

## Worthing County Local Committee

2 March 2020

### Progress Report

<b>Where issue was raised:</b>	<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Contact:</b>
Talk With Us	Salvington Road – proposed Pedestrian crossing	Mike Thomas
UPDATE: Following representation at the last CLC meeting, the local Area Highway Manager has undertaken a site visit with resident and discussed the issue further with traffic engineers. A further update will be provided at the meeting.		
Misc	Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs)	Mike Thomas
UPDATE: Area Highways Manager to provide an update on approved TROs		
Misc	Worthing Public Realm Improvements	Nick Burrell
UPDATE: Ideas for Public Realm Improvements proposed at Portland Place were shared at an early stage in the development process. Initial consultation on preliminary or concept designs illustrated how a high-quality environment could enhance underused public areas and boost the economy of the area.  Last summer, as the original designs were developed by the technical team it became clear that engineering complications required an adjustment of budget estimate and indicative timetable, subject to further investigations.  Site investigations combined with recent lessons learnt from similar Highways projects highlighted that the level of risk was far greater than originally assumed and in excess of contingency sums accounted for in original estimates.  By the autumn, initial trial pits informed County Highways that the budget earmarked was insufficient to deliver the original concept design. The need to dig to depth will result in major disruptions, for example the safe removal of contaminated and relocation underground utility supplies.  Members requested an urgent review of risks and associated costs, they also wanted a value engineered approach which provided an option which maintained the high quality, look and feel of original concept the public were consulted on.  The Partnership team are working with specialist advisors on potential adjustments which keep the high-quality principles of the design that was so well received by members,		

residents and business community, but deliver value for the public and the wider growth programme for Worthing.

Officers are looking at ways to make best use of every pound to be invested, by avoiding risks and limiting work to unseen elements of scheme, such as the highway substructure, diversion of utilities and construction of new drainage systems within the undercarriage that are very costly but hidden from view.

Our primary focus is increasing the quality of the Portland Road experience for users and creating a scheme which matches the high-quality appearance which gained the wide spread support and secures growth and investment in the town centre economy.

