

Notice of Meeting

Farnham Board



Date & time

Friday, 18 October
2024
at 10.00 am

Place

Farnham Town
Council - Hybrid
Meeting via Zoom -
Members of the public
can view the
proceedings on the
Farnham Town
Council - YouTube
channel

Contact

Tel
farnham.boardmeetings@surreycc.gov.uk

The purpose of the Board is to bring partners, residents and businesses together to ensure our deliverables are met and that Farnham maintains its position as a thriving community and town as set out in the adopted Farnham Neighbourhood Plan.

Specifically, the Board will:

1. Consider the Farnham Town Centre, A31 Hickley's Corner and A325 Wrecclesham Infrastructure Schemes, together with any related impacts
2. Determine and agree the specific outcomes and objectives for the Schemes
3. Ensure that the necessary resources from the various partners will be made available in a timely way
4. Set up specific task and finish working groups as required
5. Take evidence and advice from members of the community and representative bodies, as well as professional experts
6. Consider national initiatives and good practice in respect of the proposals to ensure the future prosperity of the town, especially in regard to business, retail, personal wellbeing and climate change
7. Consider and make recommendations on the projects, plans and resources to achieve the agreed outcomes and priorities
8. Seek to secure the capital and revenue investment to deliver agreed projects and plans, including from Government, LEP and other sources
9. Oversee the commissioning, procurement, sponsorship and delivery of agreed projects
10. Take cognisance of other planning and design processes for example the extant Master-planning process, the Waverley Local Plan and the Farnham Neighbourhood Plan.

Member	Representing
Borough Councillor Paul Follows	Waverley Borough Council
Mr Jeremy Hunt MP	South West Surrey
County Councillor Matt Furniss	Surrey County Council
County Councillor Andy MacLeod	Surrey County Council
Town Councillor David Beaman	Farnham Town Council
County Councillor Tim Oliver	Surrey County Council
County Councillor Michaela Martin	Surrey County Council
County Councillor Catherine Powell	Surrey County Council
Borough Councillor Tony Fairclough	Waverley Borough Council

AGENDA

- 1 **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION** (Pages 5 - 6)
- 2 **ACTIONS AND MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING** (Pages 7 - 14)
- 3 **SHORT AND MEDIUM-TERM INTERVENTIONS UPDATE:** (Pages 15 - 22)
 - 20mph Limits/Zones and Speed Restrictions
 - Borelli/Riverside Cycle Improvement Scheme
 - LCWIP
 - Water Lane Roundabout

Note: Detail is provided in Progress Report
- 4 **TOWN CENTRE IMPROVEMENT SCHEME UPDATE**
- 5 **FARNHAM A31 CORRIDOR UPDATE**
- 6 **PROGRAMME AND RISKS**
- 7 **QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION**
- 8 **AOB**
 - The next meeting will be on 17th January 2025

Terence Herbert
Chief Executive
Published: Date Not Specified

MOBILE TECHNOLOGY AND FILMING – ACCEPTABLE USE

Those attending for the purpose of reporting on the meeting may use social media or mobile devices in silent mode to send electronic messages about the progress of the public parts of the meeting.

Anyone is permitted to film, record or take photographs at council meetings. Please liaise with the council officer listed in the agenda prior to the start of the meeting so that those attending the meeting can be made aware of any filming taking place.

Use of mobile devices, including for the purpose of recording or filming a meeting, is subject to no interruptions, distractions or interference being caused to the PA or Induction Loop systems, or any general disturbance to proceedings. The Chairman may ask for mobile devices to be switched off in these circumstances.

It is requested that if you are not using your mobile device for any of the activities outlined

above, it be switched off or placed in silent mode during the meeting to prevent interruptions and interference with PA and Induction Loop systems.

