

# NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STORRINGTON AIR QUALITY STEERING

**Date:** 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**Time:** 10:30 to 12:00

**Venue:** Sullington Parish Hall | Remove MS Teams

**Present:** Cllr John Loney (Chair), Cllr Claudia Fisher, Cllr Joan Grech, Thais Delboni (HDC), Lee Money (HDC - remote video link), Isabelle Carter (HDC), Adam Bazley (WSCC), Jamie Dallen (WSCC), Mark Golubics (WSCC)

Apologies from Cllr Mark Cramer, Cllr Paul Marshall, Pene Mather (WSCC)

## 1. Introductions

All attendees introduced themselves and gave their designations.

## 2. Actions from the previous meeting held on 23 April 2024

Updates on actions were provided. These included:

- **Cabin Design** – put on front door in small footprint not to distract drivers. AB is happy for HDC to proceed, HDC need to confirm with the EA.

**Action: HDC to get approval from the EA and install footprint.**

- **School Buses**: JD mentioned that there are financial challenges in procuring new quality cleaner vehicles. But one bus can carry up to 40 children and is better than having 40 additional cars on the road, even if the bus is not the cleanest.

CF suggested that all school buses should have a speed limit of 20mph within Storrington, and that when WSCC is assessing the funds, that school buses going through AQMA's should be prioritized. JD explained that AQMA location is an important criteria when allocating the funds.

**Action: CF to contact the bus company and request they adopt a 20mph in Storrington.**

- **Walk to School / Active Travel**

Update from Pene Marther:

*LTIP0075 is looking at active travel routes between key parts of Storrington and primary routes which have been looked at are:*

- *Water Lane from Thakeham Road Traffic Lights to Tesla where crossing and pathways are not accessible to all or have good visibility.*
- *Riverside Walk to Fryern Road (PROW Route)*
- *Riverside Walk to Spierbridge Lane – along to Leisure centre.*

*These three routes have the best active travel to school and community facilities to support short journeys being made by active travel modes rather than car and this could then reduce car traffic through the village.*

*Vegetation cutback has been mentioned and this is a request for highways but due to budget and work constraints I have suggested the parish consider looking at volunteer clearance (Darren Rolfe's team) talking to Saxon Weald about their overgrown property boundaries (Beech Grove junction with Water Lane and Oak End area's).*

*I have engaged with all three local area head teachers and will be moving towards updating their travel plans once we can get a date in diaries for meetings.*

*I have suggested in relation to Cllr Loney's comments about Browns Lane junction with Church Lane Rat run, this could be considered for closure to a ped / cycle route only with collapsible bollards for emergency vehicle use, this could reduce the rat run issue and make this route safer for pupils walking to Storrington primary school and using the crossing by the post office.*

*I have suggested the parish wardens and parish work on a community survey of all houses in Spierbridge to see what level of support there would be for a one way route between North Street Junction with Spierbridge Lane toward Hormare side of Fryern Lane (North Street remaining two way). This would encourage use of car parks to park and stride to primary school and prevent rat running and poor driving behaviour both in front of the school and in North Street.*

*WSP have carried out a feasibility site visit to look at active travel routes and we are due to have their report by the end of March 2025.*

*Cllr Loney has been informed Ian Myhill has been replaced by Serife Gunal as project lead for LTIP0075, once we have the report back, we will arrange a meeting to update the parish.*

*Cllr Loney has requested speed data for Storrington and has been directed to the right place.*

<b>Action: PM to circulate the report findings on feasibility of the active travel routes.</b>
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- **Lorries to use a sticker Friends of Storrington**

The parish still wants to proceed with measure. They will contact Lorries from the speed watching list and also request they follow a 20mph speed limit within Storrington.

JD suggested they link it to the Fleet Operator recognition Scheme (FORS).

TD suggested they contact the Parish to get a list of the Lorries that were breaching the HGV weight restriction during the CCTV survey.

JL questioned if it would be possible to revisit the CCTV survey.

