

BEECH ROAD SAFETY WORKING GROUP

MINUTES OF MEETING 21.10

19 OCT 2021 14.00-14:45

AD HOC MEETING TO DISCUSS NEXT STEPS FOR HCC APPROVAL PROCESS

Attendees:

Charles Cockburn (CC)

Ian Gibson (IG)

Malcolm Ward-Close (MWC)

The next stage of the HCC approval process for the Footways Project is the submission for review of a detailed technical design. It is our expectation that Hampshire Highways will undertake that review themselves and at their own expense, as was the case for the preliminary safety review.

IG explained that our submission must include a plan of the proposed footways on a scale map of the village. The plan must show the extent of the existing roadway and the extent of any adjoining Highways Department land. Although it is our intention to keep the on-road pathways within the boundaries of the existing roadway surface, to satisfy HCC design criteria, it will be important to differentiate between Highways land and private property. For example, to demonstrate safe sight-lines it may be necessary to cut back vegetation or make other small adjustments. Work beyond the present highway surface will be avoided if possible and if it becomes necessary, must be handled sensitively. Nearby homeowners will, understandably, feel apprehensive of any changes that might affect them, either directly or indirectly.

We will also be required to submit cross sectional construction drawings for the on-road and off-road footways.

ACTIONS (IG):

1. Contact Ian Janes at Hampshire Highways and
 - Confirm that the design review will be done free of charge.
 - Ask his advice on the degree of detail that will be required for the design review.
 - Ask if it is possible to obtain, ideally free of charge, suitably scaled digital maps of the village showing the physical layout of the road and adjoining areas and information of the boundaries of Highways owned land. If digital maps are not available, suitable paper copies will be acceptable.
2. Contact ex-colleagues and other suitably quantified consultants, with a view to obtaining quotations for the design work and production of the drawings. If possible, it would be desirable to find a community minded individual or firm who are willing to do the work ex gratia or at a reduced fee.