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DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee held online (Zoom) at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10th November 2020

Present – Cllr I Sharkey (Chair) Cllr A Milliner, Cllr C Gallagher, Cllr S Griffiths, Cllr D Seabrook, Cllr D Paul, Cllr L Mills, Cllr R White, Cllr A Goble, Tony Allen (Town Clerk),

One member of the public was also present.

1 PH916 CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 PH917 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

A member of the public reported that the robust objection by the Town Council to the Sussex Coaster planning application was welcomed by members of the public, but that concern had been expressed that two Peacehaven District Councillors had supported the application at the LDC Planning Committee.

3 PH918 TO CONSIDER APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & SUBSTITUTIONS

It was resolved to accept apologies from Cllr G Hill and Admin. Officer V Onis.

4 PH919 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Cllr Mills re. Item PH935, having tried to purchase this property.

5 PH920 TO ADOPT THE MINUTES FROM THE 6th OCTOBER 2020

It was resolved to adopt the minutes as a true record.

6 PH921 UPDATE FROM CLLR GALLAGHER CHAIR OF THE STEERING GROUP FOR THE NDP

Cllr Gallagher reported on the following items:–

- The AECOM Master planning public consultation.
- Special NDP Steering Group meeting to be held on the 12th November 2020.
- Business Development Committee and a request for any additional input into the Internal Business Plan.

7 PH922 TO NOTE AND REVIEW THE COMMITTEES BUDGETARY REPORT

The finance report was received and noted.

It was noted that two of the Council's notice boards are in need of replacement, the most urgent being the one in Telscombe Road. The Clerk noted that there is budget for this replacement in the current year and that the second replacement will have to be funded from the 2021/22 budget. A report and costings for the first replacement are needed.

8 PH923 TO RECEIVE A VERBAL REPORT FROM THE DEVELOPERS' LIAISON WORKING PARTY

Cllr Sharkey reported that some of the expected contributions from the Lower Hodder Farm development are not due until the later Phases of this development..

Cllr Paul reported that she had made contact with the Chalkers Rise Facebook group.

Cllr Gallagher reported that she and the Senior Projects Officer were chasing the promised Barratts Travel Plan and were also trying to develop contacts with B&H Buses, but that this had been thwarted by the second Covid-19 lock-down measures.

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Cllr White referred to the East Sussex Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan Public Consultation 2020. Cllr Seabrook noted that a response from Council was appropriate; Clerk to facilitate this. Cllr Gallagher noted that the NDP SG will also be making a response to this consultation.

9 PH924 TO DISCUSS THE TOWNS PLANTER LICENSES. LICENCES RAN OUT IN JUNE, HAVE THE COUNCIL CONTACTED ESCC TO GAIN A NEW 5 YEAR LICENSE FOR THE ONES THAT ARE NOW OUT OF DATE

It was agreed that the Committee will review the locations and need for maintaining its planters; to be discussed further at its next meeting.

10 PH925 TO SEEK APPROVAL FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE ESCC URBAN GRASS CONTRACT (additional cuts)

The Clerk's report was noted and discussed.

It was resolved that Option 2 of the ESCC Contract proposals for 2021/22 should be accepted, i.e. two standard cuts plus four additional cuts paid for by the Town Council.

11 PH926 TO DISCUSS OPTIONS TO REPLACE STREET LIGHTS

Cllr Seabrook's report was noted and discussed.

It was noted that the Council only has three streetlights under its control:-

1. Halfway down the hill on Roderick Avenue.
2. Junction of Roderick Avenue and Valley Road.
3. Junction of Roderick Avenue and The Lookout.

Cllr Seabrook related the costs, options and the technical pros & cons for the available replacement solutions/technologies.

Cllr Gallagher noted that this matter had been debated by Telscombe Town Council for its 14 streetlights but was discounted due to the brightness of the proposed replacement lights and the impact this would have on residents and wildlife.

It was resolved to proceed and upgrade the Council's three streetlights, subject to detailed proposals and costings and agreed budgetary provision.

12 PH927 KICK STARTING LOCAL CLIMATE ACTION

This report was noted; however, it is not a matter for the Planning & Highways Committee.

13 PH928 VERBAL REPORT ON ROAD SAFETY

Cllr Sharkey reported that she had recently attended a presentation by the Surrey & Sussex Road Safety Partnership (SSRSP) and will circulate the notes from that session to Committee members.

Cllr Mills noted that road safety matters feature prominently at the JAG meetings which she attends.

Cllr Mills reported on a one-month survey of vehicle movements being conducted in Dorothy Avenue.

Cllr Seabrook reported that the Speed Watch Team could now be deployed if one more volunteer comes forward. Cllr Paul noted that she knew of a number of residents in Arundel Road that would be willing to participate in these exercises.

14 PH929 TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS.

The circulated paper was noted and discussed, with some potential uses and areas for the application of TRO's in Peacehaven identified.

It was noted that the use of TRO's could be a joint project with Telscombe Town Council as it already has two TRO's in place.

The Clerk noted that, as well as for parking issues, TRO's have other purposes, including vehicle weight restrictions.

It was noted that setting up TRO's can be a lengthy and costly process. Clerk to investigate the exact procedures and costs involved in going forwards.

