

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE HIGHWAYS PARTNERSHIP – JOINT MEMBER PANEL

Meeting held at the Council Offices, Gernon Road, Letchworth Garden City
at 7.30 p.m. on Monday, 23 June 2008

MINUTES

PRESENT: Representing North Hertfordshire District Council:
Councillors: Mrs F. Hill (Vice – Chairman), John Booth, Tom Brindley,
Lee Downie, Joan Kirby, Marilyn Kirkland and Alan Millard.

In Attendance: Transport Policy Officer
Committee and Member Services Officer.

PRESENT: Representing Hertfordshire County Council:
County Councillors: A.F. Hunter (Chairman), Dr. N. Agar, D. Billing, N. Brook,
D. Drake, K. Emsall, M.R.M Muir and R.A.C. Thake.

ALSO PRESENT: County Councillor D. Ashley

*Note: County Councillor Dr. N. Agar left the meeting at 9.55 p.m.
County Councillor D. Ashley left the meeting at 10.10 p.m.
County Councillor K. Emsall left the meeting at 10.15 p.m.*

In Attendance: Hertfordshire Highways – North Herts District Manager
Hertfordshire Highways – Lead Assistant District Manager
Hertfordshire Highways – Assistant Strategy Development Manager
Hertfordshire Highways – Assistant District Manager

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Hertfordshire County Councillor A. F. Hunter be appointed as Chairman of the North Hertfordshire Highways Partnership – Joint Member Panel for the ensuing year.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE - CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That North Hertfordshire District Councillor Fiona Hill be appointed as Vice - Chairman of the North Hertfordshire Highways Partnership – Joint Member Panel for the ensuing year.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

4. SUBSTITUTES

There were no substitutes advised at this meeting.

5. MINUTES – 21 APRIL 2008

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 21 April 2008 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman save for the following amendments:

Minute 49

First paragraph, last sentence. Park Road to read as Park Lane.

Minute 51

Third paragraph, line 14. replace 'prevent a No right turn' with 'impose a left turn ban'.

Eighth paragraph, line 2, replace 'no right turn' with 'no left turn'.

Minute 54

Resolution (7) to read as follows:

(7) That the Panel was pleased to note that Hertfordshire County Council had been able to resource the sum of £20,000 in order to undertake micro resurfacing in Berkley, Letchworth Garden City and that the source of funding would be the

Integrated Works Programme.

6. NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items of other business other than 3 public presentations and one item requested by District Councillor Tom Brindley.

7. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman advised that Mr Cliff Barnaby of Hertfordshire Highways had died recently and at the Chairman's request all present stood for a minutes silence in memory of Mr Barnaby.

The Chairman welcomed the newly appointed NHDC Councillors to the JMP (Councillors: Lee Downie and Alan Millard), the North Herts District Manager and Hertfordshire Highways officers to the meeting and confirmed that the agenda was as listed. The Chairman read out the current arrangements for making any Declarations of Interest at the agenda item.

The Chairman announced that there would be three members of the public making a presentation to the JMP:

Mr Ray Griffin – speeding traffic in Barkway Road, Royston.

Mr B. Haughey – speeding traffic in Barley.

Mrs J. Ardener – traffic management issues on the A505 east bound adjacent to Silver Lion Cottages.

The Chairman also agreed to the request from District Councillor Tom Brindley to present to the JMP the concerns of local residents travelling to Codicote Primary School.

8. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - SPEEDING TRAFFIC IN BARLEY

Mr Haughey thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to address the JMP. Mr Haughey advised the JMP that the problem of speeding traffic had increased in recent years as drivers were using the B1368 as a rat run alternative to the A10. Mr Haughey claimed that as a result of speeding by the public there had been many accidents at the cross roads of the B1368 and B1039 and to amplify this he had two of his own vehicles written off by a speeding motorist crashing into his vehicles. Although speeding did occur throughout the village the majority of 'incidents' were at the crossroads and information provided by Hertfordshire Constabulary confirmed more than 5000 speeding offences each week in Barley. Despite the police figures of an average speed not exceeding 28.6 mph using his own radar gun Mr Haughey had recorded speeds at an average of 44 to 46 mph and many vehicles had been logged at over 60 mph and some even in excess of 70 mph.

