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Subject: Re: Hayling Island Infrastructure Advisory Group

Thank you for your message Robin. I'm copying this back to everyone you sent it to for their information.

I wanted to assure you that the process that I previously outlined remains unchanged, and group members will have the opportunity to give detailed input. This will certainly be at a time before any decisions are taken.

As you have mentioned in your message, we have had the unexpected issue of Nutrient Neutrality to respond to - this has taken considerable efforts by our officer team - and has had to take priority. We have now published an interim response to that issue.

I will be meeting with officers shortly to continue our Hayling Infrastructure work.

Whilst I'm emailing, I wanted to add that we continue to push for lessons to be learnt from the incident a few Fridays back. My colleague, Cllr Bains, is leading on this work (because she leads on Emergency Planning), and this includes meetings with the Local Resilience Forum and others to ensure we not only learn any lessons as the statutory authorities, but publicise to the community what the plans are. We will feed back to you all at our next meeting on this topic.

Kind regards

Tim

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Cllr Wilson has asked me to take over the chairmanship of the group, which I have accepted.

I would agree that there is a need to move forward with this work, as we committed to doing at our Cabinet meeting. However, I want to be confident that we have gathered together all the strands of work - for example, the new funding stream from the Transforming Cities Fund could help deliver some significant improvements, and we have conducted a successful meeting with the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership - bringing their Chief Executive to Hayling to witness first hand the problems and opportunities that exist.

With the information available to me currently, I believe we have a significant opportunity to make improvements, in advance of any development, if we can assemble a convincing package that focuses on safety, journey reliability, environmental improvements and sustainability. The LEP have agreed to help with this.

I am working with officers to gather the strands so that we can present it back to the group, and that we can have an informed discussion about how we should prioritise possible projects. It's important to me that we have evidence from transport professionals who can say the solutions will help, along with informed comments from Hayling residents and businesses about which solutions they feel will make a difference.

In summary, I will ask officers to convene a meeting as soon as we're ready to present the complete picture to you.

Whilst I'm writing to everyone, let me update you on the recent disruptions we have experienced on the A3023. Following the street light repair incident in Langstone, I wrote to County Cllr Humby as the Cabinet Lead for Transport to express our concerns. Here is part of his response for your information.

In Hampshire we have a small number of locations designated traffic sensitive twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. The A3023 on Hayling Island is in this classification, which imposes tight restrictions on what can be done. However, works do need to take place, but unlike other locations the disruption arising is particularly sensitive locally as is evidenced by this recent example. In this case the contractor was working for the County Council repairing a defective streetlight but in contravention of the permit restrictions. We took action to stop this work as soon as we were aware of it, but unfortunately the work itself could not stop immediately as live electric cables needed to be made safe. The resulting congestion took some time to clear, causing nuisance to local people and visitors. We have investigated this with the contractor and established that this was an error on their part, and they will be putting in place additional measures and staff training to prevent any recurrence. I am confident that the County Council's own system was not at fault, and I believe our response was both rapid and effective, albeit that the disruption arising from this could not be reduced because of the specific nature of the A3023 on Hayling Island. Our contractor, Scottish and Southern Energy (SSE), has acknowledged the error on their part and apologises for the problems arising from this, and has taken steps to improve their processes, which I anticipate will limit the scope for further instances. On this basis I do not propose taking further action against them at this time.

Secondly, we had the serious disruption last Friday. Whilst Portsmouth Water did what needed to be done as quickly as possible, and I think they did a good job communicating with residents, we were less than impressed by the response from other agencies. The handling of incidents such as this is the responsibility of the Local Resilience Forum (it didn't reach the level of an emergency that needed an emergency response). I have asked to meet with officers from the Local Resilience Forum to understand what they have in place to respond to the particular issues that Hayling's geography presents, and if I don't believe it is sufficient, I will work with them to make improvements. I will happily report back to the Residents Association and anyone else who wishes to know once I've completed my investigations.

I am always happy to meet with yourself or any Hayling group to discuss issues further, but I think we now making good progress that should, I believe, make tangible improvements for Hayling residents, businesses and visitors.

Kind regards

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Subject: Hayling Island Infrastructure Advisory Group

Dear Michael,

Now that we are over a month since Council Elections took place and your and Cllr. Satchwell's verbal promises to re-convene the Infrastructure Advisory Group, it goes without saying that HIRA completely agrees with Mike Owens' (June 17th) and Save Our Island's (June 18th) pressing requests to re-convene our Group for the reasons that they have given.

I and fellow HIRA Committee members are, like all Islanders and those who depend upon reliable access to our Island, gravely concerned about any decisions being made regarding the much overdue review of the Island's (and associated) Transport Assessment. I think that we can all agree that discussion by the Advisory Group is of paramount importance now.

I look forward to hearing from you on this matter at your earliest opportunity.

Kind regards,

Anne
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