

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT & TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMME FOR 2015/16 TO BE PROGRESSED BY NFDC

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek:

- i. Approval for implementation of the suggested programme for 2015/16 (attached as Appendix 1), subject to consultation with Local New Forest District Council (NFDC) & Hampshire County Council HCC Members, Town/Parish Councils and others on detailed design matters.
- ii. Approval for the reserve schemes included in Appendix 1 to be progressed as soon as resources permit, subject to consultation with NFDC & HCC Members, Town/Parish Councils and relevant others on detailed design matters.
- iii. Authority to advertise the proposed waiting restrictions, other draft Traffic Regulation Orders and speed tables (covered by The Highways Road Humps Regulations 1999) included in Appendix 1 subject to no objections from Local HCC Councillors or responsible HCC Officers.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 NFDC entered into a Traffic Management Agreement with HCC in February 2009.

2.2 Under the terms of the Traffic Management Agency/Partnership Agreement NFDC has to prepare a proposed programme of Traffic Management Work for each financial year for the County Council's consideration. The anticipated annual budget for works and advertisement costs is £22,000 (subject to HCC review).

2.3 In accordance with the terms of the HCC/NFDC Capital Schemes Agency Agreement NFDC can implement minor highway engineering schemes on the highway. HCC funded Minor Capital Schemes and Developer Funded schemes are included in the proposed programme.

2.4 However, there have been changes in circumstance which affect future operation of the Traffic Management Agency, and in particular this Council's ability to implement minor highway schemes itself. With the retirement of the Principal Engineer (Transportation) Nick Hunt and because our in-house engineers have other priorities for their work, NFDC no longer has the in-house expertise or capacity to arrange and supervise the implementation of this type of minor engineering scheme. Where implementation work has already commenced the schemes will be completed under this year's proposed programme. However, the work programme for 2015/16 does not include the implementation of any further minor highway engineering schemes. Consideration will need to be given as to how (and by whom) this type of scheme will be delivered in the future. Accordingly, the programme set out in Appendix 1 has a separate section which records a number of projects which NFDC has progressed to a stage ready for implementation, but cannot itself implement.

- 2.5 It should be noted that the arrangement which NFDC has had with HCC, which has enabled NFDC to undertake the implementation of minor engineering schemes (which would otherwise be undertaken by the County Council), is beyond the scope of the normal arrangements in Traffic Management Agreements in Hampshire between the County Council and District Councils – in other words, the type of scheme we currently do not have the capacity to progress and implement ourselves, in other District Council areas, would normally be implemented by the County Council.

3 THE PROPOSED PROGRAMME

- 3.1 NFDC's Traffic Management Priority Assessment Process is based on its Traffic Management Strategy (http://www.newforest.gov.uk/media/adobe/6/f/Traffic_Management_Strategy_4_Feb.pdf). This Strategy was agreed in consultation with HCC & NFDC Members, Town/Parish Councils and other stakeholders.
- 3.2 The size of the Programme is influenced by:
- HCC's and NFDC's allocations for Traffic Management employee costs
 - HCC's allocation for advertising and works costs
 - The availability of developer/HCC funding to fully cover design and works costs
 - The availability of engineers to progress implementation of schemes.
- 3.3 The suggested Programme is based on the current resource situation, but if there is capacity to do so at least some work will be undertaken this financial year to progress initial design work on reserve schemes.
- 3.4 Priority is generally given to progressing proposals investigated or advertised in the previous year and agreed proposals for which external funding is likely to be available.
- 3.5 The schemes included in the work programme for 2015/16 take account of the discussions that have taken place over the year in meetings with District and County Councillors, at which Town and Parish Councils' representatives were in attendance. There have also been separate consultations regarding the allocation of developers' contributions to specific schemes (S106 contributions).
- 3.6 HCC officers have been consulted on the draft Programme and their comments have been taken into account in the programme set out in Appendix 1.
- 3.7 The Council is required to formally advertise draft permanent and temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (including waiting restrictions) and other measures such as speed tables (covered by The Highways Road Humps Regulations 1999). Having done so all representations in respect to draft permanent orders and Hump Regulations are considered in consultation with local NFDC/HCC Members before a decision is made to make or not to make the advertised draft Order etc. in accordance with the Council's scheme of delegation to officers.
- 3.8 For schemes in the Programme that do not require formal advertisement local NFDC/HCC Members, Town/Parish Councils and appropriate officers will be consulted prior to the design being finalised. For the more significant schemes that involve changing road layouts, providing new cycle routes etc. wider notices will be posted on site. Any responses to the notices will be considered in consultation with local NFDC/HCC Members before the design is finalised.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None.

