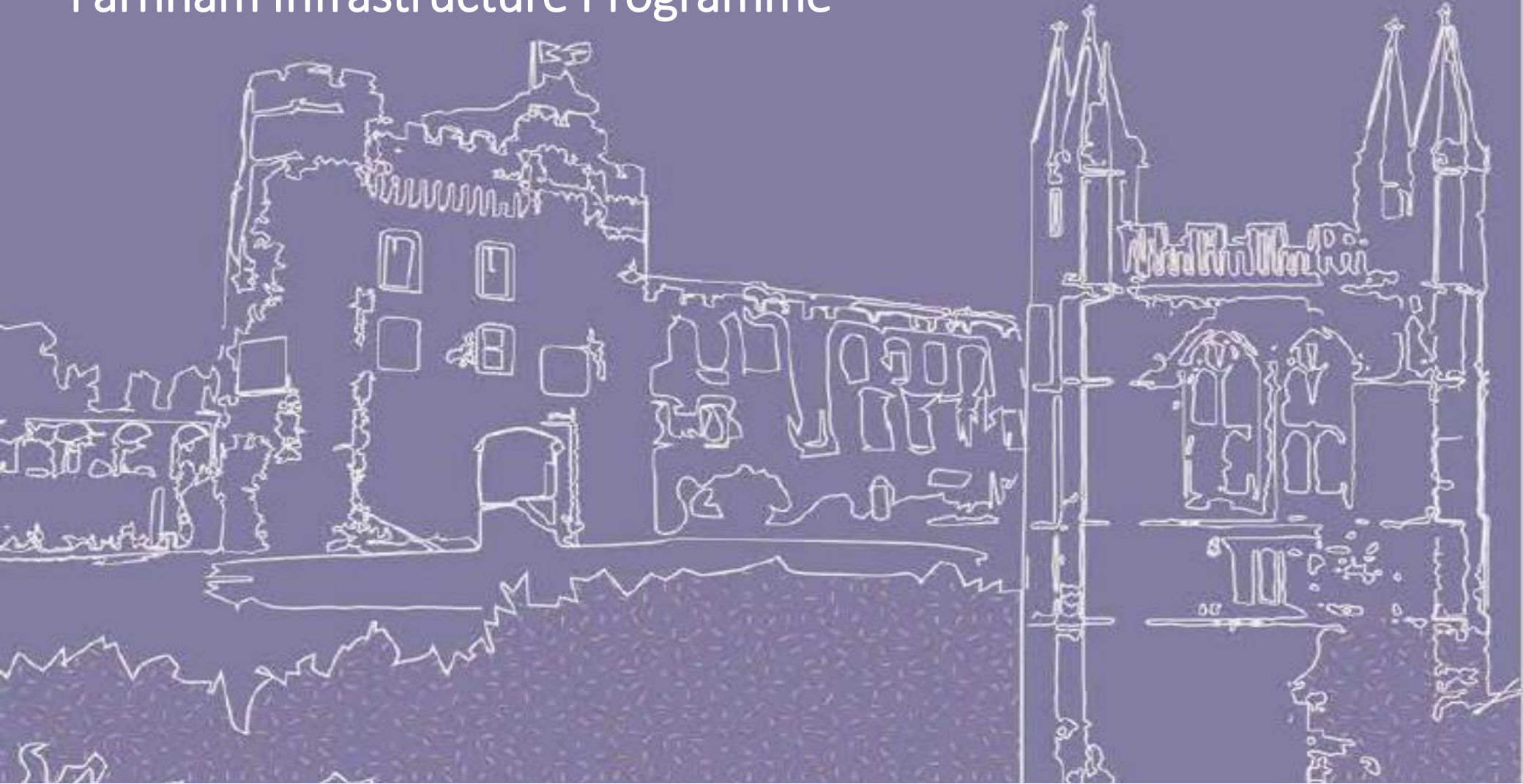


Meeting Notes

- 2 hour meeting 6.30 – 8.30 pm
meeting is public and recorded
- Panel: the presenters will be on view
when slides are on view, images will be in small window
- Invitees will be listed in the **Participants** window
- Questions can be posted in the **Q&A** window
we will be monitoring this
- Questions can also be raised by requesting to speak
*click **Raise Hand** in the **Participants** window*
questions raised this way will get priority
- Please keep all questions and comments brief
- Please keep your microphone muted, except when speaking
so we don't hear background sound in your home
- We will respond to any questions, not covered during the meeting, by email afterwards