In the interim, it was agreed to raise the issues of anti-social parking with the owners of the premises concerned and to encourage the use of Operation Crackdown reporting by residents.

15 PH930 TO DECIDE ON A NEW PLANTER/BIKE RACK OUTSIDE SUBWAY

The Marketing Officer's report was noted and discussed.

Options and costs for the replacement planters were discussed, along with the need for their effective and sensitive positioning.

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It was resolved to purchase two planters with attached cycle racks from the Front Yard Company at a cost of £202.50 each; to be funded from the 4853 Street Furniture budget; subject to securing a new Licence for this from ESCC and details for securing the planters to the pavement.

16 To consider Planning applications as follows:-

PH931 LW/20/0676 12 Jason Close	Retrospective application for a garden structure. It was resolved to recommend approval.
PH932 LW/20/0668 40 Slindon Avenue Peacehaven	Demolition of existing bungalow and garage, and construction of 2no 3-bedroom detached bungalows (resubmission of planning application LW/18/0831) It was resolved to recommend approval.
PH933 LW/20/0571 2A Slindon Avenue Peacehaven	Variation of condition 1 of application LW/19/0266 to allow an addition of a new dormer to the side elevation and extension to the existing porch including creation of first floor balcony to the front elevation It was resolved to recommend approval.
PH934 LW/20/0510 Street Record Greenwich Way Peacehaven East Sussex	Proposed telecommunications installation: Proposed 18m Phase 8 Mono-pole C/W wrapround Cabinet at base and associated ancillary works It was resolved to recommend approval, with the Condition that the mast is painted in gold, to match adjacent lamp post.
PH935 LW/20/0494 40 Horsham Avenue Peacehaven	Demolition of existing dwelling and replacement with 2no. semi-detached Dwellings It was resolved to recommend refusal for the following reasons:- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The proposed development represents unacceptable density/over development. 2. The area cannot accommodate additional parking of vehicles. No parking is allowed in the road due to the proximity to the School. 3. Absence of adequate car parking facilities - provision for pedestrians, wheelchairs, and prams. 4. Exacerbate existing parking problems in the area. <p>The Plans and other documents were not very professional. It is recommended that the Planning Officer conducts a site visit.</p>
PH936 LW/20/0703 25 Glynn Road Peace- haven	Proposed revised site access off Glynn Road for the approved develop- ment (LW/18/0338) with associated alterations to the existing dwelling It was resolved to recommend refusal for the following reasons:- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The parking arrangements are inadequate in view of the fact that access to the proposed dwelling is only pedestrian. Access via the Housing Association land cannot be guaranteed. 2. The area cannot accommodate additional parking of vehicles. No parking is allowed in the road due to the proximity to the School. 3. Absence of adequate car parking facilities - provision for pedestrians, wheelchairs, and prams. 4. Exacerbate existing parking problems in the area. 5. Approval of this application would set an unacceptable precedent. 6. Increase in traffic & congestion. 7. Parking & Highway safety – turning space is limited.

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17 To note the following Planning Applications:-

The Applications below were noted.

PH937 LW/20/0654/CD Lower Hoddern Farm Peacehaven	Discharge of conditions 3 - Street Furniture, 12 - Landscaping, 13 - Bus Information Boards, 18 - Cycle Storage, 19 - Parking Areas, 29 -Bus Information Boards (Phase 2), 30 - Drainage Strategy in relation to planning application LW/17/0226 and condition 17 - Parking Allocation in relation to planning application LW/19/0760
PH938 LW/20/204 The Sussex Coaster 80-82 South Coast Road	Notification of Committee Meeting Demolition of public house and re-development to provide seventeen residential units with associated vehicle parking and landscaping Wed 4 th Nov 1pm

18 To note the following planning application Decision Notices:-

The following Decision Notices were noted:-

PH939 LW/20/0526 81 The Promenade Peacehaven	Planning Application for New roof extension to existing property Lewes DC Grants permission Peacehaven's Planning & Highways Committee supported this application
PH940 LW/20/0558 70 The Promenade Peacehaven	Planning Application for Erection of conservatory to side elevation Lewes DC Grants permission Peacehaven's Planning & Highways Committee supported this application
PH941 LW/20/0601 53 Ashington Gardens Peacehaven	Planning Application for Single storey rear extension, front entrance porch, together with a complete new roof forming first floor accommodation Lewes DC Grants permission Peacehaven's Planning & Highways Committee supported this application
PH942 LW/20/522 28 Firlie Road Peacehaven	Erection of a summer house and separate storage shed Lewes DC Grants permission Peacehaven's Planning & Highways Committee Supported this application

19 PH943 TO REVIEW & UPDATE THE P&H ACTION PLAN.

The circulated Action Plan was noted and discussed.

The Clerk reported that the resubmission of the proposal forms for the two remaining car parks to be registered as Assets of Community Value (ACV's) had been forwarded to LDC for review by its Committee.

The need/purpose of Item 10, highlighted in red in the Action Plan, was questioned; Clerk to follow up with the Admin. Officer.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE - 8th December 2020

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21:38.

