

**Report to** Leighton - Linslade Partnership Committee

**Subject** Community Forum Report 'Highways' event

**Date of Meeting** 6 June 2019

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### 1. Purpose of the report

To provide a summary of the issues raised at the Community Forum event held at the Library Theatre on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2018 and the response from Highways

### 2. Background

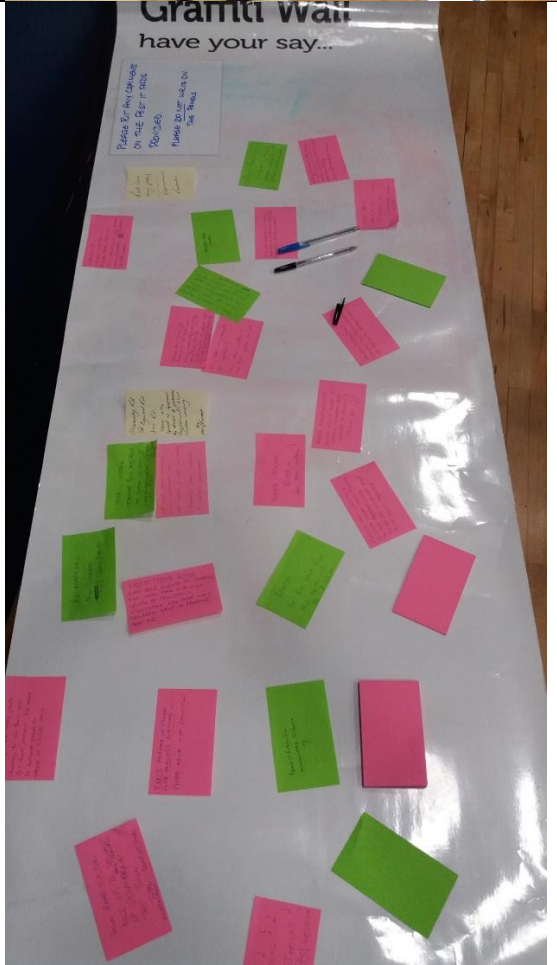
The event was held at the Library Theatre for 2 hours on a Saturday morning (5. May) It was a 'drop in' style event. On arrival people signed in with their post code so we will be able to explore the 'reach' of the event and map which parts of the town people came from. They were handed a questionnaire and sticky dots so that they could physically indicate the location of their priority highway issues on 2 large map boards , one of the town centre, the other included a wider area beyond the town centre. They could then complete the questionnaire to elaborate and describe the nature of their issues. In addition a graffiti wall and Post It notes were available for visitors to make any other comments about the local highway.

Representatives from the Highways Department were on hand to help with issues and enquiries; representatives from Streetwatch were also available to explain their role and attract new volunteers and Buzz Cycles

### 3. Summary data

<b>Forms Completed:</b>	54
<b>Male</b>	27
<b>Female</b>	22
<b>Age Range:</b>	
Under 16	0
16 - 19 years	0
20 - 29 years	2
30- 44 years	4
45 - 59 years	12
60 -64 years	5
65 - 74 years	21
75+ years	5

<b>Disabled</b>	
<b>Yes</b>	5
<b>No</b>	43



#### 4. Questionnaire

A copy of the questionnaire is attached in **Appendix A**  
Visitors were able to group their issues into 5 categories

**Congestion** (school run ./ crossings/emissions/travel to work)

**Roads** ( potholes / congestion/speeding/proximity of crossings)

**Access** (wheelchair users/mobility scooters/ pushchairs/parking/condition of footpaths)

**Vehicles and Safety** (HGV/emissions/inconsiderate parking/cycling on pavements)

**Education** (text - what more could be done)

They then used a corresponding coloured sticker on the map boards to indicate the location of those issues.

#### 5. Results

The report attached in **Appendix B** organises the feedback into the most common themes and issues raised.

#### 6. Highways

Highways welcome the report about the various Highways and Transport issues in the local area. We share many of the opinions and aspirations and are working within budgetary constraints to maintain and make improvements to the highway.

Highways urge that residents continue to report defects such as potholes, missing signage, gully blockages and footway problems via the 'Report It' online portal.

They are monitoring congestion and whilst there is no simple answer to this they are working to help the traffic flow on the network and this is done at appropriate speeds.

They have taken on-board comments about parking and are currently reviewing the parking strategy with a view to making improvements in the future. The team of Civil Enforcement Officers are on the network and have the power to enforce parking restrictions that are in place. Any instances of highway obstructions should be reported directly to the Police.