<b>Action: Parish to contact the HGV companies that go through Storrington</b>
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### 3. Air Quality Monitoring 2024

IC shared NO<sub>2</sub> and PM monitoring data from 2024 which show that the worst location's measurements (Manleys Hill) are below the UK National Objective, although exceeding the WHO's limits. This is the first year all monitoring in Storrington could be considered compliant with the relevant NO<sub>2</sub> objective. LAQM TG22:

3.57 The revocation of an AQMA should be considered following three consecutive years of compliance with the relevant objective as evidenced through monitoring. Where NO<sub>2</sub> monitoring is completed using diffusion tubes, to account for the inherent uncertainty associated with the monitoring method, it is recommended that revocation of an AQMA should be considered following three consecutive years of annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations being lower than 36µg/m<sup>3</sup> (i.e. within 10% of the annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> objective). There should not be any declared AQMAs for which compliance with the relevant objective has been achieved for a consecutive five-year period.

1.38 From 2023, following revocation of all AQMAs in a local authority area, local authorities in England should put in place a local air quality strategy to ensure air quality remains a high profile issue and to ensure it is able to respond quickly should there be any deterioration in condition.(...)

A detailed overview of air quality in Horsham district in 2024 and update progress on actions to improve air quality will be available on [HDC website](#) in third quarter of 2025.

### 4. New Air Quality Sensor

New Air Quality Sensor installed in Storrington. Live data is available at <https://portal.earthsense.co.uk/BrightonHoveandSussexPublic/>

When launched in 2024, the Brighton Sussex RT network was the largest of its kind in the UK. The pollution data presented aims to provide an indication of local air quality for awareness raising and community engagement and has been funded by the DEFRA air quality grant and the city council's Carbon Neutral Fund in support of the BHCC part. In addition to existing monitoring locations, a greater variety of environmental settings in living, walking, working, leisure, and education areas are now being monitored for particulate and gas pollutants.

### 5. Storrington Station

New cabin installed in January 2025 and is owned by the Environmental Agency. We are still monitoring the same pollutants. Live data is available on [Sussex Air website](#) and [UK-Air](#).

### 6. Air Quality Planning Guidance for Sussex

The [guidance](#) takes a low emission strategies' approach to avoiding health impacts of cumulative development, by seeking to mitigate or offset emissions from the additional traffic and buildings.

Developers often refer to measures in the AQAP when submitting a mitigation plan detailing measures to mitigate and/or offset the impacts.

### 7. Defra Air Quality Grant, West Sussex Lane Rental Scheme and S106

HDC has made a S106 application in June 2024 for a project to undertake an ANPR vehicle origin-destination survey of through traffic flows. The results would provide evidence to support an application for a WSCC Community Highways Scheme (CHS) to Reduce speed limit to 40mph on Amberly Rd

AND/OR 20mph in Storrington. Members questioned if the funds wouldn't be best place in another scheme, such as community bus or match funding for the CHS.

**Action: HDC help write the WSLRS for 3 new Smiley Face Speed Signs and book a catch-up meeting in the next 2 months with JL and CF.**

**Action: HDC to meet with WSCC Highways to discuss the best way forward for the CHS.**

## 8. Air Quality Action Plan

Air Quality Action Plan is due by 01/12/2025.

The Steering Group will work on the Air Quality Action Plan Measures.

**Action: HDC to add the measure Community Minibus in Thakeham and Ashington in the AQAP.**

**Action: Draft of the Air Quality Action Plan Measures to be circulated before the next meeting.**

## 9. 20mph limit

IC have a brief explanation about the Air Quality impacts expected if a 20mph limit is implement.

PM has sent Cllr Loney a link to a [20's plenty Campaigners update webinar](#) and asked him to share this with relevant councillors.

## 10. Communications

## 11. Any other business

We are planning to install Vivacity sensors at key locations where active travel improvements have been identified, once we have confirmation of site and installation date, we will update the group (PM)

**Action: HDC to send the meeting presentation to members.**

## 12. Date of next meeting

w/c 07th July 2025

**Action: HDC to send the previous meeting minutes and agenda in the meeting invite.**