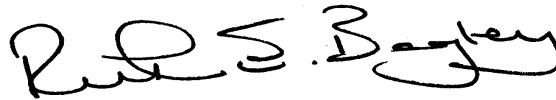


Date of issue: Wednesday, 13 May 2015

MEETING	LOCAL ACCESS FORUM
DATE AND TIME:	THURSDAY, 21ST MAY, 2015 AT 6.00 PM
VENUE:	MEETING ROOM 1, CHALVEY COMMUNITY CENTRE, THE GREEN, CHALVEY, SLOUGH, SL1 2SP
LOCAL ACCESS FORUM SECRETARY (for all enquiries)	JACQUI WHEELER, RIGHTS OF WAY OFFICER 01753 477479

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RUTH BAGLEY
Chief Executive

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8.	Horizon Scanning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LAF Chair Meeting held on 5th Feb 2015, outcomes and next meeting - M4 Smart Motorway project - Big Pathwatch - Huddle 	35 - 38	(10 mins)
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	Wednesday 16 th September 2015 at 6.30pm at The Chalvey Community Centre		

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Local Access Forum – Meeting held on Wednesday, 28th January, 2015 at the Meeting Room 1, Chalvey Community Centre, The Green, Chalvey, Slough, SL1 2SP

Present:-

LAF Members

David Munkley, Local Access Forum (Chair)
Ian Houghton, Local Access Forum (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Satpal S Parmar
Toby Evans
Ken Wright
Andy Packer, Local Access Forum

Observers

John Keegan

Officers, Slough Borough Council

Jacqui Wheeler
Rights of Way Officer

165. Apologies and Welcome

Sing Wai Yu
Trevor Allen
Wayne Strutton
Tony Haines

166. Declarations of Interest

None

167. Minutes of the last meeting held on 30th Oct 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on 30th October 2015 were approved as a true record. Alterations were made to the attendance list to show AP and WS as observers.

168. Matters Arising (other than those on the agenda)

Footpath 35a and b – High Street to Herschel Street to Hencroft Street North -

The planning application for the old shop mobility site and car park was submitted in Dec 14 so the stopping up of FP35a will be done under this application. JW explained the issues with FP35b, on the other side of Herschel Street running behind houses in Hencroft St North and Alpha St

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North. This path is very narrow and suffers from horrendous littering and vandalism with fences being burnt. The path is cleaned monthly but the littering is so bad that this isn't sufficient. JW asked the members opinion on stopping up this path permanently under the legal test that it is not needed for public use or alternatively using a PSPO.

DM felt there could be problems in gating off the alley permanently as private residents would still have rear access and the problems with littering could become worse. He questioned the motivation of local residents to maintain the alley should it be gated as many houses are rented out. Members also queried who would maintain the light columns if it is stopped up.

Resolved – JW agreed to get a usage survey done and that the Community Safety Officer be asked to do some door knocking to gauge local opinion.

Update Birch Grove PSPO –

The automatic gate is working well and there have been no complaints.

Old Bath Road Colnbrook – Disused Railway path –

DM requested this issue be brought to a future meeting.

Slough Arm of the Grand Union Canal –

LAF's response to the basin proposals plan was sent. JW will provide a further update after the meeting with CRT on 29th Jan 2014. The Area Housing officer has agreed removal of the concrete wall on the north side of the towpath on the route to Kendal Close would be a good idea. JW will pursue this to see if Housing will pay for it to be done.

SE Chairs meeting on 27th January - DM explained there was rather a short agenda, with main item being about running an independent LAF. There is a SE LAF Conference on 19th May – members to let JW know if they wish to attend. The majority of the LAF's attending the SE Chairs meeting were county areas, rural in nature so the suggestions for items at the Conference were oriented towards rural issues. JW will circulate Conference programme as soon as available. National LAF Conference has been postponed for 2015 to Oct at the earliest.

The LAF Annual Report is due to be submitted on 30th June. Members agreed it would be a good opportunity to have a more promotional annual report alongside the proforma report to try to heighten awareness of the LAF again.

Resolved – JW to work with DM on drafting annual report. JW to circulate the National Annual Report again.

169. Membership

Welcome to Andy Packer as a fully ratified new member.

170. Transport /Schemes/Designs - Updates and consultations

A355 Copthorne Roundabout and A332 Windsor Road Schemes –

JW tabled letter received from Transport in response to the LAF's comments on the A355 and A332 consultations. Members didn't feel the letter fully addressed the points made. KW felt an improved bus service was paramount and the Council should stop any new Transport schemes.

It was noted that the letter answered concerns about the schemes causing a fall in property values which left members mystified as the LAF comments didn't mention any such concern. JW drew attention to the modelling reports available on the Council's website which has been used to justify the schemes aims. Members felt the consultation itself wasn't promoted widely enough.

It was noted that the Council intends to encourage cyclists to make better use of existing traffic free cycle routes in the area and will be promoting them as part of the main scheme. Members agreed to ask the Council how exactly they propose to promote the traffic free cycle routes in the area.

IH felt that the bigger the main junctions and roads are in Slough, the more off putting it is for cycling.

JW explained the problem footpath crossing of Tuns Lane (A355) which has not been addressed in the new scheme. Members felt that if it served a purpose and is being used then the LAF should fight to keep it open. IH asked how the success of the schemes in reducing congestion will be measured against the model used to justify the scheme and what criteria will be used to achieve this.

