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Beaconsfield Forum

| Title: | Update report from Transport for Buckinghamshire |
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Summary

- 1. From 2010 this standard report will be issued to each Local Area Forum (LAF) / Local Community Partnership (LCP)/Forum from Transport for Buckinghamshire.
- 2. It will aim to provide a comprehensive update on current and relevant Transportation issues which are tailored to each individual LAF / LCP/Forum.
- 3. Standard topics to be covered will be:
 - Dates of when Local Community Gangs will visit parishes
 - Major issues likely to affect parishes within the LAF / LCP/ Forum
 - Update on ongoing local issues
 - Policy Development
 - Any other information
- 4. In addition, it will cover any emerging issues which could or will affect Local Area Forum / Local Community Partnership/Forum areas.

Recommendation

That the members of the forum note the contents of the report





Supporting information to include the following if a decision is being requested:

Area Maintenance

Having finished our grass cutting in October/November 2010, we have used some of the operatives that carried out this work to cut back vegetation alongside our classified roads in preparation for this years grass cutting and to assist districts when litter picking. Winter maintenance season started in October and we were as you know treating roads from mid November The salting routes are on the service centre and can be viewed using the following link http://www.transportforbucks.net/Winter-maintenance.aspx

This mapping will let you view the gritters on the routes. The winter maintenance policy is also available from this page.

Where weather permits we are continuing with our gully emptying programme. All other resource are currently engaged on pothole repairs and this will continue until further notice.

The surfacing programme has now stopped and will not commence again until the spring due to weather.

Policy

The LTP3 Full Public Consultation started on 6th December and ended on the 25th February 2011. The key messages from the responses will be incorporated in to the main LTP3 Strategy. A detailed summary consultation report will be made available following adoption of the plan. We are aiming for the end of April.

Any questions please contact:-transportps@buckscc.gov.uk

Traffic Management

Nothing to report

Road Safety

Local safety Schemes – Nil Speed Limit Review – Nil Road Safety Team – Amersham Road / Park Lane, 4/3/14 & 17 Feb, seat belt and mobile phone checks carried out.

Streetworks and Parking

Nothing to report

Passenger Transport

Nothing to report.

Development Control

Application 11/00414/FUL Land adjacent 4 Woodside Close Beaconsfield – they can now achieve the required visibility splays onto Woodside Road and there is sufficient turning within the private drive for a 4.6 tonne panel van. Application now only for one dwelling and therefore previous concerns alleviated.

37-47, London End, Beaconsfield- refused by South Bucks District Council on parking and manoeuvring grounds and insufficient information being submitted to undertake a highway, transportation and traffic assessment of the proposal. The applicants are in discussions with Transport Development Control with a view to overcoming the concerns raised as they with to resubmit the application.

Design & Construction

Developer funded crossing on Station Road, Beaconsfield is planned to be implemented during school holidays in April 2011.

TLTL – Delegated Budget update

2010 - 2011

VAS signs for Burkes Road, Gregories Road and Sandleswood End ordered and we are awaiting supply and installation. There have been some H & S issues identified by TfB with DAMBACH (suppliers) which we are working to resolve. We envisaged the VAS's to be installed in the next couple of months.

Dropped kerbs work has been completed.

2011 – 2012

Delegated budget schemes for next years budget are subject of a separate report together with a schedule of schemes for a decision by the forum.

Communication Update – Service Information Centre

The Transport for Buckinghamshire (TfB) Service Information Centre (SIC) is our essential site and one stop shop for dissemination of information to the public. The site covers all areas of the TfB operation and is the major point of contact with the public. The site hosts all critical information on upcoming road works including maintenance and major projects. The SIC system hosts a series of project specific sites dedicated to interacting with the public, e.g. school travel planning and public transport. It is a point of interest for local schemes and works affecting local areas. The SIC is accessible from within the main BCC website.

As part of our drive to improve communications with the public we have implemented a new 'Defect Centre'. This provides a single location for the public to alert us to defects and view planned works. Each of these requirements are critical to reduce internal administration and to help us interact with the public and local authorities more efficiently. We also use the site to advertise the positive work we complete on a day to day basis by displaying live statistics of work complete, e.g. number of potholes filled this month etc.

The new problem reporting page has gone live on the SIC.

Here is a direct link: http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/transport/ea_report_problem.page

It allows users to add faults either by road name or using the map to drop and drag a location.

Users can also track problems that have already been reported and track their own requests for updates.