Local Liaison Forum 5 – Town Centre

Farnham Infrastructure Programme



Local Liaison Forum – Town Centre

Introductions

Chair

Councillor Andy MacLeod

Councillors

Cllr John Neale, Cllr Wyatt Ramsdale

Programme Team

Chris Tunstall – Programme Director, Surrey County Council

Paula Gough – Programme Manager, Arcadis Consultancy

Alex Pye – Atkins Consultancy

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Agenda

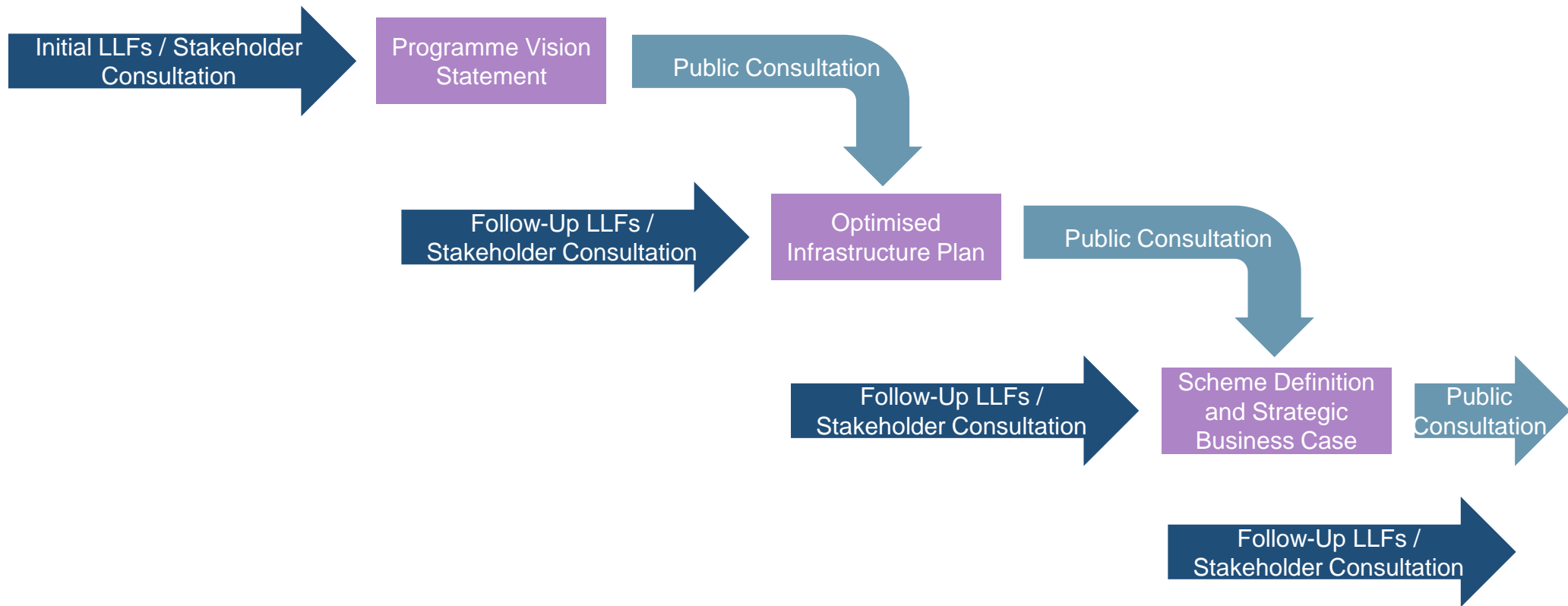
1. Welcome and opening remarks – Andy MacLeod (5 minutes)
2. Views from the Programme – Chris Tunstall & Paula Gough (20 minutes)
3. Introduction to discussion – Andy MacLeod (2 minutes)
4. Participant discussion – All (90 minutes)
5. Closing remarks – John Neale (3 minutes)

