as follows:

“I thought it would be helpful to phone the SDNP offices in Midhurst and they have been extremely helpful showing interest and providing swift responses by email. Their approach has changed and I have copied extracts from the latest couple of replies for your information. The first is from Andy Beattie, Countryside and Policy Manager and the second, received on Wednesday, from Alex Pringle, Transport Officer, who will have a new manager shortly as Andy is moving on.

1. 'Over the years we have worked with a number of parishes to produce options for their village, who have spent a lot of money on designs which subsequently the LHA have turned down in the main. That is why we have changed tack and are working with engineers to find a suite of broadly costed options that the LHA's can agree to in principle, and then the village can raise the money to contribute substantially to any changes. The production of the Communities in the south Downs catalogue is 'imminent' ie overdue due to covid on behalf of the engineers'.
2. 'The Communities in the South Downs project, that the aforementioned catalogue is a part of, is intended to provide Parishes with guidance for identifying and assessing transport issues within their villages, working up solutions with indicative costs and assembling phased masterplans for transport interventions that can then be funded via applications to various funding streams, such as the Community Infrastructure Levy pot that the SDNPA holds.

We currently have the catalogue in a draft form that is undergoing some final tweaks as we discuss the project with the Local Highway Authorities to get their buy in on the kinds of interventions likely to arise from this process. We have had some preliminary discussions with Hampshire County Council already who seem willing to approve of interventions that are more in keeping with a national park over standard highways solutions. Indeed, they are trialling a few more bespoke infrastructure measures, such as local timber gateways and shared identity entry signage, in a couple of sites.

Some evidence gathering might not be a bad plan at this stage, in preparation for a suite of interventions that could then be assembled into solutions for the issues your evidence gathering highlight. I'm happy to meet up and have a quick chat about the project, where we are in regards to timescales and what issues and ideas you have in Hambledon.

Hampshire County Council survey on 20 mph limits within Hampshire. HCC issued the survey on 20 July. The Clerk has sent out the link to Villagers and I have completed the survey on behalf of the PC. The survey is available at:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/transportchemes/20mph-speed-limits-consultation>. It is open until midnight on Monday 12 September.

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