5 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Environmental implications will be taken into account in final design work, to ensure the benefits of the proposals out-weight any concerns about visual impact.

6 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 None.

7 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

- i. The Traffic Management Programme for 2015/16, as set out in Appendix 1, is agreed and implemented, subject to detailed design work and careful consideration of objections to proposals that require statutory public advertisement and/or the consultations referred to above.
- ii. Work on reserve schemes set out in Appendix 1 be progressed as soon as resources are available, subject to the careful consideration of objections to proposals that require statutory public advertisement and/or the consultations referred to above if detailed proposals have not yet been prepared.
- iii. The traffic regulation orders referred to in Appendix 1 be formally advertised subject to no objections from the Local HCC Councillor or the responsible HCC officer if these have not already been consulted.
- iv. The Traffic Management Programme and list of reserve schemes be amended by either the Head of Planning and Transportation or Planning Policy Manager in consultation with NFDC’s Planning and Transportation Portfolio Holder and HCC Officers to reflect any of the following:
 - Responses to advertised proposals
 - Changes to local NFDC and HCC Members’ priorities
 - NFDC Cabinet and Portfolio Holder decisions for allocation of developers’ contributions which HCC officers agree NFDC can progress as HCC’s partner/agent.

8 PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION

I agree the recommendations of this report.

Signed: ..CLLR E J HERON..... **Date:**..20 AUGUST 2015.....

Date notice of decision given...20 August 2015.....

Last date for call-in - 27 August 2015

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**APPENDIX 1:
NFDC TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT & TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMME
2015-2016**

Programmed Schemes

Location (by Parish)	Description	Comments	Cost Estimate
ASHURST Foxhills	Restrictions to keep key passing place clear at school start/finish times.	Parking and loading restrictions to protect a longer passing place to assist buses in particular. (Completion of TRO made in Feb. 2015)	£1000
BROCKENHURST Sway Road (plus Noel Cl & Avenue Rd)	Waiting Restrictions – Brookley Rd (near No. 22) & Sway Road (disabled persons parking place near School)	Members have agreed (Jan 2015) proposals to be advertised. Make & implement TRO if advertised proposals agreed.	£1000
BURLEY	Waiting Restrictions – extend restrictions up hill to cover school (parish request)	Consult District/County Members, advertise & implement if proposals agreed	£1000
FORDINGBRIDGE Burgate Fields	Investigate possible further waiting restrictions to manage parking in residential estate near Burgate School	Review TRO implemented in March 2014 Will be progressed if considered there is a need for adjustments.	£1000
HYPHE & DIBDEN Butts Bridge Hill	Low cost measures to highlight where pedestrians (should) cross and to encourage lower speeds, pending funding being available for permanent scheme	No developers' contributions currently available for reserve scheme below. Low cost measures suggested as an interim improvement (possibly edge lining to visually narrow the road).	£2000 (Permanent scheme would be £80,000)
HYPHE & DIBDEN Roman Road	Roman Road South Cycle Route – Traffic Calming (speed tables)	(July – NFDC work completed.) Advertised under Road Hump Regulations in March 2015. Responses to advertised proposals considered. Lack of support for proposes so decision made not to implement.	(£61,000 – financed by developers' contributions when available)
HYPHE & DIBDEN Various	Waiting Restrictions – Various roads. Issues identified issues in Langdown Lawn, Atheling Rd, Kiln Cl, Malwood Rd West, Water La and Ferry Rd.	Assess problems and measures that will address significant problems without transferring them to other locations.	£2000
HYPHE & DIBDEN Centre	Road closure for Tues Market	Parish formal request received 15 June 2015	£2000 (Parish funded)
LYMINGTON Various	Waiting Restrictions – Various roads. (plus Waterloo Rd, Court Close)	Assessment of problems identified, including those identified by Members in Belmore Ln, Brunswick Pl, New St, Emsworth Rd /Barfields, Forward Dr, Marsh La, Western Rd/Eastern Rd (junction protection) & St Thomas	£2000

