



Report to Wexham and Ivers Community Board

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Title: Ivers Members Liaison Group – Projects Update

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Introduction

- 1.1 The Ivers Members Liaison Group (IMLG) was a joint member working group bringing together Parish, District and County councillors for Ivers Parish, plus Buckinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership, to develop a single coordinated steer on major transport infrastructure projects in and around the area, particularly the Iver Relief Road.
- 1.2 The group met a total of 12 times between October 2016 and November 2019, and made substantial progress in pushing forward priority infrastructure schemes during this time. The Terms of Reference for the group are appended to this report for information.
- 1.3 Following the transition to Buckinghamshire Council as the new unitary authority for Buckinghamshire, the role of the Ivers Members Liaison Group is most sensibly delivered through the Ivers and Wexham Community Board and its sub-committees. This report sets out the current status of projects reviewed at the final meeting of the IMLG with a view to ongoing input to these being allocated to relevant sub-committees of the Community Board.

Iver Relief Road

- 1.4 Following previous work carried out by the IMLG looking at potential alignments and arrangements for an Iver Relief Road, Balfour Beatty were commissioned to undertake a technical buildability overview of the preferred option to determine budget, risks, timescales and deliverability of the scheme to take forward. The report seeks to identify the viability of delivery and realism of cost and timescales for the proposed scheme

- 1.5 A draft report has been produced, which is currently going through internal approval processes. The report concludes the scheme is buildable, but faces significant financial, planning and land constraints.
- 1.6 Further assessment is likely to be required to assess wider impacts of the new scheme on the broader highway network, and complementary works on Iver High Street.
- 1.7 A full update and presentation of the report will be brought to the Community Board or relevant sub-committee at a later date following internal approvals for release of the report.

Freight Strategy

- 1.8 Buckinghamshire Council continues to progress implementation of the Buckinghamshire Freight Strategy. Initial works are programmed in the Ivinghoe area on the basis of an existing issue with the structural integrity of a local bridge, but Ivers and Denham is a future focus within the programme.
- 1.9 The Buckinghamshire Freight Officer is in regular contact with the Ivers Parish Council about freight management issues in the area, however a holistic solution to freight problems in the area is unlikely to be achieved until a relief road can be delivered.

Richings Park Parking Restrictions

- 1.10 Funding has been secured from a local developer for the implementation of parking restrictions in Richings Park in association with the development of a station car park. Measures have been formally consulted on and carry local support.
- 1.11 The restrictions were initially due to be implemented by Summer 2019, but were postponed due to delays in implementation of the car park. Discussions are ongoing with the Cabinet Member for Logistics on implementation of the restrictions as soon as practicable.

Iver Cycleway

- 1.12 Buckinghamshire Council is holding in reserve a £500k contribution from Pinewood Studios expansion for improved walking and cycling links between Pinewood Studios and the villages within Iver Parish.
- 1.13 The scheme was initially envisaged as using signalised crossings on the Five Points Roundabout, but this scheme was not progressed and an alternative route for the cycleway is yet to be identified.
- 1.14 The alternative Pinewood Studios expansion mitigation (upgrade of Sevenhills Road) includes measures to facilitate a cycle link through the Pinewood Green Estate.

- 1.15 Buckinghamshire Council are keen to work with the Community Board and the Ivers Parish to develop a scheme with strong local buy-in. Progress has been delayed due to a lack of officer resource, but it is hoped this work will recommence shortly.
- 1.16 Buckinghamshire Council are also currently rolling out a series of quick 'pop-up' walking and cycling measures in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. More information can be found at: <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-transport/active-travel/> . We are in discussions with the Ivers Parish about potential for a scheme within this area.

A412 Iver Heath Study

- 1.17 Jacobs have been commissioned to undertake an options assessment exercise to develop a number of potential improvements to the movement and place functions of the A412 corridor through Iver Heath, focusing on the double mini-roundabouts at Thornbridge Road and Bangors Road North. This was intended to provide the first stage of development of a future scheme, but no funding is currently available for implementation
- 1.18 The report has been completed subject to internal approvals and will be presented to the community board or relevant sub-committee at a future date.

Major Projects – Western Rail Link to Heathrow

- 1.19 A separate update is being presented to the Community Board on this item.

