



HERTFORDSHIRE HIGHWAYS WATFORD JOINT MEMBER PANEL

Item 9 Appendices B to E

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AGENDA

PART A - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC





9. INTEGRATED WORKS PROGRAMME & PROGRESS REPORTS (Pages 1 - 18)

Report of the Lead Assistant District Manager

This item summarises progress on the delivery of the Integrated Works Programme and other programmed works on the highway network in and around the borough carried out by Hertfordshire County Council, Watford Borough Council and third parties.

Appendices B to E are attached.

**WATFORD PROGRAMME 2012/13
CASUALTY REDUCTION SCHEMES**

Update	Site	IWP Ref.	Site Characteristics and Scheme Proposals	Proposed Works / Comments	IWP Stage / End Date / Contact
	Whippendell Road / Queens Avenue		Traffic signal controlled crossroads. Investigation of possible pedestrian crossing facility has been requested.	No construction works are programmed during 2012/13. Additional crossing facilities are under investigation in conjunction with Croxley Rail Link.	Stage 1 / N/A Stage 2 / On Hold / Traffic signals Stage 3 / 2012/2013 / Traffic signals Stage 4 / 2013/2014 / Works Team?
	A412 St Albans Road Nr Bushey Mill Lane	SAR12015	Urban signal controlled crossroads junction and single carriageway.	Improvements to the street lighting installation have been implemented.	Stage 1 / Oct 10 / G Beviss Stage 2 / Oct 11 / Street Lighting Stage 3 / Oct 11 / N Sanudo Stage 5 / Complete / Works Team
	Hagden Lane / Tolpits Lane	SAR11033	Single carriageway link road. Proposals incorporate new and replacement High Friction Surfacing, traffic signs and vegetation clearance. A new traffic island is proposed at the junction of Hagden Lane with Tolpits Lane.	Remedial proposals have been designed and discussed during Sept 2011. Advance vegetation clearance works have been undertaken during February 2012. The main works are underway (night working) and are programmed for completion during June 2012.	Stage 1 / Dec 10 / G Beviss Stage 2 / Nov 11 / N Sanudo Stage 3 / Feb 12 / N Sanudo Stage 4 / June 12 / Works Team
	A405 Leavesden Green Roundabout	SAR12013	Urban roundabout junction and dual carriageway approaches.	Construction works are programmed for September 2012 and include kerb re-alignment, replacement traffic signs, high friction and coloured surfacing.	Stage 1 / Dec 10 / G Beviss Stage 2 / Mar 12 / G Beviss Stage 3 / June 12 / G Beviss Stage 4 / Sep 12 / Works Team
	A412 St Albans Road / Balmoral Road	SAR08018	Urban signal controlled junction with single carriageway approaches.	Collision investigation has been submitted to HCC. Construction works will need to be implemented with other UTP proposals. Construction programme is not assumed before 2013/14.	Stage 1 / Complete / G Beviss
	Woodford Road / Station Road	SAR12027	Urban priority junction with recent conflicts associated with cyclists travelling south on Station Road.	Construction works are programmed for November 2012 and include kerb re-alignment, replacement traffic signs and coloured surfacing. Existing red surfaced area is not to be converted to footway until alternative drop off facilities are available at the station.	Stage 1 / Sep 11 / G Beviss Stage 2 / Jun 12 / G Beviss Stage 3 / Jul 12 / G Beviss Stage 4 / Nov 12 / Works Team

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APPENDIX C INTEGRATED TRANSPORT PROJECTS – SCHEME UPDATE
JULY 2012

Table 1: Schemes being delivered in 2011/12

Target / County Wide Theme	Location of Scheme	Scheme & Update
Accessibility	Clarendon Road Pedestrian Enhancements Phase 1 (ITP11022)	<p><u>Scheme:</u> Scheme to improve the pedestrian environment between the town centre and Junction station. Links into the NSIP works and WBC aspirations for the town centre. Phase 1 works include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ improved signage, including street name plates with directional signage and map based interpretation at the station and town centre. ▪ Removal of street clutter and rationalisation of signs. (The location of variable message signs and signs for the new short stay station car park are being incorporated) ▪ Level access across all side road junctions <p><u>Update:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SNP's: The street name plates have now been all erected ▪ Main Highway Works: These have now been completed, bar one or two minor items/ ▪ Clarendon Road / Beechen Grove Subway: A partnership project between West Herts College, Watford Borough Council and the County Council to improve the subway environment. Designs by the students reflecting Watford, its culture and what it means to them have been completed. At the time of writing the vinyl was beginning to be applied to both the external ramp walls and the subway itself. Due for completion shortly.

