



B4224 STRATEGY GROUP

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Adopted on 5th September 2022



Introduction and Purpose

The B4224 in Herefordshire runs through eleven parish council areas. The parishioners in all eleven parishes have expressed concerns about the volume, weight and speed of traffic using the B4224. To develop a full understanding of these concerns, if and how they might be addressed throughout the length of the B4224 and in each parish, representatives from seven B4224 parish council areas have come together with Herefordshire Council to form a Strategy Group.

This document sets the understanding between the members of the B4224 Strategy Group as to how the group will operate and its objectives.

This document also provides an initial draft set of proposals for discussion.

Parish Councils represented on the Group

Brampton Abbots & Foy
Brockhampton and Much Fawley
Dormington & Mordiford
Fownhope
Hampton Bishop
How Caple Group
Linton

Ward Councillors representing Herefordshire Council

Cllr John Harrington, Cabinet Member, Infrastructure and Transport.
Cllr John Hardwick, Backbury Ward.
Cllr Barry Durkin, Old Gore Ward.

How the Group Will Operate

The group will work in the spirit of mutual trust and cooperation with a view to fulfilling the objectives of the group.

All recognise that the existence of this group does not constitute any formal partnership, nor does it mean that this group has authority over any of the bodies represented by the members of this group. The councils represented in the group will continue to be subject to their own constitutional requirements and membership of this group shall not adjust the division of authority or responsibilities held amongst the member bodies.

All recommendations by the group shall be reached by consensus and then passed to individual parish councils for formal decision. The group acknowledges that any decisions on the commitment of expenditure or resource rests with the individual parish councils represented on the group.

At a Strategy Group meeting on 16th December 2020, it was agreed to set up a smaller Working Party to discuss feasible and achievable options to reduce the level and speed of traffic on the B4224. The Working Party would report back to the Strategy Group for discussion and agreement prior to formal decision-making and action by individual member parish councils.

Group Objectives

To assist Herefordshire Council with their responsibility for the maintenance and improvement of the B4224 by working with them to improve the health and wellbeing of communities along the B4224 in Herefordshire by reducing the environmental and safety impacts of transport via the B4224. Specifically, to:

- Understand the concerns of communities about the volume, weight and speed of traffic using the B4224;
- Identify and prioritise the actions that might be taken by the members of the group, or others to mitigate impacts; and
- Seek to identify the resources needed to take action.

SIGNED on behalf of the Group
Strategy Group Chairman – Lynda Wilcox

SIGNED on behalf of Herefordshire Council
Cabinet Member for Infrastructure Cllr John Harrington

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