Concerns were expressed that if the Three Tuns junction changes scheme was believed to work through the modelling used but is due to be completely reversed now then how can there be any faith placed in the modelling for these current schemes.

Member feel the congestion will simply be displaced elsewhere and would like to know the criteria required for successfully gaining the funding from the LGF to implement these schemes. TE thought there must be a point where it becomes inefficient to undertake any further works on a route designed to reduce congestion.

Resolved – JW would draft a response to Transport and send a link around to the actual responses received to the online consultation.

East- West Walking and Cycling Route –

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The diversion order has been made and is out to consultation at the moment. JW agreed to check on whether the mature poplar trees near the railway line are to be removed or not.

Leigh Road Bridge –

The new road bridge is due to be lifted into place and the plan is for it to be open to traffic by April. Thereafter services can be removed from the old narrow bridge and then it can open for walking and cycling use. JW will seek answers about when the legal process will begin and when proposed design of this space will be available.

Pavement Parking –

No new updates, only that when a design is ready the LAF would be consulted. JW informed the group that there are to be double yellow and a loading ban all the way along Herschel Street. However, TE stated there is already a loading ban along Herschel Street! JW would inquire with Transport about the differences to enforcement the new proposals will provide, continue enquiries about the use of the enforcement car and how many tickets have been issued in Herschel Street. If the current measures are sufficient to enforce the illegal parking in Herschel Street then why is it not happening and why are new measures being brought in?

Buckingham Ave East junction with Farnham Road –

LAF comments on this have been forwarded to Transport.

171. **Ditton Park / Linear Park Cycle Path**

JW tabled a report on the Ditton Park Cycle path (Linear Park).

Ditton Park cyclepath – members discussed the outcomes of the meeting with CA Technologies on 13th Jan 2015. A causeway or raised boardwalk was suggested as a possible solution to the flooding at Southfield path. JW confirmed that CA Technologies have taken on board this issue and will see if any funding is available to solve the drainage problems in this area. The path is the lowest point and inevitably floods with the surrounding field very boggy. The new facilities manager at CA Technologies, Fiona Kincaid agreed that the whole route would not be closed if there was flooding in Southfield, but that appropriate signage would be used to warn users.

IH asked if the Ditton Park driveway could be used as an alternative route in the event of the Southfield path being flooded. JW agreed to ask CA Technologies if this would be possible.

CA Technologies will be replacing the missing signage within Ditton Park and Terry Purser, Sustrans Warden will audit the signage surrounding the route for any missing signs that the Council is responsible for.

Record of closures – members were disappointed to hear another recent closure happened on 17th Jan with gates being closed at 3.15pm with no

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reason given. JW will find out further details from CA Technologies as Fiona Kincaid has been informed.

JW will inform CA Technologies about Japanese Knotweed.

Linear Park cycle path in Slough – The path has been opened since Summer 2008 with ad hoc maintenance since then. Maintenance of the route falls between the Parks and Transport teams. There are issues with the title of the land purchased by the Council in order to construct the path not having been registered properly with the Land Registry. This means that the transfer of the land to the appropriate department for maintenance has not been completed. The problem is that the overhanging trees by the stream are an immediate problem obstructing the path.

DM expressed concern at the Council's lack of thought as to the long term maintenance and proper assignment of responsibility for this route after having made the effort to buy the land and construct the path. JW confirmed it was not a recorded highway or right of way and that it was always intended to be a deemed cycle path. JW confirmed there was no budget for maintenance due to the scheme running over budget initially. Members couldn't understand why a problem with the registry of the land would prevent the path being transferred internally for maintenance. JW explained the problem was to do with the previous landowner and would find out more detail for the next meeting.

Resolved - The LAF felt strongly that with local roads becoming more congested and dangerous for cyclists the Council needs to secure, improve and maintain this important off road route. The Council should identify and confirm a suitable budget for its long term maintenance and seek to resolve the land title problems to enable a proper transfer of responsibility to a specific Council team. JW will take this recommendation back to the appropriate officers.

172. Cycling Bike It and other

JW tabled the report in the papers on this issue.

Cycle Hire Scheme - Members want to know why the three new docking station locations were chosen given that members feel there is a lack of cycling infrastructure on carriageway between the docks. For instance there are sporadic green cycle lane patches along Langley Road, whose benefit is questionable.

JW agreed to ask what the Council's recommended routes are between docking stations and their evaluation of the safety of these.

TE suggested LA's can get access to interesting data from Strava, a route recording app which is becoming popular with users. Despite the fact it is generally leisure and fitness cycling and walking use, rather than every day,

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the data recorded could potentially be useful to Local Authorities' as infrastructure providers in identifying where improvements are needed.

Members queried the expectations for the use of the cycle hire scheme before it was implemented as its aim was supposed to encourage the use of public transport as a way of getting to work in Slough. Members requested the raw data for the cycle hire scheme usage.

The Cycle Hub – JW would forward the planning application to members so that comments can be made in time. There was a strong feeling that cyclists should be asked what they would like to see as part of this new facility. More information is needed about the detail of what is proposed as the LAF has the expertise to advise the Council on what will work and what won't.