	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
200 Planning & Highways							
4851 Noticeboards	0	1,300	1,300		1,300	0.0%	
4852 Monument & War Memorial	0	600	600		600	0.0%	
4853 Street Furniture	0	600	600		600	0.0%	
Planning & Highways :- Direct Expenditure	0	2,500	2,500	0	2,500	0.0%	0
4101 Repair/Alteration of Premises	9	500	491		491	1.8%	
4111 Electricity	630	1,092	462		462	57.7%	
4171 Grounds Maintenance Costs	14	500	486		486	2.9%	
4850 Grass Cutting Contract	8,669	8,669	0		0	100.0%	
Planning & Highways :- Indirect Expenditure	9,322	10,761	1,439	0	1,439	86.6%	0
Net Expenditure	(9,322)	(13,261)	(3,939)				
Grand Totals:- Income	0	0	0			0.0%	
Expenditure	9,322	13,261	3,939	0	3,939	70.3%	
Net Income over Expenditure	(9,322)	(13,261)	(3,939)				
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(9,322)						

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Summary Notes and Actions – Developer Liaison WP
Zoom 10am Friday 27nd November 2020

Present - Cllr I Sharkey, Cllr C Gallagher, Cllr A Milliner, Cllr W Veck, Michelle Edser (PTC Senior Projects Officer), Mike Gatti (Peacehaven Focus)

Item	Note	Action
DL001	TO CONSIDER APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr D Paul	
DL002	TO AGREE THE SUMMARY NOTES FROM THE LAST MEETING ON 2ND OCTOBER 2020 Agreed - action updates will be covered on meeting agenda	
DL003	<p>REMIT/ TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE GROUP</p> <p>Ideas discussed. ME to check format, draft Terms of Reference with Town Clerk and circulate to all. To include sites such as Webbs yard (40 units, due to start), Wild Monkeys Nursery, Chalkers Rise, Sussex Coaster, old Motel site.</p> <p>To monitor conditions and planning obligations, whether these are being appropriately provided post approval, during construction, in accordance with agreed timing and phasing.</p> <p>To consider the effects of development on neighbouring residents such as noise and traffic.</p> <p>WV proposed “to liaise with developers and key stakeholders on large and/or controversial sites”.</p> <p>Support and undertake tasks as required by the Planning & Highways Committee.</p> <p>Meet slightly before each Planning and Highway Committee, ask Admin Officer to schedule as appropriate.</p>	<p>TA/ME</p> <p>VO</p>
DL004	<p>ACTIONS / UPDATES FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES</p> <p>Updates in CAPS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was agreed for Cllr Gallagher to speak to Michelle regarding the conditions of this development and the Buses. Brighton and hove buses put 3 	ME/CG

	<p>buses on the 12X in March/April 2018. Were these purchased with CIL money? ON-GOING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was decided to request at the next Planning committee meeting 6/10 that a letter/email is sent to Barratts asking them for details of their community Liaison officer. CARRY FORWARD Mike Gatti volunteered to speak to Barrett's residents to find out if they have received their incentives. Maybe set up a Poll for the residents on FB. ON-GOING Talk to B&H buses about the cancellation of the 14 bus to Newhaven and the find out about the CIL money they are supposed to be applying for to improve the service. ON-GOING 	ME/CG
DL005	<p>CONTACT WITH ESCC, PELLFRISCHMANN, B&H BUSES RE; CHALKERS RISE</p> <p>WV and MG contacted by resident re: Chalkers way, plots appear to have been realigned and now causing overlooking. Could be serious planning breach as apparently have started building MG unaware of amended plan, will email details.</p> <p>ME shared email from Kal Kamboh at ESCC dated 26/10/20, update also requested but no reply. ESCC were keen to meet on site. ME will chase.</p> <p>ME has contacted Pellfirschmann requesting an update on the Travel Plan and a copy of the Travel Survey. No reply, ME will chase.</p> <p>Questions - When path arrives, will it be lit? Phase 3 of development. Which areas will be adopted? Issue with housing orientation? Land to be taken over? Dangers. Have we signed up to it? ME to approach ESCC/LDC.</p> <p>Planning Officer – Is Sarah Scannel the correct contact at LDC? What is the current planning status? WV suggested we try to organise a meeting, we could submit questions in advance. ME to set up. Barratts to also attend if possible, similarly ESCC.</p> <p>Contacts to be established at Barratts. Is Craig McKenzie still the site manager?</p> <p>CIL money for junctions – Telscombe Cliffs Way improvement is under discussion (see ESCC email attached). Scheme at Sutton Avenue by The Dell. What were the improvements? ME/MG to check infrastructure list agreed as part of permission.</p> <p>Obligation to increase 14 bus service to Newhaven. ME updated that there is a new timetable (see attached), application for CIL for new 12 services still outstanding. ME/CG to liaise with new contacts (see below)</p>	<p>MG/ME</p> <p>ME</p> <p>ME</p> <p>ME</p> <p>ME</p> <p>ME</p> <p>MG/ME</p> <p>MG/ME</p> <p>ME/CG</p>