Thank you for your co-operation



Farnham Board Agenda

18 October 2024



Agenda

Date & Time:	18 October 2024, 10:00-11:30
Venue:	Hybrid Meeting – Farnham Town Council Offices
Chairman/SRO:	Cllr Tim Oliver
Standing attendees:	<p>Members Cllr Matt Furniss, Cllr Michaela Martin, Cllr Catherine Powell, Cllr Andy MacLeod, Cllr Paul Follows, Cllr Tony Fairclough, Cllr David Beaman</p> <p>Officers SCC: Antoinette Antoine, David Stempfer, Elaine Martin, Anna Miller, Ben Funning, Hannah Simpson, Aurelie Pot WBC: Abi Lewis FTC: Iain Lynch, Jenny de Quervain Atkins: Chris Greenwood, Rich Franklin</p>

No.	Item	Speaker	Paper
1	Welcome and introduction	TO	Verbal
2	Actions and minutes from the last meeting	TO	Verbal
Note: Detail is provided in Progress Report			
3	Short and Medium-Term Interventions update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20mph Limits/Zones and Speed Restrictions Borelli/Riverside Cycle Improvement Scheme LCWIP Water Lane Roundabout 	EM	Verbal
4	Town Centre Improvement Scheme update	AP	Verbal
5	Farnham A31 Corridor update	EM	Verbal
6	Programme and risks	EM	Verbal
7	Questions and discussion	TO	Verbal
8	AOB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next meeting will be on 17 January 2025 	TO	Verbal



Farnham Infrastructure Programme

Farnham Board
14 June 2024



Minutes

Date & Time:	14 June 2024, 10:00-11:30
Venue:	Hybrid Meeting – Farnham Town Council Office
Chair:	Cllr Tim Oliver (TO)
In attendance:	Cllr Catherine Powell (CP) Cllr Andy MacLeod (AM) Cllr David Beaman (DB) Cllr Tony Fairclough (TF) Cllr Alan Earwaker (AE) Elaine Martin (EM) – Surrey County Council Hannah Simpson (HS) – Surrey County Council Ben Funning (BF) – Surrey County Council Neil McClure (NM) – Surrey County Council Iain Lynch (IL) – Farnham Town Council Jenny de Q (JD) – Farnham Town Council Dawn Hudd (DH) – Waverley Borough Council Rich Franklin (RF) – AtkinsRéalís
Observers:	David Stempfer – Surrey County Council Gemma Joyner – Surrey County Council Aurelie Pot – Surrey County Council
Apologies:	Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP, Cllr Michaela Martin

Ref	Item
1	<p>Welcome and Introduction</p> <p>The Chair reminded the Board that we are in the pre-election period ahead of the General Election in July, and although it was right for this meeting to go ahead, there are various restrictions on what people can say or discuss. The Chair asked the Board to be mindful of this throughout the meeting.</p>
2	<p>Actions and minutes from the last meeting</p> <p>The minutes from the last meeting were agreed. EM went through the actions with updates. EM presented the key successes of the programme so far.</p>
3	<p>Short and Medium-Term Interventions: 20mph Limits and Speed restrictions update</p> <p>Weydon Lane and Town Centre 20mph schemes now complete and Traffic Regulation Order now active. New additional vehicle activated signs will be installed at the same time as the Upper Hale Road scheme across the town.</p> <p>Upper Hale Road 20mph consultation for the physical measures (tables and speed limit) has been completed and the Traffic Regulation Order has been reviewed and accepted by the Surrey Member and is now with the TRO Team to make the Order. Readying for construction which we hope to start end of July and expected to last approx. 5 weeks and will be undertaken as night works to avoid clashes with other works in the area.</p> <p>Cllr Powell noted that Sandy Hill Road is also closed at the moment and that closing, even to do night works, on the Upper Hale Road whilst Sandy Hill Road is closed will create too high an impact on North Farnham and will also impact the town centre. EM advised they have been discussing this with the Streetworks Team and will feed back Cllr Powell's comments.</p>