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		St, and consideration of appropriate measures. Advertise proposals. Make & implement TRO if advertised proposals agreed.	
LYMINGTON Lymington Shores (Former Webbs site).	Waiting restrictions, inc 4h max stay	Included in 106 Agreement. Consult Members later in year. Preliminary proposal agreed with developer. Advertise proposals. Make & implement TRO if advertised proposals agreed	Developer S106 Scheme (£2,000)
LYMINGTON – Pennington to Highfield Cycle Route (via Bunny Run/Priestlands Road)	Pennington to Highfield Cycle Route (via Bunny Run /Priestlands Road)	NFDC/HCC approved Transport Statement Scheme Number NFDC0171. Local Members consultations on detailed proposals. £132,665 developers' contributions available for this & other parts of Pennington to Highfield Cycle Route. Review completed sections of route to see if further works required and undertake concept design work for other sections as appropriate. (Implementation of any agreed further works may be by HCC.)	Cost will vary depending on what is agreed – funded by developers' contributions.
LYMINGTON – Station area	Bus – rail interchange at Lymington Station	Feasibility study to examine scope for creation of bus/rail interchange.	Cost will vary depending on what is agreed – funded by developers' contributions.
MARCHWOOD: Village Centre Access Improvements	Village Centre Access Improvements. Widen footpaths/cycle route conversions of paths on land controlled by Parish/NFDC and footpath widening to paths not owned by Parish/NFDC utilising land controlled by Parish/NFDC.	NFDC/HCC approved Transport Statement Scheme Number NFDC0217. Concept design and land requirement work to be finalised by NFDC. HCC to implement, including land dedications.	(Approx. £28,000) Cost will vary depending on what is agreed – funded by developers' contributions.
MILFORD ON SEA Various roads	Waiting Restrictions - Various roads including Hurst Road, Westover Road, Sea Road, and Gillingham Road.	Implement Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) made in 2014/15.	£2000
NEW MILTON Marryat Road	Marryat Road near play area adj. railway line – Prohibition of Driving Order	Traffic Regulation Order made. Implement on 1 September 2015 as agreed with NFDC Housing who will fund works/signs etc. to bring Order into effect.	£0
NEW MILTON: Various roads	Waiting Restrictions - Various roads (plus Lake Grove Rd, Avenue Rd, Manor Rd, Gore Road)	Review TRO implemented in 2015/16. Consider, agree and advertise any adjustments needed. Implement in either 2015/16 or 2016/17 depending on costs. Also consider issues in Southern Lane.	£2000