Mr Haughey confirmed that there were Vehicle Activated signs at either end of Barley Village but a consensus of villagers had agreed to the need for traffic lights or traffic humps and/or chicanes. There were thirteen 30 mph signs in the village which had not effectively reduced the speed of vehicles.

Mr Haughey advised the JMP that funding support could be forthcoming from the Royston and District Committee and Barley Parish Council and that the North Herts JMP should allocate funds from the appropriate budget to provide additional traffic controls in Barley Village as soon as possible.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That Mr Haughey be thanked for the very informative presentation;
- (2) That the North Herts District Manager be requested to investigate the feasibility of implementing traffic calming measures (e.g. chicanes and traffic humps) in Barley and particularly a form of traffic control at the junction of the B1368 and B 1039;
- (3) That the North Herts District Manager be requested to report back to the next meeting of the JMP to be held on 13 October 2008 with a report on any of the findings made at (2) above including cost estimates.

REASON FOR DECISIONS

To allow investigations which would alleviate and in some measure control the speed of vehicles in Barley.

9. CODICOTE PRIMARY SCHOOL – TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Reason for Urgency: The Chairman agreed to take this additional item in order to facilitate investigations into a traffic management solution at the St. Albans Road entrance to Codicote School before the next meeting of the JMP to be held on 13 October 2008.

District Councillor Tom Brindley thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to address the JMP and that he had received many requests from local residents for a 20 mph. speed restriction in St. Albans Road, Codicote. Councillor Brindley stated that he was aware that a review for a 20 mph speed limit at the main entrance to Codicote Primary School had been declined by Hertfordshire Highways, but, in fact this entrance was not used by parents on a regular basis and in fact most parents used a pedestrian entrance in St. Albans Road. Consequently residents requested that a 20 mph speed limit should be made here.

The JMP entered into a short debate and supported by County Councillor R.A.C. Thake it was agreed that the feasibility of a 20 mph. speed limit in St. Albans Road should be investigated by Hertfordshire Highways as soon as possible.

- (1) That District Councillor Tom Brindley be thanked for his presentation.
- (2) That the North Herts District Manager be requested to take any appropriate action via the Hertfordshire Transport Panel that would investigate the feasibility of a 20 m.p.h. speed limit in St. Albans Road, Codicote and report back as soon as possible to a future meeting of the JMP.

REASON FOR DECISION

To provide the opportunity for a re-assessment of the request for a reduced speed limit in the vicinity of Codicote Primary School.

10. ITEM REFERRED FROM HITCHIN AREA COMMITTEE – ADDITIONAL SCHEMES AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ISSUES

The North Herts District Manager (NHM) advised that he had taken note of the additional schemes as identified by the Hitchin Committee at the meeting held on 3 June 2008 (Minute 18 refers) and that he would review these schemes and either place the schemes into the listing for the Integrated Work Programme in 2008-2009 and beyond or if appropriate prepare a cost estimate for matched funding within the JMP Discretionary Budget for 2008-2009.

With reference to the four proposed schemes the NHM confirmed that three of the schemes (a, c and d) could be considered within the Hitchin Transportation Plan and that it would be appropriate to add the request for a Vehicle Activated Sign in Woolgrove Road to be placed into the JMP Discretionary Budget listing for 2008 – 2009 or the Integrated Works Programme for 2008-2009 or 2009-2010 onwards.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the four additional schemes be noted as follows:
 - a. Pedestrian phase at Cadwell Lane Traffic lights;
 - b. Woolgrove Road vehicle activated 'slow down' sign near St Faiths Close where a number of frail people live;
 - c. Pedestrian crossing in Purwell Lane at Mill Lane, where children cross who use Mill Lane as a short cut from Mary Exton School;
 - d. Old Hale Way, pedestrian crossing near Our Lady's School.
- (2) That the Hertfordshire Highways – North Herts District Manager be requested to take note of the four additional schemes and to consider placement in the JMP Discretionary Budget for 2008-2009 and/or the Integrated Work Programme for 2008-2009 or 2009-2010 onwards and that items a, c and d be included in the Hitchin Urban Transportation Plan.

- (3) That the Hertfordshire Highways – North Herts District Manager be requested to present to the next meeting of the JMP to be held on 13 October 2008 an update on the additional schemes listed at (1) above and the allocation of such schemes as listed at (2) as above.