Ref	Item
4	<p>Town Centre Construction Phasing</p> <p>The Chair added that it would be good to talk about the scheduling of the works, bearing in mind that the works are due to start in September, and that local retailers have expressed concerns, particularly around the potential closure of the car park.</p> <p>The Chair added that the team are committed to try to minimise any disruption to retailers and residents across the town as much as possible but that there will be disruption due to it being a significant programme of works and there will be times when roads will have to be closed.</p> <p>The Chair advised that there has to be full engagement with retailers and residents and suggested that the three County Councillors act as the co-ordinators between EM and her team and the residents and the retailers. The Chair also asked that the three County Councillors are also the liaison point for Waverley Borough Council (WBC) and Farnham Town Council (FTC). There will be a need to take decisions fairly quickly, with probably some last-minute changes.</p> <p>The Chair also asked the Comms team to produce regular newsletters which all parties can feed into to ensure there is accurate information going out to residents and retailers about what is going on across the town and when works are scheduled etc.</p> <p>The Chair added that Victoria Road works will not start before January 2025.</p> <p>Cllr Powell added they would like to use the same model used for East Street, sitting down with the relevant retailers, residents, FTC so they have a clear idea of the areas and can try to minimise disruption. Having a more holistic view will provide a better solution for the town and minimise the impact. Important to have a list of the decisions that are needed to be made.</p> <p>Cllr MacLeod noted that residents are supportive of the 20mph limits but that there needs to be more enforcement as some drivers are ignoring the limits. EM added that there are going to be some measures put in place (raised tables) in Castle Street and other areas.</p> <p>The Chair added that we are reaching the delivery phase and it is the SCC Highways Team responsibility to deliver the scheme in a compliant way, and we need to ensure we have the ability to make quick decisions, which is why the suggestion of it being funnelled through the three County Councillors would be effective and ensure no crossed-wires or complications, and that the WBC and FTC will need to be kept fully engaged too.</p> <p>ACTION: EM/HS to provide a list of decisions needed to be made and when they need to be made to be provided to Board.</p>
5	<p>Short and Medium-Term Interventions: Borelli Cycle Improvement Scheme update</p> <p>This is a riverside shared cycle and pedestrian path which goes from South Street to Riverside car parks. This forms part of the medium-term interventions and it is a priority East/West link in the LCWIP which we are delivering early. The red route showing on the plan (see slides) will be delivered by SCC and discussions have been taking place with Crest Nicholson to deliver the section shown in blue (see slides) as part of their bridge construction and making good the entrance on South Street.</p> <p>The preliminary design show in red (see slides) is almost complete and the environmental mitigations and urban designs which includes lighting are being finalised. Some ecological tree surveys have been completed to support this. The construction of the red section (see slides) is provisionally scheduled for December 2024 to align with when the works will be reduced over the Christmas period in the town centre.</p>

Ref	Item
	<p>There is a meeting with the contractor later in the day to discuss the construction programme and timings in more detail.</p> <p>IL added they would like to meet with the contractors and SCC team to align anything they are doing. This was agreed.</p> <p>HS added that conversations are ongoing with Crest Nicholson as to when they are likely to complete their sections.</p>
6	<p>Short and Medium-Term Interventions: LCWIP update</p> <p>Progressing with moving forward of the feasibility of the priority routes which were agreed from the Surrey Councillor led engagement sessions. Proposal for work and scope to take forward is ready and due for discussion with Surrey County Council, WBC and FTC councillors. Meeting to be held after the General Election.</p> <p>The delays in moving into Stage 2 of the LCWIP is the agreement of a series of updates/revisions.</p>
7	<p>Short and Medium-Term Interventions: Water Lane Roundabout update</p> <p>Construction complete. Request has been made for some additional Keep Clear markings and work is being done with Streetworks to find road space to complete this work as there is a night-time diversion route in place until the end of June. There will be a post-construction safety audit, scheduled for the beginning of July.</p> <p>Cllr Powell noted that the nighttime closure is not happening every night and the Keep Clear signs are becoming an issue and need to be reinstated at the earliest opportunity. Added that the Keep Clear markings were on the drawings which were distributed and therefore were not an additional request. Other safety issues have been raised by a resident and Cllr Powell asked that these would also be looked at as part of the post-construction safety audit. EM advised they would be considered and that clarified that the drawings shared were part of the pre-road safety audit and that if there are too many markings on the road, they can create a slip hazard. EM added that Streetworks were concerned that different diversions might be confusing for people. EM advised she would take these concerns back.</p>
8	<p>Farnham Town Centre Improvement Scheme update</p> <p>EM thanked WBC for their formal award of the £3.25m CIL bid.</p> <p>Discussions have taken place with material suppliers, heritage team, maintenance, assets, lab teams for material styles and suitability for aspects such as the paving and how it will fit into the urban design. Engagement with Brightwells to ensure they are matching the styles/colours. Discussions about urban street furniture with Members, maintenance teams and heritage teams. Deployed some pre-construction traffic monitoring surveys across the town which will record traffic counts and the type of vehicles and speeds. Parking review consultation report has been published. Good engagement with Members and Businesses. Comments from all meetings will be collated and considered.</p> <p>BF noted that a comprehensive comms plan is being developed alongside the contractor and will be shared with partners and key stakeholders. Three main elements include pre-construction communication to start over Summer, communication for each phase of sequencing works, and a wider campaign to encourage people to continue coming into the town during the works.</p>

