

Havant Borough Council can now deliver road improvements across Hayling

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Havant Borough Council now has the tools to deliver improvements to the roads, buses and cycle routes that run across Hayling Island now it has a robust transport assessment in place.

This assessment details the estimated impact of future developments on the island's transport network and its connections with the mainland.

Following detailed studies of existing transport infrastructure and the current traffic situation, the assessment uses state-of-the-art modelling to predict the impact that any proposed developments could have on the area.

The assessment was completed by Havant Borough Council's in-house team of civil engineers and then carefully analysed and verified by expert highly reputable external consultants before being endorsed by the Cabinet Lead for Planning, Regeneration and Communities, Councillor Tim Pike.

Now the council has this assessment it can demand developer contributions to fund much-needed infrastructure or it can include these improvements as part of the planning agreement.

Speaking about the Hayling Island Transport Assessment, Councillor Pike said: "This assessment means that we now have the right tools to deliver considerable improvements to the roads and other routes across Hayling Island. This kind of opportunity happens once in a generation and I am determined that these improvements take place in order to help Hayling Island to continue to prosper and develop.

"The study supports the continued work of the Local Plan and the council's recently launched Regeneration Strategy, which I am committed to seeing through. A considerable amount of work has been done to find out what infrastructure is needed and to ensure this is realistic and deliverable and I hope Hayling residents are heartened now that we have this in place.

"We share residents' concerns that infrastructure improvements are absolutely fundamental, and that they must either keep pace with the growth of housing or ideally be in place ahead of it.

"We now have the tools to do this."

Areas highlighted as priorities for improvements include:

- Layout and signaling at Langstone Road to enable smoother traffic flow at the entrance onto the island.
- A new northbound right turn lane for The Ship Inn, Langstone Road.
- A new southbound left turn lane into Northney Road allowing for safer exit from the Havant Road. This would include a new footpath and crossing point.
- The relocation of West Lane junction.

The Hayling Island Transport Assessment will sit alongside the approved Mainland Transport Assessment to support the Local Plan.

Improvements to roads and infrastructure will be funded through direct developers' contributions, the Community Infrastructure Levy along with bids to other funding that is available.

To watch a video of Councillor Pike explaining the Hayling Island Transport Assessment please click [here](#)

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