

# Buckingham Local Area Forum

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| <b>Title:</b>                        | <b>Update report from Transport for Buckinghamshire</b>  |
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| <b>Electoral divisions affected:</b> | Parishes within the LAF  |

## Summary

1. From 2010 this standard report will be issued to each Local Area Forum (LAF) / Local Community Partnership (LCP) 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.
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
  - 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 areas.

## WE'RE WORKING ON IT (DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION/AREA MAINTENANCE)

As part of the We're Working On It capital works programme County Councillors have identified their Top 5 priority sites as have your Local Area Technicians.

Transport for Buckinghamshire's engineers have then been out to visit and assess each site to confirm both the extent of the works required as well as the most appropriate carriageway treatment, with the intention of extending the life of the road by at least 7 years.

The following explains the various types of treatment available.

Surfacing: Replacement of the existing road surface

Slurry Seal: A form of surfacing that smooths out minor imperfections and gives a clean road finish

Plane & Patch: This involves planing out sections of road and replacing with a new surface

Surface Dressing: Spraying the road with hot bitumen and then covering with stone chippings

Please note that the treatments noted above are weather dependant and whilst we have provided an anticipated start date these may change.

The table below shows the current list of streets, sections of which are expected to receive one of the treatments (noted above), over the next two years.

| <b>Carriageway Works – Buckingham LAF</b> |                        |                       |                               |
|---|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Street Name</b>                        | <b>Town</b>            | <b>Treatment Type</b> | <b>Anticipated Start Date</b> |
| Quanton Road                              | Botolph Claydon        | Surfacing             | Complete                      |
| Foscott Way                               | Buckingham             | Surfacing             | Complete                      |
| Western Avenue                            | Buckingham             | TBC                   | Proposed 2012-2013            |
| Stowe Castle Road                         | Stowe                  | TBC                   | Proposed 2012-2013            |
| High Street/<br>Silverstone Road          | Dadford                | TBC                   | Proposed 2012-2013            |
| Dadford Road                              | Stowe                  | Plane & Patch         | Complete                      |
| South End Road                            | Leckhampstead          | Surface Dressing      | Complete                      |
| Bycell Road/Stowe<br>Castle Road          | Lillingstone<br>Lovell | Surface Dressing      | Complete                      |
| Stratford Road                            | Beachampton            | Surface Dressing      | Complete                      |
| Stratford Road (A422)                     | Leckhampstead          | Surface Dressing      | Complete                      |
| London Road                               | Buckingham             | Surfacing             | Proposed 2012-2013            |
| London Road (A413)                        | Buckingham             | Surfacing             | Complete                      |
| Barracks Hill                             | Hillsden               | Surface Dressing      | Proposed 2012-2013            |
| Stratford Road                            | Beachampton            | Surface Dressing      | Complete                      |
| Stratford Road (A422)                     | Leckhampstead          | Surface Dressing      | Complete                      |

**Carriageway Works – Buckingham LAF cont.**

| <b>Street Name</b>          | <b>Town</b>     | <b>Treatment Type</b> | <b>Anticipated Start Date</b> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Main Street                 | Radclive        | Slurry Sealing        | Proposed 2012-2013            |
| Water Stratford Road        | Water Stratford | Surface Dressing      | Proposed 2012-2013            |
| Biddlesden Road             | Westbury        | Plane & Patch         | Complete                      |
| Barton Hartshorn Road       | Tingewick       | Plane & Patch         | Complete                      |
| Finmere Road                | Shalstone       | Surface Dressing      | Complete                      |
| Tingewick Bypass (A421)     | Tingewick       | Surfacing             | Complete                      |
| Sandpit Hill                | Tingewick       | Surfacing             | Complete                      |
| Buckingham Road (A412)      | Whaddon         | Surfacing             | March 2012                    |
| Warren Road                 | Little Horwood  | Surfacing             | Proposed 2012-2013            |
| Main Street/Service Road    | Padbury         | Slurry Seal           | Proposed 2012-2013            |
| Bletchley Road (A412)       | Buckingham      | Slurry Seal           | Proposed 2012-2013            |
| Bletchley Road (A412)       | Thornborough    | Plane & Patch         | Complete                      |
| Thornborough Road           | Nash            | Plane & Patch         | Complete                      |
| Bletchley Road (A412)       | Great Horwood   | Plane & Patch         | Complete                      |
| Edgecott to Buckingham Road | Hillsden        | Surfacing             | Complete                      |
| Calvert to Botolph Claydon  | Botolph Claydon | Surfacing             | Proposed 2012-2013            |
| Hogshaw Road                | Hogshaw         | Plane & Patch         | Complete                      |

