

## **Farnham Infrastructure Programme**

### **Farnham Board Meeting**

#### **AGENDA ITEM 06**

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**SUBJECT:** PROGRESS UPDATE

#### **SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

This paper has been drafted to summarise the activity and progress achieved since the December 2021 Board, including any matters of note arising during this period, and to outline the activity to be carried out up until the next Board in June 2021.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Notes the progress update provided; and
2. 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.

#### **DETAILS OF FARNHAM INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMME**

##### **1. Activities carried out since the previous Board in December 2021**

- Development of a programme wide Engagement Activity Tracker.
- Development of Process Map for the Town Centre Project.
- Preparation for the Town Centre and Farnham A31 Corridor Consultations in Summer 2022.

## **Project 1 - Short and Medium-Term interventions**

### **Re-routing of HGV's**

- Engagement with National Highways regarding additional Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV) restriction signage on the M3 and cost review of signage options.
- Review of alternative M3 signage area and commencement of design for signage for the A287/B3349 roundabout, saving c £400k.

### **Wayfinding Strategy**

- Development of cartography for map-based products and detailed sign placements as part of Wayfinding Strategy.
- Procurement and instruction of the product supplier for wayfinding signage.

### **20mph Zones and Speed restrictions**

- Conclusion of the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) / Speed Limit Order (SLO) consultation on the 20mph zones and speed restrictions on Monday 3 January 2022 and review of statutory consultation feedback.
- Review of potential amendments to extend Upper Hale Road eastern boundary and include Green Lane as part of a possible second phase.
- Discussions with Surrey County Council (SCC) Heritage and Place teams regarding speed limit signage in Castle Street as part of proposals to ensure that heritage and quality of place is fully considered as part of any designs.

### **Removing A Road Category Status**

- Further liaison with Google Maps regarding the declassification of the A325 through the Town Centre - Google Maps have undertaken a partial update to reflect the declassification.

### **Medium-term Interventions**

- Review of the Stage 2 list of the Medium-Term Interventions (MTI) Pipeline schemes against the deliverables of Projects 2-4.
- Grouping exercise carried out to consider the delivery of these schemes within adjacent projects.
- Engagement with SCC Officers, SCC Members, Waverley Borough Council (WBC) and Farnham Town Council (FTC) on the highest scoring interventions from the residual list, and agreement of top 12 schemes to be taken forward to feasibility to develop concept designs, costs and delivery.
- Site visit for the Borelli Park and Stride, Scholars Greenway and Eastern Border Path schemes carried out on 22.02.22.
- Appointment of Project Manager to oversee the delivery of these schemes.

## **Project 2 - Town Centre**

- Collection of base data and completion of topographical survey.
- Optioneering to create longlist of options for the Town Centre.
- Development of a Multi-criteria Evaluation Framework (MCAF) specific for the Town Centre project, used to sift longlist to shortlist.
- Engagement meeting with SCC and WBC Members and FTC on 14.02.22 on town centre options.
- Sifted shortlisted options selected to progress to public consultation in Summer 2022.
- Progression of feasibility designs for shortlisted options.

- Movement surveys commissioned for end of March 2022, focussing on non-motorised traffic.
- Transport modelling for base and future years forecasts.
- Briefing session with councillors

#### **Project 2 - LCWIP**

- Development of longlist of cycle routes and core walking zones for the Farnham Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP).
- Engagement with SCC, FTC and WBC Officers.
- Multi Criteria assessment Framework (MCAF) developed for shortlisting and review of MCAF methodology.

#### **Project 3 - Farnham A31 Corridor**

- Ongoing engagement with Transport for the Southeast (TfSE) and Department for Transport (DfT) as part of the Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC).
- Commencement of pre-Outline Business Case (OBC) activities.
- Transport modelling for base and future years forecasts.
- Briefing session with councillors

#### **Project 4 - Western and Wrecclesham Bypasses**

- Ongoing modelling.

## **2. Activity up until the next Board**

### **Project 1 - Short and Medium-Term interventions**

#### **Re-routing of HGV's**

- Development of designs for HGV restrictions signage on the A287/B3349 roundabout.

