

APPENDIX A

MEOLE, COLUMN & SUTTON LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE - 21 July 2009

HIGHWAYS ISSUES

Issues/Concerns	Highways Response
Traffic Lights – Upper Road onto Roman Road Residents were concerned that it was increasingly difficult to leave the junction from Upper Road onto Roman Road. The situation had got worse following the construction of Louise House.	Signals were considered at this location but the constraints of the junction meant that the cost would be in excess of £200,000 and the improvements to the delay in exiting Upper Road were minor. This is due to the need to keep Roman Road flowing and the stagger of the junction.
Traffic Lights at Meole Brace Island Residents felt that the roundabout operated more efficiently when the traffic lights were turned off. Residents questioned the rationale for the traffic lights.	<p>The traffic signals on Meole island were originally installed in 1991 as part of the development of the Meole trading estate.</p> <p>The accident data we hold shows that comparing the 2 years before and after the installation of these signals the accidents at this junction were reduced by 20%.</p> <p>We are reviewing these signals at the moment as a result of increased pedestrian and cyclist activity and the associated safety concerns.</p>
Sutton Road Concern was expressed by some attendees about the traffic calming alterations on Sutton Road. Concern was expressed about the safety of pedestrians on the narrow pavements of Sutton Road. The Chair highlighted that traffic speeds would be monitored following the removal of the build out.	<p>With regards to the sections of narrow footway on Sutton Road they unfortunately coincide with narrow sections of carriageway and therefore cannot be resolved within the extents of the highway boundary.</p> <p>A table showing the speed monitoring is attached at Appendix C. Additional surveys were carried out in September.</p>

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<p>Parking Outside of Millmead Flats on Sutton Road</p> <p>Some residents requested that double yellow lines were not installed.</p>	<p>We have no plans at present to introduce waiting restrictions in this particular area. The number of vehicles involved appears not to be causing a congestion issue. It is felt that parking in this area is contributing to controlling vehicle speeds.</p>
<p>No 8 bus</p> <p>Residents expressed concern regarding the inconsistency of the service and the route used when not in operation,</p>	<p>When in service Arriva must operate buses on routes determined by the traffic commissioner. Shropshire Council does not have the power to enforce routes when buses are not in service, other than by enforcement of the weight restrictions. However, officers will speak to the operator to ask them to not use Sutton Road in future.</p>
<p>Meole Brace parking</p> <p>Concern was expressed about vehicles parking opposite junctions. It was debated as to whether there was a need for yellow lines.</p>	<p>Some additional waiting restrictions on a number of junctions within Meole Brace are included in proposals being prepared for consultation. We will consider additional junctions but require specific locations.</p>

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<p>Speeding</p> <p>Concern was expressed about speeding in Reabrook.</p> <p>In particular speeding on White Croft, White Hart and Warton where it was felt to be commuters were the main offenders.</p> <p>Concern was expressed about speeding on London Road.</p>	<p>Speed surveys have been carried out.</p> <p>In Reabrook the mean speeds on the 3 roads are below the posted speed limit (highest recorded mean speed was 27mph).</p> <p>On London Road the mean speeds were slightly higher in the order of 30 and 31mph.</p> <p>In all locations the speed of the vast majority of traffic was within enforcement tolerances.</p> <p>Consequently, it is felt that traffic calming would not provide sufficient benefit or value for money.</p> <p>We believe that additional enforcement would be more appropriate</p>
<p>Cycle Lane for London Road</p> <p>Concern was expressed about the lack of a cycle path and cyclists using the footpath.</p>	<p>At present we plan to design and implement a scheme next financial year (2010/11) - but details not completed yet. Consultation will be carried out on draft designs.</p>
<p>Kingston Drive</p> <p>A resident asked what arrangements had been made to ensure that Kingston Drive was not used as a staff car park for the Business Park.</p> <p>The Chair reported that currently there were no plans for parking restrictions on the roads around the Business Park but it could be incorporated into the next stage of development.</p>	<p>We have no plans at present to introduce waiting restrictions in this particular area. However, if indiscriminate parking becomes an issue measures could be introduced, or a Residents Parking Scheme could be considered.</p>

