



NORTHAW & CUFFLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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MEETING	Full Council
MEETING DATE	16 th July 2026
SUBJECT	Report from Cllr Omand following the Highways and Footpaths Working Party Meeting held 3 rd June 2026
AGENDA ITEM NO.	26/27-18b
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01 REPORT:

HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS WORKING PARTY MEETING SUMMARY

ATTENDEES: Representatives from Hertfordshire County Council (HCC), Northaw & Cuffley Parish Council, and highways officers.

MEETING PURPOSE

The meeting was convened to improve communication between residents, the Parish Council, and Hertfordshire County Council regarding highways, transport, road safety, and infrastructure issues affecting Northaw & Cuffley.

KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

1. STATION ROAD AND VILLAGE CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS

HCC presented early-stage project validation work for improvements along Station Road, the village centre, and surrounding walking and cycling routes.

Key objectives include:

- Improving pedestrian and cyclist safety.
- Enhancing access around Cuffley Station.
- Supporting active travel.
- Addressing congestion and traffic concerns.
- Aligning with Growth and Transport Plan and Neighbourhood Plan objectives.

The station junction was identified as the current priority area due to safety concerns, pedestrian movements, and increased pressure from nearby developments.

2. SECTION 106 FUNDING

HCC explained how Section 106 funding is allocated and monitored.

Key points:

- Funding must be directly related to development impacts.
- Major contributions from recent developments are available until 2033.
- Funding is expected to support Station Road improvement schemes and potentially elements of the proposed school crossing project.



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3. NORTHAW ROAD EAST ZEBRA CROSSING

An update was provided on the proposed zebra crossing scheme.

Key points:

- Public consultation was generally positive.
- Construction is currently planned for the summer holiday period.
- Target start date is mid-August, with completion before schools return if possible.
- Road closures and disruption are expected during construction.
- Communications with residents and schools will be essential.

4. SCHOOL TRAFFIC AND THEOBALDS ROAD

Significant concerns were raised regarding:

- Congestion during school drop-off and pick-up times.
- Illegal or inconsiderate parking.
- Engine idling.
- Pedestrian safety.

HCC advised that both local schools have not recently engaged with County Council travel planning initiatives despite repeated invitations. It was agreed that school engagement is critical to developing long-term solutions and encouraging sustainable travel behaviour.

5. PLOUGH HILL CROSSING

Residents raised concerns regarding visibility of the crossing and driver awareness.

HCC agreed to:

- Review signage provision.
- Assess visibility issues on-site.
- Consider additional warning signs and other measures if appropriate.

6. PLOUGH HILL WATER LEAK

HCC provided an update on investigations into the ongoing water seepage issue.

Actions completed:

- Drainage surveys.
- CCTV inspections of the drainage network.

The council is awaiting survey findings before determining next steps.

7. TESCO CAR PARK ACCESS

Concerns were raised regarding vehicle movements and congestion around the Tesco access arrangements. As this is private land, HCC has limited powers, but Tesco management appears willing to discuss concerns if approached.

8. TOLMERS ROAD / STATION ROAD SAFETY CONCERNS

Residents highlighted concerns regarding:

- Vehicle speeds approaching Station Road.
- Restricted visibility for pedestrians crossing near the junction.
- Potential risks during school travel periods.

HCC agreed to review the location during future site visits.



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9. CATTLEGATE ROAD SPEED LIMIT

Residents questioned the suitability of the current speed limit near residential properties. HCC agreed to review the location and assess whether any further investigation is required.

10. FUTURE ENGAGEMENT

All parties agreed the meeting had been valuable and supported continuing dialogue between residents, the Parish Council, and HCC.

There was support for establishing regular review meetings and maintaining ongoing communication regarding projects and emerging issues.

02 CONCLUSION:

The meeting provided a productive forum for discussing highways and transport concerns across Northaw & Cuffley. While several issues require further investigation, there was a clear commitment from all parties to improve communication, progress key safety schemes, and work collaboratively on longer-term solutions.