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<b>SUBJECT:</b>	PROGRESS UPDATE

### **SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

This paper summarises the activity and progress achieved since the June 2022 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 March 2023.

### **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

## Activities carried out since the previous Board

### Project 1 - Short term interventions

#### Re-routing of HGV's

- Engagement with developer at the B3349/A287 roundabout to install signage.

#### Wayfinding Strategy

- Landowner discussions for sign placement location permissions.
- Finalisation of wider map cartography and art working.
- Manufacture of wayfinding totems.
- Pre-construction Information, Construction Design Management and Health and Safety File.
- Review of wayfinding signage by Surrey County Council's (SCC) Road Safety Team.
- Engagement for installation with contractor.
- Wayfinding maintenance agreement drafted by SCC Legal.
- Start of foundation installation.

#### 20mph Limits/ Zones and Speed restrictions

- Engagement and approval of historic signage design on Castle Street by partners and Historic England.
- Completion of design updates following Road Safety Audit stages 1 and 2.
- Engagement with Ringway and Parking and Traffic Enforcement Team.
- Development of bill of quantities.
- Drafting of pre-construction Information, Construction Design Management and Health and Safety File.
- Ongoing engagement with Highways Operation Team for site delivery.
- Meeting with SCC Safety Team and Surrey Police for final design of Upper Hale and Castle Street.
- Review of scheme with Local Divisional Members.
- Update of design.

#### Removing A Road Category Status

- Continued review of google maps and contact as necessary.

### Project 1 – Medium term interventions (MTIs)

#### Hale Trail and Scholars Greenway

- Completion of pedestrian/cycle surveys for Farnham Park.
- Completion of time critical habitat surveys.
- Discussions with SCC and WBC Legal Teams to understand position on cycling access within Farnham Parks
- Hale Trail agreed to be delivered by Waverley Borough Council's (WBC) as landowners, with SCC assistance.
- Scheme brief developed for feasibility study.



## **Borelli Park and Stride**

- Completion of ecology report.
- Completion of pedestrian/cycle surveys.
- Review of ecology requirements and pedestrian/cycle activity for cycleway schemes.
- Discussions with SCC legal team to understand position on cycling access within Farnham Parks.
- Initial feasibility study.
- Discussions with SCC Legal and Development Planning Teams.
- Engagement with Crest Nicolson on interdependencies with Brightwell's.
- Feasibility design and costing development.

## **Water Lane Roundabout**

- Completion of A325 Water Lane Roundabout feasibility study and preliminary design.
- Submission of bid for funding through WBC Strategic Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).

## **Project 2 - Town Centre**

- Transport modelling note on an overview of transport models and SINTRAM73 developed and shared with SCC/WBC/Farnham Town Council (FTC) members and officers.
- Programme and Modelling question and answer (Q&A) discussion held with SCC/WBC/FTC members and officers.
- Visualisation discussion on materials and pallet with SCC/WBC/FTC members and officers.
- Refinement and finalisation of option designs.
- Production of visualisation.
- Revision of Upper Hart Link feasibility report.
- Completion of PARAMICs transport modelling of design options.
- Commencement of public consultation and Virtual Reality (VR) engagement.
- Member engagement with schools.
- Completion of town centre consultation analysis and feedback report.
- Programming next stage of works.
- High level review of initial feedback.

## **Project 2 – Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)**

- Meeting with WBC officers to discuss the long list of cycle routes.
- Follow up engagement with stakeholders regarding comments/feedback on the proposed walking and cycling.
- Additional stakeholder meetings with Friends of Farnham Park and members for Waverley Lane.
- Q&A session with WBC and FTC members on LCWIP process and routes.
- Completion of short list of design proposals.
- Submission of LCWIP Strategy to Programme Board attendees for comment and review.
- WBC and FTC officer LCWIP version 1 circulated.
- LCWIP updated version 2.
- Updated version 2 report circulated to stakeholders.

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

- Modelling Q&A Discussion with SCC/WBC/FTC members and officers.
- Completion of Preliminary Environmental Options Assessment Report (PEAOR).
- Response to Department for Transport's (DfT) Strategic Business Case clarifications.
- Review of policy alignment with Waverly Local Plan Part 2 proposed safeguarding policy (DM10).
- Review of modelling requirements and develop plan and priorities for strategic model.
- Ongoing liaison with rail groups.
- Development of public consultation material.

- Development of programme for preliminary design stage.
- Response submitted to DfT on Active Travel questions.
- Response submitted to DfT on National Bus Strategy and Gear Change policy.
- Engagement with Planning teams.
- Engagement with Transport for the South-East.
- Review of stakeholder feedback from the consultation.
- Forward planning of activities following consultation.
- Discussion with SCC Procurement team on contract options.
- Feedback from DfT of Investment Board.

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

- Ongoing Modelling.
- Initial cost and environmental feasibility work commenced on the Western and Wrecclesham Bypasses.