**Area Maintenance**

**Winter**

As the winter season approaches, salt bins and heaps have been replenished during October, salting equipment has been checked and calibrated, and salt stocks brought up to operational levels, approx 10,500 tonnes across the county. The number of potholes has been reducing over the last few months following the reasonably dry weather, however the number of defects is likely to increase from now through the winter months. Any problems should be addressed to your local area technician, David Hedley, or the Contact Centre via: 0845 230 2882 or through our website at: [http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/transport/ea\\_report\\_problem.page](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/transport/ea_report_problem.page)

**Office Move**

As of 14th October 2011 the Area Maintenance Team completed their move to BCC's offices in Griffin Lane, Aylesbury. As a result of this the Winslow Centre transportation office is now closed. Contact numbers and email addresses haven't changed but our contact address is now:

Transport for Buckinghamshire  
Corrib Industrial Estate  
Griffin Lane  
Aylesbury  
Bucks  
HP19 8BP

Please note that the Griffin Lane office is not open to the public.

### **Traffic Management**

**Buckingham** - HGV sign installation works around the town have been ordered, however a programme date is not yet agreed due to a high number of other signing schemes waiting to be carried out.

The A421 sign work is still ongoing and likely to be completed in February 2012. Signs along this route will be renewed, improved, removed or reduced in size where appropriate.

**Lillingstone Lovell** - Proposals and drawings for the replacement traditional style fingerpost signs are currently being developed with Eurosigns. Quotation requests to be submitted to AVDC for removing standalone upright 'No Through Road' assemblies and incorporating 'No Through Road' symbols into new street nameplates

**Steeple Claydon** - Eurosigns have provided drawings and costings for a smaller, more compact sign assembly at bottom of Addison Road junction with West Street. Erection order to be raised, however, comments relating to Buckingham HGV signs also apply here.

**Stowe** - National Trust are currently undertaking the works to amend the layout at the Stowe Avenue junction. Changes to direction signs in the area, showing the new access is in from Stowe Avenue, are also imminent.

**Thornton** - 3 new village nameplates (incorporating a safety message) have been erected in the agreed locations.

**Tingewick** - Currently considering an application for tourist signs to Skirmish Paintball site. Discussions are being had with the applicant with regard to proposed amendments. A large direction sign on the bypass has been replaced and removes reference to RAF Bicester.

**Whaddon** – Milton Keynes Council (MKC) have provided BCC and others with a copy of the Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP) and asked for comments, in particular in relation to traffic generated from the new Milton Keynes Western Expansion development. Whaddon Parish Council and Transport for Buckinghamshire are working closely regarding this matter and will both be responding to this consultation and providing MKC with a copy of the Whaddon Traffic Calming Feasibility Study.

## Road Safety

### Community Speedwatch

To raise awareness of Community Speedwatch across Buckinghamshire, the road safety team are planning a programme to work with local communities to deliver the scheme, as vehicles being driven too fast are a major factor in preventing people from enjoying the environment they have chosen to live in.

The idea is to liaise with local communities and attend locations on set days and times and run community speedwatch in your area.

The road safety team will have a set of speedwatch equipment for use free of charge to work in partnership with community volunteers, e.g. a member of the road safety team will operate the equipment with a member of the local community at a location known for a speeding problem. Using local knowledge will allow community speedwatch to be used most efficiently in a pro-active manner.

If you are interested in working with the road safety team to run speedwatch in your local community please contact Nigel Spencer by e-mail on [nspencer@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:nspencer@buckscc.gov.uk)

For more information about Community Speedwatch visit:  
<http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/transport/speedwatch.page>

### Local Safety Schemes 2011/12

A422 Cattleford Bridge, vegetation clearance carried out, warning sign up-grade have been completed.

### Road Safety Team services to the local community:

**SAGE** – Safer driving with Age; for motorists over 65 years of age who would like a confidence boost. Our team of qualified instructors offer an hour's assessment.

