

## Questions and Comments at the Wrecclesham Local Liaison Forum

**7<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

1	Jac Slim	Re. Cost benefit analysis: Nothing about safety or health	
2	Jon Watson	<p>To what extent is the requirement to prove Business Cost Ratio informed by those presented in the HS2 business case? This justified the scheme on the basis of saving 20 minutes on a trip to Birmingham.</p> <p>Sorry Wyatt but any approach to the construction of a Business Plan is relevant to this scheme.</p>	<p>Jon, outside our scope I'm afraid! Wyatt Ramsdale, SCC</p>
3	Simon Foale	It would be good to see more detail on the criteria for the metrics used for the Economic case so that we can help build the case.	
4	Zofia Lovell	Farnham is currently meeting its housing targets for sites and potential housing delivery as identified in the Farnham Neighbourhood Plan, but has not had any infrastructure. Is Farnham expected to produce yet more housing to pay for any By Pass or anything else.	<p>Good question Zofia Simon Foale</p> <p>Simon, Agreed, something I will want to get on to as soon as we can! Wyatt</p> <p>Yes we already have the new homes now we need the infrastructure <a href="mailto:jac.slim@talk21.com">jac.slim@talk21.com</a></p> <p>Zofia, the timescales would mean this is a debate for a future Neighbourhood Plan, Wyatt</p>
5	Cllr Brian Edmonds	<p>Do we have proposed routes for a Wrecclesham bypass? In other words is it feasible?</p> <p>Thank you Wyatt it needs to be “sterilised” to stop it being closed.</p>	<p>Brian, there was a route identified that I believe is still possible, Wyatt</p>
6	Dave Taylor	We surely also need to consider how to value the benefits of reducing traffic on the A325 through Wrecclesham. The reduction of risk to pedestrians (in particular school children) and cyclists, as well as the health benefits of reduced air pollution.	

7	Cllr Peter Clark,	Strangely there wasn't this emphasis on "business case" for last night's LLF on Hickley's Corner?	<p>Peter, these issues all also apply to an A31 project, Wyatt</p> <p>Peter, We are talking if very large amounts of public money and the ideas for spending were not so well developed last night despite the excellent evidence and presentation. A number of the ideas in Wrecclesham have been considered before and thus costs are better established I believe. Simon Foale</p>
8	Zofia Lovell	Bordon has developed a great deal of army land with the road infrastructure in place in advance How did Hampshire achieve that. The same in Fleet and Rushmore. Farnham geographically will bear the brunt of the traffic progressing through its road network without any of the financial benefit that Hampshire has acquired. Should that not be taken into account??	Zofia, the benefit would all have to be new benefit, Wyatt
9	Cllr Brian Edmonds	Surrey is England's most urbanised without a strategic Environmental Impact Assessment.	
10	Kris Winter	A crossing point on Meadow Way is a very generous description. At no point do drivers recognise this as a point for the public to cross	<p>It's a little island in the middle of the road. Residents get onto the island and can't get off it again Cllr Peter Clark</p> <p>I find the island crossing means I only need a quiet spot in one lane at a time. Wyatt</p>
11	Cllr Brian Edmonds	The road is a serious danger to pedestrian school children, a 20 mph limit is imperative. A speed camera is essential.	Brian yes and we need all the things on Paula's list. Wyatt
12	Simon Foale	Jonathan, yes thank you but some of the detail would be appreciated; my background is Operational Analysis (Research) for a Government Agency!).	

13	Tim Clark	<p>it's a case of grateful for small mercies Wyatt BUT this discussion under your chairmanship is a tremendous step forward.</p> <p>Wyatt, we are on common ground on that one thank you</p>	Thanks Tim, but we also want to look at the biggest issue - the bypass, Wyatt
14	Cllr Brian Edmonds	The A325 has the potential for multiple fatalities, when populated with school children.	
15	Jac Slim	VAS Sign comes too late for HGVs to turn round?	
16	Cllr Brian Edmonds	No record of these HGVs being prosecuted for driving without due care and attention.	Brian, correct and we need to see convictions, Wyatt
17	Kris Winter	The speed watch data was very clear to me. The road is either gridlocked and polluting during rush hour, or they are speeding well above the 30mph limit when it is not. I can understand the frustration	Kris absolutely, Wyatt
18	Cllr Peter Clark,	How would a VAS sign on the A31 distinguish between HGVs heading through Wrecclesham and ones towards Alton and Winchester?	I think all high vehicles would be warned not to turn down the A325 Wyatt
19	Jac Slim	Yes but the relief road is for through traffic not for business traffic - two different things - no HGV is going to pull into the pub!	Jac, I agree make the point with a question, Wyatt
20	Cllr Brian Edmonds	Surrey police should carry out a HGV safety check with the Department for Transport. The HGV Bridge overturns appear to be the result of speed and overload.	Re HGV safety checks, we will go back and check within the team how the County Council could liaise with government agencies on safety checks. Jonathan Foster-Clark
21	Tim Clark	Paula it is a big mistake to assume we should keep "through" traffic. they can come in from roundabouts at either end	I believe the foot print to local shops / pubs would actually increase with the want and ability to use the footpath network! many local pubs thrive on less populated roads by being more attractive to visitors. Kris Winter
22	Cllr Peter Clark	I don't believe what I've just heard! Pubs and chip shops versus By-pass?	
23	Tim Clark	Wrecclesham is not a through village and your considerate consultation with local businesses will only generate knee jerk reactions to	Tim, then challenge Paula's view Wyatt

