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**LEWES
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COUNCIL**

To: Cllrs Barker; Black; Borowski; Dean; Li; Milner; Murray (S); O'Keeffe; Sinclair

A Meeting of the Working party formed to address traffic-related issues in Lewes will be held on **Wednesday 1st October 2008**, in the **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lewes** at **11:00am** which you are requested to attend.

S Brigden, Town Clerk
22nd September 2008

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

To receive apologies from members of the working-party who are unable to attend.

2. MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

To note declarations of any personal or prejudicial interests in matters on this agenda.

3. MINUTES

To agree minutes of the meeting held on 19th February 2008. (*attached*)

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

To receive any questions from members of the public.

5. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

To continue the work of the previous meeting, in assessing practical issues involved to meet the aims of the working-party, and evaluating information gathered so far.

To consider recently-received information regarding priorities for pedestrian crossings in Lewes (*attached*)

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings of the Council and its Working Parties – questions may be heard at the start of each meeting with the Chairman's consent, and subject to time available. Correspondence or requests to address the meeting should, whenever possible, be notified to the Town Clerk at least 24 hours in advance.

PLEASE NOTE: As our meeting rooms are relatively small, we would appreciate advanced warning if you plan to attend in a group; perhaps with neighbours, or to bring a party of student observers. We may be able to arrange for the meeting to be held in an alternative room.

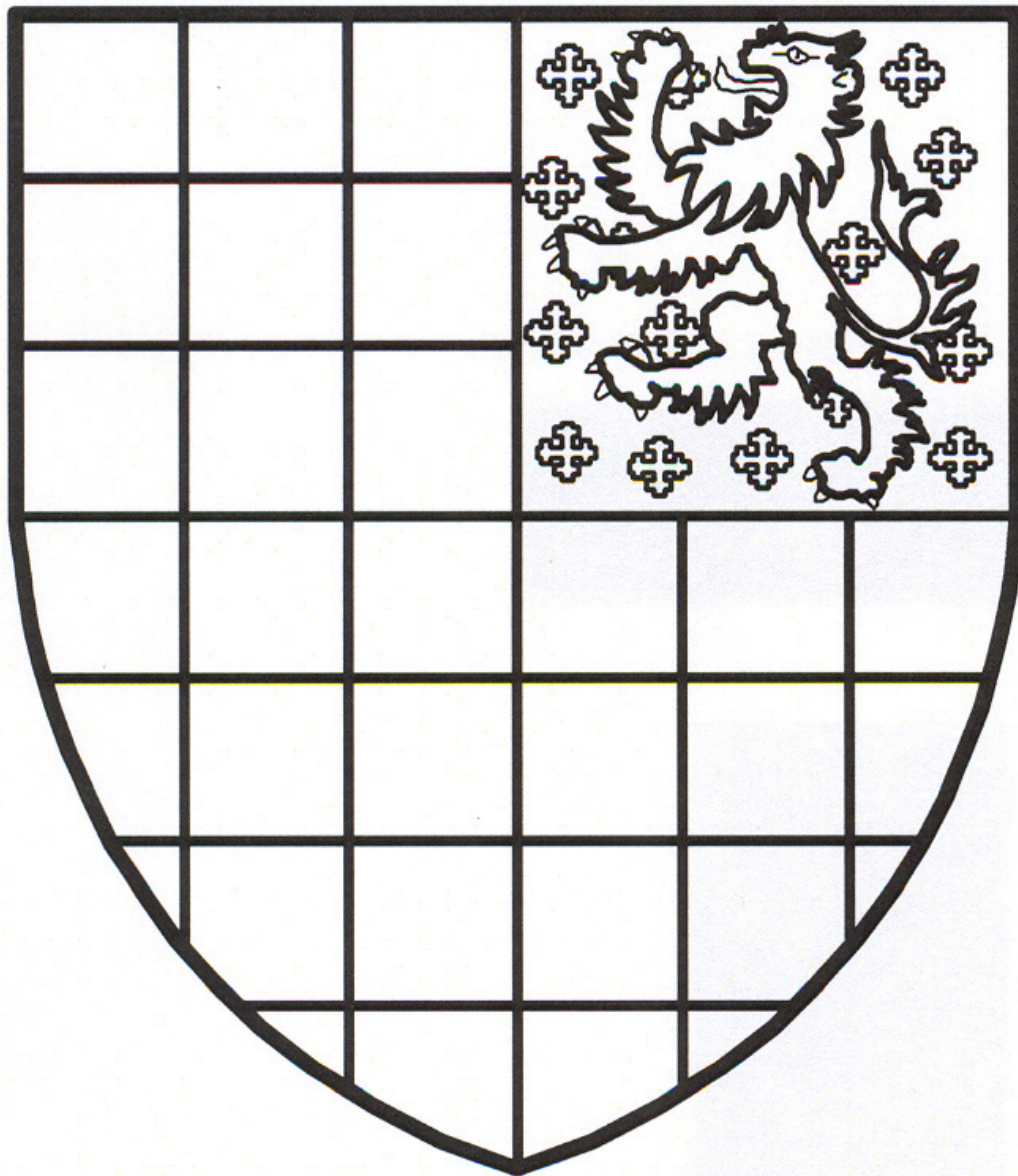
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Distribution: Cllrs Barker; Black; Borowski; Dean; Li; Milner; Murray (S); O'Keeffe; Sinclair

