

Three Rivers Environmental Network notes

18/03/26

1. Welcome, introduction and apologies

Three Rivers District Council Members and staff present: Cllr Jon Tankard (Chair), Cllr Chris Lloyd (Vice Chair), Cllr Stephen King, Elen Dolder and Jo Hewitson

No apologies were received from Council Members.

2. Notes

No matters arising.

3. Talk from Sustainable Transport Officer – Tom Rankin

A talk on local Beryl Bike expansion, cycle lanes, capital projects, the LCWIP, electric vehicle charge points and more.

Please click the image below for a copy of the slides.



Discussion regarding the planned uncontrolled crossing at St Michaels School – should a controlled crossing be implemented now, rather than retrofitting it with one in the future? *Response: The uncontrolled crossing will increase safety, and be combined with bollards on one side to prevent parking and improve visibility. A controlled crossing would be significantly more expensive, and something for HCC to implement.* Next Steps: consultation 4 weeks - 24/03, response review, road safety audit, implementation expected 18/07 - 30/08 (some bits to be delayed to Oct/26). Cllr Lloyd to raise this at a county level.

Improvements to Ebury way are planned – planning to widen the path, cut back vegetation and remove/replace fencing to improve light into the pathway. The path is shared with other landowners, so discussions and agreements needed from them first.

Improvements to the path near Springwell Ave. and Eastwick Crescent are planned. Mill End Wildlife Area – this does not seem to be maintained? Who's responsibility is it? *Answer: This land is leased to a resident by the council.*

Note from Cllr Tankard: *There is a new footpath planned to go through Woodside New Development which will improve active travel routes for the local community. It is vital to engage developers as early as possible in the application process to ensure routes like these are established. If developments are happening, we must engage to use them to our advantage to create paths where none existed previously.*

4. Talks from Hertfordshire County Council Transport Officers

Terry Wong – Herts Highways Strategy and Programme Manager (TRDC, WBC and HBC).

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New Local Transport Plan to be open for public consultation towards the end of 2026. How will people be consulted? There's a big issue with those not online being excluded. *This is to be determined but will largely be online with communications spread through local groups and Forums too in addition to in person events, and ask people to spread awareness in their community and support them to give their opinion.* Question asked around slide noting green corridors – what will these look like? *Terry Wong to find out and feedback.*

Looking at 20MPH speed limits in a number of areas. This will go to consultation. Noted by a resident that 20MPH limits should work town wide as constant changes in speed limits causes confusion, and better signage is needed.

Robert Handbury – Herts Bus Services

Herts Lynx – Cllr Tankard raised the issue of expansion across the North of Abbots Langley to Watford, *Robert confirmed that while it is in the future program, there is no date yet for implementation, however it is expanding summer 2026 to Dacorum border.* No current funding beyond current areas, should funding (S106) become available it will expand.

New developments can contribute towards buses via S106. Work needs to be done with HCC and developers from an early planning stage to incorporate this.

It was a commercial decision by Arriva to stop some routes at 8pm.

Why are buses being cut on the day leaving people stranded? *It is unfortunately a common commercial issue, please go on the Interlink website at the time and report it – HCC can't pull them up on out of date/partial*

complaints, they need to be submitted quickly to be looked into and addressed.

Herts is pilot for bus franchising - going through engagement - focused on North & East Herts. If the scheme works - TRDC will eventually gain buses, which will mean HCC will have control of the buses - operators will still operate.

There is an issue with losing access to live bus times. *It is an ongoing issue and varies between bus service providers.*

How can road quality be improved? Potholes are dangerous for cyclists long before they are dangerous enough to cars to be repaired. *Robert to feed this back to the team responsible.*

Talk from Ash on Beryl Bikes

Did not take place due to timing.

5. Discussion

Due to timings, discussions took place informally, so there are no formal notes.

6. Round table of events

Did not take place due to timing.

7. Any other business

None

8. Next meeting

Date, location, and topic to be confirmed.

Actions:

- Cllr Lloyd to discuss planned uncontrolled crossing at St Michaels School at a county level. Should a controlled crossing be put in instead?
- Terry Wong to feed back on Green Corridors mentioned in presentation.
- Robert to feed back to the chain responsible - How can road quality be improved? Potholes are dangerous for cyclists long before they are dangerous enough to cars to be repaired.