

SECTION 106 DEVELOPER (S106) CONTRIBUTIONS

Report of the Area Highway Development Control Manager

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report advises the Panel of schemes which are funded by S106 contributions held by HCC. It lists new contributions received by HCC to allow members to suggest possible uses.

2. SCHEMES FUNDED BY EXISTING S106 CONTRIBUTIONS

- 2.1 The schemes for which existing S106 contributions have been approved can be found in Appendix A.
- 2.2 JMP members will be aware that the DfT announced 10 days before Christmas that funding will be made available for the Croxley Rail Link (CRL). In a press release on 14 December they committed to provide a contribution of £76.2m towards the total cost of £115.9m. Members of the JMP have been informed previously that planning obligations held by HCC in the borough, in Three Rivers and in Bushey will part-fund the difference. These are identified in the Traffic Light Report (appendix B) by the rail link being shown in capital letters in the Possible Schemes column.
- 2.3 Members in Watford expressed concern at the reduction in funding for more local schemes and measures that this would cause. As a result an agreement was reached with the Executive Member for Highways & Transport in July whereby £250,000 would be released for use in this way. These will be selected by the Officer Steering Group operating to the HCC 106 Protocol informed by the views of members fed into it by the District Manager.
- 2.4 The first possible such local 'releases' of funds earmarked for the major rail scheme discussed at the Officer Steering Group meeting on 9 December included use of funds currently earmarked for the CRL to continue the implementation of Real Time Passenger Information at bus stops across the borough from money previously allocated to the CRL from the Leggatts Campus development.
- 2.5 The JMP has supported investigation into improvements on North Western Avenue. An exception report has been submitted to the Strategic Transport Infrastructure Board on behalf of the District Manager requesting access to £62,500 of s106 funding in 2012/13 to be put towards the design and implementation of the local safety scheme for which a feasibility study has been completed. Provided that this is successful it was agreed at the S106 Annual Programme Setting Meeting

(APSM) on 5 January that this should be funded from money previously allocated to the CRL from the Leggatts Campus development.

- 2.6 Members have indicated their support for the provision of a pedestrian crossing on Courtlands Drive. This too was felt by the APSM to be an appropriate use of funds derived from the Leggatts Campus development.
- 2.7 The County Council is working with the Borough and businesses on the Croxley and Watford business parks. Ongoing support for the W30 bus service is key to this joined-up working. Funding in 2013/14 was therefore agreed by the APSM from funds ring-fenced for CRL. The County Council will be working with stakeholders to seek to replicate the equivalent match funding made available for 2012/13 by the Croxley Business Park.
- 2.8 The APSM agreed to fund work to promote pedestrian accessibility in the town centre area from CRL funds by allocating money to improvement of the The Avenue subway and routes connecting to Cassiobury Park.
- 2.9 The reallocation of funds previously earmarked for the Rail Link is set out in appendix B. Members will note that the estimates given come to a total of a little over £250,000. The excess will be offset by new planning obligations collected by the County Council, the first of which are identified in the appendix.
- 2.10 These changes in proposed use are shown in the full Traffic Light Report for the borough which is attached as appendix C. Members will note a number of new possible uses added by the Officer Steering Group. Attention is drawn particularly to developments in the vicinity of the Dome Roundabout which are now shown as contributing towards a holistic study of traffic, safety and movement issues around the roundabout and at the Cow Lane junction to the north of it.

3. NEW DEVELOPMENTS FOR WHICH S106 CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED

- 3.1 The following contributions have been received from developers for use on sustainable transport measures since the last JMP meeting in October
 - 71 Balmoral Road, £1,490
 - 6 Market Street, £1,490
 - 290 Whippendell Road, £828
 - West Herts College, Cassio Campus Sixth Form Centre, £2,810
 - 16 Roughwood Close, £6,062
 - J & M Newsagent 508 Whippendell Road, £2,483
 - Leggatts Campus, £101,062
 - Watford Springs, £2,884
 - 66 Gammons Lane, £2,348
 - 132-136 High Street, 3-9 King Street and 13 Smith Street, £9,635
 - Meriden Nursery School, £18,961

- 2 Whippendell Road, £1,994
- 11-17 Garston Drive, £1,963

These are included in the full Traffic Light Report for the borough which is attached as appendix C.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are requested to note the contents of the report and provide any comments to the District Manager.

5. CONTACT OFFICER

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