

RoWToP
Ross-on-Wye Town Plan

Report on Transport and Flooding Meeting with Cllr Brian Wilcox

Meeting Date: 01/11/07 at 3:30 p.m.

Also Present: Steve Burgess – CHDC Team Leader – Transport Planning Team.

Met By: Brian Atherton, following email consultations with the Chairman and the other members of the Stage 2 sub-group, Rob Brain and Dai Harries.

1. County transport policy

- a. Policy is set out in the Herefordshire Local Transport Plan 2 for the period 2006/7 to 2010/11. This is available in full on <http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/transport/3197.asp> and we have a hard copy. The sub-group will consider this further.

2. Road safety

- a. Two major roads affecting Ross, the A40 and the A49 are official Trunk Roads and, therefore, the responsibility of the Highways Agency, not Herefordshire Council.
- b. The appropriate section of the LTP 2 is number 7 Safer Roads – Road Safety Strategy, which can be found at http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/docs/LTP_2006_Section_7.pdf
- c. Simon Hobbs of CHDC has information on local safety statistics.
- d. Where desired for local monitoring Parish Councils and other local organisations may borrow Speed Measuring Equipment and receive training. Details from Emma Jones 01432 260946.

3. Bus services

- a. The LTP 2, section 4 on Accessibility Strategy, and 9.3 Bus and Community Transport Strategy applies and that can be found at http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/docs/LTP_2006_Section_4.pdf
http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/docs/LTP_2006_Section_9.pdf
- b. Education Transport is separately managed under Andrew Blackman.
- c. The Accessibility Strategy is underpinned by software called 'Accession' which enables assessment of relative accessibility of any location in the County via bus services. A limited amount of assessments could be made using this software if required.

4. Taxi services

- a. CHDC is involved in two aspects:
 - i. Licensing
 - ii. Provision of waiting points

The LTP2 has brief coverage of these items at chapter 9.5
Operational responsibility for Taxi Licensing is with the Licensing Team in Environmental Health. More details:

http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/business/trading_licences/1133.asp

5. Other transport services (e.g. Dial-a-Ride)

- a. CHDC is looking at how they might contribute to better integration
- b. Debbie Griffiths of the WRVS may have more information.
- c. HASP (Herefordshire Access to Services Partnership) has some funding.

6. Use of private cars

- a. The LTP2 strategy has sustainability at its core with an overall thrust to reduce car use where possible. This is set out throughout the plan but with specific reference in chapter 9.1.
- b. The Council has devoted a lot of resources to promoting and supporting Travel Plans with both schools and businesses. It has also introduced initiatives such as www.twoshare.co.uk which brings together people wishing to car share.

7. Signage & Street furniture

- a. There is a Government manual for streets and the guidelines have to be followed by CHDC, at pain of possible penalties.
- b. Risk aversion, has come to be a major influence, leading to many ideas not going forwards.
- c. CHDC would like to consider any review done by RTC if it has sufficient resource at the time.
- d. Possible sources of funds include Section 106 agreements and RTC could have a "wish list" agreed with CHDC, ready for consideration within individual such agreements.

8. Specifics for the disabled and the frail

- a. There is a CHDC disability working group.

9. Specific issues (e.g. the Overross roundabout)

- a. No discussion due to lack of time. However, this is on the trunk road and hence is the responsibility of the Highways Agency.

10. Flooding

- a. The flood alleviation scheme is underway.
- b. The drainage affecting Brookend Street is the responsibility of Welsh Water who has said (to RT Council and others) that a survey is in-hand and work will start in 2010.

11. Any other related topics

- a. No discussion due to lack of time.

12. How could the town plan help with any of the above

- a. No discussion due to lack of time.

FURTHER ACTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE SUB-GROUP

Talk to Simon Hobbs re road safety.

Talk to Andrew Blackman re education transport.

Talk to HASP re funding for alternative transport schemes.

Talk to Welsh Water for an update on the drainage survey.

Talk to CHDC's disability working group.

Follow-up on items 9, 11 and 12.