#### **Wayfinding Strategy**

- Review of Wayfinding Map Cartography feedback and finalisation of the mapping products.
- Completion of Wayfinding Sign Placement checklist.
- Development of signposting and catchment for each product.
- Delivery of Wayfinding Totems.

#### **20mph Zones and Speed restrictions**

- Progression of detailed design for the 20mph speed limit proposals and traffic calming measures and engagement with contractors.
- Scoping of phase 2/3

#### **Removing A Road Category Status**

- Further liaison with Google Maps.

#### **Medium-term Interventions**

- Scoping the agreed top 12 scoring Medium Term Interventions and development of programmes and cost estimates for Borelli Park and Stride, Eastern Border Path and Scholars Greenway.

### Project 2 - Town Centre

- Preliminary design of shortlisted options for the Town Centre.
- Completion of movement surveys.
- Development of plans for consultation on shortlisted schemes.

### Project 2 - LCWIP

- Finalisation of short lists of Farnham LCWIP cycle routes and walking zones, and development of design proposals.

### Project 3 - Farnham A31 Corridor

- Review of modelling requirements and development of plan and priorities for strategic model.
- Mobilisation of environmental, modelling and appraisal and carbon management plan teams to begin work on time critical activities.
- Final response to DfT queries to be submitted.
- Confirmation of Public Consultation approach.

### Project 4 - Western and Wrecclesham Bypasses

- Further modelling.

## 3. Overall, the Farnham Infrastructure Programme remains on schedule, with activity progressing in period broadly in line with expectation.

## 4. Key Milestones

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

Table 1

Project [Sub-Project]	Milestone	Previous forecast	Current Forecast	Status/ Comments
<b>Project 1</b> Rerouting of HGVs	Implementation	Sept-21	Oct-21	Main scheme completed. Additional signage on A287/B3349 roundabout
<b>Project 1</b> Removing A road category status	Implementation	n/a	Oct-21	Completed
<b>Project 1</b> Wayfinding Strategy	Implementation	Oct-22	May-22	
<b>Project 1</b> 20 mph Zones & Speed Restrictions	Implementation	May-22	Dec-22	
<b>Project 1</b> Medium-term interventions	Budget allocation limit	Mar-23	Mar-23	
<b>Project 2</b> Town Centre and LCWIP	Construction phase – finish	Jan-28	Oct-25	
<b>Project 3</b> Farnham A31 Corridor	Construction phase – finish	Nov-27	Nov-27	

<b>Project 4 Western &amp; Wrecclesham Bypasses</b>	Construction phase – finish	Feb-35	Jul-29	Paused - awaiting modelling outcomes
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## 5. Key Programme Risks

The current key risks for the Programme, based upon post-mitigation weighting, are provided in Table 2 below. These risks are actively managed through the Programme risk management approach.

**Table 2**

<b>Risk title</b>	<b>Risk description</b>
Funding Availability – Programme Wide	Risk of lack of funding available to deliver the full programme/scope.
Programme for A31 corridor delivery	As a result of the number of complex activities required, including planning, OBC, CPO, EIA, consultation etc, there is a risk that delivery requirements of DfT are not met prior to 2025.
Escalating Project Costs	Given the cost assumptions made to date, there are concerns that once the projects are more defined, they may become unaffordable for FIP.
Public Engagement outcomes	In order for the Programme to be deemed successful, the public need to be generally supportive of the proposals
Town Centre and A31 Farnham Corridor Public Consultation	Given the extremely tight timescales there is a risk that the maturity of the information presented at consultation may be compromised

## 6. Consultation

A public consultation for the Town Centre scheme is planned for summer 2022.

## 7. 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.

## 8. 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.

## 9. Section 151 officer commentary

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

## **10. Legal implications – Monitoring Officer**

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

## **11. Equalities and diversity**

A Programme-level Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) 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.

## **12. Other implications**

There are no other implications in respect of this Report.

## **13. What happens next**

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

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