

County Council Update from County Cllr Anne Wight December 2018

Brownlow Bridge Update

As you may know, the Brownlow Bridge in Ivinghoe was badly damaged last spring by a van and was subsequently repaired by the Canal and River Trust. The C&RT stated it was their view that the bridge should have an 18 tonne weight limit put on it going forward, which would mean HGVs would be unable to use the bridge and would need to use alternate routes. This would have the effect of mitigating some of the HGV traffic through Horton and Ivinghoe on the B488 and Pitstone coming down the B489.

After much discussion and bridge loading analyses, Transport for Bucks has agreed the C&RT weight limit for the bridge in the short term, and is in the process of issuing a TTRO to limit the maximum weight on the bridge to 18 tonnes. However, they are also currently analyzing the traffic diversion effects for local businesses and residents, and so in the longer term it remains to be seen whether they will propose any alternative arrangements going forward.

Temporary SLOW signs on B489 at Junction

As several parishes had raised concerns regarding the speed of traffic from Pitstone coming towards Marsworth near the junction with Wellington Place, temporary SLOW signs are being erected near the junction. As Anglian Water are working on the sewers in Pitstone resulting in the phased closure of Cheddington Road and Wellington Place over the next few weeks, they have kindly agreed to erect the signs for the duration of the works. As speeding at this junction is a more general concern for residents, I have suggested that this issue be put on the Local Area Forum Traffic Calming Subgroup agenda for the next meeting, so that we can look at whether a traffic calming feasibility study or perhaps a change of speed limit might be possible in the longer term through the LAF.

Anglian Water Works in Ivinghoe

A road closure for the junction of the B488 and B489 by the church in Ivinghoe had been planned for the end of January. These works are necessary to place a meter on the main water service for the village to monitor leaks in the future. However, due to concerns raised by an Ivinghoe parish councillor regarding timing of this work in conjunction with the current diversions in place in Pitstone,

the works are now planned for the end of July for approximately ten working days. However, this is not yet confirmed and is under discussion between IPC, TfB and Anglian Water.

Final confirmation of these works will follow in the coming months, at which time I can provide more information regarding diversion routes.

Brexit Preparedness in Buckinghamshire

The BCC Cabinet meeting on 10 December has as an agenda item a report with some recommendations for Cabinet regarding Brexit Preparedness in Buckinghamshire. Buckinghamshire County Council has been proactively preparing for Brexit, taking early actions to analyse the local implications of Brexit and steps to mitigate or maximise emerging opportunities, ensuring the best possible outcome for Buckinghamshire.

The online report summarises the Council's preparations and sets out the rationale for the recommendations to Cabinet.

The report can be read at this link, or on the BCC website on the Cabinet Meeting Agenda page for 10 December.

<https://democracy.buckscc.gov.uk/documents/g9530/Public%20reports%20pack%2010th-Dec-2018%2010.30%20Cabinet.pdf?T=10>