Table 2: Schemes being delivered in 2012/2013

Target / County Wide Theme	Location of Scheme	Brief Background
Accessibility	Clarendon Road Enhancements Phase 2 (ITP12037)	<p>The feasibility study has now been completed which recommends:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Improvements to the existing crossing facilities at St Johns Road ▪ Improved cycling facilities on road including advanced stop lines ▪ Installation of street light column banners <p>The scheme is waiting for an imminent decision from the DfT on HCC's BIG Herts BIG Ideas Local Sustainable Transport Fund bid for 1213 to 1415. The delivery funds for this scheme are within this bid.</p>
	Horseshoe Lane Pedestrian Crossing (ITP12065)	<p><u>Scheme:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Installation of a puffin crossing facility across Horseshoe Lane between Boundary Way (one way) entry side and Newhouse Crescent. ▪ Application of anti-skid surfacing on the approaches to the crossing ▪ Footway resurfacing either side of the crossing point <p><u>Update:</u> The final design is now nearing completion. The scheme is included in the capital bid for 2012/13. The project is programmed to be constructed in Summer 2012.</p>
Quality of Life	<p>Watford 20mph Limits & Zones</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ West of St Albans Road (ITP12036) ▪ Park Avenue (ITP12066) 	<p><u>1) West of St Albans Road (ITP 12036):</u></p> <p><u>a) Scheme Summary:</u> <i>Victoria Road, Regent Street, Cecil Street & Judge Street.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A 20mph zone encompassing the roads listed above. ▪ Existing vehicle speeds will require traffic calming features in the roads to bring speeds down to the necessary level. ▪ Speed tables at junctions will also provide step free access across these junctions for pedestrians. ▪ The report identified other roads which could be considered for a 20mph limit / zone west of Leavesden Road. However, at present the priority will remain with the streets listed above. <p><u>b) Update:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The detailed design is now completed. ▪ The scheme is now scheduled for construction in Autumn 2012.

		<p><u>2) Park Avenue (ITP 12066):</u></p> <p><u>a) Scheme Summary:</u> <i>Park Avenue only – other surrounding roads already a 20mph limit.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Expanding the 20mph zone to include Park Avenue with the installation of flat top humps▪ Signage alterations to expand the existing zone, requiring removal of some signs and new signs in Park Avenue. <p><u>b) Update:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The detailed design is now nearing completion.▪ The scheme is in the 2012/13 capital bid and is scheduled for construction in Summer 2012.
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Table 3: Schemes being investigated in 2012/13

Target / County Wide Theme	Location of Scheme	Brief Background
Major Projects	ITP13081: Croxley Rail Link Wider Public Realm [West Watford]	<p>A number of wider realm projects to provide added value to the Croxley Rail Link have been identified in the West Watford area. These centre around the two new stations at Ascot Road and Watford Hospital and the current terminus station at Watford Met.</p> <p>A feasibility study will be completed by the end of July 2012 to consider pedestrian and cyclist improvements along the following routes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Ascot Road Station to Watford Grammar School and Cassiobury Park Avenue 2) Vicarage Road between Watford Hospital Station and the Hagden Lane / Willow Lane junction. Links continuing along Hagden Lane and Queens Avenue towards Rickmansworth Road will also be considered.
Accessibility	ITP13077: Watford Business Park Accessibility [Greenhill Crescent & Caxton Way]	<p>A number of issues have been identified in the Watford Business Park which hinder accessibility to the site. Investigations will focus on providing improvements for pedestrians and bus users accessing the site. Consideration will also be given to cyclists.</p> <p>Some of the initial issues that will require investigation include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Vehicles parked on the footways limiting pedestrian accessibility and usage of bus stops ▪ Inadequate pedestrian facilities along Greenhill Crescent and Caxton Way ▪ Improved links on to the Ebury Way and into Wolsey Business Park for pedestrians and cyclists.
Cycling	ITP13073: Market Street Cycle Route	<p>This scheme has been identified in the South West Herts Cycling Strategy (SWHCS). The project would aim to improve cycle access into the town centre from the western side of the town. The study will focus on the 'pro-forma' included in the SWHCS which indicates investigation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A contra-flow cycle lane in Market Street between the High Street and Exchange Road ▪ Upgraded crossing point for cyclists across Exchange Road ▪ Links from Exchange Road to Merton Road via either Market Street or St Marys Road.

