

Chesham and Villages Local Area Forum

Title:

Update report from Transport for Buckinghamshire

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Electoral divisions affected:

Chess Valley,
Chesham East
Chesham North West
Chiltern Ridges

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.

Recommendation

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



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

Area Maintenance

Fortunately we have come to the end of the excessive levels of pothole repairs we experienced during the winter period and we are now able to re-allocate resources to under take other maintenance repairs. We have instigated 'road fixer' gangs which are self contained units which are capable of carrying out small areas of patching works and will be moving around the Local Area Technicians areas on a four weekly basis for a week at a time.

We have a programme of drainage problem areas which will be addressed during the next couple of months.

Local Area Community Gangs are undertaking small maintenance issues, which primarily have been brought to our attention by Parish Council's and please continue to contact your Local Area Technician with any works so that forthcoming programme can be compiled.

The annual surface dressing programme will be starting on 7th June and hopefully weather permitting will be completed by the end of June.

Winter Maintenance

Letters have now been sent to all interested parties, asking for feedback by 2nd July 2010. So that comments can form part of the review of this service.

Traffic Management

There are no specific schemes to report on at this time, but as always there is an ongoing inspection of signs and lines with work taking place through our own TfB teams.

Policy

After undertaking the LAF engagement on the Local Transport Plan 3 (LTP3) over this autumn, winter, findings on the report will shortly be available at www.buckscc.gov.uk/ltp3

We are interested in bringing the LTP3 back to the LAFs later in the year. It would involve:-

1. Bringing a summary report of the engagement which closed on 15 January 2010 i.e. completing the circle between LAF input and the final result.
2. An introduction to the upcoming engagement process (July – September 2011).

We will keep parishes advised as to whether LTP3 will be on future LAF agendas or as an information item only.

A full consultation draft will be taken to Cabinet on the 28 June, and the 12 week Full Public Consultation will take place shortly after this. Because of LAF/Parish summer holidays we would be able to extend the 12 week deadline into mid October for LAF members if required.

Please note we are also planning to hold Transport Symposia again in 2010 and these are likely to be in September/October

Road Safety

Speed limit review: Area 4 Key Decision Report (which includes the A416 Chesham Bois) was drafted on 26th May and will be published during June on the internet.

Those with email can obtain automatic notification when the report is published, by clicking on the 'subscribe to decision updates' on the 'Do it online' section on the home page of the county council's website at www.buckscc.gov.uk. "

Area 10 speed limits for the area north and east of Chesham legally came into force from 17th April and should be fully signed by early June. Speed limit roundels on the road surface will be installed this summer and vehicle activated signs will be temporarily located for one or two weeks during the summer on most of the roads with new 30 or 40mph limits.

Passenger Transport

Tiger Line has withdrawn service T1 from Bovington on time keeping and usage ground. Buses will still serve Whelpley Hill on an otherwise unchanged timetable. The trial of service 71 to Chenies has ended, with usage being very low (1-3 per week). New bus stops to be sited on A404 near Chenies on service 336 to the village instead.

Development Control

- An application for reopening the Chesham Community Hospital with 80 beds on Hospital Hill Chesham has been received from Chiltern District. Development Control is currently reviewing the information. A previous application at the site for the reopening of a hospital the Highway Authority raised no objection. The hospital will be a specialist hospital not A&E.

Parking

Following extensive consultation Valerie Letheren, Cabinet Member for Transport agreed the following:

1. To remove restrictions on verge parking on Cameron Road and Turners Walk, Chesham
2. A parking restriction on Saxon Close to deter commuter parking will be implemented
3. Local residents of specific properties on Station Road, Chesham will be able to apply for permits to park in the Limited Waiting bays adjacent to their properties
4. After feedback from residents on Chiltern Road and Clifton Road, Chesham, about loss of parking spaces, the proposed double yellow lines will be reduced to a minimum length
5. Road users fed back their concerns over a proposed limited waiting bay on East Street, Chesham, as it would potentially hinder a safe exit from the opposite access road. This one bay has been removed, with the other bays to be implemented allowing parking provision near to the High Street, Chesham
6. Following the responses to the consultation on proposals for Pay and Display in Amersham on the Hill and Chesham, other measures such as Limited Waiting bays and Disable Person's parking bays are being considered.

TLTL – Delegated Budget update

All schemes for 2009/2010 have been completed.

STREET WORKS
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