

## REPORT FROM TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP

Key points from September 2024 Transport Working Group (TWG) meeting:

### 1. Status of Speed Calming for Frith End and Blacknest

1.1 **Hampshire Highways s106 discussions** Progress is being made to secure traffic calming for Frith End & Blacknest, promised 12 years ago by Bordon-Whitehill regeneration. Focusing on 30mph limit is vital - this limit seems to be a precondition for approval of measures such as buildouts and verge side planters. **Next step:** Alison and Mike will meet Hampshire Highways (HH) Engineering on 15 Oct.

### 1.2 Meeting with SDNP Transport Officer

In August, Alison met Alex Pringle, SDNP Transport Officer, to understand SDNPA's approach to roads and traffic calming. Meeting included discussion of SDNP's approach to illuminated bollards in National Park, an issue that apparently blocked 2012 Frith End buildout plans and was a question raised this summer by HH. Alex confirmed that reflective bollards (without lighting) are now accepted as sufficient for horizontal buildouts (lit bollards required for 'vertical' buildouts.) **Next step:** Alison will invite Alex for a site visit.

*Postscript: We note that Alex wrote to contest Blacknest Golf planning application traffic assertions.*

1.3 **Blacknest Golf HGVs** HGVs (artics & large aggregate vehicles) travelling through Frith End to Blacknest Golf have been a persistent problem throughout the summer. Extensive correspondence with Blacknest Golf and with HH culminated in a Golf's commitment to install temporary signage to route HGVs via approach road approved for Blacknest Industrial Estate. No such signage has yet been installed. Alison will write again to HH

1.4 **Collision Reporting** The absence of reported collisions in the parish is an ongoing barrier to securing traffic calming measures. No-one wishes for high 'KSI' (Killed & Seriously Injured) statistics. However, collisions resulting in minor injuries (that should be recorded on Dept of Transport's 'Crashmap') go unreported, giving a false impression of safety. Local residents are encouraged to advise BPC of collisions.

1.5 **Maintenance of hedges and road sign visibility** Severe HH budget reductions have resulted in hugely reduced hedge maintenance operations. BPC's 'lengthsman' contract, in combination with residents who have cleared vegetation around signs, has enabled many of the parish's traffic signs to be kept visible this summer. However, Lengthsman's insurance does not cover their work on roads with speed limit above 40mph. Consequently TWG is pressing HH to keep signage on A325 clear – e.g. on signs at LHS of Frith End Road/A325 jct., where vegetation is on pavement, not the resident's property.

### 2. Speed Cameras, SID and Speed Watch

2.1 **Speed Cameras** – 3 ASW speed cameras were installed in May, but still need further calibration by TWG volunteers. Signage for the speed cameras will be installed by HH within the coming months.

2.2 **Repair of current SID machine** The SID machine is currently out-of-action. The problem appears to be the failure of an internal battery that controls SID timestamp, preventing the import of SID data to the stats analyser. TWG volunteers will attempt a 'DIY' SID timestamp battery replacement to avoid cost of returning the SID to Westcotec for servicing.

2.3 **Purchase of second SID machine** Hampshire Constabulary advised in April that BPC should if possible invest in a second SID machine. 3 quotations have been obtained (Westcotec, ElanCity, Automate). TWG will bring a recommendation to next Finance Meeting when TWG has finished assessing which device offers best operational performance and flexibility.

2.4 **Speedwatch** From April - June, the Police sent the following advisory letters to speeding drivers:

	1st Time	2nd Time	High
Total Apr-Jun 24	Letters	letters	Speeders
OW5 Frith End Road	7	0	0
OW7 Blacknest Road	20	0	1
OW6 Binsted The Street	13	2	0

FrithEnd&Blacknest speedwatch volunteers continue to run weekly speedwatch sessions.

Binsted village's volunteer team is less active and needs more volunteers.

### 2.5 Police support for speed enforcement

TWG is examining SID and speedwatch data collected to identify 'hotspot' times, with view to asking police to organise speed traps at times that offer the best opportunity for enforcement.

**Date of next TWG Meeting: Tuesday 26 November, 7pm, Binsted Pavilion.**

### **Review of 2024 Jalsa Salana Traffic**

Jalsa Salana's Traffic Management significantly improved in 2024. Dominic has written to thank the JS team, but with a request to give earlier sight of the Transport Management Plan next year.

**SSEN works on B3004** It is understood that work is running a couple of weeks behind schedule and will be continuing into the early weeks of 2025.

### **LCWIP (Utility Cycle routes) consultation**

Nial Dunne tuned into 2 Oct EHDC Teams meeting about LCWIP (Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Programme) and TWG will try to respond to the Consultation on LCWIP 5 year plan (which closes 17 Nov). BPC has low expectations that the parish stands much of a chance of LCWIP investment (which is more focussed on 'Town' priorities than rural), despite EHDC's earlier promises of a Bordon to Bentley station cycle route, and the longstanding gap in A31 Alton to Farnham national cycle route.