Ref	Item
	<p>Cllr Powell asked that early discussions happen with partners to ensure they input into what is in the regular comms.</p> <p>ACTION: DH to look into additional signage for Waverley Riverside carparks</p>
9	<p>Farnham Summary Programme</p> <p>Programmed to start from September this year, unable to start earlier due to conflicting road space, however the first activity will be to set up the site compound. EM noted they are concerned with the run-up to Christmas and will be re-looking at that with the contractor.</p> <p>Cllr Powell asked for a version of the programme which includes all major schemes outside of the FIP that are influencing works. The Chair added that we may not be able to get all utilities works due to them often doing last minute works, but that a chart showing anything we are aware of would be helpful.</p> <p>ACTION: EM to share a document of the programme including all major schemes (that we are aware of) outside of FIP that are influencing works.</p>
10	<p>Farnham A31 Corridor update</p> <p>Reviewing the cost, programme and design to ensure it is cost effective scheme. Will identify key steps to enable us to move to an Outline Business Case. Have been in communication with the Department of Transport (DfT) and have submitted an outline programme. Consultants are also reviewing the potential for a low-cost option. Value engineering exercise at this critical stage just before we move to the Outline Business Case.</p> <p>The Chair noted that the challenge will be around what schemes are going to continue post-election with a new government, and asked why we are doing a value engineering exercise at this stage. EM clarified that costs have risen a lot so that is why we are re-looking at it.</p> <p>Cllr Powell asked if there can be value engineering with integrated discussions because if we can use space for more than one thing then it adds value to that space. There needs to be some flood resilience along the A31 that FTC will also need to look at as part of its update to the Farnham Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Powell is interested in early engagement as impacted by displaced traffic. Concerns raised about lack of lines on roads on Station Hill and safety of crossings. It has been an area of concern over last few months.</p>
11	<p>Key Milestones and Risks</p> <p>EM went through the key milestones in the programme (see slides). The Chair added that the works in the town centre will be subject to discussion and consultation so people should not take away from this meeting that those are going ahead and that it is currently planned.</p> <p>EM went through the main risks of the programme (see slides).</p>
12	<p>AOB</p> <p>Stagecoach</p> <p>Cllr Beaman asked about buses and Stagecoach. The Chair noted that he has a meeting with Stagecoach Managing Director to resolve the issue.</p>

Cllr Hyman enquiry

Cllr Hyman emailed asking if the Board could give residents and businesses their collective and personal assurances that their commitment to good practice, the law, and transparency will ensure that by convening further meetings if necessary to the above stages (mentioned earlier in the letter) will be respected and duly carries out prior to proceeding to the TRO stage and commencement of the works? If not, to then please explain which of the stages will be omitted and why?