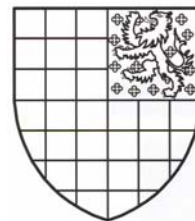
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All Councillors; Lewes Library; T/Hall Noticeboard; LTC website; Sx.Express; E.Argus; Sx.Police; N Baker MP; ESCC; LDC; Friends of Lewes

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MINUTES

of the meeting of the **Working Party formed to address traffic-related issues in Lewes** held on **Tuesday 19th February 2008**, in the **Yarrow Room, Town Hall, Lewes** at **11:00am**.

PRESENT Cllrs Dean; M Milner; S Murray; Li; R O’Keeffe; J Sinclair

Attending: S Brigden (Town Clerk); J Robbins East Sussex County Council (ESCC) Traffic Strategy Manager (*from 12:25pm*); M Oates ESCC Traffic & Safety Engineering Manager

TIWP2007/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Black (holiday); Borowski (post-operative recuperation); Barker and Wainwright (unavoidable work commitments)

TIWP2007/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr O’Keeffe declared her membership of East Sussex County Council.

TIWP2007/10 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th September 2007 were received and signed as an accurate record.

TIWP2007/11 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were none (no public present)

TIWP2007/12 REMIT OF THE WORKING-PARTY

The working party’s remit (Council minute ref.FC/2007/35.1) was noted as:

“To research traffic-related problems in Lewes and formulate recommendations to Council.

The group will consider any matters related to traffic (including volume and speed) holistically across the town. Recognized issues include (but are not limited to) the Kingston Road C7; Malling Hill and the A26, the Offham Road A275; Brighton Road; “secondary” routes such as Mayhew Way, South Street, and Bell Lane, and other long-standing issues such as noise-nuisance from the A27 Lewes by-pass; a 20mph limit in the town centre; and pedestrian safety in Station Street. Matters associated with traffic safety, such as parking; are to be considered in context.”

TIWP2007/13 BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

Key points discussed were:

- ⊕ 50mph speed limit for C7, and issues of Local Area Transport Strategy previously announced
- ⊕ ESCC Capital programme works and timescales
- ⊕ Expectations of traffic planners re. Beddingham improvements
- ⊕ Miscellaneous issues such as trees removed from verges due to “traffic safety” concerns – replacement policy
- ⊕ Cliffe pedestrianization scheme update – following representations by access group, kerb definitions would be retained and other modifications taken on-board by designers. First works expected to begin in May.
- ⊕ Work of the ESCC Traffic & Safety Engineering group discussed. Noted that local improvements (such as where LTC could “enhance” or promote an item)

can be picked-up in the strategic planning work such as Local Area Transport Strategy groups