REASON FOR DECISION

To allow the JMP make decisions on projects and schemes proposed by the NHDC Area Committees that could be ultimately be proposed for the JMP Discretionary Budget 2008-2009 with joint matched funding at 50 per cent to the next meeting of the JMP to be held on 13 October 2008 and/or inclusion in the Integrated Works Programme for 2008-2009 and beyond.

11. ITEM REFERRED FROM THE LETCHWORTH AREA COMMITTEE – LETCHWORTH GATE, TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN LOCAL ROADS AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AT JUNCTION 9 A1(M)

The JMP noted the wishes of the Letchworth Committee made at its meeting held on 4 June 2008 (Minute 17 refers) regarding lack of support for the widening of the A505 at Letchworth Gate. The North Herts District Manager (NHM) acknowledged the Letchworth Committee request for including additional roads in Letchworth Garden City within a traffic congestion study and that he would arrange for a feasibility assessment and report back to the JMP at the next meeting. However, with regard to the request for the installation of traffic lights at the left hand turn off the north bound slip A1(M) the NHM confirmed that a cost estimate of such a change to the traffic lights could be made subject to the Highways Agency agreeing to this request.

In response to an enquiry on traffic levels in Radburn Way the NHM advised the JMP that an additional traffic survey had been undertaken in Radburn Way since the survey on/after the opening of Baldock Bypass and that the report was available to all Members on request.

With regard to the possibility of dualling the A505 at Letchworth Gate the JMP noted that the A505 was subject to review within the County Infrastructure Investment Study and that the appointed consultants would look at all aspects of traffic management on the A505 at Letchworth Gate. County Councillor D. Ashley advise the JMP that it would have to be a united decision by North Herts District Councillors to the dualling (or not) of the A505 at Letchworth.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the wishes of the Letchworth Area Committee objecting to the development of Letchworth Gate as dual carriageway be noted:
- (2) That the Hertfordshire Highways – North Herts District Manager be requested to assess the feasibility of investigations as to the traffic congestion in Pixmore Way, Radburn Way and Lordship and report back to the next meeting of the JMP to be held on 13 October 2008;
- (3) That the Hertfordshire Highways – North Herts District Manager be requested to assess the feasibility of investigations as to the viability and cost of installation of additional traffic signals at the north bound slip at Junction 9 A(1) M and report back to the next meeting of the JMP to be held on 13 October 2008.

REASONS FOR DECISIONS

- (1) To allow the JMP make decisions on projects and schemes proposed by the NHDC Area Committees that could be ultimately be proposed for the JMP Discretionary Budget 2008-2009 with joint matched funding at 50 per cent to the next meeting of the JMP to be held on 13 October 2008 and/or inclusion in the Integrated Works Programme for 2008-2009 and beyond.
- (2) To assist the JMP in formulating a view on the possible widening of the A505 Letchworth Gate to dual carriageway.

12. ITEM REFERRED FROM ROYSTON AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE – TRAFFIC ISSUES BARKWAY ROAD, ROYSTON

Mr Griffin thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to address the JMP and confirmed that he had been advised by the Royston and District Committee to attend this meeting of the JMP to clarify traffic management issues in Barkway Road, Royston. Mr Griffin stressed the concerns of residents in Barkway Road, as to speeding traffic on a daily basis from early morning until 6 pm. Mr Griffin confirmed that he had requested speed checks from the relevant authority but as yet there had been none.

Mr Griffin advised the JMP that the Royston Committee had suggested a review of speed limit signage, signage on the road itself and that the radar gun funded in part by the Committee could be used for mobile speed checks.

The Chairman thanked Mr Griffin for his presentation to the JMP and noted the issues raised by Mr Griffin and the Royston Committee on 11 June 2008 (Minute 8 refers). The JMP considered that it would be appropriate to undertake as a minimum some form of speed checks before a decision was made as to additional speed limit signage.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That Mr Griffin be thanked for the presentation;
- (2) That the Hertfordshire Highways – North Herts District Manager be requested to make the appropriate representations to Hertfordshire Police to undertake some form of mobile speed checks in Barkway Road;
- (3) That the Hertfordshire Highways – North Herts District Manager be requested to make investigations (subject to the provision of data relating to vehicle speeds and accidents in Barkway Road) as to the viability and cost of installation of Vehicle Activated Signs and/or traffic calming measures in Barkway Road, Royston;
- (4) That the Hertfordshire Highways – North Herts District Manager be requested to report back with the results of his investigations to the next meeting of the JMP to be held on 13 October 2008.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

To allow investigations which would alleviate and in some measure control the speed of vehicles in Barkway Road, Royston and if appropriate matched funding was provided from the Royston and District Area Committee Discretionary Budget.