		The study will take into account other projects progressing within the town centre.
	ITP13074: A4145 Hornets Gyrotory [Vicarage Road, The Hornets, Wiggenhall Road]	This scheme has been identified in the South West Herts Cycling Strategy (SWHCS). The study will focus on the 'pro-forma' included in the SWHCS which indicates investigation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Installation of a cycle lane around the Hornets between Vicarage Road and Merton Road ▪ Widening of the carriageway on Wiggenhall Road near the Vicarage Road junction to accommodate a cycle lane. Vehicles accessing Wiggenhall Road from Vicarage Road come into conflict at this location.
Congestion (Safety) (Cycling)	ITP13080: Dome Roundabout [The Dome, St Albans Road, Cow Lane, Colne Way / North Western Avenue]	The study will focus on two junctions in the vicinity of the Dome Roundabout: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Cow Lane jw St Albans Road 2) The Dome jw Colne Way / North Western Avenue <p>Congestion: Consider what congestion reducing / capacity increasing works could be implemented at the two junctions. (Focus on jw North Western Avenue).</p> <p>Safety: Consider improvements to reduce pedestrian / vehicle conflicts at the two junctions. Concerns have been expressed over red light running.</p> <p>Cycling: Bear in mind the future proposed A412 cycle route which indicates the existing crossing of the A41 on the south east side will be upgraded to a toucan crossing</p>
Quality of Life	ITP13090: Langley Way Shops [Langley Way & Cassiobury Drive]	Carry out investigations to consider access improvements to the local shops in Langley Way by sustainable modes. Also work in partnership with Watford Borough Council on options for improving the parking arrangements in this area.

Note:
The first issue of *Watford on the Move* has now been circulated to all County and Borough members. This will be issued periodically and contain updates on all transport related schemes in the Borough.

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**APPENDIX D - UPDATE ON WATFORD JUNCTION--NATIONAL
STATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (NSIP)**

Progress Update provided by Christian Hoskins, HCC Forward Planning and Rail Liaison Team Leader

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform the panel of progress and programme on the NSIP Project.

Confirmation has been received early 2012 from Network Rail to allow London Midland (LM) to proceed with the scheme. With the exception of the programme dates, the current status of NSIP has seen little change and is as follows:-

2. STATUS OF NSIP

2.1 Programme and Work On-Site

The contractor will be J. Murphy and Sons Limited of Cannock, Staffordshire.

The approximate timing of the works on-site is as follows:-
August 2012--Start
February 2013--Finish

2.2 Drop Off Facility

There has been no change since the last Panel meeting and HCC officers are in urgent talks with London Midland (LM) to request their decision on the proposal to install 10 marked bays in the long-stay car near to the entrance of platforms 9 and 10.

This facility will be used by season ticket holders and passengers with disability. Signage indicating this facility will be included in the schedule of new signs to be provided for the short-stay car park in Woodford Road (See 2.3 below). LM have indicated that the bays will reduce the total number of spaces in the existing car park and may affect a number of existing disabled parking bays. This would require a station change procedure because of railway legislation and an exemption to current standards may be required from the Department for Transport. If this happens some delay is inevitable.

An investigation into an alternative egress for private cars onto St. Albans Road continues with preliminary and full design work being undertaken by

Hertfordshire Highways .Access and egress for the car park via Penn Road is considered to be the best option. Penn Road is not public highway and agreement with the land owners and their tenants would be required. Discussions with the land owners are ongoing and if agreement can be reached, together with the appropriate funding, the scheme could be implemented during the financial year 2012/13.