Local Liaison Forum – Town Centre

Objectives for today

- Update on Farnham Infrastructure Programme to date
- Outline of Town Centre possibilities
- Seek your views on future town centre

Consultation in the Programme Development Process



Context for the Optimised Infrastructure Plan (OIP)

The development of the OIP is built upon:

- Previous consultancy studies of Farnham and the A31 Corridor, providing base evidence
- Community and elected-member proposals for the future of Farnham, including observations submitted at the LLFs
- Local, Borough, County and central Government policy and strategy, including place, climate and transport strategies



Initial OIP Thinking for the Town Centre

Complex problems and issues identified, to which the town centre is pivotal:

- High car dependency, limited walking and cycling, low bus patronage
- Through traffic (but mostly people living in Farnham crossing the town....)
- Deliveries into the town centre
- Inappropriate road network (1960s ideas imposed on a 15th century town)
- Inter-dependency between issues in town centre and other areas (Upper Hale, access from south via Firgrove Hill, access into town centre from A31)

Bigger picture:

- We must improve the **quality of place in the town centre**: this is not ‘nice to have’, this is **pivotal to the success of the OIP**
- This will mean **reducing roadspace for cars**, and changing access to parking: we need to ensure we **maintain the economic vitality of the town**
- We need to **dramatically reduce transport carbon emissions across Surrey**: not just electric cars, but fewer people driving

Initial OIP Thinking for the Town Centre

Objectives for the OIP - what we need to achieve:

- Rapidly reduce carbon emissions – rapid change needed now, not just in 20 years
- Improve quality of place in Farnham – the urgent driver of change
- Support the local economy – what is distinctive and good (independents, craft town)
- Well-connected communities – enabling the changes needed in behaviour

Emerging components of the OIP:

- New walking routes, pedestrianisation, reduce barriers to movement of people
- New cycling routes – but we need to **optimise** how we use limited roadspace
- Places for people to just ‘stand and stare’, a new central square
- Major improvements to bus services and waiting facilities
- Park & Stride / Park & Ride – new car parks out of town, walk alongside the river or catch an electric bus
- Major changes to traffic circulation, e.g. two-way on South Street and Union Rd?
- Changes in access to car parks, reduce traffic circulating around the town