	<p>Meridian site, will need to look at all these issues again and justify whether their development can work or if new infrastructure is required.</p> <p>Discussion and explanations re: Highway Works (Section 278) and Road Adoption (Section 38). Apparently relaying of surface is taking place. Extent of adoptable area to be established. All to consider addendum previously sent by MG.</p> <p>Claude had a meeting on-site. CG to investigate any new contacts made.</p> <p>Discussion re: Newhaven as enterprise zone.</p> <p>Bus Contacts: Patrick Warner and new person: Lewis Jackson, Business Development Manager, Try and understand his role a bit more. Both presenting at Chamber of Commerce breakfast in Dec. ME & CG to attend. Questions: If B&H can't provide internal transport, allow another smaller operator to do so? Discussion re: ESCC giving the licence out, every 5 years. Prepared to licence someone else? Have to re-apply? The need is there? Is it commercial or who will pay for it? Business Development Committee are supporting this and drafting a survey. Travelling to Newhaven Station. 12x should stop there. Business Development Committee have drafted a survey re: Public Transport and are discussing the timing of this, issues re: survey fatigue (NDPSG shortly to do a survey).</p> <p>CTLA, how does this work? Based in Hillcrest Centre, Newhaven, Cllr Paul may know more. ME check with Tony and Zoe re: financing.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>CG</p> <p>ME/CG</p> <p>DP/ME</p>
DL006	AGREE ACTIONS GOING FORWARD All as per the above	
DL007	ANY OTHER BUSINESS None	
DL008	FREQUENCY AND DATES FOR NEXT MEETING See DL003 above	VO
	Meeting Closed 11:20am	

Agenda Item: PH953

Committee: Planning and Highways.

Date: 8th December 2020

Title: Notice board replacement

Report Author: Kevin Bray

Purpose of Report: To decide

Summary of recommended actions

1. The committee are asked to recommend purchasing a replacement notice board for the bus shelter at Telscombe road

Introduction

Peacehaven town council own 10 notice boards around the town which are used to post agendas and meeting schedules etc.

Background

In 2017 an old notice board (not matching the other notice boards) was refurbished and installed on the bus shelter in Telscombe road, this has now come to the end of its life and is in need of replacing.

Analysis

The quotes are as follows

Metro signs to match existing green metal notice boards used around the town £850.00+vat

or

Change to a Recycled plastic in the colour brown £1,110.98.00 +vat

Implications

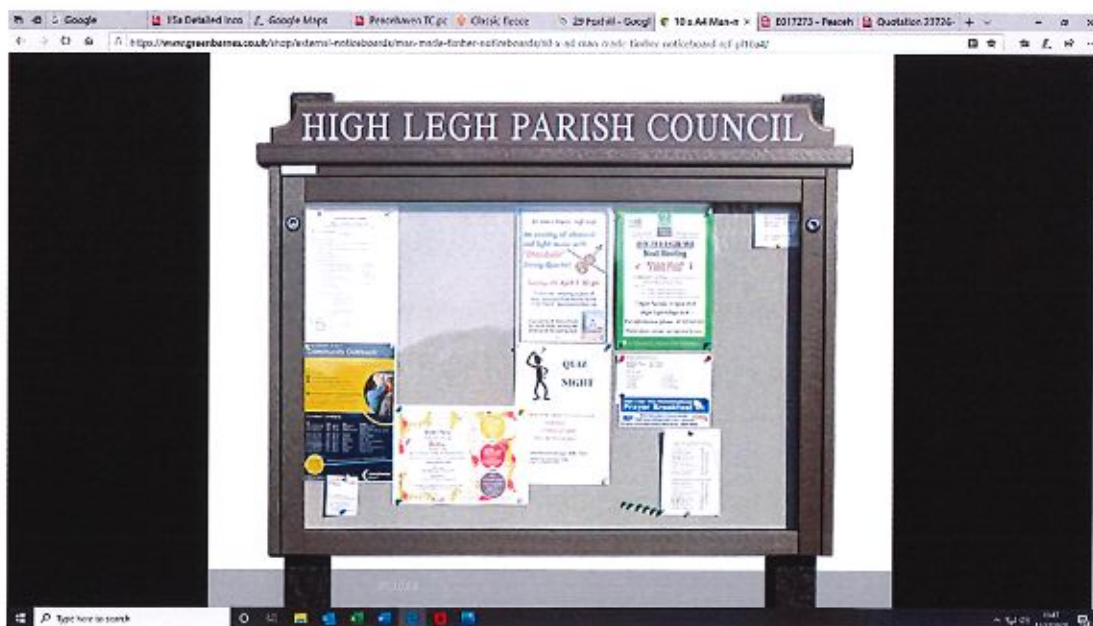
The Town Council has a duty to consider the following implications:

<u>Financial</u>	Within budget set for 2020/21
<u>Legal</u>	
<u>Environmental and sustainability</u>	Recycled plastic option would fit in to council policies.
<u>Crime and disorder</u>	
<u>Climate</u>	

Appendices/Background papers



CURRENT METRO SIGNS NOTICE BOARD DESIGN



PLASTIC ALTERNATIVE NOTICE BOARD DESIGN

Agenda Item:	PH954
Committee:	Planning & Highways
Date:	8th December 2020
Title:	ESCC Cycling & Walking Consultation
Report Authors:	Town Clerk, Cllr Seabrook, Cllr White, Cllr Sharkey, Cllr Paul, Cllr O'Connor (TTC)
Purpose of Report:	To seek agreement to the draft response

Summary of recommended actions

1. To note the contents of this report.
2. To review the attached proposed response.
3. To approve the response to go to ESCC.