Cycle Training – Bikeability (previously cycling proficiency) training wasn't fully taken up by slough schools last year and so the Council offered the left over spaces during the summer holidays. TE felt encouraged by Stoke Poges Primary School with its new travel plan aimed at reducing car journeys to school and working with the charity called Living Streets and Sustrans. He put this positive move down to the Head Teacher.

DM would look at a randomly selected Slough primary school travel plan and report back to the LAF about its contents concerning cycling to get an idea of why the uptake of bikeability has been so poor. Members felt that the Council could expand their training by targeting other youth groups outside school like the Scouts, Guides, Cadets etc.

DfT's Cycling Delivery Plan – Expressions of Interest – SBC has confirmed it is intending to submit an expression of interest when the final Delivery Plan has been published. It is expected that guidance for LA's will be published as part of the final Plan.

Resolved – actions to be taken as above and JW will invite someone from Transport to the next meeting to continue this item on Cycle Hire, Training, Hub and Delivery Plan.

TE raised a safety issue at St Paul's Ave/Stoke Road junction traffic signals. In his experience the signals are set to change too quickly so that a cyclist or pedestrian on Stoke Road crossing over Queens Road on amber does not have the expected time delay between amber and the lights going green for traffic on Queens Rd to St Pauls Ave. TE said this has resulted in a couple of near misses. JW agreed to take this issue to the Traffic Signals Team in Transport.

173. Horizon Scanning - ROWiP

Slough's RoWIP runs to November 2017 with Defra guidance saying these plans should be reviewed every 10 years. JW felt the RoWIP has been useful in terms of gaining funding particularly as it sits within the Local Transport Plan as a supporting document. The Statement of Action containing the objectives will probably be the most important section to review. DM felt that this would be quite an onerous task so would need to be started soon.

JW agreed to get copies of the RoWIP printed out for members of the forum and suggested the review should be categorised as follows;

- Establishing whether the statement of needs and demands is still relevant.
- Establishing if there are any updates required to the policy section and links to new or updated/obsolete strategies need to be altered.
- Reviewing the Statement of Action aiming for achievable objectives including adoption of strategies for recording new and historic routes.

The RoWIP doesn't have to be a 10 yearly document, it could be a much more "live" document with achievable objectives, if this is more beneficial. DM thought that the RoWIP review for Slough should be mindful of how neighbouring RoWIP's review are being tackled and show integration of aims at cross boundary level if possible.

Issues that are currently coming forward;

- ROWIP review
- Deregulation Act and implications for the recording of routes
- Joint LAF meetings to deal with cross boundary issues and sharing best practice.
- Resurrection of the Britwell Loop and other aspirational routes
- Access opportunities to LNP's and other local green spaces

All these issues are connected; the task will be how to draw them together. JW gave out hard copies of the Phil Wadey presentation on Recording the network.

Resolved - This item will be developed and kept on the agenda for the next meeting.

174. Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 30th April 2015, 6.30pm at the Chalvey Community Centre.

(Note: The Meeting opened at 6.30 pm and closed at 8.45 pm)

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CYCLING ABOUT SLOUGH

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

Updates on ongoing specific issues and summary of feedback and decisions required on how to proceed.

Location	Description/ Issue	LAF consensus/action	Feedback rec'd	Outcomes/Updates
Yarmouth Road location near the Junction with Buckingham Ave	New mini-docking station for cycle hire is being installed by SBC. The land is being rented under S106 agreement for £1 per year	For Info.		
A355 Copthorne Roundabout Route enhancement	A series of enhancements to reduce congestion, improve traffic flow Works include; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remodelling copthorne roundabout • Signal and junction upgrades • Selected road widening • Bus priority measures 	Does LAF want to respond to this consultation? Is it within LAF remit? The consultation is online and members can complete as individuals if they want. LAF response sent 28 th Nov 2014. Concerns raised about the nature of the questions in the online consultation, lack of designing cycling/pedestrian provision into the schemes and lack of information about what modelling was done prior to this stage.	Letter received from Transport Planner on 7 th Jan 2014	Internal consultation currently on-going until 9 th Feb 2015 and designs available. Does LAF want to make a further response to Transport letter and designs. NB: Cycling Delivery Plan – see Cycling report Item 8. LAF second response letter sent to Transport on 13.05.15. No new update on implementation.
A332 Windsor Road Corridor Improvements	Works include; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Widening the A332 • Removing pinch points • Improving pedestrian 			No new update on implementation.

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	<p>access</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New infrastructure for buses and cyclists 			
Slough Mass Rapid Transit	<p>Aim to achieve bus service that is;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More frequent • Quicker • More reliable • Improve traffic flow for other users 			No new update on implementation.
East West Walking and Cycling Route – Salt Hill Park section LSTF funded scheme	<p>Three new paths and removal of two paths – scheme to be implemented in two phases. New lighting will be implemented on new and existing paths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 1 – link between Salt Hill Way and subway and from subway along northern boundary of park towards Stoke Poges Lane / Lansdowne Avenue • Phase 2 – link between Salt Hill Way leading to Barn Cafe (in the Centre of the Park) 	<p>LAF comments minuted emailed to Transport officers. Planning consent received. Informal consultation for diversion of Footpath 21 done and no objections received. SD signed and in process of instructing legal. Plan and letter in papers. Need LAF view on the diversion.</p>	<p>Email rec'd from VV – info about trees and implementation date will be available in due course. The scheme needs planning approval first.</p>	<p>Members had no objections to the diversion. Draft Order made on 13th Jan and published on 16th Jan 2015. Works in the park are substantially complete.</p>
Leigh Road New Bridge	<p>Construction of a new bridge and road works between Ajax Avenue and Buckingham Avenue</p>	<p>Comments so far minuted. LAF requested more detail</p>	<p>Existing highway rights will be stopped up over old bridge and a public right of way dedicated over the bridge to a width of 3m for cyclists & pedestrians via a creation agreement.</p>	<p>Update: The new road bridge is in place now but the opening has been delayed to October 2015. There is a meeting with SEGRO on 14th May 2015 to discuss how the old bridge phase of the scheme will be taken forward. The existing highway rights are to be stopped up completely to allow flexibility in the design of the</p>

