

Winchelsea Town Plan Traffic & Transport Working Group

Meeting #4: Minutes, Feb 05

Present: M J de Smith (Chair, mike@desmith.com, Tel: 223559),
R Comotto, T McMullin, M Hogg
Apologies: K Manning

Location: WCO, 19:30, 17/2/05

Summary

This was a brief meeting called following the recent meeting of the SC and a meeting held with Brian Banks of the ESCC Highways Dept. Notes on the ESCC meeting had previously been circulated by email (MJDS) and attention during this TTWG session was on the proposed Consultation programme.

Details

1. Consultation

The timing of the WTP Consultation is now thought to be mid-April, with input to SC needed by mid-March. Input from TTWG members is to be in the form of contributions to a consolidated document that MJDS agreed to prepare/coordinate (see below); and in suggestions/drafts for Poster (Information Display) layouts - **ALL**

2. Consolidated document

As an important input to the debate and consultation process it was agreed that a document provisionally entitled "Traffic and Transport in and around Winchelsea: Past, Present and Future" would be prepared – for public review/comment. This would incorporate information from the Wider View paper, the submissions of TTWG to ESCC and HA (and those of the recent past), with an explanation of why things have developed to the current position. This will then be augmented with commentary on the current state of things and options and strategies for the future – based on those summarised in point 3 below – **ALL/MJDS**

3. Topics to be included in public consultation (posters etc) process:

- a. Optional provision of speed activated signs in Monks Walk (by toilets) and on A259 along straight stretch/near New Hall
- b. re-visiting of the Speedwatch programme, possibly with prior obtaining of our own speed gun in order to make discreet speed measurements at critical times (e.g. early morning, evening and some Sundays) – subject to training/insurance issues

- c. Provision of minor road-edge layout changes within the town in order to protect corners, verges and to improve safety – these may include: building out the corner(s) at the junction by the Court Hall; squaring off some road junctions (e.g. German St/Back Lane) and the junction of Back Lane with Friars Walk (plus possible addition of a school-time A-frame “Child Safe Zone” sign in the road during drop-off/pick-up times)
 - d. Examination of the option of having Strand Hill as a one-way up route (subject to the opinion of residents and investigation of the feasibility of obtaining funding, probably by extension of Rye LATS to include Winchelsea)
 - e. Examination of responses to HA proposals regarding the A259T (pending) and revisiting the idea of a route being made around the town to avoid the Ferry Hill problems (from the Icklesham end near Winchlesea Lodge to the foot of Ferry Hill, skirting the sewerage works, for example).
 - f. Questions relating to transport issues: suggestions for improvements to the railway services and access; suggestions regarding bus services (frequency of 711, use made of Community Transport service)
 - g. Obtaining a footpath down Ferry Hill, as per the TTWG submission to HA
4. Other matters:
- a. RC will try and obtain an invite to the Uckfield conference on Traffic Safety (2/3/05) which MJDS hopes to be able to attend and report on
 - b. MJDS and RC will arrange to meet with Rye Partnership (and in due course, Zoe Tweed and Peter Hayward of ESCC) to discuss the proposed LATS extension
 - c. MJDS will report back on the HA response on the A259T consultation as soon as their report is available
 - d. MJDS will investigate whether a printed town map is feasible – else I suggest using sheets of flip-chart paper to make up a large map area and hand drawing a street plan on this and covering the result with a clear polythene sheet (or similar scheme)
 - e. MJDS noted that a team of his MSc students are conducting an initial investigation of options for a strategic route from Hastings to Ashford, inland of the current road routes
5. Next meeting – to be agreed, but liaison in the short term will be by email and individual meetings

MJDS