Introduction

The East Sussex Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) sets out proposed cycling and walking networks and measures within specific areas of the County. It is focussed on areas of the County where there are the greatest opportunities to increase levels of cycling and walking, with an emphasis on delivering infrastructure improvements which will support those people who currently do not cycle or walk.

Background

The ESCC online consultation is very high-level and is designed to capture the views of individual residents. However, it is considered that there are a number of areas where this Plan falls short and there is a need for ESCC to engage in much more detail if a successful solution is to result

Analysis

Areas of concern include:-

- ESCC taking account of all relevant legislation, including Equalities Act 2010.
- More joined-up thinking for all Towns in East Sussex.
- A current imbalance of funding in favour of the East of the County, i.e. Eastbourne, Bexhill and Hastings.
- An equal consideration on walking requirements is needed.
- Proposed LCWIP routes include unsafe and dangerous roads, such as Arundel Road.

Implications

The Town Council has a duty to consider the following implications:

<u>Financial</u>	Government/ESCC funding
<u>Legal</u>	Various pieces of legislation refer, including Equalities Act 2010
<u>Environmental and sustainability</u>	Improvement of links across the Towns and connection with green spaces.
<u>Crime and disorder</u>	Safer routes.
<u>Climate</u>	Less reliance on travelling by car.

Appendices/Background papers

Draft response

To be sent by email to:

cyclingandwalking@eastsussex.gov.uk

Dear Sir/Madam

East Sussex Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan - Public Consultation 2020

[https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/economy-transport-environment/2f06d4f9/supporting_documents/East Sussex LCWIP PART 1 Strategy.pdf](https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/economy-transport-environment/2f06d4f9/supporting_documents/East_Sussex_LCWIP_PART_1_Strategy.pdf)

We agree that “people should be at the centre of the plan and (and that it must) demonstrate how we can connect people with places that they need to or want to go to”

The case for active transport is well made within the plan and this Council fully agrees with that aim.

This council wishes to engage constructively and hence is suggesting changes and improvements which will, in our view, meet the above aims.

Consultation answers & new cycleway to town centre

In response to the specific questions posed in the consultation, Councillors and Officers will make individual submissions. In addition we note the request previously submitted for a cycle path to be created in Peacehaven between The Centenary Park and Peacehaven Town centre by the use of a 193m strip of land at the southern end of the Peacehaven Community School playing field. Please see Appendix. As a joint project between Peacehaven and Telscombe, we feel that this would be an essential part of creating a routeway across the two towns.

Background

We are concerned that, taking into account that Telscombe and Peacehaven towns have a joint population of approximately 23,000, and that in spite of having an ideal topography for cycling and walking, there has been underinvestment in the infrastructure in the two towns and a bias towards investment in the East of the County.

We note with concern that that Telscombe and Peacehaven towns have the highest childhood obesity at year 6 in the county and the highest levels of diabetes in the county for adults.

It is essential that schools and green spaces be connected by the creation of safe travel corridors.

The distances are all less than 5 km across the 2 towns which is effectively one urban area and ideal for active transport if the infrastructure is in place.

Comments on LCWIP 2018

One of our main concerns with the routes within the current LCWIP, which we believe is actually a living document, is that it uses roads that cyclists do not feel safe travelling along due to traffic speed and road obstructions.

For example, Arundel Road all the way along its route in west and east Peacehaven is a very busy vehicular route as it provides an alternative to the A259 within the towns. In addition, Firle Road can be considered by cyclists as too far out of their way to be an attractive route in travelling east to west across the towns.

Proposals to improve active travel

In Telscombe a safe travel corridor from Balcombe Road across Chatsworth Park, Park Avenue Central Avenue and then to St Peters Ave and Springfield could create an appropriate route. Alternatively, Balcombe Road, Cairo Ave then St Peters going to Springfield could be considered.

It is appreciated that concerns about going through Chatsworth Park would need to be looked into, but this is a point to be discussed and agreed upon in the future.

We note that in Peacehaven the plan would be to use Centenary Park that runs parallel to Arundel Road in east Peacehaven. A new 193m link along the southern edge of Peacehaven Community School which would need to be fenced which could then connect to the Peacehaven Leisure Centre and the entrance to Peacehaven Community School.

Linking schools to this proposed cycleway is key to any proposals. There would be just a short link south to Peacehaven Heights Infants School, Roderick Ave South and further north to Meridian Primary School, Roderick Ave North.

Then by extending a cycleway from east to west our LCWIP amended route would go around the Meridian Shopping Centre and the council offices at Community House, past the Anchor Healthcare Centre and The Joff Youth Centre and along Balcombe Road westwards. This is different to current ESCC LCWIP which proposes using Firle Road which is further north.