LM would seek to enhance the scheme with the installation of automatic gates, ticket vending machine and CCTV controls at the entrance to platforms 9 and 10. LM is investigating the means of securing a funding contribution for this work from the Department for Transport.

2.3 Woodford Road

Network Rail made the Planning Application for the short-stay car park in Woodford Road on 7th March and approval was made by Watford Borough Council on 10th May, 2011.

The lease agreement between Hertfordshire County Council and Network Rail has been agreed.

LM will install a ticket machine for the enforcement of the 20 minute time to park; no charges will be made.

LM will install a real time train arrivals/departures display for car park users. The proposal to review the bus stand and provide pay and display waiting in Woodford Road for approximately 9 vehicles has been approved in principle by Watford B.C., Hertfordshire Police and the bus operator affected Arriva.

Hertfordshire Highways have completed consultation on the proposal which requires a Traffic Regulation Order. Panel Members should note that the majority of responses from residents in Woodford Road requested resident parking bays rather than pay and display waiting. The TRO has now been advertised, and no objections were received. The TRO would come into effect when the bus station work is completed. It will not be possible to reduce the capacity of the bus stand in Woodford Road, whilst work in the bus station area is being undertaken.

2.4 Public Information

LM plan to post information at the station and on their website londonmidland.com during 2012. Further consultation will be undertaken with major stakeholders such as taxi operators and groups representing the disabled. Additional information relating to bus stop allocations and services will be provided by HCC as part of the Intalink service. Members will be provided with this information in advance of the general public.

2.5 Bus Drivers Mess Room

No change since the last panel meeting.

LM has agreed to provide this facility for bus drivers. Currently a parked bus is used by Arriva staff. A licence agreement to agree the level and maintenance of the facility is required between LM and Arriva.

Discussions on this agreement are still outstanding.

2.6 Platform 11 (Abbey Line)

The heated waiting room has now been installed on the temporary scaffolding behind the platform and is awaiting being moved into place.

3. FURTHER INFORMATION

If further information becomes available from London Midland this will be reported orally at the meeting.

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APPENDIX E - WATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HIGHWAY WORKS

Planning and Development

New Style Street Name Plates

70 new style street name plates with destination sub-plates have been introduced throughout the town as part of phase 1 of the County Council led Clarendon Road Pedestrian Improvements Programme.

Name plates have also been installed in the Central, Oxhey, Tudor, Park, Vicarage and Woodside wards. The plates provide average walking time to key pedestrian destinations. The scheme aims to combine information on one single sign thereby allowing for de-cluttering by removing old signage and providing a link to the monolith Way Marking signs project.

Way Marking Project

As part of the overall Cultural Strategy for the town centre the Way Marking Project will provide map based key destination legible signage. To ensure that the town is more navigable core features and landmarks have been plotted on maps which will form the central point to the new monolith signs. It is planned to erect a new monolith sign at Watford Junction Station as part of the National Station Improvement Programme and a further sign at the High Street/Clarendon Road junction. Restrictions on works at Watford Junction Station during the Olympics mean that the installation of the new monolith sign at the Junction will be delayed until late 2012.

Parking Service Up-date

New GIS Project

New GIS (geographic information system) maps showing Controlled Parking Zones have been developed in conjunction with the Council's Corporate GIS Team. The maps, which are accessible for staff via the intranet and the public via the Council's website, show the location of each Controlled Parking Zone, as well as the location of pay and display machines and Controlled Parking Zone entry signs, both as separate 'layers' which can be taken on and off the map as required. This allows residents to quickly see which zone they are in, as well as the hours of restriction for each zone. It also allows visitors to locate pay and display machines and use the legend to establish the maximum waiting time at each location and for staff at both the CSC and the Parking Service to supply our customers with accurate information over the telephone or in written correspondence.

In preparation for the inclusion of further roads in the Cassiobury Controlled Parking Zone, the Corporate GIS Team are shortly commencing work to amend the layers to include the new roads. Once this has been completed, this in-house map will then be used in the Parking Service information leaflet, which is being completely revamped, consolidating all the information

(currently in two leaflets) into one easy-to-read document ready for the intended implementation date of the new Cassiobury restrictions. The map has previously been produced by an external company and this meant that it could be costly to make changes if new roads were added to the zones or restrictions were altered and this led the map becoming out of date very quickly. The new GIS map can be amended in-house quickly and accurately and the new versions supplied, if necessary, to the printers when further leaflets are required and re-prints ordered.