**Be a Better Biker** – assessment days for motorcyclists. Just bought a bike or advancing to a more powerful engine? Our team of instructors will help you make the most of biking.

**Get in Gear young driver's course** – theory workshops and on the road training. Essential advanced motoring skills for newly qualified drivers.

**Business Driver Assessments** – 2 hour on the road assessments for employees who drive vans, minibuses or cars for work. Includes a DVLA licence check and full report.

**Winter Driving Workshops** – Get together a group of friends or employees to host your own in house workshop and vehicle safety check or register your interest to attend one of our evening workshops in November.

The five courses, above, are heavily subsidised and are provided at various locations

around the county. Individual driver training is provided from any location within Bucks. For further details please contact 01296 382450 or email [roadsafety@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:roadsafety@buckscc.gov.uk)

## **Passenger Transport**

The 2011 editions of the "**Guide to bus services**" are now available. There are two editions this year: North Buckinghamshire and South Buckinghamshire containing full details of all bus services in the County.

These are available from Council Offices, Libraries and many other outlets, or from the Passenger Transport team (call 0845 230 2882). Books are free for Buckinghamshire residents.

### **REVIEW OF BUS SERVICE 16, 17 & 18**

We received a large number of responses to the consultation on changes to the 16 /17/ 18 bus services. We are currently finalising revised timetables which seek to accommodate as many of the comments made as possible and these will be available by the end of November.

Details will be sent to all members and parishes and those who responded to the consultation. Revised timetables will be available on the Transport for Buckinghamshire website as well as on buses and at bus stops nearer to the change date.

#### Key changes to the original proposals are:

- Retaining journeys into Aylesbury before 0700 and after 1800
- Retaining a peak timed journeys for those working in Bicester
- Serving Aylesbury Vale Parkway Station to meet commuter trains as closely as possible
- Additional afternoon service 18 journeys
- Slightly reduced Saturday timetable

Due to these changes, timetables will now change on **Monday 30th January 2012.**

## **Asset Management – Street Lighting**

### **SWITCHING OFF STREET LIGHTS TO SAVE ENERGY TRIAL END:**

Decisions on the future of 37 of the Switch Off Sites were submitted for public consultation on 17/10/2011. Transport for Bucks welcome all feedback associated with these sites and request that comments are submitted via the following link:  
[http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/sites/bcc/about\\_your\\_council/Have\\_your\\_say.page](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/sites/bcc/about_your_council/Have_your_say.page)

For the remaining sites Transport for Buckinghamshire has been, and is continuing to conduct, thorough investigations of the associated site data and customer feedback.

From these investigations, recommendations are being developed to provide what

actions would be best for each of the sites progressing into the future.

These recommendations will be reviewed by the Cabinet Member prior to a supplementary consultation which is anticipated to commence from early in the New Year.

In addition to this it has been decided to switch back on the following five sites:

A413 Amersham Road (from Kingsway RAB to Rail Bridge)  
A40 Studley Green  
A413 Wendover Bypass @ Nash Lee Road Roundabout  
A413 Wendover Bypass @ South Street Roundabout  
A421 Radclive Roundabout

These switch ons are intended to be conducted in a phased approach, whereby as many of the street lights will be reactivated as soon as possible, where deemed safe to do so. A follow-up visit to rectify any outages and / or further repair works that maybe necessary will be conducted as soon as practicable.

More information about the trial, including two interim reports, can be viewed at:  
[http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/transport/streetlights\\_energy.page](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/transport/streetlights_energy.page)

#### **Delegated Budget 2011/12 – Agreed Schemes**

| <b>Location</b>                      | <b>Scheme</b>   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Radclive cum Chackmore               | Extension to footpath                                   |
| Twyford                              | Application for 11 dropped kerbs                        |
| Hillesden Hamlet                     | Passing layby   |
| East Claydon                         | TSID First two weeks of each school term (contribution) |
| Hillesden/Preston Bissett crossroads | Salt bin  |
| Botolph and East Claydon             | Salt bin  |
| Gawcott                              | Salt bin  |
| Lillingstone Lovell                  | Salt bin  |
| Nash                                 | Salt bin  |
| Westbury                             | Salt bin  |
| Tingewick                            | Salt bin  |
| Radclive cum Chackmore               | Salt bin  |