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<p>Borough wide</p>	<p>Pavement parking</p>	<p>Letter to police Minutes recommended SBC use new powers TA met with GR Keep on agenda for updates LAF recommendations for roll out of the scheme were sent to KH,MM and SDC.</p>	<p>Emails with Parking Development Officers– safety audits done, scheme being implemented as an experimental TRO and details/final scheme drawings available on consultation website http://tinyurl.com/a43t98k. Formal representations being accepted over the 6 month experimental period.</p>	<p>new approach to the old bridge. Updates – Feedback from Parking Officers requested. Consultation ends on 23rd January 2014. LAF members agreed to take a look at the changes on the ground with a view to making a formal representation. Verbal update from KH – TRO’s have been made, enforcement can now start. Delayed as some small changes had to be made as a result of residents’ comments. There is 18 month window under the experimental legislation in which to make a decision on permanency. Wexham to be the next area and include hospital problem parking – hoping to work with Bucks. There are proposals waiting to be sealed to upgrade the whole of Herschel Street to Double Yellow Lines with a loading ban so this will prohibit all parking all together on both the pavements and carriageway. Query about number of tickets issued in Herschel Street has been passed to relevant officer. As for the new PPP areas, the designs are on-going and now post-election we hope to build up some momentum and get the councillors involved soon. No exact dates though unfortunately.</p>
<p>Farnham Road Better Bus Scheme</p>	<p>Various issues including concerns about increased congestion, off c/w cycle lanes.</p>	<p>LAF comments forwarded</p>	<p>Savio DeCruz dealing. See Transport comments below</p>	<p>Scheme implemented. LAF comments forwarded. Waiting to hear if Transport will take action on the drop kerb issue at Buckingham Ave East jct with Farnham</p>

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Dear | ,

Re: Response to Copthorne Roundabout and Windsor Road widening schemes

Thank you for your response to our letter dated 28th November 2014.

Members discussed your response to their comments and questions at our last meeting and feel that your response didn't fully address the points made. The general consensus was that the consultation for the two schemes wasn't promoted widely enough to gain sufficient public interest for the website consultation. Furthermore, though the LAF agrees with the overall ambition of the schemes to reduce congestion it disagrees with the lack of a holistic approach to the design which fails to incorporate improvements to the existing cycling infrastructure at these locations.

Your response said that the Council intends to encourage cyclists to make better use of existing traffic free cycle routes in the area and will be promoting them as part of the main scheme. LAF members would like to know exactly how the Council proposes to promote the traffic free cycle routes in the area as part of these schemes. We also note that a Non-Motorised Traffic Audit has not been done yet and ask to be informed of the results when it has been.

Members are aware that the Tuns Lane scheme has not addressed the crossing of Tuns Lane by Footpath 31 which is a recognised pedestrian route albeit problematic. We feel that as the route serves a purpose and is in use by the public then it should have been acknowledged as part of the design and improved if possible.

The reason given for implementing these two schemes is to reduce congestion which is what the modelling shows will happen. Could you please explain how the success of the schemes in reducing congestion will be measured against the original modelling used to justify the scheme and what criteria will be used to achieve this?

The major concern expressed by members is that if the Three Tuns junction changes scheme was believed to work through the modelling used but has now been completely reversed then how can there be any faith placed in the modelling for these current schemes?

Members feel the congestion will simply be displaced elsewhere and would like to know the criteria required for successfully gaining the funding from the LGF to implement these schemes. Essentially there must be a point where it becomes inefficient to undertake any further works on a route designed to reduce congestion. Unfortunately, these kinds of schemes which focus on

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reduction of congestion tend to result in bigger more unfriendly junctions and main roads which are likely to be more intimidating and thus discouraging for cyclists.

Finally, it was noted that your response answered concerns about the two schemes causing a fall in property values which left members mystified as the LAF letter hadn't mentioned any such concern! We were disappointed by this as we felt that not only had our letter not been read properly but also your response hadn't been checked before sending.

The Slough Local Access Forum would be pleased to receive an acknowledgement of the points made in this letter along with answers to the questions.

