



Weldon Parish Council

Minutes of Traffic Working Party Meeting held on Wednesday 9th October 2024

Cllrs Present	Jane Clowery, Peter Dowsett (Chair), Mike Page, Colin Shepard and Graham Stray
Also Present	3 residents, Simon Taylor (Resident and Traffic Consultant) Claire Ducker, Clerk (Minutes)

WP.143 **Apologies** had been received from Cllrs Cooke and Sue Cook were accepted

WP.144 **Public time** - None of the residents raised any issues.
Cllr Dowsett reported that since the charge of £40 for garden waste bins the recycling centre on Kettering Road has had an increase in traffic and have had to change the internal layout and cars are now queuing on Kettering Road around the blind bend. Residents have been complaining about the increase in traffic and it being dangerous. Cllr Dowsett has written to several people in NNC, replies are being pushed back stating that it is not their problem. If writing to NNC again S Taylor to add in regulations putting the onus on NNC. Vegetation along Kettering Road is overgrown and unable to see traffic coming in both directions when exiting the recycling centre. Branch overhanging sign to recycling centre (north coming into Weldon Village) to be reported on fix my street.
Recycling centre contract has been renewed for a further 15 years, action from the renewal are what costs might be incurred to improve it.

WP.145 **Review of a meeting held on 24th July 2024 and was taken as read.**

The following items are on the action log which were reviewed during the meeting

WP.146 **A43 Crossing** - Persimmon consultants have finished the detailed pedestrian crossing design and cost this at c. £600k. They are offering to fund and install this, at their cost, also increasing the number of houses built at Weldon Park by a further 70 (1,000 already approved) - this would be a change of use application for a plot assigned for commercial use, this revised planning permission will have a S106 agreement with it. Urban & Civic are refusing to support this financially, WPC have initially put aside £16K for a temporary crossing. Cllr Page has spoken with MP L Baron and wants to support any safety issues that we are developing. MP Baron has a meeting with Urban & Civic and will discuss the crossing with them.

WP.147 **Persimmon traffic calming scheme v.6.1** - Persimmon's consultants (BSP) have finished detailed design. This has been reviewed by Persimmon and is now with NNC highways for technical approval. NNC Highways have been reminded of their commitment to assign high priority to this work. NNC has now outsourced this to KDS (Keir Design Services) to turn this around quicker, waiting on technical approval. Build to commence early next year (2025)



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- WP.148** **Kettering Road Traffic Calming** - Speed table has been removed from the plans and Magna Park are putting in their own traffic calming on Kettering Road, a give way build out near the entrance of Woodlands Park.
- WP.149** **VAS for Kettering Road** - Waiting on grant approval for VAS on Kettering Road
- WP.150** **Double Yellow Lines** - Cllr Dowsett has been chasing NNC for an update on The Traffic Regulation Order. S Taylor has received an email from Gary Pain on 02.09.24 stating the TRO is sealed and awaiting input onto mapping symptom, traffic WIP.
- WP.151** **The Action Log** was reviewed and will be amended accordingly.
Both Persimmon and NNC Highways have agreed an approach to the completion of Airfield Way. Finding ways to get Airfield Way adopted, NNC will not adopt until road is completed as there is not a completed pavement at both ends of the road. Possible 'not suitable signs for HGV' signs to be purchased to force HGV drivers to use Airfield Way.
Kettering Road, Magna Park have phase 1 in place, install cycle lanes, a build out at entrance of Woodland Park, improve the pavements and resurface the road. Phase 2 open for more S106 agreements.
- WP.1** **Date of next meeting** was provisional set for **Wednesday 15th January 2025 at 18:30 via Zoom**

Cllr Dowsett closed the meeting at 20:12