By going along Balcombe Road there is close proximity to Peacehaven Heights Junior School, Hodder Ave and then by creating a cycleway across Chatsworth Park to Telscombe Cliffs Primary School. Of course, consultation with residents about going across a park would be required but this is a proposal that is worth considering. Then by going along Grasmere Ave, Springfield Ave and Gorham Way cyclists could get to Telscombe Tye or the A259.

A proposal for the creation of a cycleway at Peacehaven Community School was submitted in July 2020 (see Appendix) with the support of both Peacehaven and Telscombe councils, local Sustrans team, Cycle Seahaven and Lewes District Cycle and Walking Forum is applying for Tier 2 active travel funding.

It is disappointing that this was not agreed and it is accepted that this was due to short timescales and the need for more scoping of the whole project, but we believe that with all the local benefits that this needs to be fully evaluated as an alternative to the current proposals in the ESCC LCWIP

In support of an east west route through Peacehaven & Telscombe

This section of national route 2 from Newhaven to East Saltdean is a crucial link for tourism with people travelling along the south coast, including people coming off of the ferry in Newhaven, and to encourage active travel for local residents.

Telscombe and Peacehaven towns have received none of the £21m spent in other parts of the county in recent years and some urgently needed investment would be a major driver for tourism, health and wellbeing. By creating a route across the towns, it has the very real potential to encourage people working from home to travel to the Meridian Centre during the day. At night it could provide an active travel route into what it is hoped will be a rejuvenated and vibrant new town centre. By creating this new route there is the potential to attract businesses to the towns creating new employment so that people don't have to use the A259 to commute to employment and leisure elsewhere.

Proposed routes across Peacehaven & Telscombe



Appendix

Report submitted to East Sussex County Council as part of the Lewes District submissions for Tier 2 funding 2020

REPORT FROM: Telscombe & Peacehaven Lewes District Council
Walking & Cycling Forum members

SUBJECT: Proposal to create a cycle path from Peacehaven's
Centenary Park to the Town Centre

1. INTRODUCTION

This is a proposal for a 193-metre cycle way to be created within Peacehaven

Telscombe and Peacehaven have an opportunity to improve cycle and walking links across the joint towns. The intention is to seek funding for a cycle path from Centenary Park, Peacehaven west through the school playing field at Peacehaven Community School to Newton Road. This would enable cycle users to avoid going through an Industrial Estate. This link path would enable residents in the east of Peacehaven to get to the town centre at the Meridian Centre. From there the longer-term intention within the emerging Neighbourhood Plan is to create a cycle way extending to Telscombe and beyond linking with National Route 2.

2. INFORMATION

Advantages of the proposal to create a cycle way from Centenary Park to Peacehaven Community School

- It enables children to get to PCS by bike easier from East Peacehaven. In addition, if coming from North Peacehaven it will eventually create a route into PCS via the path being created by Barrett's on west of their Chalkers Rise development.
- It creates a link from East Peacehaven for the average cyclist into the centre of town.
- Cycling from East Peacehaven would be easier as it avoids Arundel Road.

- The Peacehaven & Telscombe Neighbourhood Plan is likely to include suggestions for a cycle routeway across the towns which this proposal would support. (see map)
- Such a route improves east west links across Peacehaven and avoids Arundel Road which has numerous traffic calming measures and is not ideal for cyclists. The traffic calming measures including ramps and build outs are not cycle friendly and can cause potential safety risks.
- A route to go north of the PCS playing field is a less attractive option as it is a longer distance for those wanting travel east to west across the town.

Why Peacehaven needs a focus placed upon the health benefits of cycling

The East Sussex Joint Strategic Needs & Assets Assessment (JSNAA) identifies the health and wellbeing needs of the people, communities and populations in East Sussex. This resource of local and national information is used to inform decisions and plans to improve local people's health and wellbeing and reduce health inequalities in East Sussex. (see ref 5)

The JSNAA shows that

- Peacehaven has the second highest mortality for cancer in the county for under 75 year olds
- East Peacehaven has high levels of deprivation
- There are high levels of obesity in Peacehaven
- Peacehaven East & North have very high levels emergency admissions for heart disease
- Peacehaven East & West have very high stroke mortality
- Peacehaven & Telscombe have some of highest rates of diabetes in the county

General argument in favour of improving cycle paths

With public transport running at reduced capacity and people gradually returning to work, vehicular use has been rising. We must prioritise walking and cycling to avoid gridlock and rising levels of pollution. Recent Sustrans reports show some recurring themes that less vehicular usage will continue. In addition more active transport and mixed economy, bringing people back into town centres especially with the focus upon the young and elderly. This proposed cycleway is a key element of this within Peacehaven.

Costs

An estimate is not available but looking at Sustrans website an estimate of £20,000 - £30,000 for the pathway itself plus the fencing required would mean that £60,000-£80,000 appears reasonable. At this stage we do not have any actual costings. The intention is to submit bids for CIL funding to undertake a survey and costings. For this we would clearly need the landowner's permission ie ESCC and Swale Academy for PCS.

Land ownership

A check of Land Registry shows that East Sussex County Council own the land upon which this path could be built. PCS is part of Swale Academy.