12. CASUALTY REDUCTION PROPOSALS FOR A505 HITCHIN TO LUTON ROUTE STUDY AND B655 SOUTH OF PIRTON ROUTE STUDY AND A507 EAST OF CLOTHALL

The Chairman invited Mrs J. Ardener to address the JMP concerning traffic issues on the A505 near the Silver Lion Public House.

Mrs Ardener thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to address the JMP. Mrs Ardener reminded the JMP that the problem for residents of Silver Lion Cottages was the lack of signage indicating to drivers that there would be vehicles slowing down and turning left into private property. Despite representations in the last two years to Herts Highways, Highways Agency and Rt. Hon. Peter Lilley MP the request for some signage had not been successful. The major problem was the excessive speed of traffic from the Luton direction and no signage. It was very difficult to access her own private drive without some vehicle driving at speed not aware of the turning and having to at the least brake very hard or move out into Lane 2 which may not be possible due to other traffic. A three year study by Herts Police confirmed 3 fatalities on the A505 and there had been accidents adjacent to her home. The closure of the gap in the central reservation meant driving on to Stopsley and returning was the only option to access her property and the vehicles from Silver Lion Cottages could not be parked at the Silver Lion Public House.

The NHM advised the JMP that he had sympathy for the residents of Silver Lion Cottages but despite extensive research and investigations he had to report that there was no signage that could be installed at this site. The JMP made several suggestions as to signage all of which the NHM was able to refute and confirmed that 'vehicles turning' was for commercial/industrial vehicles only. The JMP expressed disappointment that there was no signage that could be installed to mitigate this danger for the Silver Lion Cottage residents. The JMP agreed that this problem must have a solution and that the JMP Chairman and the NHM be requested to communicate with the Secretary of State for Transport emphasising a need for a solution to this problem.

Following the presentation the Assistant Development Manager for Safety Engineering described the methodology in preparing particular stretches of highway for casualty reduction measures with particular reference to the A505, B655 and A507 in North Hertfordshire. The officer advised the Panel that not all accidents including fatalities could be addressed by engineering measures and that on the A505 there had been 44 injury accidents of which seven were very serious or fatal and applicable to three specific sites. On the B655 there had been 14 injury accidents of which two were very serious or fatal and applicable to three sites close to Pirton Cross. With reference to the A507 there were four main sites of accidents where there had been 15 injury accidents of which four were very serious or fatal.

The Panel reviewed each proposal in turn and made salient comments based on local knowledge and agreed that the proposed casualty reduction measures should be implemented as soon as possible.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That Mrs Ardener be thanked for her presentation;
- (2) That the JMP expressed surprise that there was no signage currently available or that other 'warning' signage that could be installed that would indicate vehicles turning into a residential road on such a busy A road;
- (3) That the Chairman of the JMP be requested to send a letter on behalf of the JMP to the Secretary of State for Transport emphasising as a matter of urgency the need for some form of signage indicating that vehicles would be slowing down to make a left turn off the A505 into Silver Lion Cottages and a request for variable speed cameras to be installed at selected locations on the A505;
- (4) That the casualty reduction proposals for the three locations on the A505 Hitchin to Luton road at: Beech Hill, Offley, Offley Bypass near to access for Offley Grange and Offley Bypass at junction with Carters Lane in two phases be agreed;

- (5) That the casualty reduction proposals for the three locations on the B655 Hitchin to Barton Le Clay road (south of Pirton) in the vicinity of Pirton Cross be agreed;
- (6) That the casualty reduction proposals for the four locations on the A507 (east of Clothall) at: 400m east of Toggs (Westfield Common), 500m west of Cumberlow Green, Baldock Road at junction with Cromer Heath Road and Baldock Road at 400 metres southeast of junction with Cromer Heath Road be agreed.

REASON FOR DECISIONS

To allow the JMP express its views on casualty reduction proposals at three roads in North Hertfordshire.