Ideas from Consultation: Overview



Ideas from Consultation: Narrowing Downing Street



Ideas from Consultation: 2-Way Running on the Borough



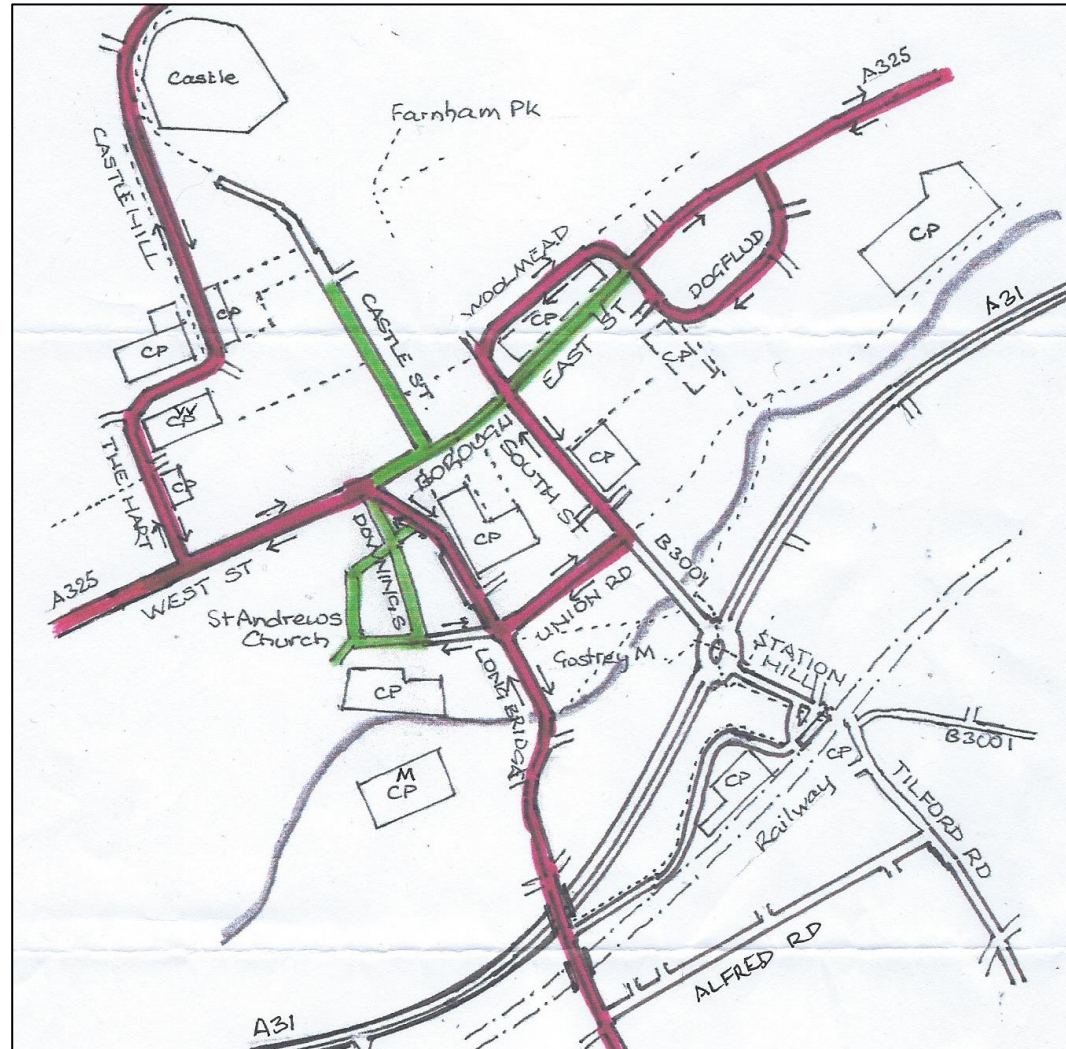
Ideas from Consultation: Pedestrianisation