- ⊕ In answer to a question: It should be possible for any additional works funded by third-parties such as LTC to be added into existing programmes – contractors could accommodate extra works without detriment.
- ⊕ Technical/legal distinctions applicable to speed limits; calming and control measures; and zoning schemes
- ⊕ **Key question:** - currently no firm policy regarding the responsibility for funding ongoing maintenance once a “third-party addition” installed. This contrasts with established principles related to adoption standards for developers of highway infrastructure
- ⊕ South Street - further calming measures likely to involve disposition of parking bays to form chicane – being researched by local member Cllr R StPierre - likely to be addressed within existing budget.
- ⊕ Bridge at Lewes rail station – discussions ongoing between Network Rail and ESCC re structural integrity/traffic capacity. ESCC’s computerized traffic model being applied to scenarios re the effects of closure or restrictions. ESCC contributing £5,000 to Net Rail for covered cycle storage at the station
- ⊕ Bus Station – developers and LDC & ESCC planners currently in series of meetings with a view to joint solution to present issues.

PARKING SCHEME –

- ⊕ ESCC managers aware of growing unease/resentment in Lewes
- ⊕ Imminent publication of “Charter” re highly-publicized issues such as excessive zeal and arguments of “reasonable error” (*eg* blue badge holders)
- ⊕ Chamber of Commerce’s recent petition currently with ESCC Lead Member
- ⊕ “Loose ends” re the original temporary traffic Orders are being dealt-with. Final resolution of some issues may require consultation.
- ⊕ Question raised over two-year delay in response to LTC request for inclusion in local managing “board”. Accepted that county-wide management mechanism is under review, but local areas will still demand local input, and LTC insistent that its role be recognized.
- ⊕ Doubts expressed over ESCC’s approach to insurance of field infrastructure. Noted that a pre-existing policy had not been modified – in retrospect this decision “not helpful”
- ⊕ Government initiative to redesign blue badges was discussed, and LTC member’s opinions expressed. ESCC response was being led by Roger Williams, ESCC Traffic Manager, and returned via Lead Member

- ⊕ Bank Holiday charging discussed in detail. ESCC original planning flawed due to incorrect advice received, in that B/hols thought to have been traditionally charged were in fact free.
- ⊕ Key issue of SCALE of the scheme *vs* NEED discussed at length

Summary:

W/pty considers it still has detail work to do in identifying issues – proposes continue with current remit a little longer. ESCC managers were tasked with producing a timetable for any revisions to the scheme’s management mechanism, and in the meanwhile urgently reviewing LTC’s demand for inclusion at the next meeting of the existing Joint Board. With regard to the original response by the ESCC Lead Member to the joint LTC/CoC/Sx Express survey – a more “considered” response was demanded (as originally requested)

TIWP2007/14

SALIENT POINTS

Arising from these discussions, it was decided to make **recommendations to Council:**

- 1 That the W/pty be continued, with present remit, into next municipal year.
- 2 That the matter of LTC representation in the scheme’s local management structure be adopted as a corporate priority.
- 3 That LTC’s continued objection to the complexity and overall scale (“weight”) of the scheme be reiterated to ESCC, and the matter of Bank Holiday charging be given appropriate prominence in this regard.

The meeting closed at 1:40pm

Signed:

Date:

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Dear Mr Brigden

PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS PRIORITY ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE

I am writing to let you know that the Lead Member for Transport and Environment has approved a new procedure for assessing the relative priority of requests for pedestrian crossing facilities.

The pre-qualification criteria for requests has not been changed in that requests at sites with a history of pedestrian casualties will be investigated fully and other sites will only be considered where a one hour sample survey shows that the level of demand for a crossing justifies further consideration.

Once a site has been put forward for detailed investigation it is prioritised against other requests from across the County and it is this process that has changed. The new system is based on a point score which takes into account the wider social benefits of a crossing rather than the old system that was simply based on pedestrian demand and vehicle flows.