Satellite view of proposed route



Looking east from Newton Road
through playing field

Looking west from the Big Park
through PCS playing field

Proposed cycle routeway across the towns



3. NEXT STEPS

Both Peacehaven Town Council & Telscombe Town Council have endorsed this proposal at meetings in June and July 2020. East Sussex County Council chose on the 17th August 2020 not to take it forward at this time as part of the Government funded active travel funding as the surveys and preparatory work could not be completed by March 2021 when the funding has to be used.

However Peacehaven and Telscombe representatives on the Lewes District Walking & Cycling Forum suggest that there is still a need to put in place a cycle way from the west end of the Centenary Park through PCS playing field to Newton Road. This will then improve access to Peacehaven Community School entrance and to the Meridian Centre. At present cyclists have to go through the industrial estate which is not as safe as it could be. Heavy lorries access the Southern Water site 7 days a week through Hoyle Road in addition to other heavy traffic supporting the Industrial Units.

In view of the decision by ESCC this matter will still be pursued with steps being taken to seek funding from the Community Infrastructure Levy. This would be with the aim of undertaking the necessary surveys and seeking advice from ESCC about their position in terms of the land ownership.

It is noted that the Peacehaven Community School whose land this proposed cycle path goes through have raised concerns about safeguarding of their site and more importantly the children. It

is hoped that contacts within PCS can be continued to see if there is a way that these issues can be considered in more detail. We are confident that a workable solution can be found.

Efforts will also be made to change the National Cycle Network showing a route east to west through Peacehaven from Arundel Road to the route detailed above. This will be done by submitting details as part of the current LCWIP consultation exercise.

Advice was sought from Lisa Simmonds, ESCC, Principal Transport Planner, Strategic Economic Infrastructure. On the 28th September 2020 she suggested that the most appropriate mechanism to enable this proposal to be considered would be through the Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan public consultation. This is to be launched shortly. This approach is under consideration by our group.

References

1. Sustrans Report 2018

https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/economy-transport-environment/2f06d4f9/supporting_documents/Appendix%205A%20%20Sustrans%20LCWIP%20Report%20Peacehaven%20Newhaven%20Seaford.pdf

2. East Sussex County Council Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan

East Sussex's first integrated Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) embraces a strategic approach by setting out the ambitions for a high quality inclusive and integrated cycling and walking network, which is reinforced by a robust evidence base.

https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/economy-transport-environment/2f06d4f9/supporting_documents/East%20Sussex%20LCWIP%20PART%201%20%20Strategy.pdf

3. East Sussex Joint Needs and Assets Assessment

<http://www.eastsussexjsna.org.uk/>

4. Sustrans latest news

<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/our-blog/news>

PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS

Project	Responsibility	Activity Required	Current Position	Deadline	Objective Achieved
To Complete the Peacehaven and Telscombe Neighbourhood Development Plan To Implement the NDP after examination.	Town Clerk SPO (Planning & Bus Dev) Steering Group All Councillors and Officers	All possible means to gather Public Participation to be explored Appoint Senior Project Manager	Steering Group teams working to gather evidence. Allocation of Sites and Meridian Development now active	Draft Report Dec 2020 Completed Summer 21	
Create walkways and cycle paths through Peacehaven town Improving the Public Realm	SPO (Planning and Bus Dev) P&H Steering Group	Planters throughout town to be planted Litter and debris cleared Fencing repaired/painted	Plan to be devised	Oct 2020	
Protecting and Enhancing the landscape	LA & E Committee P&H Committee Steering Group SPO (Planning & Bus. Dev)	Clear views to sea and SDNP Re-assess Volunteers involved	Policies and management Plan to be devised	Initial Report Oct 20	
Improve and upgrade the Public Realm	SPO (Planning & Bus Dev) Planning and Highways Steering Group	Review Quality and quantity of all signs, railings, notices, benches, bins etc	Audit for street furniture etc Plan for future	First report Oct 2020	

Long Term Future for The HUB Community House	SPO (Planning & Bus Dev) Bus. Dev & E Comms Committee	Produce a Business Plan including options and financial implications	WP from LA&E reviewing Short term needs.	Oct 2020	
Developer Liaison Group	SPO (Planning & Bus. Dev. Planning & Highways Committee	Establish which Developments to be followed Information to be obtained from LDC Planning	SPO CILrs from P&H And Chair of NDP Steering Group	Oct 2020	
Community Energy Scheme	Senior Projects Officer NDP Steering Group P&H	Identify Sites Arrange Feasibility Assessment	Links with Dr Earthey Established and authorities agreed	Oct 2020	
Infrastructure future-proof Devolution of Car Parks and Parks from LDC	Senior Projects Officer P&H		To be commenced	Oct 2020 onwards	
Identify car free areas Install electric Charging points Liaising with ESCC	SPPO P & H Committee	Report to be prepared. Identify the way ahead	Started by Steering Group	Initial report 2020	
Increase the use of Sustainable Transport ie buses, cycles and walking cycling routes, walkways. Installation of cycle racks	SPPO Parks Officer Reporting to P&H	Report to be prepared	Steering Group NDP	Initial report Oct 20 Ongoing Quarterly	