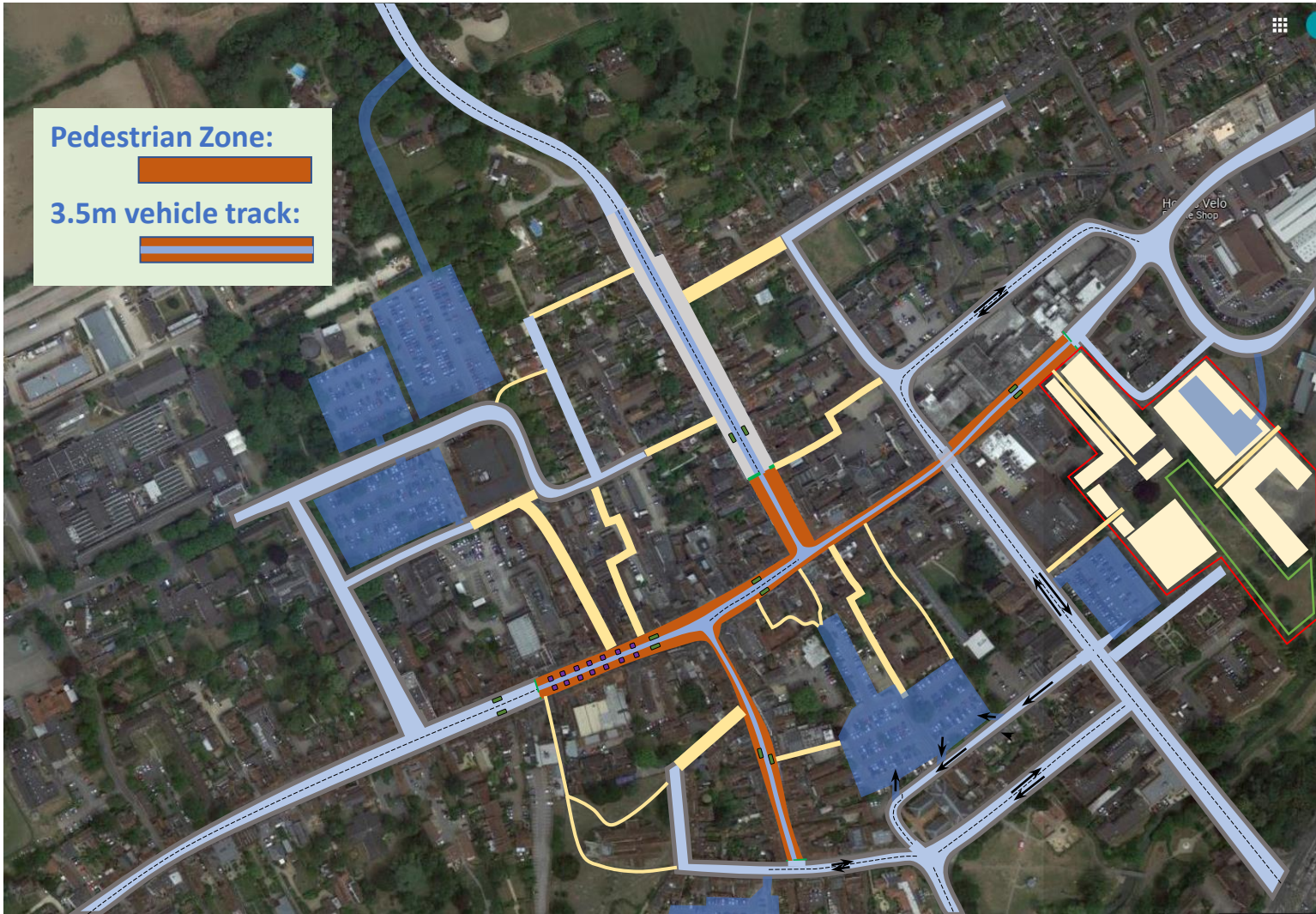
Ideas from Consultation: Connecting Castle Street and the Hart