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<p>Steps on Primrose Drive underpass</p> <p>It was highlighted that the steps on the Primrose Drive underpass do not allow access for disabled people.</p>	<p>In April 2004 Mouchel, Shropshire Councils consultants were given a design brief to look at the mobility improvements to this underpass. They undertook a study that included a survey of pedestrians, cyclists and people with disabilities using the underpass and crossing Hazledine Way at road level, and to investigate and consider options for improvements.</p> <p>The survey revealed that many people with disabilities find the underpass difficult because of the steps; they tend to make a longer detour via Sutton Park Roundabout. Due to the steep gradients either side of the underpass any improvement to these gradients would involve increasing the length of the approaches, and a possible tiered footpath which would require possible land acquisition that would involve retaining walls etc, at the time and this still applies, this scheme would come at a considerable cost that could not be funded from Highway Maintenance, and would have to be considered as a improvement / traffic related scheme.</p> <p>Other options included provision of a toucan crossing or a staggered toucan crossing at carriageway level that tied in with existing cycleway / footways, together with extensions of these on the Reabrook side back to the Island.</p> <p>The wooden handrail has been replaced by a metal handrail on the Primrose Drive side of the underpass.</p> <p>The previous report has been reviewed and a feasibility study and costing requested to install ramps to resolve disabled access issue. This will of course be subject to available budgets.</p>

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<p>Weight restrictions</p> <p>Concern was expressed about heavy goods vehicles using London Road, Wenlock Road and Sutton Road.</p>	<p>These roads are already covered by a 7.5t Environmental Weight Limit with an exemption for access. HGVs can only legitimately enter the restricted area if they are delivering to properties or businesses within it.</p> <p>Advisory signing to direct HGVs to town centre via Oteley Road is provided from Emstrey roundabout.</p> <p>We have requested additional enforcement of the restriction.</p>

APPENDIX B

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OTHER ISSUES

Comments / Issues	Response
Play area at Rocke Street A resident highlighted that the play area at Rocke Street needs maintenance/updating	The play area at Rocke Street is due £36,000 in Section 106 monies from Shropshire Homes once 24 houses in Sutton Lane are occupied. Shropshire Council Planning Team are to obtain payment and provide the monies to Shrewsbury Town Council for upgrading of the play area.
BMX Track at Mereside It was highlighted that a there was a wish for a BMX track at Mereside.	Community Regeneration Officer has consulted with Partnership Officer and Sports Development Officer to identify the need for an area wide funding bid for BMX tracks and BMX volunteer mentoring club.
Anti-Social behaviour Concern was expressed regarding broken glass in the play area at Meole Estate. It was thought there was a need for more litter bins and dog mess bins in the area.	There is a multi-agency meeting already in existence on Meole Estate which is aiming to tackle these issues. It is proposed that an allocation is made from the local budget to provide additional litter and dog mess bins in the area.

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<p>Street Cleaning</p> <p>It was highlighted that parked cars prohibit the street cleaner from operating effectively.</p>	<p>An officer from Environmental Maintenance will provide a verbal update at the meeting on the practicalities of street cleaning routes.</p>
<p>Youth Opportunities</p> <p>The positive contribution made by the Voluntary and Community Sector in the provision of youth activities was highlighted,</p>	<p>The contribution of the Voluntary and Community Sector is recognised as important for the locality.</p>
<p>Meole Estate Community Action (MECA)</p> <p>Residents highlighted the good work completed which included local community activities, Fundays, and consultation on proposals for a community venue on Meole Estate.</p>	<p>Community Regeneration Officer has worked with MECA for 6 years and will continue to do so.</p>
<p>Sevenside Housing</p> <p>It was highlighted that Sevenside have a positive involvement in the community, engender good relationships and are actively encouraging community groups.</p>	<p>Sevenside Housing have been requested to send a representative to the next meeting.</p>
<p>Reabrook Valley</p> <p>It was recognised that the Reabrook Valley is an asset for the area and it has a unifying nature as it runs through whole LJC area. It was thought there are opportunities to promote the Reabrook Valley to the local community, extend the community woodland and raise the profile of the area.</p>	<p>Community Working to work closely with the Countryside Division to promote the area.</p>

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<p>Column Roundabout</p> <p>Residents were delighted with the work on column roundabout.</p>	<p>Comments have been passed on to the Highways Division.</p>
<p>Engagement with Young People</p> <p>Residents requested the aspirations and opportunities for young people be raised.</p>	<p>The Young Peoples PACT held at the Trinity Centre in May highlighted three priorities to be taken forward.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Development of the BMX track at Meole Estate – this is being taken forward by as a central area wide project by the Children & Young Peoples Directorate at Shropshire Council so as to ensure that BMX tracks across the area are developed in a joined up way and in line with health and safety guidelines. 2. Street Dancing – being progressed by West Mercia Police. 3. Monthly young peoples events – Community Working Officer has been liaising with Belle Vue Youth Club, Trinity Centre and Severnside Housing regarding sharing responsibility for providing events over the year.