14. RESPONSE TO A PETITION RELATING TO TRAFFIC ISSUES IN GREAT ASHBY WAY AND WHITEHORSE LANE, GREAT ASHBY

The North Herts Assistant District Manager (ADM) reminded the JMP that the NHDC Southern Rural Committee had referred this traffic management issue at the meeting held on 3 April 2008 (Minute 64 refers) and the subsequent discussion of this problem at the meeting of the JMP held on 21 April 2008 (Minute 49 refers) which included a presentation by one of the Chesfield Ward District Councillors.

The ADM confirmed that a site visit had taken place on 28 April with the lead petitioner, HH officers, local County Councillor and MP. The ADM reprised the traffic management issues at the roundabout with Great Ashby Way and White Horse Lane and the problems for parents and children at Great Ashby Primary School. The JMP were well aware of the problems at both locations and thanked officers for the shrub clearance at the roundabout and supported the proposal to install a pedestrian crossing and appoint a school crossing patrol. District Councillor Lee Downie remarked that whilst the shrub clearance on the roundabout had improved sight lines the earth area was in a poor state with weeds and holes where the shrubs had been removed by machine and requested that this area should be maintained on a regular basis.

The ADM advised the JMP that the cost of a pedestrian crossing would be in the order of £30, 000 and that a potential source of funding might be the Safer Routes to School budget.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the update information be noted;
- (2) That the North Herts District Manager be requested to investigate the possibility of using funds from 'Safety routes to School' for this scheme and report back to the next meeting of the JMP

REASON FOR DECISIONS:

To allow the JMP note and comment on the proposals for improving road safety at this road junction in Great Ashby.

15. TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ISSUES IN CHURCH LANE, GRAVELEY

The ADM advised the JMP that at the meeting of the NHDC Southern Rural Committee held on 15 March 2008 (Minute 125 refers) the then Chairman of Graveley Parish Council had spoken to the Committee on traffic issues in Church Lane, Graveley. At the meeting of the JMP on 15 October 2007 (Minute 21 refers) it had been agreed that a site meeting should be held with Graveley Parish Council to address the following issues: Lorries using Church Lane. Kerbing works and bollards, Possible closure of Church Lane and Information signs. Subsequent to the site visit the current Chairman of Graveley Parish Council addressed the JMP on 21 April 2008 (Minute 48 refers) requesting immediate attention to the traffic problems in Church Lane.

The NHM had been requested to assess the costs of providing passing points and signage and the ADM advised the JMP that the estimated costs of signage: unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles, road narrows, bend ahead, single track road and chevrons would be £3,100. The JMP noted that the estimated costs of providing six passing places (construction, traffic management, road closures and design costs was £47,500 (works at £39,000 and design at £8,500)).

Following a short discussion it was agreed that the costs of signage in Graveley Lane should be included in the JMP Discretionary Budget for 2008-2009 subject to a 50 per cent matched funding and that the design costs of £8,500 should also be placed in the JMP Discretionary Budget for 2008-2009 and also subject to a 50 per cent matched funding.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the update information be noted;
- (2) That the proposal to install additional advance warning signage (Item 12, Paragraph 5.3) in Church Lane be included in the JMP Discretionary budget for 2008-2009 be agreed subject to 50 per cent matched funding from the Southern Rural Committee and Graveley Parish Council;
- (3) That the proposed passing places scheme for Church Lane be approved in principle and be included in the JMP discretionary Budget for 2008-2009, but subject in the first instance to the funding of a design cost estimate met by 50 per cent matched funding (Item 12, Paragraph 5.3 (i)) from Southern Rural Committee and Graveley Parish Council.

REASONS FOR DECISIONS:

To allow the JMP comment on and make suggestions for improved road safety in Church Lane, Graveley.

16. HIGHWAYS JOINT MEMBER PANELS – GOOD PRACTICE

The North Herts District Manager (NHM) presented the report of the Highways Services Manager and reminded the JMP that the HCC Environment Scrutiny Committee at its meeting held on 15 October 2007 had reviewed the function of Joint Member Panels of which the main issues had been: Panel membership, Consistency of meetings, business, District support, provision of information to JMPs and allocation of discretionary budgets to JMPs.

This JMP reviewed the findings of the HCC Committee and the minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2007 (Appendix A) and concurred with the outcome of the review save for the requirement that transport issues should be an integral part of the business considered by JMPs.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the information provided in the report be noted;
- (2) That future agenda for Joint Member Panels should include 'Passenger Transport Issues'.