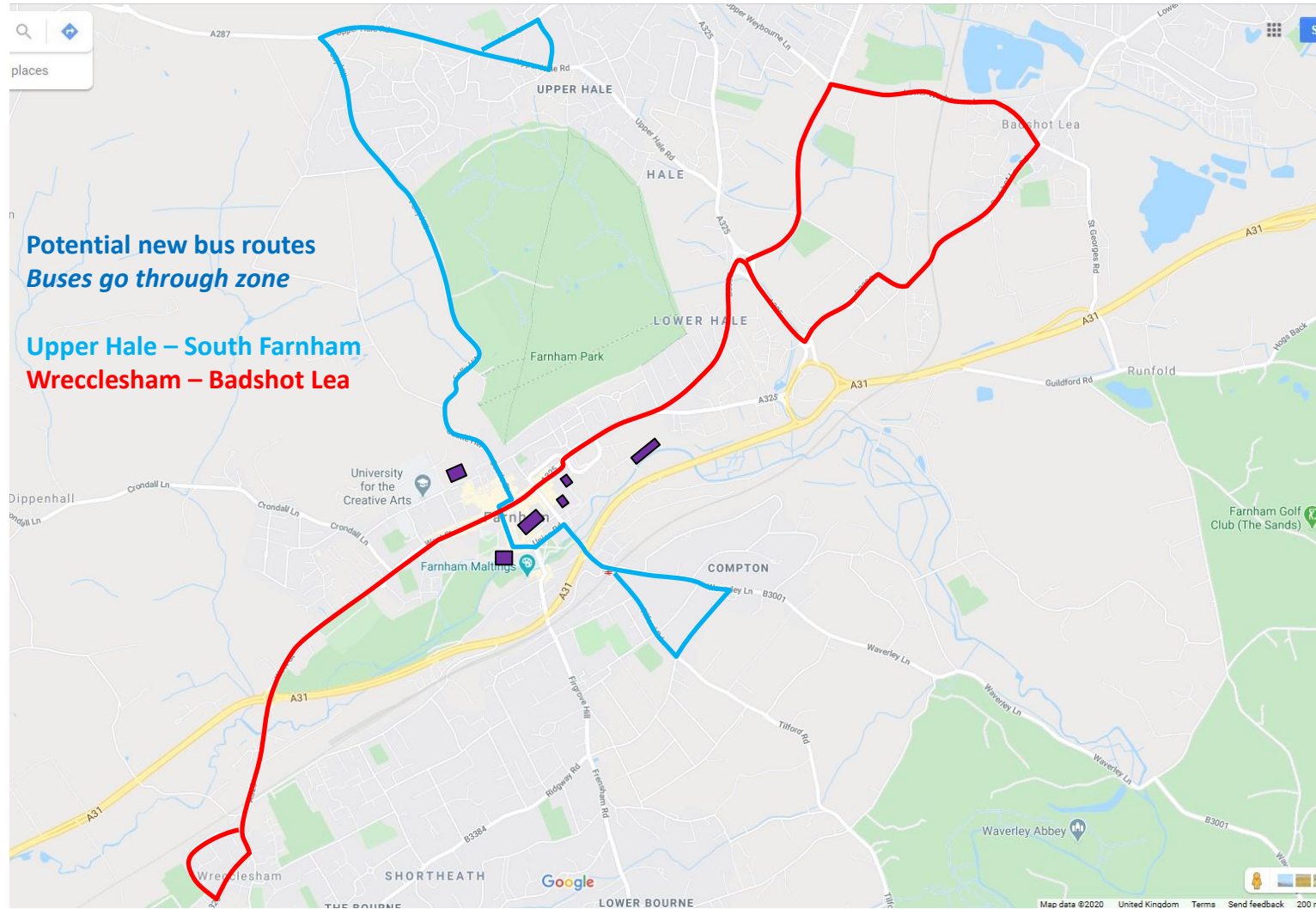
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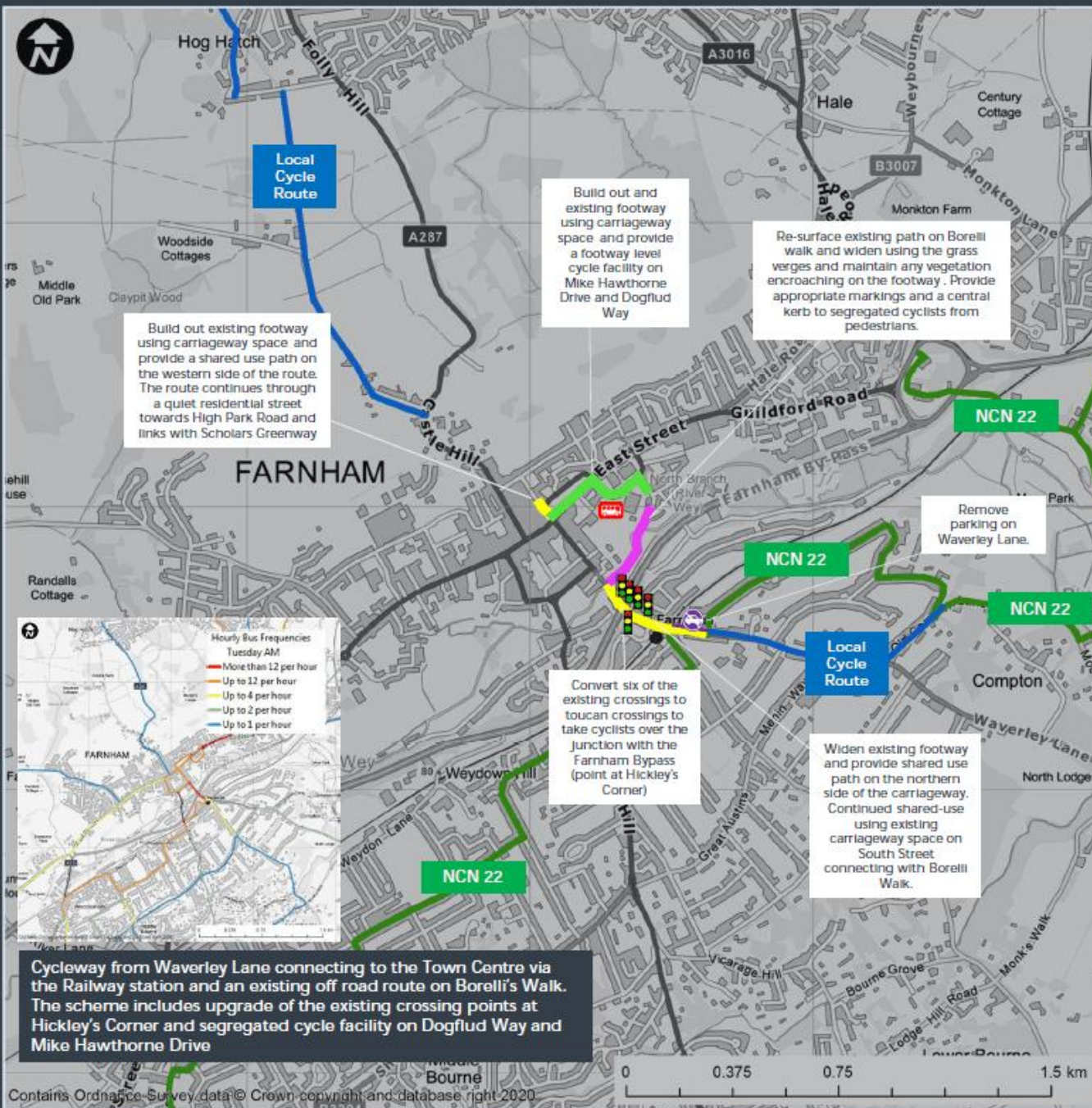


