

20mph Working Group - 28th February 2025, 10am

Location: Town Hall Chamber

Attendees: Adrian Selby, John Robini, Oliver Leach, Claire Matthes, Alastair Bayliss

Notes: Alastair Bayliss

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The group met with the Surrey Highways engineer, Adrian Selby, to discuss the proposals.

- Adrian updated the group on current thinking and action at Surrey County Council and specifically Surrey Highways;
 - LCWIP appears to be slow moving, but it is still active and could be a component for delivering 20mph.
 - Safety is a driver for delivering 20mph and a number of quick to deliver, relatively low cost projects are moving forwards including in the Haslemere Parish, the Beacon Hill scheme. A scheme for Haslemere would be too complex to deliver via this mechanism.
 - A new programme, Local Street Improvements (LSI), has begun. A pilot is underway in Farncombe. LSI's look at wider areas and aim to; "make our communities safer, healthier, and more attractive for people to live, work and visit". Haslemere has two zones identified, loosely around the High Street and around Wey Hill. The detail is not known.
- The group debated at length how to navigate the various projects to deliver 20mph.
 - County Councillor funding is an option for specific streets. The drawbacks are that other demands compete for this funding, such as resurfacing, as do other projects in other towns.
 - LCWIP promised 20mph as a tool to encourage more walking and cycling. This remains an option, but to date design work in Haslemere is stalled. The reasons are not fully understood. Funding for LCWIP can be from National, County and CIL funds.
 - LSI's appear to be the best option for getting wide-area, well designed schemes. They are sign changes, but also wider street improvements. Currently Haslemere is not on any immediate LSI list and it could be some years before we are even considered. LSI is County funded.
 - A combined approach may be the best option. To achieve this needs co-ordination and perhaps some funding in support. A meeting between the different representatives could unpick this and should be set up.
 - It *may* be necessary to offer a funding contribution (i.e. not all of it) to push Haslemere up the priority list for an LSI/LCWIP project. Note that this would be more than just 20mph. It would need to be agreed beforehand by the Town Council and would not form part of any initial discussion.

Next Steps

1. John Robini to arrange a meeting with; representatives of this group, the Surrey County Councillor (John Robini), Surrey Highways (Adrian Selby), Surrey LCWIP (Tim Vickers), Surrey Transport Portfolio holder (Matt Furniss) and Highways Safety (Duncan Knox). The aim of the meeting is to explore the options to bring the Haslemere proposal forward as quickly as possible.
2. Discuss the possibility of allocating Haslemere CIL funding to the 20mph project at the Amenities Infrastructure and CIL meeting, April 10th.

Appendix

Local Street Improvements;

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/policies-plans-consultations/transport-plan/strategies/local-street-improvements#section-1>

Estimated costs for LSI.

The safety-based 20mph in Beacon Hill is estimated at approximately £35k. An LSI based 20mph in Haslemere could be in the region £150-250k.