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RINGWOOD Various	Waiting Restrictions – Market Place (plus Duck Island Lane, & Castleman /Embankment Way)	Review 'No Loading' restrictions in Market Place, and consider restrictions in Duck Island Lane, & Castleman /Embankment Way. Advertise proposals then make & implement TRO if advertised proposals agreed	£2000
RINGWOOD Hightown Road	Hightown Road – Measures to assist pedestrians at Parsonage Barn Farm junction	Agreed works combined with Southampton Road scheme for implementation in Summer 2015	£15,000
RINGWOOD: Southampton Road	Southampton Road adjacent to Carvers - Cycle route and measures to better manage parking (including minor works at the Mansfield Road end of route).	NFDC/HCC approved Transport Statement Scheme Number NFDC0343 (TMH2) & NFDC0316 (PC14) Detailed design completed. Works programmed for implementation Summer 2015	£40000
RINGWOOD Castleman Way	Castleman Way - Southern side (to the east of the recently complete cycle path to Embankment Way) Shared pedestrian/cycle route incorporating grassed area to the rear of the footway	NFDC/HCC approved Transport Statement Scheme Number NFDC0306. Concept design work to be finalised by NFDC. HCC to implement. The required grassed area to the rear of the footway is not highway. This land needs to be secured before the current proposal can be progressed.	(Approx. £50,000) Cost will vary depending on what is agreed – funded by developers' contributions.
RINGWOOD, BRANSGORE AND FORDINGBRIDGE Various roads	Waiting Restrictions - Various roads in Ringwood, Bransgore and Fordingbridge	Implement Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) made March 2015. Works substantially complete.	£200
TOTTON Various roads	Waiting Restrictions - Various roads	Assessment of problems identified, including those identified by Members in Lydlynch Rd (footway parking restriction suggested), St Michael's Rd & Station Rd South and consideration of appropriate measures that will address significant problems without transferring them to other locations. Advertise proposals. Make & implement TRO if advertised proposals agreed.	£2000
TOTTON Jacobs Gutter Lane/Bury Road/Trotts Lane Junction	Jacobs Gutter Lane/Bury Road/Trotts Lane Junction– Uncontrolled Cycle Crossing	NFDC/HCC approved Transport Statement Scheme Number NFDC0418. NFDC to undertake feasibility Study and preliminary concept design. HCC to undertake detailed design and implementation.	£110000
VARIOUS	Minor non-programme works	New traffic signs, dragons teeth, bollards and road markings, including new disabled persons' parking spaces. Access and progress if both sufficient funding	£1000

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		and if meet HCC and NFDC criteria. Consult HCC/NFDC Members as required.	

Projects ready for implementation

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HORDLE Ashley Lane	Footway improvements and bus lay-by outside WI Hall	NFDC/HCC approved Transport Statement Scheme Number NFDC0081. NFDC completed concept design and consultation in 2014/15. NFDC to ask HCC to progress to implementation in 2015/16.	At least £30,000 Financed by Developers' contributions
LYMINGTON: Captains Row	Accessibility/ Environmental Improvements	NFDC/HCC approved Transport Statement Scheme Number NFDC0207. Road Hump Regulations procedures completed by NFDC. HCC to implement.	Around £50,000
TOTTON Calmore Drive/ Goodwood Gardens/ Flowerdown Close	Calmore Drive /Goodwood Gardens - replace "changed junction priority" by junction speed table. Calmore Drive/Flowerdown Close - new junction speed table.	NFDC/HCC approved Transport Statement Scheme Number NFDC0358. Proposal agreed under Road Hump Regulations in 2014/15. Design work completed by NFDC in 2014/15. NFDC to ask HCC to implement in 2015/16	£40000
TOTTON Ringwood Road	Ringwood Road west of Calmore Road (Stage 3) - Cycle route.	NFDC/HCC approved Transport Statement Scheme Number NFDC0353. NFDC now completed concept design work. HCC to implement.	£120000

Reserve Schemes

NOTE:

Reserve schemes may be included in future years' programmes or progressed in 2015/16 if funding & design resources permit).

All reserve schemes will be subject to review prior to any decision to progress work on them.

Location (by Parish)	Description	Comments	Cost Estimate
BRANSGORE Ringwood Road	Ringwood Road near Primary School – Minor measures to assist pedestrians and reduce speeds.	Investigate further measures to assist pedestrians, such as dropped crossings at road junctions and low cost speed reduction measures, within available developers'	Cost will vary depending on what is agreed – funded by developers'