Planning & Highways Committee - Action Plan				updated 11th November 2020		UPDATE
CASE NUM BER	MEETING DATE	TASK	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	STATUS/COMMENTS	
1	03/09/2019	PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY WORKING GROUP - CONCRETE PATH LOWER HODDERN FARM TO CENTENARY PARK	Clr Griffiths requested help from other councillors filling in evidence forms (extend of usage prior to 2005)	Clr Griffiths - ongoing		consultation progressing for the concrete path
2	22nd oct	Excessive electricity bill (approx £90 per month) for 2/3 lamp posts in Valley Road	To check the bulbs at Valley Road;		Are the bulbs Sodium or LED, if Sodium they need to be changed but need a contractor to do this.	10/11 it was resolved to proceed and upgrade the Council's three streetlights, subject to detailed proposals and costings and agreed budgetary provision
3	5th Feb 20	Public Q. publication of the Sustainable Travel Pack by Pell Frischmann on behalf of Barratt's for Chalkers Rise, the Focus Group and residents have contacted them regarding the numerous errors and misleading information contained within in this document, with no response as yet, we would therefore like to request that this committee also adds it's voice to the complaints.	Committee to set-up a Developers Liaison WP.	Clr Sharkey		Latest update received from Emma Kemp, LDC, received 24/02/2020. Clr Seabrook noted that the Enterprise Car Club, part of the Barratts Sustainable Travel Pack, should use electrically powered vehicles. First meeting of the Developers Liaison party will be on Fri 2nd October
4	01/04/2020	Re-registering of car parks as Assets of Community Value (ACV)	Submission to LDC is in the final stages of preparation.	Michelle Edser	Submission to LDC has been made.	10/11 resubmission of the proposal forms for the two remaining car parks to be registered as Assets of Community Value (ACV's) had been forwarded to LDC for review by its Committee.
5	01/04/2020	To start the process to acquire the two parcels of land of unknown ownership in Howard Park (using the Adverse Possession rules under the Land Management Act of 2002)	To complete the submission to LDC	Clr Seabrook and marketing assistant	report to be discussed in the agenda 8/9. agree to the £3 charges to download the documents	The owner of the 2 parcels of land are PTC
6	07/07/2020	Request the parks officer assess all planters and approximate cost of refurbishment and planting.		Town Clerk		
7	07/07/2020	Admin Officer to contact ESCC to suggest bollards as the parking on pavement is an ongoing issue with health and safety and damage to council property.			Email sent to ESCC Highways (Cat) on 24/8. no response. Resent email 2/9	response received - Peacohaven's Admin Officer confirmed that vehicles are parking in front of both eateries, which in turn is causing a safety concern for other traffic users and pedestrians. Ian Johnson advised that as both areas have double yellow lines, this will need to be taken to the Parking Shop so they can investigate this further. Traffic bollards are not installed by East Sussex County Council so the Town Council will need to apply for a licence to add any additional bollards in, and their upkeep would be the responsibility of the Town Council. However it was noted that the current traffic bollards in both locations are on the private forecourts and not the public highway. Vicky has updated Ian Johnson that wardens have been notified of the problems many times, but they cannot police the area full time as lack of no manpower 2nd Nov - Ongoing resident complaints regarding double parking/on pavement outside of Subway/Greggs shopping areas. Officers have added "operation crackdown" posters to social media and PTC website - residents need to take pictures and load to operation crackdown in order for this to start being flagged as a high risk area.

8	10/11/2020	It was noted that two of the Council's notice boards are in need of replacement, the most urgent being the one in Telcombe Road. The Clerk noted that there is budget for this replacement in the current year and that the second replacement will have to be funded from the 2021/22 budget. A report and costings for the first replacement are needed.	A report and costings for the first replacement are needed.	Admin. Officer & Parks Officer		
9	10/11/2020	Clr White referred to the East Sussex Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan Public Consultation 2020. Clr Seabrook noted that a response from Council was appropriate; Clerk to facilitate this. Clr Gallagher noted that the NDP SG will also be making a response to this consultation.	Clerk to facilitate this.	Clerk		
10	10/11/2020	It was agreed that the Committee will review the locations and need for maintaining its planters; to be discussed further at its next meeting.	List of planters and locations needed first.			
11	10/11/2020	It was resolved to proceed and upgrade the Council's three streetlights, subject to detailed proposals and costings and agreed budgetary provision.	Detailed proposals and costings to be provided and agreed budgetary provision.	Clr Seabrook		
12	10/11/2020	Traffic Regulation Orders - Clerk to investigate the exact procedures and costs involved in going forwards.	Investigate the exact procedures and costs	Admin. Officer & Clerk		
13	10/11/2020	Traffic Regulation Orders - In the interim, it was agreed to raise the issues of anti-social parking with the owners of the premises concerned and to encourage the use of Operation Crackdown reporting by residents.	Raise the issues of anti-social parking with the owners of premises	Admin. Officer & Clerk		
14	10/11/2020	New Planter Outside Subway - It was resolved to purchase two planters with attached cycle racks from the Front Yard Company at a cost of £202.50 each; to be funded from the 2021/22 budget; subject to securing a new licence for this from ESCC and details for securing the planters to the pavement.	Secure a new Licence for this from ESCC and details for securing the planters to the pavement.	Admin. Officer & Parks Officer		