EM explained there are two parts to this. Not usual practice for us to publish technical drawings and assessments for Surrey schemes in the public domain as it could lead to misinterpretation and cause confusion and take up significant officer time in responding. However, for the A31 scheme, any documentation will be scrutinised by the DfT (the funder), and follow the Transport Assessment Guidance process, along with public consultation prior to any decisions made. For the Town Centre, as it is not a DfT scheme (it is a Highways Scheme), it would follow a different approval process and would have a separate Business Case which would go through internal-chaired scrutiny boards which are the Infrastructure Board, Capital Programme Board, and Cabinet for final approval. Post-scheme installation, there will be a road safety audit and mitigation will be reviewed.

North and South Studies

CP noted the North and South Farnham studies – will need to look at the data in context to the modelling which has been done to make sure it does not change anything.

Doctors Surgery

DH raised an issue around the works close to the Doctors surgery. The surgery would like to have a zebra crossing if they are unable to have a controlled crossing there. EM said they have looked at accident patterns in that area and predominantly accidents were occurring at Borelli Walk crossroads so that would be the safer route. Also, any changes made to the South Street/Union Road junction would have a significant impact on traffic across the town. The guard railing will be coming out which will make it wider for people to cross.

Woolmead – Homes England

Cllr Beaman would like to see early discussions with Homes England about Woolmead site, possibility pedestrianising part of East Street and a possible cycle path. DH confirmed she has been engaged with Homes England and they are not publishing any current activity due to pre-election period but that they have confirmed in a statement that they have purchased the Woolmead site.

Ironstone

The FIP team has been out to look at the layouts and have come to a consensus on the use of the ironstone and are making good progress. Cllr Powell asked at what point Councillors will see a new plan showing the proposed places they will be put.

ACTION: EM to share updated plan showing the proposed places of where the ironstone will be.

Rain Gardens, The Borough

Cllr Powell raised that discussion about it has not happened yet. Cllr Powell asked if a meeting can be set up to discuss. EM said as part of the detailed design it is important we avoid any utilities areas, so it is important the team review that through trial trenches. EM added it would be good to have a community garden so it might be worth FTC discussing.

Ref	Item
13	<p data-bbox="229 219 450 250">Chair Summary</p> <p data-bbox="229 286 1449 416">The Chair noted that we are moving into the delivery phase which is good news but that there needs to be engagement and consultation and flexibility in terms of how the scheme is delivered. Wants to reassure the retailers that nothing will happen on the scheme before Christmas to cause disruption.</p> <p data-bbox="229 452 1088 483">This will be DH last meeting before moving to new role at Sussex.</p> <p data-bbox="229 519 1347 551">The next meeting is on 18th October 2024 and will be held at Farnham Town Council.</p>

This page is intentionally left blank



Farnham Board

Items 3-6 Progress Report

18 October 2024



Farnham Infrastructure Programme

Farnham Board Meeting

Items 3-5

DATE: 18 October 2024

REPORT OF: TIM OLIVER – BOARD CHAIRMAN

LEAD OFFICER: ELAINE MARTIN – PROGRAMME MANAGER

SUBJECT: PROGRESS UPDATE

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

This paper summarises the activity and progress achieved since the June 2024 Farnham Board, including any matters of note arising during this period, and outlines the activity which will be carried out up until the next Farnham Board in January 2025.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Programme projects completed,
2. Notes the progress update provided; and
3. Notes the ongoing update to the programme schedule and the associated revisions to forecast milestones.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

To ensure the Farnham Board (Sponsoring Group) is aware of the programme progress to date and has visibility of future Programme activity.