Ideas from Consultation: Alternative Town Centre



Ideas from Consultation: 'Hopper' Bus Provision





FARNHAM CYCLEWAY

Proposed Interventions

Tranche 2 Emergency Active Travel Fund

DfT in-scope interventions

- Off road shared use path
- Footway level shared use path
- New segregated cycleway (permanent)
- Installing segregation to make an existing cycle route safer
- Point closures of main roads to through traffic, apart from buses, access and disabled
- New permanent footway
- Widening existing footway
- Provision of secure cycle parking facilities
- Restriction or reduction of parking availability (e.g. closing bays or complemented by increasing fees)
- Area wide interventions (e.g. pedestrian and cycling zones and modal filters / filtered permeability)
- Selective road closures using planters
- Junction improvements
- Bus boarders
- Toucan crossing

Discussion

Closing remarks

Cllr John Neale

Local Liaison Forums Programme

Date	Time	Topic	Invitees
5 th August 2020	2020	Launch	Open to all
21 st October 2020	4 pm	Neighbourhoods	Open to all
2 nd November 2020	6.30 pm	Businesses	any Farnham businesses
25 th November 2020	6.30 pm	Community	Open to all
9 th December 2020	6.30 pm	Town Centre	Open to all
6 th January 2021	3 pm	A31 & Hickley's	Open to all
6 th January 2021	6.30 pm	Upper Hale	Open to all
7 th January 2021	6.30 pm	Wrecclesham	Open to all
14 th January 2021	3 pm	Young People	any young people, school and youth leaders

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