

Notes from Totnes & District Traffic and Transport Forum

30 June 2021

Via zoom - 18:30 - 20:00

Present:

John Scanlon – Chair

Pruw Boswell - Heritage

Chris Watson

Cllr Jo Sweett

Sylvia Dell (notes)

Cllr Jacqi Hodgson - [link DCC](#)

Cllr Paul Alford - [link TTC](#)

Graham Bennett – rambler

1. Welcome (JS)
2. Notes from Traffic & Transport Forum – May 26 2021 – approved
 - Update from Cllr Hodgson following HATOC on Friday 25 June

HATOC Counsellors were considering a proposal for the junction between Western Bypass and Plymouth Road, to replace the lights (which are coming to the end of their lifecycle) and whether or not to include a pedestrian crossing on the north (downhill) side of these lights. This had been requested some while ago following a traffic accident with a child injured in an RTA. There is a set of pedestrian lights on the south (uphill) side, but this is not sufficient to serve pedestrians walking along the footpath from Paige Adams Road and wishing to cross at the north side. The highways recommendation was to reject the straight-through crossing on the grounds that it would hold up traffic and increase air pollution. Counsellors decided to have a site visit before schools close at 8:30am (date tbc) to see the problem in situ. They also asked JF to cost up a staggered crossing which would cause less disruption to traffic flow.

HATOC Counsellors also were advised about the process for creating Residents Parking areas. This is a particular issue with residents in Swallowfields, which is adjacent to the river and popular with people wanting to launch canoes and inflatable paddle boats – the issue is that disruption, excessive parking and aggression is making life extremely unpleasant for residents. The highways officer explained that the process is very costly and consists of a waiting list that can take from 2 – 6 years, with no guarantee that scheme would be approved. Residents were very disappointed with this response and have been advised to take the issue to the Ombudsman. There may also be an opportunity to create new leisure parking as a consequence of the redevelopment plans for KEVICCS

3. Updates on current projects
 - a. Traffic calming initial designs Fore St, High St

Devon Highways (John Fewings) has requested more time to complete issues arising from the safety audit before coming to present to steering group

- b. EV survey
 - Online survey proceeding well over 100 responses. Waiting for opportunity to share hard copies at face to face events
 - c. 20 mph survey (attached)
 - Draft 3 incorporates comments from SG members and counsellors. Has been approved by planning committee and will now go to full council.
 - The mymap
<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1a6049bwdpeMywf3INioaiX26kwjifBT2&usp=sharing> currently just shows the existing 20 mph zones.
 - Action SD – extend the map to show all roads which should be incorporated into the wider 20 mph zone
 - d. Pedestrian crossing at The Lamb
 - Cllr Collinson helped to draft proposal which was submitted to planning and approved. This will now be discussed in Ful Council 19 July
 - e. Castle St drop kerb and traffic calming
 - Submitted and awaiting response
 - f. Clay Park drop kerb
 - Submitted and awaiting response
 - g. Western Bypass junction with Plymouth Road - pedestrian crossing on north side
 - See report from HATOC
4. Using Bob the Bus as Park n Ride – new funding application
 - Discussions have been held with Bob the Bus (SH) to develop a trial of a park n ride, servicing Steamer Quay and KEVICCS car park during school holidays. The is subject to a funding bid which has been submitted and is planned to run for 6-8 weeks Fri and Sat only. Costs for signage are also included in the bid
 5. Discuss the Quiet Roads idea - compile a list of rat runs which could be considered - <https://www.cornwalllive.com/news/cornwall-news/date-set-controversial-closure-10-5536340>
 - Lots of discussion – some support for designating Fore St/High St as a “Quiet Street” ie access only, although not unanimous.
 - Action – watch how the trial in Cornwall proceeds
 6. AOB
 - Discussion around the plans for redevelopment of KEVICCS including sale of some land and old Elmhurst building for housing
 - Action – feedback on plans required by 26 July
7. Date of next Steering Group
 - 28th July 06:30 PM – at the Dartmouth if permitted