As one of the crossings on the newly approved priority list falls within your area I thought it would be helpful to send you a copy of the revised list so that you can see how the new process has affected the relative priority of that site. Should you wish to see the full report on the revised process this can be found on the East Sussex County Council website at <http://eastsussex.gov.uk/yourcouncil/about/committees/meetingpapers/cabinettransport/2008/28july.htm> (Agenda Item 7)

Yours sincerely

Helen Pace, Project Manager, Road Safety Engineering



Priority 2008	Priority 2007	Site	Total Score
1	-	Sedlescombe Rd North at SCP for Silverdale School, Hastings	37.7
2	9	High Street between Washwell Lane & The Square, Wadhurst	13.5
3	22	Battle Road near Old Harrow Road, Hastings	11.8
4	18	Lewes Road near Elphick Road, Newhaven	11.2
5	5	East of Denton Corner, Newhaven	11.1
6	31	Willingdon Road/Park Lane, Eastbourne	11.1
7	44	Albert Road jw A259, Hastings	10.9
8	6	Langney Rise o/s Langney Cottages, Eastbourne	10.9
9	7	Hastings Road at Pebsham School, Bexhill	10.9
10	4	George Street east of Victoria Road, Hailsham	10.7
11	19	A259 near Gilberts Drive, East Dean	10.6
12	32	A275 by junction with Mill Lane, Chailey	10.5
13	45	Collington Avenue nr Colebrook Road o/s Tesco Express, Bexhill	10.4
14	21	Lewes Road o/s Ringmer Community College, Ringmer	10.3
15	8	Eldon Road near Baldwin Avenue, Eastbourne	9.9
16	13	Malling Hill, Lewes	9.1
17	-	Green Street near Chamberlain Road, Eastbourne	8.9
18	17	London Road north of Buckhurst Place, Bexhill	8.7
19	14	Willingdon Road south of Victoria Drive (os Kestral House), Eastbourne	8.5
20	-	Mountfield Road o/s Priory School, Lewes	8.2
21	16	North Street east of West Street, Lewes	7.9
22	36	A259 near Bull PH, Hastings	7.8
23	-	Church Lane near Police HQ, Lewes	7.8
24	-	Church Lane near Barn Road, Lewes	7.6
25	41	Offham Road near access to Wallands School, Lewes	7.6
26	33	Cambridge Road at Cornwallis Gardens, Hastings	7.5
27	24	High Street east of Mayfield Lane, Wadhurst	7.5
28	-	A259 near Claremont Shops, Seaford	7.2
29	26	Grange Road north of Old Wish Road, Eastbourne	7.2
30	43	Victoria Drive near Broomfield Street, Eastbourne	7.0
31	29	Church Road o/s George PH, Rotherfield	6.5
32	38	Collington Avenue west of Sutherland Avenue, Bexhill	6.2
33	12	Cross Levels Way west of Lottbridge Drove, Eastbourne	6.2
34	58	Lydd Road near Pelwood Road, Camber	6.1
35	25	Southfields Road near Grove Road, Eastbourne	5.8
36	57	Birkdale o/s Drake House, Bexhill	5.7
37	51	Western Road near Newick Drive, Newick	5.5
38	40	High Street near Church Street, Ticehurst	5.2
39	10	Whitley Road between Firlie Road and Waterworks Road, Eastbourne	4.8
40	56	Crowhurst Road by Robsack Estate, Hastings	4.7
41	55	West Parade, Bexhill	4.7
42	34	Larkspur Drive near Milfoil Drive, Eastbourne	4.5
43	27	Friday Street near Oak Tree Lane, Eastbourne	4.3
44	37	The Goffs near Park Entrance, Eastbourne	4.3
45	23	Lottbridge Drove north of Marshalls Roundabout, Eastbourne	4.1
46	42	Terminus Road west of Reginald Road, Bexhill	4.1

Priority 2008	Priority 2007	Site	Total Score
47	59	Jevington Road near Village Hall, Wannock	4.0
48	20	A259, Pevensey Bay	3.9
49	35	A259 jw Chyngton Gardens, Seaford	3.4
50	28	London Road north of Grovelands Road, Hailsham	3.1
51	-	Diplocks Way near South Road, Hailsham	2.8
52	53	Southview Drive near jw High Street, Uckfield	2.8
53	39	Alfriston Road at jw Vale Road, Seaford	2.7
54	50	Ferry Road west of Tillingham Avenue, Rye	2.5
55	46	Wellington Road near Castledown Avenue, Hastings	2.3
56	47	Church Street jw Summerdown Road, Eastbourne	2.2
57	48	Crowborough Hill near Montargis Way, Crowborough	1.7
58	54	Blatchington Hill near Sutton Drove, Seaford	0.7
59	52	Harley Shute Road south of Gilsmans Hill, Hastings	0.5