



Environment Committee as author of the Highway Improvement Plan, with recommendations to be made to the Planning & Environment Committee or Finance & Delivery Committee, as per the new Terms of Reference.

b) The Working Group received and discussed Priority Items on the Town Council's draft Highway Improvement Plan, which had been updated throughout the year as and when new priorities were approved by the Planning Committee.

c) Cllr Shea requested that note be added on the 20mph scheme's entry under "Historical Priorities Record" that it had not been delivered via the Highway Improvement Plan process, which continues to be unsuccessful.

d) Councillors considered that the proposed pedestrian crossing at Seal Road/Greatness Park should be ranked higher on the priority list, and it was therefore **agreed** that this be swapped with priority 5 (crossing points outside Sevenoaks Hospital).

e) The Group received Cllr Gustard's request for HGV movements to be redirected from country roads such as Ashgrove Road via restrictive signage and it was **agreed** that Priority Item 2 be amended to include redirection of HGV movements from country roads as well as the Town Centre.

f) It was **agreed** that the Highway Improvement Plan be updated with the above amendments, and recommended for approval to the Planning & Environment Committee.

g) Councillors expressed the following concerns about the design of the roundabout proposed at Bat & Ball junction:

- How up to date the traffic data would be by the time of the 150<sup>th</sup> occupation – being the trigger after which the roundabout must be delivered
- The timing of the delivery of the infrastructure. It was felt that delivery would be more beneficial prior to construction of the houses
- The lack of Active Travel solutions incorporated into the design, such as signal crossings or cycling route incorporation

h) Councillors questioned whether the Highway Liaison Officer, Nigel Rowe, could help the Town Council get in contact with the Officer in charge of such negotiations, to ensure that the scheme when delivered, is done so holistically. It was **agreed** that STC investigate the potential for "round-table" talks with Tarmac, Sevenoaks District Council's Active Travel team, Kent County Council's Active Travel as well as Highways/Engineering team, and Councillor representatives from all three local authorities.

#### 110 **St John's Area Parking & Beat Survey**

It was noted that Sevenoaks Town Council's Finance & Delivery Committee had resolved to commission a parking and beat survey for the St John's Area. This would inform recommendations in the St John's Masterplan on how parking issues experienced by residents could be improved.

**Meeting concluded at 6:45pm.**