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		contributions budget. Prepare illustrative plan of any feasible minor works	contributions.
BROCKENHURST A337 / Meerut Road junction	Meerut Road junction – Investigate restricting right turn out of Meerut Road.	Investigate to see if restriction has road safety benefits. If so seek approval to advertise. Implement any agreed proposals	£1000
EVERTON Wainsford Road	Wainsford Road (western section) roads – speed reduction measures to improve conditions for cyclists and residents.	Review speed data when eastern feature repaired/adjusted and consideration whether or not to further modify/extend current speed reduction features	£1000
LYMINGTON Ramley Road	Ramley Road - Traffic Calming (speed tables)	NFDC/HCC approved Transport Statement Scheme Number NFDC0206. Prepare concept plan and undertake initial consultation with emergency services. Phased implementation in future years if and when further contributions received.	£130000 – funded by developers' contributions when available.
NEW MILTON Gore Road	Gore Road - Cycle Route (west of Milton Mead) Will link to Stage 1 which ends at Milton Mead. Stage 2 could be up to either Gore Rd Industrial Estate or Stem Lane depending on funding.	NFDC/HCC approved Transport Statement Scheme Number NFDC0260. Prepare concept plan for Member/Public consultation. Progress when further contributions received.	£200000 – funded by developers' contributions when available.
RINGWOOD: A338 Salisbury Road to Town Centre	A338 Salisbury Road to Town Centre cycle route via Gravel Lane	NFDC/HCC approved Transport Statement Scheme Number NFDC0315. Strategic cycle route included in the New Forest Transport Contributions List approved by HCC's Executive Member for Environment in Sept 2010 and previously by NFDC. Prepare concept plan for Member/Public consultation. Progress when further contributions received.	Not known
RINGWOOD Castleman Way	Castleman Way - Northern side to the east & west of the recently complete cycle path (Hightown Rd Spur to the junction of Hightown Rd & Castleman Way), shared pedestrian/cycle route incorporating highway verge	NFDC/HCC approved Transport Statement Scheme Number NFDC0306. Prepare concept plan for Member/Public consultation. HCC to implement when contributions to fund are received.	£95000 – funded by developers' contributions when available.
TOTTON Hammonds Lane	Hammonds Lane - Cycle Route and Traffic Calming	NFDC/HCC approved Transport Statement Scheme Number NFDC0362. Prepare concept plan and when funding available seek Member approval to advertise proposal under Road Humps Regulations. If agreed, and subject to further funding being allocated, advertise	£40000 – funded by developers' contributions when available.

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		proposal under Road Humps Regulations. HCC to implement when funds available.	
TOTTON Testwood to Town Centre	Testwood to Town Centre - Cycle Route and Traffic Calming	NFDC/HCC approved Transport Statement Scheme Number NFDC0365. Prepare concept plan and seek Member approval to advertise proposal under Road Humps Regulations. If agreed, and subject to further funding being allocated, advertise proposal under Road Humps Regulations. HCC to implement when funds available.	Not known
TOTTON Nutsey Lane to Salisbury Rd	Nutsey Lane to Salisbury Rd via Nutsey Ave - Cycle Route	NFDC/HCC approved Transport Statement Scheme Number NFDC0367. Prepare concept plan and undertake Member & public consultations if and when further funding becomes available.	Not known
TOTTON Houndsdown Ave, Valley Rd & part of Jacobs Gutter Lane	Houndsdown Ave, Valley Rd & part of Jacobs Gutter Lane - Cycle Route	NFDC/HCC approved Transport Statement Scheme Number NFDC0370. Prepare concept plan and undertake consultations if and when further funding becomes available.	Not known.
OTHER SCHEMES IDENTIFIED FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OR IMPLEMENTATION BY HCC			
FAWLEY Fawley Road	Fawley Road east of Church Lane junction near Infants School - Uncontrolled Crossing	No funding currently available	Not known.
FORDINGBRIDGE Whitsbury Rd/Burnham Rd	Whitsbury Rd/Burnham Rd – Improvements to assist pedestrians	No funding currently available	Not known.
HYTHE & DIBDEN Butts Bridge Hill	Butts Bridge Hill – Improved pedestrian facilities incorporating uncontrolled crossings on Butts Bridge Hill	No funding currently available, but see low cost item in programme.	Not known.
HYTHE & DIBDEN Cumberland Way	Cumberland Way – Replace 4 pairs of temporary build-outs with permanent features.	No funding currently available	Not known.
HYTHE & DIBDEN School Road	School Road – Widen Footway	No funding currently available	Not known.
LYMINGTON Brook Road (South end)	Brook Road (South end) – Conversion of verge to footway	No funding currently available	Not known.
LYMINGTON Highfield	Highfield – Provide footway link along eastern section of Highfield	No funding currently available	Not known.
MARCHWOOD: Long Lane	Long Lane Stage 2 – Provide footway where there are gaps	Investigate feasibility, including piping of watercourse.	Not known.