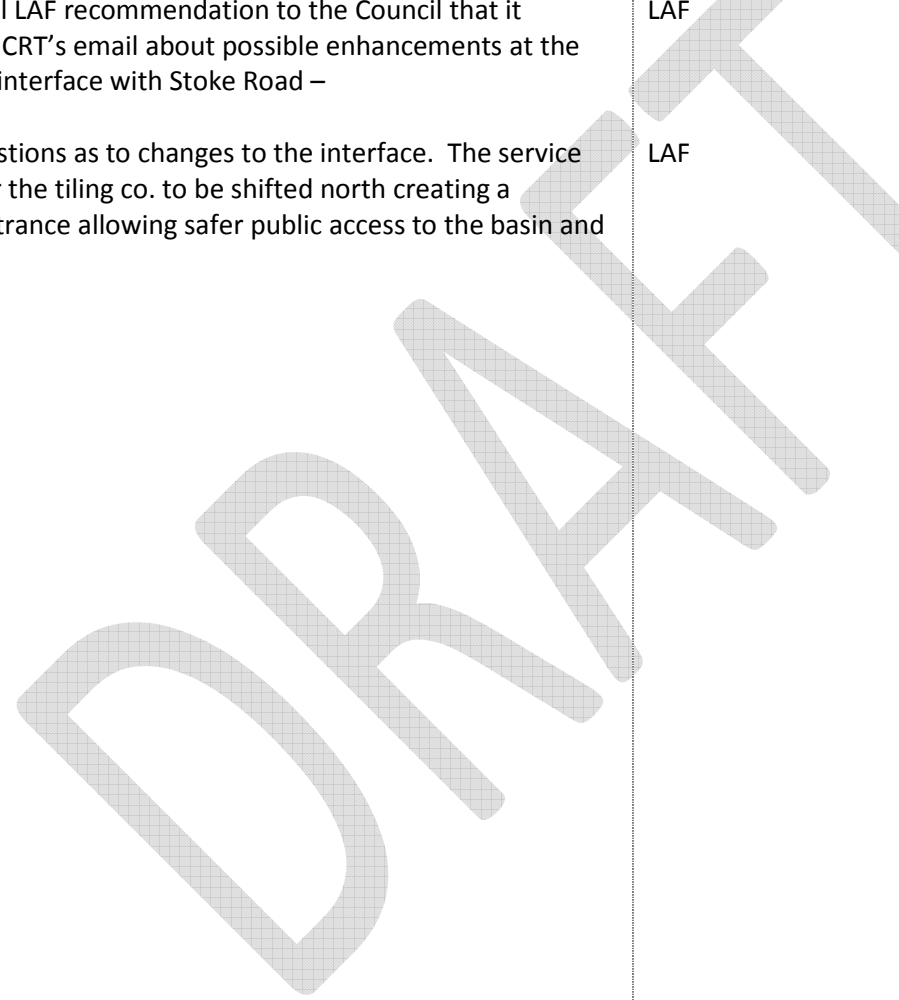
Yours sincerely,

David Munkley
Chair 2015, Slough Local Access Forum,

This letter constitutes formal advice from the Slough Local Access Forum. Slough Borough Council is required, in accordance with section 94(5) of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, to have regard to relevant advice from this forum in carrying out its functions.

SLOUGH CANAL – ACTIONS/UPDATES

OBJECTIVE	ACTIVITIES	OWNER/PARTNERS	OUTCOMES/ACTIONS
Physical improvements	<p>Make official LAF recommendation to the Council that it responds to CRT’s email about possible enhancements at the Canal Basin interface with Stoke Road –</p> <p>Make suggestions as to changes to the interface. The service entrance for the tiling co. to be shifted north creating a separate entrance allowing safer public access to the basin and towpaths.</p>	<p>LAF</p> <p>LAF</p>	<p>Meeting held in June 14 at basin with SBC officers and CRT designer and strategic lead to discuss enhancements to basin and interface. Design provided informally and they are currently working with Morgan Sindell and SBC through the Slough Regenerations Partnership to develop a master plan for redevelopment of the basin area over the long term.</p> <p>Suggestions made via the Slough LAF and via the meeting in June have been incorporated into the design. However, after a site visit with TH and JW there are further comments that need to be highlighted about the design.</p> <p>Meeting in Jan 2015 with CRT and Council officers to look at the interface proposals plan again. Result: a planning application for the Basin area is due to be submitted this summer. Our contacts at CRT are keen to ensure that the accessibility and alterations to the interface with the highway are incorporated in the planning process either by a planning brief which the Council would need to produce or by pushing for inclusion of all the improvements in the actual planning application.</p> <p>Resolve that: The LAF makes official representations to the Planning application when received.</p>



<p>Removal of the wooden jetty at Basin.</p>	<p>CRT</p>	<p>Jetty has been removed.</p>
<p>Widen the narrow towpath on the north side of canal from Basin to housing open space behind Kendal Close flats. Ask CRT to move fence line back and lay new surface.</p>	<p>CRT</p>	<p>Include in representations to the SRP</p>
<p>Clear overgrowth and create new path along north side of the canal bank alongside housing open space behind Kendal Close flats. Ask CRT to dedicate path.</p>	<p>CRT, SBC</p>	<p>LAF to contact Housing to ask for the fencing to be re-arranged behind Kendal Close as discussed on site Jacqui Wheeler and Peter Bird Area Housing Officer.</p>
<p>Remove concrete wall and replace with post and rail fencing to open the area and provide view across the canal. Install public seating. Ask Housing SBC and CRT about replacing wall.</p>	<p>JW/LAF</p>	<p>Done</p>
<p>Install new directional signage at the basin and along the canal.</p>	<p>SBC</p>	<p>Done</p>
<p>Improve access from Canal to Bowyer Playing Fields and Bloom Park in conjunction with SBC Parks Department.</p>	<p>LAF/JW/SBC Parks</p>	<p>Make LAF representations to SBC Parks Dept.</p>
<p>Improve access from Nursery Lane to Footpath 46 alongside Rochford Gardens by installing sleeper steps</p>	<p>JW</p>	<p>Done</p>
<p>Continue repairs to surface? Or petition Council for sealed surface as CRT aspiration</p>	<p>JW</p>	<p>Done</p>
<p>Push CRT for confirmation of dates for dredging in 14/15 – send email to Jon Guest CRT</p>	<p>JW</p>	<p>Dredging completed all the way to the Basin</p>
<p>Ask CRT when the accessibility audit they are working on for the Slough Arm will be ready.</p>	<p>JW</p>	<p>Email Rosie Tharp CRT</p>

