

Buckingham Local Area Forum

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Electoral divisions affected: 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 smooth's 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.

Carriageway Works – Buckingham LAF			
Street Name	Town	Treatment Type	Anticipated Start Date
Western Avenue	Buckingham	Micro surfacing	Proposed June 2012
Stowe Castle Road	Stowe	Surfacing	August 2012
High Street/ Silverstone Road	Dadford	Surfacing	July 2012
London Road	Buckingham	Surfacing	Proposed 2012-2013
Barracks Hill	Hillesden	Surface Dressing	Proposed 2012-2013

Carriageway Works – Buckingham LAF cont.

Street Name	Town	Treatment Type	Anticipated Start Date
Main Street	Radclive	Slurry Sealing	Proposed 2012-2013
Water Stratford Road	Water Stratford	Surface Dressing	Proposed 2012-2013
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
Calvert to Botolph Claydon	Botolph Claydon	Surfacing	Proposed 2012-2013

Area Maintenance

Winter

The winter period has now passed. As you will know we recently suffered from tempestuous weather experienced from the beginning of April to date. TFB will have had to deal with an impact on schemes that was programmed to be delivered during that month and are working hard to reschedule works.

Golden Jubilee

To those parishes that requested bunting, your Local Area Technician David Hedley, by the time you receive this report, will have delivered it – hope it was useful!

Village Walkround

David Hedley will be contacting parishes in the Buckingham LAF area over the next few weeks to offer a village walkround. Look out for his email.

Traffic Management

Moveable Vehicle Activated Signs (MVAS) - The reviewed VAS policy has now been approved and includes a new initiative referred to as MVAS. When a request for MVAS is approved, the Parish Council will then be responsible for the purchase and installation of the equipment themselves. More information about this initiative, as well as contact details of companies who can supply and install this equipment for you, is available in a factsheet which will be sent out to all Parish Councils in the first week of May and also made available on the Service Information Centre website.

Road Safety

Update regarding 20mph limits

Recently there have been an increasing number of requests for 20mph speed limits and zones. Transport for Buckinghamshire is currently developing a new 20mph policy to ensure that it will have a fair, consistent and constructive response to demands for 20mph limits in the future. This policy will be directly affected by emerging national

developments relating to speed limit policy, legislation and signing, which are expected to be finalised during 2012.

2. In October 2011, the Department for Transport published its Traffic Signs Policy Paper "Signing the Way".

(<http://assets.dft.gov.uk/publications/signing-the-way/signing-the-way.pdf>). Amongst many planned changes to traffic signs, the DfT proposes to allow more flexibility for the provision of 20mph schemes by changing the regulations for the location and number of required terminal and repeater signs/markings. We are awaiting the specific details of these changes from the Department for Transport, including proposals for increased community involvement in determining 20mph limits and a new 'Speed Limit Appraisal Tool' from the DfT to help assess the full costs and benefits of any proposed 20mph schemes. An update of Traffic Advisory Leaflet 9/99 "20mph speed limits and zones", due in 2012, will provide more clarity on where and how 20mph schemes should be installed.

3. The government has recently (Spring 2012) carried out a public consultation on changes to the way that Traffic Regulation Orders are advertised. At present any new speed limit orders have to be published in local newspapers and this can be an expensive process. The consultation proposes that the public may be made aware of the changes in other ways which could be more effective and potentially less expensive. The consultation papers can be seen at:

<http://www.dft.gov.uk/consultations/dft-2012-06>

4. Because these various changes at a national level will directly affect the County Council's new 20mph policy, Transport for Buckinghamshire will not be finalising its new 20mph policy until the national policy and legislation details have been clarified.

5. It is not anticipated that there will be any change in the current national policy that all 20mph limits should be self-enforcing and should not require any enforcement by the Police.

6. It is not expected that the county council will receive any additional funding from DfT to accompany the guidance therefore any new limits will need to be funded from the within the local community

Passenger Transport

Revisions to Bus Service 32 and Buckingham Town Service

23 April 2012

UPDATE: 13TH APRIL - This proposal is being revised following public feedback, and details are being finalised for commencement on 23rd April.

Arriva MK is making some changes to Service 32 between Buckingham and Milton Keynes and to journeys on service 32A within the town. These changes are needed to improve reliability and punctuality and to reflect the travel actually being made on different sections of the routes.

There has been a loss of revenue and patronage following the County Council's withdrawal of subsidised travel to colleges last year and we need to balance resources with the amount of travel actually being made.

Service 32 will now follow the more direct route in both directions; via the A422 to Milton Keynes and then on to the Hospital and Bletchley. There will be a later bus from Buckingham to Central MK at 18:13 and a later return from Central MK back to Buckingham at 18:45.

Patronage data for the various sections of the Buckingham Town service is attached and shows that many parts carry very few passengers, with most travelling into town in the morning to shop at then returning around lunchtime.

The better used sections of the current 32A service (Maids Moreton & Burleigh Piece) will remain as part of the 32 route and the new timetables will now give a direct service to Milton Keynes and Bletchley. Western Avenue will have a daily link into Buckingham on the Countyrider 151 with Hilltop Avenue, Badgers Way and Bourtonville being served on the Tuesday "market day" 133 route.

Concessionary bus passes will be accepted on the 08:55 from Burleigh Piece.

Arriva MK intends to introduce revised timetables from 23 April 2012, please contact me if you have any comments or queries.

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Asset Management – Street Lighting

Nothing to report

Local Priorities Bids 2012-13

Parish/Town	Scheme/Location
Buckingham	Install lay by on Burleigh Piece next to Bourton Meadow School
	Page Hill flooding intervention
	Installation of pedestrian crossing at London Road, approximately 100m from the A421 by the bus stop, at the crossing point from Meadway to Hare Close
Stowe	Installation of footpath along main road to the High Street
Maids Moreton	VAS – approach to Maids Moreton from Towcester A413
Tingewick	VAS for entry points to Tingewick village
Adstock	Demolition of bus shelter then relocation and erection of new bus shelter at North bound side of the A413
	Repair kerbstones at two locations in Adstock – junction of West Street with Main Street – on the corner approximately a two metre length and stretch approximately four metres on Min Street opposite the Old Punch Bowl
East Claydon	TSID for East Claydon for first two weeks of each school term

Water Stratford	Improve vision splays at the Water Stratford Crossroads on the A422
Whaddon	Contribution of £10,000 towards traffic calming (lesser amounts will be also acceptable)
Padbury	New footpath for Main Street
Newton Longville	2 salt bins – St. Faiths Close & Lilac Close/Ivy Lane