**HAPARA UPDATE – 13th March 2022**

**Spring Meeting**

For the first time since 2020 HAPARA will be holding a face-to -face meeting in the Green Hut, Harlow Avenue on Wednesday 13th April commencing at 7pm.

It’s of course appreciated that some regular attendees may not wish participate on this occasion due to the ongoing Covid 19 situation, that being said and in order to assist with arrangements, we would very grateful members anticipating being there would utilise the [info@hapara.org](mailto:info@hapara.org) e-mail address to let us know that they are intending to come along so that we have a reasonable idea in terms of numbers.

A draft Agenda will be distributed early April followed by a dedicated Spring Meeting Newsletter after the event.

**West Harrogate Parameters Plan (WHPP) – West Harrogate Infrastructure Delivery Schedule (WHIDS)**

Following formal adoption of the Parameters Plan we have been in communication with Cllr Don Mackenzie, Executive Member for Access at North Yorkshire County Council seeking clarification in relation to a number points. Cllr Mackenzie has provided HAPARA with the following information:-

* Whilst he doesn’t have a complete overview of the preparation work for the Infrastructure Delivery Schedule (which no doubt will include information concerning schools, utilities, health and adult social care and other essential services), he does expect this schedule to be made public at some point after the May elections to the new Unitary Council.
* From a highways and transport perspective he believes most of the work has been completed.
* He has confirmed that the Infrastructure Delivery Schedule (which is an HBC document) will be subject to targeted public consultation at an as yet unspecified time after the pre-election period which starts in two weeks' time.
* The list of consultees will be the same as before during the Parameters Plan process and will therefore include organisations such as our own.

**Otley Road Cycle Path**

Following on from completion of Phase 1 of the scheme (Harlow Moor Road to Arthurs Avenue) we have been in touch with Karl Battersby, Corporate Director | Business and Environmental Services at NYCC in relation to a number of issues. Information received indicates that:-

* NYCC accept that they will have to demonstrate that they have ‘considered’ the national guidance in LN1/20 in the design of the cycleway (this has been a major issue of concern to HAPARA and cycling groups).
* Phase 3 will complete the route from Harlow Moor Road Junction to Beckwithshaw.
* NYCC’s intention is to engage with local groups such as ourselves regarding the revised designs of Phase 2 and the consideration of designs for phase 3.
* Dates regarding the engagement are still to be confirmed but the Local Highways team will be in touch in due course with HAPARA.

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