

BRIDGNORTH PLACE PLAN 2017 UPDATE

DRAFT COMMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED TO SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL

Details of new Infrastructure priorities/additional information on Infrastructure projects

Annual Place Plan Review Return

CRITICAL PROJECTS

Strategic:

Community Governance Review – a Town Council objective

Broadband provision – No problem in the town area

Upgrade A458/Wenlock Road Junction – No change

Electricity reinforcement at Star Aluminium – This needs to be taken up with Bridgnorth Aluminium themselves.

Sewage network capacity – No comment

PRIORITY PROJECTS

Locally Strategic:

Additional Cemetery Land – Discussions for land acquisition are taking place, additionally there will be a requirement for physical infrastructure within the site. This project needs to be implemented within 18 months. Highway improvements on the Hermitage may be required in the long term for this project. A modest amount of funding through the Neighbourhood Fund is available, we would like to discuss the availability of funds within the wider ‘funds for local development’ for this project. *[An update is currently being sought from the land owner.]*

Assessment of Local Flood Risk – *[Clarification is being sought as to the exact areas in town this assessment is being carried out.]*

Primary School Place Provision – No comment.

Operational Flood Response Plan – No comment.

Wenlock Road Pedestrian Crossing – This has already been done and can be removed.

KEY PROJECTS

Community Strategic:

Footpath enhancements along the riverside – The Town Council feels this should be a priority project and not a key project and should be titled ‘To maintain and upgrade public

paths and rights of way in High town and Low Town to support and encourage pedestrians and cyclists’.

Designated Rights of Way: The Town Council consider that the following are particularly important :

- 0113/49/3, 49/5 and 48/1, providing pedestrian access (avoiding Oldbury Wells road) from Hollybush Road and the SVR to Oldbury Wells school and surrounding houses. The slope above SVR needs significant work and making suitable for use with normal footwear.
- 0113/31/1 and 31/3, from Conduit Lane towards the bypass. 31/1 has been obstructed by a ‘new’ house. They get overgrown in Summer and could be connected directly to the path on the bypass with steps.
- 0113/36/1 and 37/1. The Ropeway. This needs a new, wide path creating down the old embankment and the situation for cyclists resolving. It is the only potential safe route for children to cycle from High Town to the river and was, for a period, part of the National Cycle route.
- 0113/31/1 from Woodberry Close to Westgate.
- 0113/52/5 and 52/5, and 34/2 along the west river bank. The latter needs ballast laying at the gateway to the south and stile to the north.
- 0113/42/1, 2 and 3 and 0113/56/1 on the east bank of the river.

Routes in use but not Rights of Way: In particular, a number of paths have developed along the top of the bypass embankment. These are well-used. They appear to be on Shropshire Council property and should be adopted as Rights of Way.

The Town Council would also like consideration given to a Right of Way through the old William Williams Builders’ Yard development to link the Innage Lane car park to the Health Centre.

Upgrading the Hospital Walk – Improvement to the lighting at the Innage Lane end of the footpath is required and will become a priority if development of the old William Williams site takes place and also if greater use is made of the Innage Lane car park creating increased footfall.

New site for Bridgnorth RUFC – No comment

Football HUB – No comment

Additional cricket pitch – No comment

High Town Central Car Park – The Town Council will continue to press for this and also investment in sustainable transport and to meet Air Quality Management objectives, potentially including a Park and Ride scheme. The Town Council feel this should be a Priority Project and not a Key Project given the level of planned development at Tasley.

General comments

Whilst we have attempted to identify infrastructure requirements based on the previous Place Plan, we would welcome the opportunity for a continuing dialogue and to put in place a suitable mechanism for submitting additional priorities as identified, including those which arise as the current Local Plan Review progresses.