		preserve the status quo. Same reaction from businesses to pedestrianisation as to your assertion that local businesses don't want a bypass	I don't think Paula was suggesting the road is still for the pubs, she is just raising the counter view Cllr John Neale  It's NOT the view of 3,000 residents ! Cllr Peter Clark
24	Simon Foale	Good brief Paula; It was clear from yesterday's LLF and this evening that the LLF must develop a solution that is holistic for the whole of Farnham, North, South and Central Town. This will be costly and need a well evidenced Business Case.	
25	Kate Josty	I would like a bypass to divert HGVs and make walking and cycling safer, and to stop my house being shaken to bits	
26	Cllr Brian Edmonds	Wrecclesham road is the most dangerous road that I have walked on the threat to school children and all other residents cannot be ignored. It demands urgent action.	
27	Mark	Yes, agree there should be a bypass from South Wrecclesham to the A31 and then onto the A287...	
28	Kris Winter 7.29	100% Agree Tim!!!	100% Agree with Tim as well Leon
29	Kris Winter	This is the worry of the business, not a fact! The business's may genuinely thrive in a more comfortable village environment!!	I agree Kris Cllr Peter Clark
30	Cllr George Hesse	Has the cycle route between Alice Holt and Farnham Town been fed into the FIP or any of the cycle groups locally?  It is essential the FIP team have cycle routes ASAP to build into their planning. We don't want anything good like a cycle highway to be missed from the plan	
31	Cllr Brian Edmonds	Why hasn't the Farnham traffic options already been modelled?	Response to Brian: there are currently a lot of options... we're working through how to identify and plan the modelling of the traffic options. Jonathan Foster Clark

32	Jac Slim	<p>Please could we have a list of attendees at these forum meetings?</p> <p>A permanent list for all the forums</p>	<p>The list is on the side, under participants. The list of all questions will be published afterwards.</p> <p>I believe we will be compiling a list at the end of the events of everyone involved in the consultation process.</p>
33	Cllr George Hesse	<p>The new generation of HGV MAX (super high) trucks like a lot of existing “slightly high” trucks won’t fit under the Wrecclesham railway bridge. Digging a deep underpass at Hickleys Corner will speed up traffic from two roundabouts - not a great benefit for £100 million plus spend and 2 plus years of chaos while constructing. A Western Bypass would provide more benefit with some smaller upgrades such as the Firgrove Hill Interchange and slip roads from the A287 onto the A31, Station Hill, Station approach and the level crossing closed could work</p>	
34	Fiona Massari	<p>What are the bypass options? From River Lane, behind the houses to the football fields and up to A325 beyond Wrecclesham village near the new housing estate? Or from before bridge (coming from Coxbridge) and with a new railway bridge going towards the football fields? Or into the housing estate opposite the co-op and up?</p> <p>Yes River Lane is often impassable</p>	<p>Fiona, there were a few options some 20 years ago, hitting different points on A31. They have not revalidated any of these yet , to my understanding Cllr John Neale</p> <p>The critical question is a bypass route still present? Cllr Brian Edmonds</p>
35	Fiona Massari	<p>What steps are planned to increase cheap reliable buses between Bordon, Petersfield, Farnham etc to reduce traffic?</p>	<p>Fiona, the Programme is looking at all bus aspects, we would expect new routes needed John Neale</p>
36	Fiona Massari	<p>I’m also concerned about safety across Bishop’s Meadows after recent violent events. Some people are driving themselves or their children into town from Wrecclesham because they worry about them walking due to these</p>	<p>Build it across the flood plain on pillars like HS2 George Hesse</p>