	<p>Share this Space signage</p>	<p>CRT</p>	<p>Email Rosie Tharp CRT</p>
<p>Publicity/promotion</p>	<p>Send CRT literature/consultation to all council members lobbying for their support in making improvements to the canal on behalf of the LAF.</p> <p>LAF make response to CRT about their consultation including all the improvements sought - see other responses on Huddle.</p> <p>Send CRT consultation doc to CIC CVP Stewart Pomeroy. Ask if they have been consulted and if they would respond as Canal is within the CVP</p> <p>Produce flyer/leaflet for the Canal festival in Sept 14 to highlight the improvements already made along the canal and those desired. Include; surface repairs, signage, potential for leisure activities, campaigning for CRT to make improvements etc.</p>	<p>LAF</p>	<p>Before and After photos provided to Friends of Slough Canal Chris Lloyd however, he already had panels showing all improvements.</p>
<p>Gaining partners/support</p>	<p>Ask Bucks CC and South Bucks District Council about coming back into the partnership on the canal. (email/letter to appropriate officers and copied to the Bucks LAF)</p> <p>Send letter to CIC CVP chairman explaining that the whole arm of the canal is within CVP and urging CIC CVP to re-enter partnership. Copy to SBC</p> <p>Contact Natural England to ask for advice and support in having the Slough Arm recognised as part of the CVP Regional Park</p>	<p>JW</p>	<p>JW to draft a suitable letter from the LAF</p> <p>Stewart Pomeroy has investigated inclusion of entire Slough Arm in CVP but cannot find any record of it.</p>

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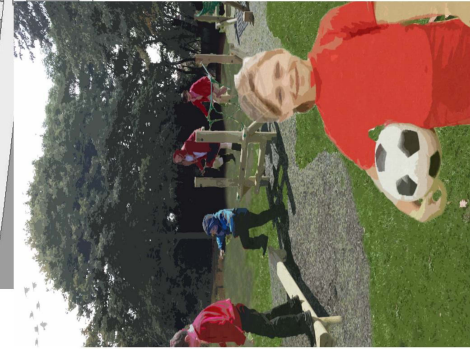
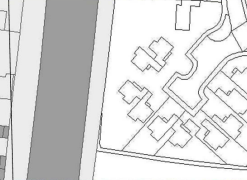
Bloom Park Master plan — Proposed circular path



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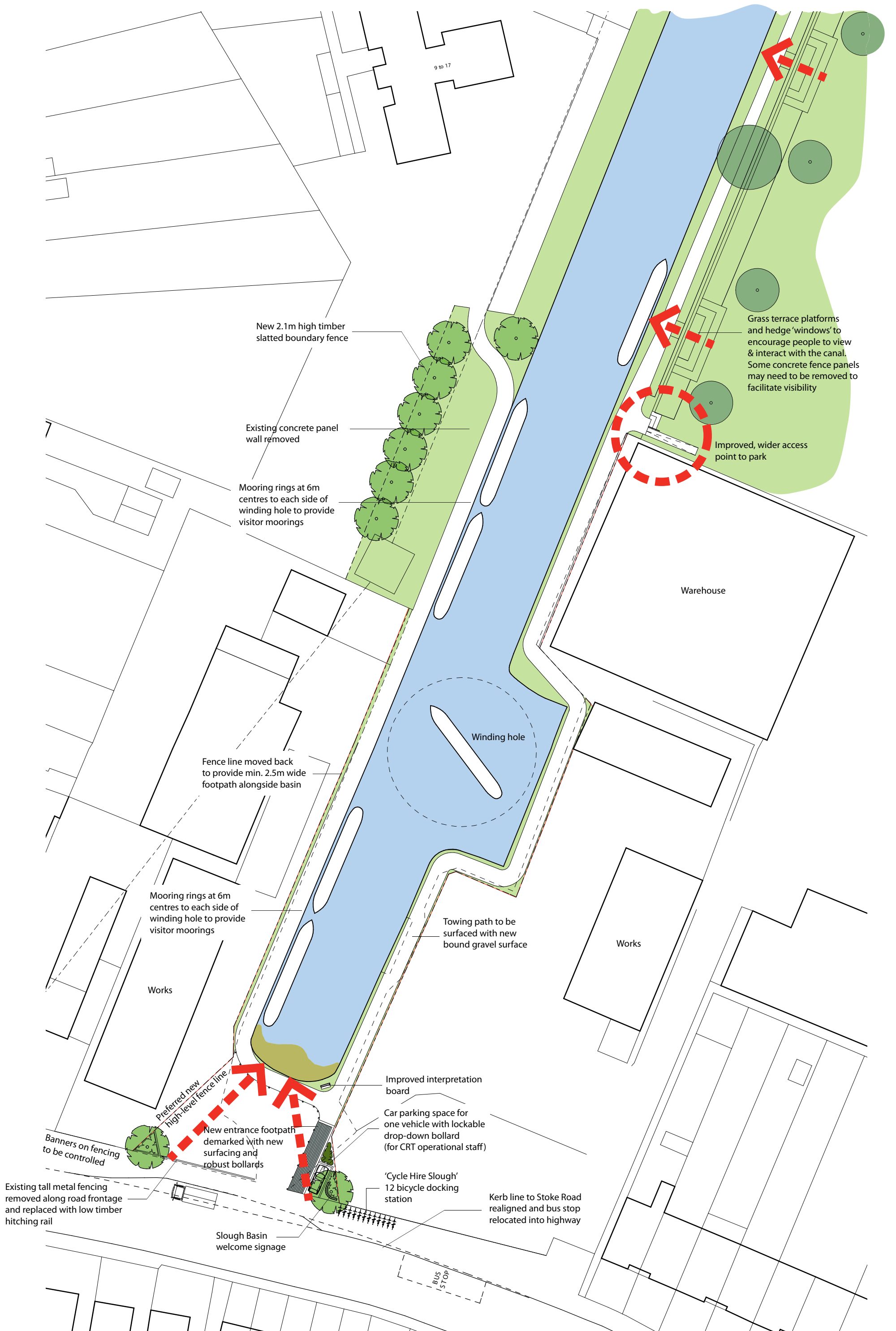
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LOCAL ACCESS FORUM REPORT – 21st MAY 2015 – AGENDA ITEM 7 CYCLING**1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To provide information on Cycling Hub, Hire and other matters.