Programme Projects Completed

Project	Element
Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vision developed. • Optimised Infrastructure Plan developed, consulted on and endorsed. • Medium term interventions sifted into allocated projects.
Wayfinding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy completed and approved. • Artwork designed and approved. • Totems manufactured. • 13 of 15 totems installed (final two to be installed as part of the Town Centre Improvement Scheme).
A325 reclassification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feasibility study and surveys completed. • Detailed design approved. • Construction completed.
Re-routing of Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feasibility study and surveys completed. • Traffic Regulation Order advertised and finalised. • Detailed design completed. • Construction completed. • Design of Hampshire signs completed. • ANPR camera vehicle deployed. • Installation of additional traffic enforcement camera signs.
20mph Limits/Zones and Speed restrictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feasibility completed. • Detailed design completed for the three zones. • Traffic Regulation Order advertised for three areas. • Traffic Regulation Order legal for Weydon Lane and Town Centre. • Installation of signage in Weydon Lane and Town Centre completed.
Borelli/Riverside Cycle Improvement Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement with developer on redesign of the connecting pedestrian and cycling bridge. • Ecological, topographical and tree surveys completed. • Detailed design completed.
Local Cycling and Walking Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farnham LCWIP report completed. • Priority cycle/walk routes agreed for further development. • Funding allocated to progress feasibility designs (LCWIP stage 2). • WBC proposed additions/updates to LCWIP report put forward to WBC Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Resources committee. • Initial phase priority routes from the LCWIP plan agreed for taking forward to stage 2 feasibility design. • Updates/additions to the Farnham LCWIP report put forward by WBC and SCC have been agreed for inclusion within the report addendum.
Water Lane Roundabout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary design completed. • Successful Waverley Community Infrastructure Levy bid of £404k. • Detail design completed. • Construction completed.
Town Centre Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feasibility and initial surveys completed. • Future town visualisation and virtual reality completed. • Public consultation. • Review and design of East Street developer works. • Strategic modelling completed. • Surrey Coalition of Disabled People site visit. • Business questionnaire completed. • Successful Community Infrastructure Levy Bid of £3.25 million.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic Regulation Order for parking and road layout changes advertised and finalised. • Engagement with WBC and SCC Heritage Teams. • Surveys (basements, CCTV, Ground Penetration Radar (GPR) and paving coring) completed. • Detailed design completed. • Road Safety Audit completed.
Farnham A31 Corridor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feasibility design completed. • Initial public consultation. • Submission of Strategic Outline Business Case to Department for Transport (DfT) for funding. • Approval by Treasury to commence Outline Business Case development.
Western and Wrecclesham Bypasses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alignment of policy review completed.
Wrecclesham Bridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vegetation removed. • Highway signing enhanced. • Bridge painted to improve conspicuousness. • Feasibility report on longer-term solutions completed.
A31 Speed Management Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed limit reduction completed.

Activities carried out since the previous Farnham Board

20mph Limits/Zones and Speed Restrictions

- Readying for construction including obtaining road space, agreement from Waverley Environmental Health for the works and engagement with the contractor.
- Started construction of Upper Hale Road 20mph speed limit and traffic calming measures.

Borelli/Riverside Cycle Improvement Scheme

- Early contractor engagement for the construction of the northern section.
- Completion of detailed design.

Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)

- Meeting in September with SCC/WBC/FTC Members to agree final scope of priority routes for feasibility design and updates/additions for inclusion within the Farnham LCWIP report addendum.
- Initial phase priority routes from the LCWIP plan agreed for taking forward to stage 2 feasibility design. Scope includes top 4 priority routes as agreed at the earlier SCC Member led stakeholder engagement sessions.
- Atkins/Arup feasibility stage project proposal being finalised. SCC/WBC/FTC officer project steering team being assembled.
- Updates/additions to the Farnham LCWIP report put forward by WBC and SCC have been agreed for inclusion within the report addendum. Report is being drafted by Atkins.

Re-routing of Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs)

- Installation of additional traffic enforcement camera signs.
- ANPR camera vehicle deployed.

Water Lane Roundabout

- Post-construction monitoring.

Town Centre Improvements

- Finalisation of detailed design.
- Completion of Traffic Regulation Order consultation.
- Started phasing and traffic management planning.

Farnham A31 Corridor

- Pre-Outline Business Case (OBC) activities to update critical parts of the business case since the Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC) was submitted in November 2021. This includes a cost-effective review and validation of the outcomes of the SOBC and identify key steps required to proceed to OBC.

Activity up until the next Farnham Board

20mph Limits/Zones and Speed restrictions

- Completion of the construction of Upper Hale Road 20mph speed limit and traffic calming measures.
- Order made for the Upper Hale Road 20mph speed limit.

