

HIGHWAYS WORK PROGRAMME							
Southern Rural Area Committee							
JMP/NHDC Area Committee Match Funded Highway Schemes				Year: 2011/12			
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2	Great Ashby Way j/w Whitehorse Lane, Great Ashby – Improving Awareness of Crossing Points (Feasibility)	Roger Flowerday 01438 757800	Total cost of works £2000 (JMP £1000, SRAC £1000)	On going	On going	Green	<p>Concerns have been expressed about the speeds on approach to the pedestrian crossing points in the vicinity of the roundabout junction of Great Ashby Way and Whitehorse Lane as well as the inter-visibility between pedestrians and vehicles at the crossing points.</p> <p>The provision of a signal controlled crossing was discounted as part of this referral due to the cost associated with its delivery and the findings of previous investigations undertaken by Safer Routes to School which stated that a suitable location for crossing in the vicinity of the roundabout could not be found.</p> <p>The proposal is to undertake a feasibility study looking at the issues identified above with the intention being to lower speeds on approach to the roundabout &amp; existing crossing points.</p>

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4	Farriers Close, Codicote – Parking Issues – (Implementation)	Roger Flowerday  01438 757800	cost £9,200 (JMP £5200 SRAC £4000)	On going	On going	Green	The panel has funded a feasibility study looking at how the current parking arrangements and one way system in operation could be improved to maximise parking and improve access for through traffic. Residents were consulted on 4 options with increasing in the level of physical measures. The option receiving most support was the most involved option. This scheme will involve the realignment of some kerbs, removal of planted areas, additional block paving, a PTRO for either a one way or no entry (no entry being the more likely), signs and road markings.
8	Whitehorse Lane (in the vicinity of Round Diamond School), Gt Ashby – 20mph speed limit (Investigation)	Roger Flowerday 01438 757800	Cost of Investigation £3,150 (JMP £1575, SRAC £1575)	On going	On going	Green	The estimate provided allows for all the necessary investigation, including speed and volume counts to assess whether Whitehorse Lane in the vicinity of the Round Diamond School meets the criteria for a signing as a 20mph limit as outlined in HCC's Speed Management Strategy.

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							A report will be produced outlining the results, if the road meets the criteria a 20mph limit can be introduced relatively inexpensively via signing and lining. However, If the roads requires traffic calming measures to achieve the required 85 <sup>th</sup> percentile speeds the cost is likely to be prohibitive for the Panel
9	Hill Road and Meadow Way, Codicote - (Design and Works)	Roger Flowerday 01438 757800	Cost £14,250 (JMP £7125, SRAC £7125)	on going	on going	Green	Having received a request for verge protection measures we have visited the site and have estimated that approximately 70sqm of verge parking can be accommodated by installing grasscrete. Additionally, we have allowed for 20 timber bollards to restrict parking on the remaining verge areas.
10	Estimate for progressing all Junction Protection Schemes: - <b>- The Warren, Royston</b>  <b>- Whitehorse Lane, Gt</b>	Roger Flowerday 01438 757800	£35,108 (JMP £20,433, SRAC £8,675, LAC £6,000)	on going	on going	Green	<b>- The Warren, Royston</b> Parking occurs along both sides of this short cul-de-sac which can cause problems for access. Furthermore there are potential safety implications when vehicles park too close to the junction.

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	<b>Ashby</b> - Redhoods Way East j/w Cowslip Hill, Letchworth - Field Lane Field Lane between Sollershot East and Souberie Avenue, Letchworth - Bedford Road and Bursland, Letchworth - Great Ashby Way j/w The Beacons, Gt Ashby - Cleveland Way, Gt Ashby - Great Ashby Way & Cleveland Way Roundabout, Gt Ashby					<p><b><u>- Whitehorse Lane, Gt Ashby</u></b>            Poor forward visibility is being exacerbated by on street parking opposite the car park exit opposite property number 8 causing safety issues.</p> <p><b><u>- Redhoods Way East j/w Cowslip Hill, Letchworth</u></b>            Reports of parking close to the junction</p> <p><b><u>- Field Lane Field Lane between Sollershot East and Souberie Avenue, Letchworth</u></b>            Members advised that there had been an incident in Field Lane at which an ambulance had been unable to manoeuvre up the road and then had taken 20 minutes to get out again</p> <p><b><u>- Bedford Road and Bursland, Letchworth</u></b></p>

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	<b>- Blackdown Close, Gt Ashby</b>					<p>Members considered that the Traffic Regulation Order currently in place at Junction of Bedford Road and Bursland (near to Tesco Direct) did not extend far enough along the road and therefore was a danger to pedestrians.</p> <p><b><u>- Great Ashby Way j/w The Beacons</u></b>                      Parked vehicles between the bus stop and roundabout causes hold-ups predominantly during peak times</p> <p><b><u>- Cleveland Way, Gt Ashby</u></b>                      Cars parking on bends reducing forward visibility</p> <p><b><u>- Great Ashby Way &amp; Cleveland Way Roundabout, Gt Ashby</u></b>                      Vehicles parking on the roundabout which causes problems for larger vehicles trying to negotiate the roundabout.</p>

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							<p><b>- Blackdown Close, Gt Ashby</b>                      Vehicles parking too close to the junction affecting visibility</p>
(iii)	Church Lane, Graveley – Rat Running & Unsuitable HGV (Feasibility)	Roger Flowerday  01438 757800	Cost £7,000 AT THE JANUARY PANEL IT WAS SUGGESTED BY THE PANEL THE SCHEME SHOULD BE PUT ON HOLD UNTILL THE NEW GREAT ASHBY COMMUNITY COUNCIL HAD BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT	Awaiting Confirmation on funding	Awaiting Confirmation on funding	Red	<p>Graveley Parish Council have written to the JMP expressing concerns over the alleged use of the Church Lane for the purposes of 'rat running' between the Great Ashby Area of Stevenage and the B197 in Graveley.</p> <p>The Parish Council expressed concern that the lane was not designed for the current volume or size of vehicles (HGV's) using it. They request that a traffic survey is undertaken to understand the extent of the problem before coming up with possible solutions.</p> <p>However, following representation made by the Parish Council in 2008/09, the JMP funded an investigation into the problems on Church Lane. The resulting</p>

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							<p>report recommended the installation of passing bays to ease the problem. The Panel agreed to fund these works but the Parish chose not to support the scheme and therefore the scheme was not progressed.</p> <p>The Parish Council has expressed their opinion that closing Church Lane in the Chesfiled Area would be the best solution.</p> <p>This option is likely to be extremely controversial and would require a Traffic Regulation Order. The Highway Authority's primary function is to keep highway open and clear for the use by the public, as such closing a road should only be considered as a last resort. Furthermore, a fundamental change of this nature should really be considered as part of the planning process as part of any further</p>

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							development in the Great Ashby area.  AT THE JANUARY PANEL IT WAS SUGGESTED BY THE PANEL THE SCHEME SHOULD BE PUT ON HOLD UNTILL THE NEW GREAT ASHBY COMMUNITY COUNCIL HAD BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT.
(xxi)	Maiden Street, Weston	Roger Flowerday 01438 757800	Individual Scheme Cost £7,350. Batching up of a number of schemes will achieve efficiency savings.	Awaiting Confirmation on funding	Awaiting Confirmation on funding	Red	The problem appears to occur with a number of vehicles parking for a short time on the opposite side of Maiden Street, in spite of requests from the School to refrain from this practice.