REASONS FOR DECISIONS:

To allow the JMP comment on and make suggestions for the operation of Highways Joint Member Panels.

17. 2008-2009 INTEGRATED WORK PROGRAMME DELIVERY UPDATE

The Lead Assistant District Manager (LDM) was pleased to advise the JMP that the programme as presented at Appendix A was well underway with completion of works at 11 sites completed and 18 others at various stages of progress. The LDM also confirmed that two drainage schemes marked as 'in progress' at the

programme were complete i.e. Sun Hill Royston and High Street, Pirton. In conclusion the LDM advised the JMP that approximately 50 schemes would be commenced this summer.

The JMP reviewed Appendix A and were pleased with the progress to date.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the information provided in the update report be noted;
- (2) That the North Herts District Manager be requested to provide an updating report to future meetings of the JMP.

REASONS FOR DECISIONS:

To ensure that the JMP continue to be informed on the performance of the Integrated Works Programme scheme delivery activities.

18. JOINT MEMBER PANEL DISCRETIONARY BUDGET

The North Herts District Manager (NHM) advised the JMP that the items raised by the NHDC Area Committees in the March/April Cycle of meetings had been considered for inclusion in the JMP Discretionary Budget for 2008-2009. The NHM next described to the JMP the 13 possible schemes and 11 locations where remedial work to damaged grass verges could be progressed subject to funding.

The JMP were pleased to agree the proposed schemes and that the schemes should be put to the appropriate NHDC Area Committee in the next cycle with notification that schemes required a matched funding of 50 per cent before work could proceed. The NHM requested and it was agreed that he should proceed with initial work on all schemes in order to ensure that work could be completed in 2008-2009 and the JMP noted that all costs listed were full costs before matched funding

During the discussion to take the 13 schemes forward, requests were made and agreed for the following:

1. A site meeting in Wymondley Road to agree the location of a second 'flashing school sign';
2. A request to install a Vehicle Activated Sign in Woolgrove Road, Hitchin;
3. A request for a cost estimate to widen the footway in Letchworth Lane, near the junction with the A505.
4. Signage for a pedestrian crossing in Bancroft, Hitchin

A brief discussion was given over to the provision of Disabled Parking Bays where the NHM advised the Panel that NHDC could mark out such bays but no – one could be prevented from parking in these bays and that NHDC should do all the regulations administration. In response to an enquiry the NHM confirmed that waiting restrictions in York Way, Royston would be from the junction with Old North Road to 15 metres west of Beverley Close.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the possible 13 schemes and 11 grass verge schemes as presented at Paragraph 5.3 be agreed subject to the provision of 50 per cent matched funding from the respective Area Committee and respective Parish Council (if appropriate);
- (2) That in order for the schemes listed at Paragraph 5.3 to be completed or commenced in 2008-2009 the North Herts District Manager be requested to commence design work on schemes as appropriate;
- (3) That the North Herts District Manager be requested to convene a site meeting in Wymondley Road, Hitchin to determine the location of a second 'flashing school sign';

- (4) That the North Herts District Manager be requested to assess the costs of widening the footway in Letchworth Lane approaching the junction with the A505 Hitchin Road;
- (5) That the North Herts District Manager be requested to assess the costs of providing a sign in Bancroft, Hitchin ' Elderly People Crossing' at a location near the entrance to Sainsburys;
- (5) That the cost of a Vehicle Activated Sign (est. £6000) in Woolgrove Road, Hitchin be added to the list of possible schemes for 2008-2009 and subject to 50 per cent matched funding from the Hitchin Area Committee.

REASONS FOR DECISIONS:

To allow the JMP comment on and make suggestions for items to be included in the JMP Discretionary Budget for 2008-2009.

19. OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The North Herts District Manager gave details of the operational performance of Hertfordshire Highways (HH) over the six-month inclusive period between October 2007 and March 2008.

RESOLVED: That the data supplied on the Operational Performance Indicators for the inclusive period October 2007 to March 2008 be noted and that the Panel continues to receive an update report at each future meeting.

REASON FOR DECISION:

To ensure that Members continue to be informed of the performance on key service activities.

The meeting closed at 10.20 p.m.

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Chairman