2. CYCLING UPDATES**Cycle Hub –**

The Cycle Hub is now complete and will be opening soon. However Transport has extended an invitation to LAF members to visit the Hub before it officially opens. This can be arranged in the next couple of weeks at a convenient evening time.

The cycling forum contacts were consulted on plans for the Cycle Hub during last winter, but only two people showed up to a meeting.

A disabled access ramp was intended for the main entrance however due to the 5 year embargo on any footway works that are part of the Heart of Slough scheme the ramp couldn't be constructed. As an alternative to help with bicycle access to the Hub a bolted on channel was planned however, this cannot go ahead either due to being an obstruction on the footway. There are 2 steps up to the main entrance and Transport would welcome suggestions as to how to improve access for cycles as well as for the less able bodied.

Cycle Hire Scheme

The company managing the Smoove software provides a weekly report to the Council updating the statistics of usage. The figures don't include corporate cards.

New Cycling Map

Transport would like to consult the LAF on any changes required to the existing map. They would like to know if any errors or areas missed so these can be amended for the New Cycling Map. **Your comments are needed urgently as the map is being updated now!**

Cycle Week

Cycle week is going to be in the week commencing 15th June during which there will be events organised in the town to promote and encourage cycling. More Details to follow.

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Weekly Cycle Hire Slough Statistics

Customers Statistics

4 May 2015

Total

682

Completed billing Information

285

Active (membership card)

325

Pay As You Cycle

265
(87.75%)

Power To The Pedal (monthly)

23
(7.62 %)

Power To The Pedal (yearly)

14
(4.64 %)

New members: 15
Existing members: 8

New members: 6
Existing members: 8

Number of new customers per month

May (2015) - 5
April (2015) - 30
March (2015) - 15
February (2015) - 13
January (2015) - 5
December (2014) - 6
November (2014) - 8
October (2014) - 14
September (2014) - 27
August (2014) - 26
July (2014) - 29
June (2014) - 131
May (2014) - 27
April (2014) - 23
March (2014) - 39
February (2014) - 14
January (2014) - 20
December (2013) - 28
November (2013) - 71
October (2013) - 151

Average Customer Age: **35**

Top 10 Customer Addresses

Slough - 348
London - 53
Reading - 13
Windsor - 10
Burnham - 8
Cippenham - 6
Maidenhead - 6
Langley - 4
Oxford - 4
Liverpool - 3

Hire Statistics

4 May 2015

Total Number of Hires: **2800**

Number of hires per month

May (2015) - 10

April (2015) - 332

March (2015) - 365

February (2015) - 244

January (2015) - 286

December (2014) - 277

November (2014) - 345

October (2014) - 338

September (2014) - 385

August (2014) - 240

July (2014) - 302

June (2014) - 268

May (2014) - 137

April (2014) - 194

March (2014) - 160

February (2014) - 40

January (2014) - 54

December (2013) - 143

November (2013) - 19

October (2013) - 3

Average Hires per day

15.61

Total Departure Hires Per
Docking Station

001-Slough Train Station

976

003-Slough Trading Estate

907

002-Burnham Train Station

305

004-Slough Council

584

007-Sutton Lane

12

005-Trelawney Avenue

11

006-Harrow Market

5

Total Arrival Hires Per Docking
Station

003-Slough Trading Estate

868

001-Slough Train Station

970

002-Burnham Train Station

337

004-Slough Council

597

007-Sutton Lane

12

005-Trelawney Avenue

10

006-Harrow Market

6

Weekly Cycle Hire Slough Statistics

Customers Statistics

11 May 2015

Total

688

Completed billing Information

284

Active (membership card)