### **Wrecclesham Bridge**

- Feasibility study to identify options to remove or reduce the risk of bridge strikes by HGVs.
- Foliage on approach to bridge cut back.
- Discussions with Network Rail on painting the bridge to make it more conspicuous.
- Feasibility study of the medium- and long-term options with estimated costs and options, evaluating benefits (e.g., road safety, reduced disruption to rail services).

### **A31 Speed Management Scheme**

- Detailed design commissioned to reduced speed limit to 50mph between Weydon Lane and the Western County boundary. This includes a reduction to one lane to the west of Coxbridge roundabout.
- Development of design.

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

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

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

- Continued engagement with developer.

#### **Wayfinding Strategy**

- Final installation of totems.
- Final wayfinding maintenance agreement agreed with FTC.
- Review and assist FTC for procurement and installation of fingerposts.

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

- Respond to consultation feedback to original Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) on 20mph speed limits.
- Phase 2 and 3 proposal development.
- Final pricing of construction by Ringway.
- Cost profiling of construction.
- Completion of pre-construction information, Construction Design Management and Health and Safety File.
- Overseeing Organisation (SCC) final response to Road Safety Audit stages 1 and 2.
- Preparation for revised Traffic Regulation Order for Upper Hale Road.

- Temporary traffic orders and permits for works advertised.
- Pre-construction works for signage and build outs.
- Commencement of first phase of signage installation.

## **Removing A Road Category Status**

- Continued review of google maps and contact as necessary.

## **Project 1 – Medium term interventions (MTIs)**

### **Hale Trail and Scholars Greenway**

- Feasibility study report.

### **Borelli Park and Stride**

- Feasibility study report with initial design and costing.

### **Water Lane Roundabout**

- Awaiting outcome of the Water Lane Roundabout scheme's CIL Bid.

## **Project 2 - Town Centre**

- Review of consultation responses design feedback.
- Evaluate and refine design option.
- Town centre traffic modelling for opening year 2025.
- Air quality analysis for opening year 2025.
- Recommendation of preferred design.  
Draft SCC Cabinet paper.
- Presentation of preferred option to March Farnham Board.

## **Project 2 – LCWIP**

- Discussion required with Department for Transport (DfT) for appropriate schemes.
- Further member and officer workshop.
- Endorsement and prioritisation.

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

- Formal outcome from DfT.

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

- Finalisation of initial cost and environmental feasibility work.

## **Wrecclesham Bridge**

- Negotiations with Network Rail has resulted in it being painted before the end of the financial year.
- Completed feasibility study.

## **A31 Speed Management Scheme**

- Completion of detailed design and implementation by Aug 23.

# Key Milestones

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

**Table 1 - Programme Milestones**

<b>Project [Sub-Project]</b>	<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Previous forecast</b>	<b>Current Forecast</b>	<b>Status/ Comments</b>
<b>Project 1</b> Rerouting of HGVs	Implementation	Oct-21	Oct-21	
<b>Project 1</b> Removing A road category status	Implementation	Oct-21	Oct-21	
<b>Project 1</b> Wayfinding Strategy	Implementation	Oct-22	Jan- 23	Delay due to partner review of mapping and product placement land permissions.
<b>Project 1</b> 20 mph Zones &Speed Restrictions	Implementation	May-22	Mar-23	Delay due to readvertising TRO.
<b>Project 1</b> <b>Medium-term interventions</b>	Budget allocation limit	Mar-23	Mar-23	
<b>Project 2</b> <b>Town Centre</b>	Construction phase – finish	Oct-25	Oct-25	
<b>Project 2</b> <b>LCWIP</b>	Detailed Design – finish	N/A	Mar-29	Timescales subject to funding.
<b>Project 3</b> <b>Farnham A31 Corridor</b>	Construction phase – finish	Nov-27	Nov-27	Awaiting DfT decision.
<b>Project 4</b> <b>Western &amp; Wrecclesham Bypasses</b>	Construction phase – finish	Jul-29	Jul-29	



# Key Programme Risks

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

**Table 2 - Programme Risks**

Risk title	Risk description
<b>Funding Availability Programme Wide</b>	Risk of lack of funding available to deliver the full programme.
<b>Alignment with evolving central government policy</b>	There is increased number of changes to governmental policy which may affect the business case (s). Additional time and cost impact due to reshaping of existing business case to suit new requirements.
<b>Project Costs</b>	Given the cost assumptions made to date, there are concerns that once the projects are more defined, they may become unaffordable for FIP.
<b>Scope Creep</b>	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 FIP. Finances for the programme are highly constrained and mostly unsecured.
<b>Inflation</b>	As a result of increased inflation costs in 2022 (~7-10%), there is likely to be an increase in costs previously estimated for the 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 that require necessary Surrey County Council approval, individual S151 approvals will be sought.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

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