

Report to	Leighton –Linslade Partnership Committee
Subject	Update on planned community engagement event
Date of Meeting	30 November 2017
Report Author	Tricia Humber, Chairman of the Community Forum Steering Group.

1. Recommendation

- a) To note the report and comment on the content of the next Community Forum event in February 2018.
- b) To note the date of the event as 3rd February 2018 10-12pm at the Library Theatre.

2. Background

Leighton-Linslade Partnership Committee is unique amongst the 4 Joint / Partnership Committees in Central Bedfordshire with a Community Forum in place. It has organised a number of community engagement events since 2013 to help people highlight local issues and engage in finding solutions and bring key issues to the attention of the Partnership Committee to press for further action. The Community Forum events also provide an opportunity for the work of the Partnership Committee to be reported to local residents.

Previous event include: You and Your Town;Healthy Wealthy and Wise and a Youth Forum

3. Event Objectives

The Community Forum Steering group has met on several occasions to shape the content of the event around the subject of local highways. It is a very broad topic but primarily this event is about educating and promoting better use of local highways, safer access and to provide information to local residents.

The event will provide local residents with the opportunity to :

- highlight local highway issues
- engage with CBC Highways
- encourage individual responsible use of the highway

The event will focus on the following issues

- Congestion
- Roads
- Access
- Vehicles

- Enforcement
- Safety

4. Date and Format :

The date of the event is proposed as **3rd February 2018 and will take place at the Library Theatre from 10am-12pm.** It will be as follows:

- A 'drop in' session
- A large map of the town available to give attendees an opportunity to pinpoint areas for concern with colour coded stickers, this will be supported by:
 - a questionnaire for residents to provide the background information to the location of their sticker
 - A suggestions graffiti board – issues and recommendations and possible solutions.
 - Stalls / display stands
 - Flyer with a useful information of relevant contact details for educating, information and reporting e.g pot holes/street light issues.

Included in the questionnaire will be some guidance as to what each sticker denotes:

<p>Congestion</p> <p><i>key pinch points – where and when (day; between xx and xx time)</i></p> <p><i>School run</i></p> <p><i>Pedestrian responsibility eg on crossings</i></p> <p><i>Pedestrian crossing management - lollipop at key times</i></p> <p><i>Estates – safety</i></p> <p><i>Emissions – standing traffic</i></p>	<p>Roads / Layout</p> <p><i>Traffic flows and strategic plans</i></p> <p><i>Strategic road design – shared space etc</i></p> <p><i>New road planning and timings</i></p> <p><i>Estates – existing and new – on and off-road parking provision and management</i></p> <p><i>Signage</i></p>
<p>Access / Getting around</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Disable / visually impaired</i> • <i>Mums with buggies / mobility scooters</i> • <i>Pedestrians</i> • <i>Cyclists</i> <p><i>- town centre, on estates, local roads and paths</i></p> <p><i>Emergency services access issues</i></p> <p><i>Public transport availability, frequency, routes, stopping points, signage etc</i></p> <p><i>Parking in / around town centre</i></p>	<p>Types of transport</p> <p><i>HGVs – cutting through v ring road</i></p> <p><i>Cycle routes</i></p> <p><i>Walking</i></p>

Enforcement <i>Parking;</i> <i>HGVs</i> <i>Bay markings</i> <i>Loading</i>	Safety <i>Pedestrian crossings</i> <i>Cyclists on pavements</i> <i>Green cross code</i> <i>Cycling proficiency – what there is available?</i> <i>Lighting</i> <i>Speeding</i>
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5. Stall holders

CBC Highways	<i>Transport planning</i> <i>Street works</i> <i>Traffic management</i> <i>Reporting</i> <i>Passenger Transport</i> <i>Parking and Enforcement</i>
Street Watch / Speed Watch CommunityAction Bedfordshire	<i>Volunteers</i>
Walk 4 Health in Bedfordshire	
Cycle for Life Leighton Buzzard Road cycling group BuzzBikes	
Emergency services Police / Fire Service	

6. Publicity

- Local press (press release & advert)
- Market Stall – hand out leaflets and information, promote event
- Social media campaign
- About Town Newsletter / CBC newsletter
- Personal invitation
- Banners
- Posts on relevant websites