



Local Highways and Footpaths Improvement Group (LHFIG)

New Requests

- (i) Newtown/Belcombe junction – the road narrows considerably and is hazardous for motorists, pedestrians and the buildings along that stretch. The resident would like to see some additional signage and other mitigation measures to improve safety all round. The road is currently closed as a truck has hit a property in the narrow section.

After consultation with the traffic engineer, more information and a site visit is needed to discuss options ahead of any decision to support improvements.

Recommendation: forward the request as part of the information gathering exercise. LHFIG understands there is no clear support from the town council as yet.

- (ii) Newtown Parking scheme – a local resident has canvassed neighbours along Newtown and 92% would like to introduce a residents parking scheme. There appears to be issues with parking generally and engaging contractors due to a lack of parking.

The delegated group are concerned that the introduction of a scheme will likely push parking problems on elsewhere in the locality but are interested in exploring whether the car park adjacent to Rosemary Walk might be used to assist with some of the issues raised.

Recommendation: forward the request to ask LHFIG to investigate the options for parking in the carpark for residents and their contractors ahead of any decision of support.



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Written by – Committee Clerk

- (iii) John Rennie Close Parking Scheme – a resident would like a residents parking scheme as some sections are very narrow and bin lorries are struggling gain access to all parts of the Close.

The traffic engineer has been contacted and believes a parking permit scheme is not appropriate for the area due to the prevalence of off-street parking. Strategic, short distances of single or double yellow lines might work however.

Currently the rest of the residents in John Rennie Close have not been canvased.

Recommendation: forward to LHFIG so that options can be considered and drawn up ahead of any support from the town council. Support from local residents once a scheme is proposed must be provided.