Borelli/Riverside Cycle Improvement Scheme

- Start construction of northern section of footpath (Riverside carpark to Brightwells Yard).

Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)

- Stage 2 programme; feasibility design of initial phase priority cycle/walk schemes to commence.
- Farnham LCWIP report update/addendum for completion and publishing alongside the main body strategic LCWIP plan.

Town Centre Improvements

- Pre-construction activities including communications, phasing plan and traffic management.
- Advanced communication with residents and businesses.
- Start enabling works including site compound.

Farnham A31 Corridor

- Programming activities required for OBC development.
- Ongoing discussions with DfT and Transport for the South-East.

Wrecclesham and Western Bypasses

- Ongoing review of scheme viability including environmental impact and cost.

Key Milestones

The key milestone summary of the Programme schedule is provided in Table 1.

Table 1 - Programme Milestones

Project	Milestone	Current Forecast	Status/Comments
Rerouting of HGVs	Construction complete		Additional signage on Hampshire CC land being installed.
Removing A-road category status	Construction complete		
Wayfinding Strategy	Construction complete		
20mph Speed Limits Weydon Lane and Town Centre	Construction complete		
20mph Speed Limits Upper Hale Road	Construction starts	Oct 24	
Borelli/Riverside Cycle Improvement Scheme	Construction starts	Nov 24	Estimated construction start date.
LCWIP	Feasibility design start	Oct 24	Stage 2 feasibility design priority routes being prepared to commence.
Water Lane	Construction complete		
Town Centre Improvements	Construction starts	Jan 25	
Farnham A31 Corridor		TBC	DfT have confirmed the Farnham A31 Corridor SOBC has been successful, given the delay, the programme will be reprofiled.
Wrecclesham and Western Bypasses		TBC	Review of scheme viability.
North and South Farnham Studies		TBC	Review following town centre modelling outcomes.

Key Programme Risks

The current key risks for the Programme are provided in Table 2. These risks are actively managed through the Programme risk management approach.

Table 2 – Programme Risks

Risk title	Risk description
Inflation	Due to current uncertain economic environment, inflation is likely to impact programme costs.
Funding Availability Programme Wide	Risk of lack of funding available to deliver the full programme.
Alignment with evolving central government policy	Due to the recent change in Government, there is increased number of changes to governmental policy which may affect the business case(s) and scheme viability due to changes in political priority. Additional time and cost impact due to reshaping of existing business case and overall programme to suit new requirements.
Scope Creep	As a result of additional work being added to the programme, there is a risk that additional work may reduce the funding available for other projects and schemes within the Farnham Infrastructure Programme. Finances for the programme are highly constrained.
Achievable Programme	The Farnham Infrastructure Programme is made up of a number of interdependent schemes and projects, along with other significant activities in the town. A viable delivery programme is required to ensure successful outcomes. It should be noted that the programme for the town centre has been requested to be accelerated prior to the surveys and detailed design being fully completed. Thus, there is a risk that unforeseen issues could arise resulting in a delay to the requested programme.

Risk management and implications

The Board has no statutory powers and as such any decisions requiring approval by the responsible authorities, in this case Surrey County Council, will have individual risk assessments.

Financial and value for money implications

The cost and value for money in respect of the works will be identified within the Surrey County Council Report.

Section 151 officer commentary

As proposals are developed some may require Surrey County Council approval, individual S151 approvals will be sought.

Legal implications – Monitoring Officer

The Board has no executive powers, therefore any decisions made would require Surrey County Council to follow its own legal advice and its approval procedures.

Equalities and diversity

A Programme-level Equality Impact Assessment was carried out in August 2021. This was approved by the Programme Team at the September 2021 Programme Board and indicated that there are currently no substantive concerns associated with the Programme's proposals based upon the level of information available.

Other implications

There are no other implications in respect of this Report.

What happens next

FIP activity will continue in line with the summary provided above.

Contact Officer:

Elaine Martin
Programme Manager
Elaine.Martin@surreycc.gov.uk