

Action for the A51 Group

Newsletter

December 2019

News about the A51

Introduction

We wish all our readers a very Happy Christmas.

This is our second Newsletter.

Don't forget – for information about all the actions taken, meetings attended and statements made by the Group look on our website <http://www.clottonhoofieldparishcouncil.co.uk/a51/>

A51 news

2019 has turned out to be a rather quiet year for any action on the A51. The Brexit debate has stalled all central government action or decision making until very recently.

With the announcement of the election, there was an edict from central government to prepare all “digger ready” projects for immediate start in 2020. This action caused the approval of the A51 Connectivity Study by both the LEP (Local Enterprise Partnership) and the LTB (Local Transport Board), due to be given in October, to be delayed. I have spoken to Roy Newton at the LEP and it now seems very likely that the approval will be given in April 2020 – so, a 6 month delay but it is still going ahead. Funding from Cheshire East, West and the LEP looks to be assured, at present.

Other A51 news

1. Cheshire East Highways have submitted a planning application for the “dual-ing” of the final stretch of the A500 up to the M6 at Junction 16. Work was scheduled to start in 2020. But the funding from Central Government has been delayed – again. The published “end date” has remained the same but the start date is now dubious due to lack of funds. Let's hope that the new Government is going to honour its commitments to infrastructure improvements in the North. More details are available on the CEC website.
2. Cheshire West Highways are due to submit a planning application for changes to the roundabout at Tarvin, the traffic lights at Stamford Bridge and at the junction by the Chester Rugby Club. We understand that this work is also due to start in 2020



Next (large) Meeting

Due to the delays in the Connectivity Study, there has been little need for the calling of a new Meeting. At present, we believe that the approval in April – assuming it is given or even if it is not given – is the next time we need to get together.

We look forward to seeing everybody then.

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