In addition, the Corporate GIS Team have also added the location of car parks within the borough to the GIS map and this has been uploaded to both the intranet and the internet so that staff and customers can find the location of each car park and the management details, in conjunction with the tariff information which is already accessible on the website.

Updating of Civil Enforcement Officers Hand Held Computers

We are currently looking at the viability of updating our current hand-held computers and processing systems with a view to increasing efficiency, reducing costs and improving service interaction for our customers.

The update of the Civil Enforcement Officer's hand-held computers will enable GPRS (General Packet Radio Service) facilities, meaning that they can interact with a number of reporting suites and applications, including payments made by mobile, in the event that the Authority should ever seek to take this forward. As significantly, updated hand-helds will be capable of recording electronic pocket-book notes, which are legally required when an Enforcement Officer issues a Penalty Charge Notice, and directly uploading the information to the case on the back-office processing system. This entirely removes the need for scanning, photocopying and storage of pocket-books, which presently accounts for a significant period of time spent by back-office staff.

Further, we are seeking to implement a facility allowing members of the public to submit challenges to the issue of Penalty Charge Notices online. At this point, motorists will also be able to view all photographic evidence and all relevant information relating to the case. Again, the challenge would be uploaded directly to the case removing the need for scanning or storage of any paper letters or documents.

Additionally, updated modules to our permit processing system are being investigated, which will allow for permits and visitors vouchers to be purchased or renewed online, whereby customers upload required documentation. Security concerns will be addressed by ensuring that all authorisations are provided by trained staff prior to any permit or vouchers being physically issued.

Traffic Regulation Orders

Cassiobury Controlled Parking Zone Review

Revised proposals for the detailed design of the parking arrangements for the 8 additional roads proposed for inclusion in the zone have been developed in light of objections received to the statutory process run at the end of 2011. The revised proposals were advertised formally inviting objection at the end of May 2012. The target date for implementation is September 2012. In response to requests from residents in Woodland Drive and Orchard Drive the council has investigated options for revising the bay layouts in these roads. These investigations are on going.

The informal consultation on proposals to manage parking in the vicinity of the shops at the Langley Way/ Cassiobury Drive junction is on-going and a preferred scheme was submitted to Hertfordshire Highways for comment during March. Improvements to the facilities for pedestrians at this junction are being incorporated in to the design with a view to bringing forward a more detailed proposal for wider consultation later in 2012.

Nascot Area

A revised scheme for parking controls in Bellamy Close, Grandfield Ave, Langwood Gardens and Maple Grove has been prepared taking account of comments received through the public consultation held in November 2011.

Formal Statutory Consultation on the revised scheme took place in May/June 2012. Objections are currently being reviewed.

Further consultation on parking and other traffic related issues in The Avenue, Church Road area and Park Road is planned for later in 2012.

The Holyrood School parking management scheme to address safety issues around school times is progressing. The draft traffic orders have been completed and are presently subject of technical consultations prior to commencement of the statutory procedures. Subject to the satisfactory resolution of any objections received we are looking to deliver the scheme by September 2012.

Oxhey Ward parking Consultation

A Ward wide consultation with residents and businesses in relation to parking issues took place during July and August 2011 indicated that residents did not support area wide parking controls to address parking issues. Measures to adjust existing yellow line restrictions at junctions within the Ward, including the introduction of some short stay parking to support local shops and some new parking controls on junctions where obstructive parking has been a problem have been developed in conjunction with Ward Members and OVEG. Informal consultation with the Police, Herts Highways and the Council's Waste Services Team has been carried out and the principle of the scheme has

been accepted. We are looking to draft the traffic order with implementation towards the end of 2012.

Further representations have been received from the residents of Cedar Road, Kingfield Road and The Larches requesting CPZ controls. The Council has given a commitment to take these locations to consultation.

The Council and Hertfordshire Highways are also supporting OVEG in the development of a community led Considerate Parking Scheme aimed at encouraging responsible parking attitudes within the Ward.

