

Working together to address the impact of Heavy Goods Vehicles/HCVs on roads in Staffordshire – Executive Response Action Plan

Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee

Date: 13 September 2016

	Recommendation	Proposed action (or action already taken)	Lead Member/Officer	Deadline
1	That the County Council's Freight Strategy is updated with a detailed action plan and that it is brought back to the Select Committee for consideration in six months time. The Committee wishes to emphasize that overnight parking of HGVs in Staffordshire is given thorough reconsideration.	Resources to progress a refresh of the County Council's Freight Strategy are currently frozen as part of the authority's essential spend review. No resources are currently available in 2016/17 but will be reviewed as part of the MTFS process.	Mark Deaville/Clive Thomson	On-hold pending resources (November 2016 set by Scrutiny Committee)
2	The evidence submitted (to the Committee) regarding noise on the A515 is qualified by the Council's Noise Engineer.	The County Council's Noise Engineer has had sight of the evidence submitted to the committee and does not dispute the technical information in principle; a scenario which also applies to a significant number of locations on the county's road network. Further work to qualify the submitted evidence would require a funding allocation.	Mark Deaville/James Bailey	Complete
3	That the Cabinet Member gives priority to undertaking the work described under 'Further Considerations' in the Option Review Report by Amey and a report be	The actions mention under 'Further Consideration' will require detailed traffic survey work to be carried out. No resources are currently available	Mark Deaville/James Bailey	On-hold pending resources

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	brought back to the Committee in six month's time.	in 2016/17 but will be reviewed as part of the MTFs process.		(November 2016 set by Scrutiny Committee)
4	That the Cabinet Member facilitates discussion with local businesses in the A515 area and feeds back to the Committee regarding the impact that a set route would have in the area if it was enforced.	<p>Prior to undertaking this work traffic surveys need to be undertaken so that the correct local businesses can be identified and the impact of a set route is fully understood. This work is therefore on hold until additional resources are identified by either SCC or local Members.</p> <p>In the meantime local community surveys can identify notable hauliers, with a view to contacting them and gaining an understanding of journey details.</p>	Mark Deaville/Clive Thomson/James Bailey	<p>SCC survey on-hold pending resources.</p> <p>Local community surveys as individual resources permit.</p>
5	Members asked to see any routing agreements and road safety assessments and details of cases where breaches of planning conditions relevant to developments near the A515 had taken place in the last three years.	One logistics company at Fradley Park operates its own informal routing management plan by insisting movements in and out of its site are made via the A38. Construction Management Plans are agreed with developers in certain circumstances to ensure construction traffic is managed away from minor roads that are not suitable to carry such traffic. In the	Mark Deaville/James Bailey	Complete

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		last 5 years investigations indicate that there have been no cases of breaches of planning condition investigated by the relevant planning authority and therefore no representations have made to the Traffic Commissioner.		
6	That local licensing authorities carefully consider HGV operators' license applications involving property served off the rural network to take into account the impact on the local community.	Applications and approval for HGV 'operating centres' are made by the Traffic Commissioner. SCC is a statutory consultee and in the last 5 years approximately 500 applications have been commented on and 3 objections have been made. Out of the objections 1 operating centre has been refused. SCC will continue to assess and respond to applications as they are received.	Mark Deaville/James Bailey	On-going
7.	That if breaches of routing agreements take place the local borough/district council is requested to take this matter up with the relevant company and/or the Traffic Commissioner, specifically if the agreements had been subject to an operators' license.	Members of the public should make contact with the relevant planning authority who have set the planning conditions.	Relevant District/Borough Council member/officer	On-going
8.	The Local Police Commander is	Contact will be made with the Local		

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	asked to share the views expressed by attendees at the Inquiry Days of alleged speeding and traffic offences along the A515, with his Local Policing Unit and take action where appropriate.	Police Commander via the Road Safety Team.	Mark Deaville/James Bailey	October 2016
9.	That the Cabinet Member investigates the installation of bollards or railings to prevent lorries mounting the pavement along parts of the A515.	Investigations have concluded that the installation of additional barriers and railings within the street scene is not seen as desirable particularly when there is a drive nationally to reduce street clutter. If there are no site restrictions and there remains a local desire then it is felt that the local member should be approached to consider whether funding from the local member DHP fund could be secured against other competing priorities.	Mark Deaville/James Bailey	Complete
10.	That Council Officers work with staff and the governing body at Richard Crosse School to consider what road safety measures could be put in place to ensure that parents and children travelling to and from Richard Crosse Primary School do	It is estimated that currently the majority of pupils attending Richard Crosse Primary School walk to school each day with their parents. Currently there are no pupils within the catchment area who live further than 2 miles away and hence are	Mark Deaville/Clive Thomson	December 2016

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	so safely.	<p>entitled to free home to school transport arranged by the authority.</p> <p>Contact will be made with the school in the autumn term to consider whether assistance is required to increase the % of pupils walking to school which will have health, educational and congestion benefits.</p>		
11.	That the Cabinet Member on behalf of the County Council write to MPs to ask for their support in obtaining funding for road improvements to the A38 and all major HGV priority routes across the County and for the project evaluating the suitability of diversion routes.	<p>The authority is fully engaged in Midlands Connect which will be the vehicle to influence investment in the strategic road network in Staffordshire, which will include the A38.</p> <p>The authority has responded to Highway England RIS2 asking that funding is allocated to improve junctions on the A38 in the time period 2020-25.</p> <p>The cabinet member has written to the MPs to ask for their support in our submission to Highways England.</p>	Mark Deaville/Clive Thomson	Complete
12.	Members recommend that the	Investment by Highway England on		

