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JMP RESPONSE TO BALDOCK & DISTRICT COMMITTEE'S PROPOSED HIGHWAY SCHEMES

Scheme location	JMP Comment
Hitchin Street / Letchworth Road junction with Weston Way	There is currently an Integrated Works Programme (IWP) scheme to surface dress Letchworth Road and part of Hitchin Street to its junction with Norton Road. Unfortunately this scheme will not target the defects identified by the Area Committee so we will try and coordinate patching of the junction and its approach with the IWP scheme, as you can appreciate traffic management for this junction is quite difficult to arrange and requires road closures which is why we want to coordinate the works to minimise disruption.
The Tene	This site is identified on our SCat2 list and has been referred to our IWP team for consideration. The site will be assessed and ranked against all other candidates in North Herts unfortunately budget constraints inevitably mean that we can only tackle the highest ranked schemes so I cannot guarantee if or when this site will be tackled.
Hadrians Way	This site has been extensively patched last financial year and there is no intention to undertake any further works at present. However, one pothole was identified during our inspection this has been reported and will be repaired in due course.
North Road, Baldock	<p>Following an inspection of the site we can confirm that the eastern footway has an approximate width of 1m and the western footway 1.4m. To install guard rail it would have to be set back 450mm from the edge of the carriageway, this is a design requirement to prevent the railings from getting hit by vehicle mirrors. Once you factor in the width of the guard railing once installed you would be left with an approximately 0.5m of usable footway width on the eastern side and 0.9m on the western side. Unfortunately, reducing the width of these footways to this extent would cause problems for push chairs and wheel chairs.</p> <p>As an alternative I have referred the location to the team leading the Letchworth and Baldock UTP. I have suggested that the western footway is rarely used but the eastern footway gets quite a lot of usage by residents notably parents escorting children to and from school. People who use this footway link have commented on how they feel quite vulnerable and close to traffic, I think it would be a good idea to widen the footway under the bridge along the eastern side. In order to do this we would need to remove the footway on the opposite side of the road, but this is barley used and there are already crossing points either side of the bridge should pedestrians want to use the western footway north of the bridge. By removing the footway on the western side we should be able to provide enough width to increase the footway width on the eastern side on the road to 1.8m. No doubt we would need to re-align the kerb lines either side of the bridge to facilitate the works</p>

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