327

Pay As You
Cycle

263
(87.38%)

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(monthly)

23
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15
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936

002-Burnham Train Station

308

004-Slough Council

594

007-Sutton Lane

16

005-Trelawney Avenue

12

006-Harrow Market

5

Total Arrival Hires Per Docking
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899

001-Slough Train Station

1001

002-Burnham Train Station

341

004-Slough Council

609

007-Sutton Lane

15

005-Trelawney Avenue

11

006-Harrow Market

6

LAF CHAIR MEETING – 5th February 2015**ATTENDANCE**

Local Access Forum	Name
Bracknell Forest LCAF	Mike Abbott [MA] Rose Wicks (Secretary) [RW]
Bucks LAF	Jonathan Clark (Secretary) [JC]
Mid & West Berks LAF	Janice Bridger (Chair) [JB]
RBWM LAF	Peter Thorn (Chair) [PT] Andrew Fletcher (Secretary) [AF]
Slough LAF	David Munkley (Chair) [DM] Jacqui Wheeler (Secretary) [JW]

ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING

Item	Action / Issue	Action Owner	Outcome
1	Produce a map of cross boundary paths and known issues	AF/JC/JW/RW	
2	Joint site visits to be held with neighbouring forums to discuss genuine cross-boundary issues	ALL	A list of cross-boundary issues to be developed once maps have been produced.
3	Uniform standards to be adopted across neighbouring authorities to that users have a seamless experience	ALL	Investigate options to obtain consistency amongst authorities with regard to signage and waymarking.
4	Distribute map of Ditton Park gardens	PT	
5	Ask West Berks Ramblers how they manage waymarking	JB	Complete
6	Distribute details of the NHT survey	AF	Complete
7	Share cross-boundary issues based on path surveys	ALL	RW to distribute survey data from Bracknell
8	Develop list of paths that change status across boundaries	ALL	List to be developed once maps have been completed
9	Distribute links to the Countryside Stewardship schemes	JB	Complete

KNOWN JOINT ISSUES / BOUNDARY ISSUES

1. Ditton Park – RBWM/Slough
2. Slough arm of Canal – Bucks/Slough

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To provide information on the **SMART Managed Motorway scheme** being undertaken by the Highways Agency now known as Highways England.

2. BACKGROUND

The rights of way team at SBC responded to the Highways Agency consultation with the following information concerning the bridges affected in Slough where there are implications for the local PRow network. The intention is to ensure that all the replacement bridges comply with the highest standards of safety according to their particular designation of right of way category.

Oldway Lane

Proposal: Temporary closure and construct new bridge in the same location. Oldway Lane bridge carries Bridleway 49 SLO. A TTRO would be required at a cost of £1500 (for order over 5 days duration). TW would need to be consulted as well due to a vehicular gate on the south side into their property, though I've never seen it used. Maximum duration for a temporary closure order is 6 months, thereafter any extension can only be granted by the Secretary of State. A satisfactory diversion route would need to incorporate Jubilee River and over the Wood Lane bridge and then on the northern side of the motorway there is also an existing bridleway (no.14) which links to the Oldway Lane bridleway. As long as the definitive line is retained with the new structure, no permanent diversion would be required. New bridge must have new bridleway standard parapets at 1.8m height.

Wood Lane

Proposal: Temporary closure and construct new bridge to the east of the existing bridge.

The Wood Lane bridge carries Bridleway 17 SLO, with carriageway being private access for the TW sewage plant, private housing and also the National Grid station (located along the non-vehicular part of Wood Lane). A TTRO would be required at a cost of £1500 (over 5 days duration). Maximum duration for a temporary closure order is 6 months, thereafter any extension can only be granted by the Secretary of State. Proposed the diversion route would be the reverse of the one above described for Oldway Lane bridge.

Permanent Diversion Order would be required at a cost of approx. £2500 payable by the applicant.

Datchet Road

Proposal: new bridge to the east of existing.

Affects FP78 SLO running from The Myrke up the embankment to the Datchet Road south of existing bridge.

May require TTRO (£1500) and Permanent diversion at a cost of approx. £2500 payable by applicant

Recreation Ground

Proposal: construct new bridge at same location

Bridge carries Footpath 1 Datchet, RBWM and is also part of Linear Park/access to Upton Court Park.

Old Slade Lane

Proposal: Temporary closure and construct new bridge at same location.

Old Slade Lane bridge carries Public Footpath 2 CwP. It is within the borough boundary and forms part of the Colne Valley Way.

TTRO would be required (£1500) and the new bridge must have bridleway standard parapets.

No permanent diversion required as long as definitive line retained. Agreement to upgrade the route to a bridleway requested.

Windsor Rail Underbridge

Proposal: widen existing bridge.

Possible TTRO (£1500) required for Footpath 33A and Footpath 32 running adjacent to the railway line underneath M4.

Junction 5 Langley Interchange (east and West) and Langley Subway

Proposal: Widen two under bridges and subway.

Affects Footpath 9 CwP which runs through subway. A TTRO will be required (£1500) and possible extension. Creation agreement required to dedicate the new width of subway as public right of way at a cost of £1500.

Total cost based on the M4 Junctions 3 to 12 Smart Motorway Public Consultation proposals would be around £14K for temporary closure orders, permanent public path diversions and creation agreement.