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	Cabinet Member asks HE to ensure that a traffic management plan forms part of the Expressways concept.	‘Expressways’ will be part of the RIS2 strategy which will be influenced by Midlands Connect. SCC will continue to press for this investment in Staffordshire.	Mark Deaville/Clive Thomson	Complete
13.	HE to be asked what influence they could bring to bear on the problems caused by the use of satellite navigation systems for route planning in rural areas.	Contact has been made with the Highways England officer who attended the committee hearings and an update is currently awaited.	Highways England	October 2016
14.	The revised Freight Strategy to include an update on the use of satellite navigation systems.	This matter will be picked up when resources allow for the freight strategy to be refreshed.	Mark Deaville/Clive Thomson	On-hold
15.	That the Cabinet Member ensures that the County Council’s Highways Team provides clear advice to planning authorities in respect of the highways implications and location of developments likely to generate additional freight movements on the highway network and recommends financial contributions for the highways infrastructure by the relevant developers.	The authority’s development control team continue to review and respond to planning applications as they arise and will seek financial contributions for infrastructure improvements where possible and justified.	Mark Deaville/James Bailey	On-going

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16.	That the Select Committee continues to include HS2 in its Work Programme and maintains an overview of this development, specifically its impact on the A515.	The authority will be in a position to influence HS2 Construction traffic routing subject to the limitations imposed by the Hybrid Bill. The desire for the Select Committee to be sighted on this work as it progresses is noted.	Mark Deaville/Clive Thomson	On-going
17.	That the Cabinet Member ensures that the views of local people are taken into account as part of all recommendations the County Council makes concerning major traffic disruption to residents during and after the HS2 project.	The authority set up a Lichfield District HS2 residents group in September 2012 in conjunction with the District Council. Construction traffic impact is discussed at this group and work to mitigate impact within limitations of Hybrid Bill will continue.	Mark Deaville/Clive Thomson	On-going
18.	To ask local Borough and District Councils to consider the development of lorry parks and enable overnight parking provision in their areas as part of their Local Plans. Consideration should be given to the creation of designated lorry bays and overnight parking facilities of appropriate size, with clear signage.	The authority continues to influence local plans and ask that consideration is given to freight facilities where seen as desirable. It should be noted that the approved Lichfield Local Plan for 2008 -29 has no identified site for a lorry park although this may emerge in their site allocation document.	Mark Deaville/Clive Thomson	On-going
19.	That the Cabinet Member undertakes a review of lorry parks	This work would be undertaken as part of the refresh of the County	Mark	

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	and facilities for HGV drivers in the County.	Council's Freight Strategy. It should be noted that any lorry park facility will need to be approved by the local planning authority and be able to operate on a commercial basis.	Deaville/Clive Thomson	On-hold
20.	The County Council takes up the offer of discussions with Highways England regarding possible improvements along the A515.	The offer of continued dialogue with Highways England will be taken up and any subsequent infrastructure improvements will need to be prioritized in line with the resources allocated to the authority's highway investment programme.	Mark Deaville/Clive Thomson	December 2016
21.	A number of issues were raised by County Councillors relating to problems in their areas. It is recommended that the Community Infrastructure Managers take up discussions with the relevant County Councillor to address these matters.	Discussions are on-going as part of regular dialogue with all members on highway related matters.	Mark Deaville/James Bailey	On-going
22.	That the Cabinet Member initiates a forum for regular discussion with Council officers and representatives from Highways England, Road Haulage Association, Staffordshire's Chamber of Commerce Transport	It is agreed representatives from the various organisations will be asked to form a Staffordshire Freight Forum with the first meeting to be held before the end of November 2016. Terms of reference will be	Mark Deaville/James Bailey	November 2016

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	Forum in order to develop an understanding of County wide distribution issues and promote constructive solutions which reconcile the need of access for goods and services with local, environment and social concerns.	developed in the coming months and agreed at the first meeting.		
23.	That the Cabinet Member lobbies Staffordshire MPs to act on the issue of the impact that heavy goods vehicles are having on roads and communities in Staffordshire.	<p>Before any lobbying is carried out it is felt essential that a clear ask is established.</p> <p>This is likely to be established once the current work that is on hold due to essential spend restrictions is lifted.</p>	Mark Deaville/Clive Thomson	On-hold
24.	That the Cabinet Member reports back to the Committee on the outcome of consideration of placing a weight restriction on Wood End Lane, taking account developments in regard to HS2	<p>An improvement to the alignment of Wood End lane has been contained within the local integrated transport plan for the Lichfield District Council area for many years.</p> <p>As part of the alterations to the road network in the area caused by the construction of Phase 1 of HS2 an improved alignment will be provided for approximately 2/3 of Wood End lane between the A38 and the A515.</p>	Mark Deaville/James Bailey	Complete

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	<p>The long term strategy is to complete an improvement to the alignment of Wood End Lane along the full length together with an improvement of Hilliard’s Cross junction. These improvements could facilitate an option to introduce a weight restriction on the A513 in the vicinity of Kings Bromley.</p> <p>This would also allow a potential HGV route from the A38 to the A51 without the need to pass through Lichfield City or Kings Bromley giving relief to a number of local communities.</p> <p>In view of the above at the current time there is no intention to introduce a weight restriction on Wood End Lane.</p>		