

**Comments on the Hungerford Town Action Plan –  
Returned 26<sup>th</sup> February 2013**

**Highways & Transport Service**

Are Tr5 - Tr5c new actions?

My comments are:

Tr5 - This implies that there is a road safety issue on the approaches to Hungerford, which there is not. I would suggest the wording 'Continue to monitor road safety on the A4 .....

Tr5a - There are already Gateway features on the A4 and a VAS is not considered appropriate.

Tr6b – Improved Gateways can be considered and a 30mph VAS is not appropriate for this approach.

Tr5c – Improved Gateways can be considered and a VAS is not appropriate as there is not a speeding issue at this location.

Recent surveys show that for northbound traffic approaching the roundabout the average speeds was 24.8mph with 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed of 30mph.

**Principal Traffic & Road Safety Engineer**

**Planning Service**

Please see the **attached spreadsheet** which contains some minor amendments in red. The outstanding issue relates to EN8 and the word 'require'. As the Planning Authority we cannot 'require' without the caveats, otherwise this presents issues for us.

**Planning and Transport Policy Manager**

**Environment**

For EN5 & EN6, I would suggest the lead is not WBC but HEAT/HTC with support from WBC, it's difficult to actively encourage energy efficiency when we don't really have contact from the particular groups in an area.

I also feel, along with the Senior Community Efficiency Officer (Council), that supporting the AONB and renewable energy in separate actions causes potential issue, it would be better to have one action such as 'Work with the AONB to identify potential for renewable energy within the AONB'.

**Energy Efficiency Officer (Community)**

### **Culture & Environmental Protection**

I would like to add a note in CU3a - "Become involved in local list initiative being driven by West Berkshire Heritage Forum"

### **Heritage and Tourism Manager**

### **Culture & Environmental Protection**

Attached is my input highlighted in green - **see attached spreadsheet.**

### **Arts and Leisure Services Manager**

(Please note these comments seem to be mainly about future ideas and working together, not major amendments to the Action Plan wording ).

### **Comments returned – no amendments required from the following:**

#### **Housing**

I am pleased to note the positive attitude towards the delivery of affordable housing in the town. There is nothing particularly contentious with regard to affordable housing delivery and I have no specific comments.

#### **Housing Strategy Team Leader**

### **Culture & Environmental Protection**

I've not adding anything from Libraries to the grid, but a few general comments relating to a few of the lines.

Line 99 Libraries would have a role in helping to coordinate information about events, activities etc in the Hungerford area.

Line 124 The Library would fit as part of any new improved Cultural and Heritage Centre if it were located within an inadequate building. However, the Library is in a newly extended building (2007) which suits our needs for the foreseeable future.

Line 139 As 99 above. To promote information effectively about what's going on, the local Library and the WBC website are crucial.

Line 147 N.B. Police are welcome to use libraries to meet the public, e.g. for regular or occasional surgeries. The Fire Brigade have also run occasional surgeries in libraries (recently at Lambourn) to give advice on fire prevention, etc.

### **Library Services Manager**