Queens Road/ The Broadway

Proposals to introduce a small number of free limited waiting spaces in Queens Road to support shopping habits are to be taken to Statutory Consultation during June/July 2012 along with a number of other small amendments to current parking controls in the existing CPZs. Changes to parking controls in Queens Road to extend the length of time motorcycles can be parked free of charge in the designated motorcycle bay from 1 hour to 2 hours are included in the proposed changes. Subject to the satisfactory resolution of any objections received it is expected that the changes will be implemented during the late summer months.

Shaftesbury Road – Waterfields Recreation Ground car park

Proposals to manage the car park at the end of Shaftesbury Road to protect parking opportunity for residents permit holders and short term visitors to Waterfields Recreation Ground are also due to go to Statutory Consultation as part of the same process referred to above.

'Various Roads' Traffic Orders

The following sites have been included in the next 'various roads' TRO (Order 742): Cow Lane/Herons Lea, York Way/Harvest End, Lamb Close off Sheepcot Lane, Orbital Crescent j/w Evans Avenue, Tudor Drive j/w Bushey Mill Lane and Link Road j/w Radlett Road. The Order is set to be advertised in July. Subject to objections the planned delivery date is November 2012.

The planned investigations of the next 'various roads' Order will include the following sites to be considered : Woodside Leisure Centre, Cart Path, Leavesden High Road around Leavesden JMI School , 71-79 Longspring, Reeds Crescent, Holland Gardens/Spring Gardens j/w St Albans Road, Tunnel Wood Road, Douglas Avenue/Woodmere Avenue, Pheasant Court off Holtsmere Close, Derwent Close/Ennerdale Drive, Lower High Street adjacent to Bridge Place, Kytes Drive, Wentworth Close, Newhouse Crescent, Oxhey Drive opposite Bromet School.

Due to the number of locations each of the sites will be assessed using the following guidance: accident history, including the number of collisions over the last 3 years, highway alignment, sight lines, carriageway classification,

traffic speeds/volumes, impact on highway including vulnerable road users (child, OAP, disabled) and existing traffic management features. The aim of the assessment will be to produce a list of between 6 and 8 sites to take forward as the next 'various roads' Order.

Officer investigations will take place between November 2012 and January 2013. Initial proposals will be discussed with the Portfolio Holder/Ward/Divisional Councillors for their comments. The likely delivery of the next 'various roads' Order will be towards the end of the summer 2013.

HIGHWAY WORKS

A) Highway related

Under s115 of the Highways Act

The Borough Council can undertake works on the highway where they are providing an amenity.

1) Town Centre Cultural Study – Rickmansworth Rd to Albert Rd Sth

The Council has appointed Building Design Partnership to provide consultancy services for the feasibility, design and supervision of the public realm works. A consultation exercise is currently underway with works planned to commence in spring 2013. This project will be the subject of separate reports as the project progresses.

B) Transport related projects on Council owned land

1) Oxhey Park Cycle Route

Direction signs have now been erected and works are complete.

2) Whippendell Woods Bridleway conversion

The land forming the path has now been dedicated as a Public Bridleway. HCC will be arranging rights of way signage from Grove Mill Lane to Rousebarn Lane and WBC will be installing signage on the permissive cycle path on Lime Walk to Iron Bridge lock.

3) Woodside Leisure centre cycle and pedestrian works

Works to upgrade and construct a network of paths for pedestrians and cyclists are now complete. Direction signage across the site has now been installed. The final phase of the signage project, the upgrading of driver signs, is due to be completed by Sept 2012.

C) RIGHTS OF WAY WORKS BY THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY

The Council is required to carry out footpath diversions under the s.257 Town and County Planning Act 1990 to enable developments to take place.

1) Watford Springs site FP50 and 52

An Order was made on the 5th May and the consultation period has now expired. Two objections were received but have subsequently been withdrawn following discussion with the objectors. It is anticipated that the Order will be confirmed by the Secretary of State in August

2) Oxhey Park Bridge FP56

The siting of the bridge necessitates the permanent diversion of 60m of definitive footpath on the east bank of the river. Informal consultation has taken place with The Ramblers Association and draft legal orders are expected to be published in Sept 2012 (subject to HCC rights of way approval).