		concerns and lack of policing and lighting to make it safer.	
37	Cllr George Hesse	It is essential the FIP team have cycle routes ASAP to build into their planning. We don't want anything good like a cycle highway to be missed from the plan	
38	Clive Teague	Traffic reduction could be achieved by including Wrecclesham in a Farnham wide, holistic scheme where cars are parked on the outskirts and frequent regular electric buses take residents and visitors into our calm, quiet, unpolluted, uncongested historic craft town. It has been agreed that more roads generally attract more traffic. Do members of the panel agree that for a fraction of the cost of a bypass, Wrecclesham could be part of a scheme which not only cuts our carbon emissions, in this crucial next decade, but also produces the wonderful town that we all desire.	Clive though passing HGVs are not going to use park and ride Jac Slim  Clive, we in the Programme, including SCC are keen on the bus - and electric - improvements. Park and Ride is also being considered. More direct bus routes to town centre are needed. Some access by cars is most likely still needed John Neale
39	David	Shame it's a such a poor participant turnout with some 3000 Wrecclesham residents that only 41 listed (now down to 38), and, I'm from North Farnham...	
40	Zofia Lovell	Can we all see that (Mouchel) map (of Bypass options) please then we can actually look at how it might affect the rest of Farnham including Hickleys Corner?	
41	Cllr Paula Dunsmore	I suggest the relief road is utilizing a road already in place at Frith End Road to Bentley. This road could be adapted so flows onto the A31 East and West with a new roundabout on the A325. The road only has a few houses on it. There is Bentley station off this road which could aid on haulage if they choice to go back on rail lines. it is in Hampshire but so is a lot of the developments.	
42	George Hesse	Good question Brian - with infill developments taking place along the A325, gradually options may be reducing. Be interesting to see possible routes.  Why a bypass for Wrecclesham village? Better air quality, protect residents and children's health, remove the ever present risk of terminal damage to the railway bridge, enhance the Village atmosphere - as mentioned	

		earlier Wrecclesham has many listed and character properties and it would in itself be a really beautiful Village to visit, for a meal, for a drink, for F&C's (if they're good!) give the Village back to the residents....	
43	Clive Teague	A speed limit would help reduce the impact of HGVs	
44	Fiona Massari	Could there be a cycle/walking pathway from the industrial estate on the right of the A325 as you go under the bridge from the Co-op towards Coxbridge. It could go diagonally to Bishop's Meadows and into town. If we have much better active transport (walking /cycling and well being) through Bishop's Meadows (if they are safely lit and monitored) it would provide very direct access which would reduce traffic enormously. If people are encouraged to use these transport methods and they are made more viable it would help.	We have suggested a route from Wrecclesham to town centre and on to Badshot Lea. Also from North Farnham via Town Centre to station John Neale
45	Fiona Massari	I also agree with Clive that a car park (park and ride) could be up near Echo Barn lane junction with A325 or round where the football field and recreation ground are.	
46	Zofia Lovell	Can I suggest that participants look at the Farnham Neighbourhood Plan at the site allocations for housing.	
47	Fiona Massari	The more we stimulate the local economy, the less we will be reliant on HGV transport from all over the world.	GV traffic unfortunately is not involved with the local economy it is mostly through traffic going to the A3 or M3 for instance Jac Slim
48	Zofia Lovell	Cllr Clark has made a very good point and residents need to have more information regarding the decision making	
49	David Beaman	Has consideration ever been given to increasing the daytime frequency of the Whitehill to Farnham and Aldershot bus service to operate every 15 / 20 mins at discounted fares rather than hourly as at present? This could be implemented very quickly and certainly cheaper than a multi million pound road scheme.	David, bus routes have not been looked at in any detail yet. I would expect this to happen as any new road options evolve. However if there was a specific 'quick win' route, that could be proposed. John Neale
50	James Fitzgerald	As someone who lives at the top of Wrecclesham hill, I would implore a reduction in speed and average speed cameras. My house	

		shakes when HGVs drive through at much more than 30mph.	
51	Kris Winter	Virginia Bottomley campaigned for years for the Hindhead tunnel, do we have the same level of support and passion for Wrecclesham	<p>The Hindhead tunnel had a national strategic impact Jeremy Hunt got it built under a Labour Government. Brian Edmonds</p> <p>Virginia B did campaign for years - my point at the beginning was that this community has also been campaigning over 50 years. Evidence on the MRN consultation paper was testimony to the community for wanting a by-pass as we are noted in the report as the highest response just a shame this was not enough of an argument. Paula Dunsmore</p>
52	Jac Slim	Reduce traffic by making it unattractive i.e. do NOT improve Hickley's corner and use speed limits etc	
53	Cllr John Neale	Making cycle ways is a priority, maybe making FPs into cycle ways - they do have to have sufficient width available. Easier to do off road since most roads are narrow. Buses, P&R all being considered as ways of supporting active travel - this is the best way to get funding for all the works.	
54	Leon	<p>So what is the phasing and timescales here? What is the next step? When do we make a decision on if we want to make a bid on a bypass? When would we create the proposal? When would the bid be confirmed or not?</p>	
55	Clive Teague	Well done for everyone working together to find the best solutions.	Yes agree, united we stand, divided we fall Cllr George Hesse
56	Cllr Peter Clark	Well done Wyatt for chairing an interesting discussion	
57	Cllr Brian Edmonds	A useful meeting we now need to process the information towards the business case.	

58	Louise Eldridge	Thank you - great discussion.	
59	Jac Slim	Air quality should be an issue especially as the A325 has children walking on its footpaths	Agreed air quality is the hidden pathogen. Cllr Brian Edmonds
60	Jonathan Foster-Clark, Atkins	Thank you everyone for your excellent inputs, insights and helping us to understand the issues in the village. We will be drawing on this as we move forward.	

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