

Report on the Purbeck Transport Action Group Meeting

26th September 2022

1. Welcome, Introductions & Apologies

Nick Ward (Chair, PCRCP), Debbie Weller (Treasurer), Tony Smale (Wool), Mike Whitwam (Swanage Town Councillor, PCRCP, Swanage Railway), John Williamson (Wareham), Rob Schofield (Winfrith), Vicky Charles (Sustainable Wareham), Colin Morgan (Swanage Railway), Ian Vaugh-Arbuckle (Langton Matravers), Paul Walker (Go Southwest Buses), Luke Luke (Planet Purbeck), Mark Morley, Ken (Lychett), Kevin Humphries, Dorset Council Highways Officer, transport Planner, inception through to delivery.

2. Presentation from DC Highways Officer

Kevin presented the proposals for two new routes in Purbeck, firstly the upgrading on of NCN2 from Norden to Studland, and then Norden to Castle View, and the cycle path improvements in Wareham. Map extracts taken from slides at end of report.

NCN 2 will be delivered in 5 phases, with the key phases being 1 and 2, which will provide an all-weather / good cycle route. Ph1&2 pre-lim design is complete, surveys are now required, construction 23-24, almost all funding in place. Perenco have only given permission for the route to use the grass verge. Ph3 on will depend on available design resource once the funding is in place.

Norden to Castle View pre-lim design complete, almost all funding in place.. ¾ landowners in agreement. Confirmed this will be multiuse path. Discussed that Go South West services should be stopping in Purbeck Park.

Wareham station ph1 improvements in Northmoor complete, Ph2 is in hand, now has a Network Rail sponsor. Construction Autumn 2024.

I asked Kevin to clarify the status of the Cordite Way following the successful appeal which is now being questioned.

3. Purbeck Transport Plan

LTP4 update – waiting for national guidance, now expected LTP4 late 24 / early 25

4. Purbeck Heaths Sustainable Tourism Plan

Beryl bikes will be coming to Studland as part of the BCP initiative. Car free leaflets are also being produced for next season. Also mapping of bird sensitive areas to avoid access by watercraft and approved watercraft access points is ongoing. Also 2RN probably has funding for next season.

5. Bus Service Improvement Plan

Paul Walker briefed on how the service 35 to holiday parks was successful, as was the 30, and so will probably run again next year.

6. Rail services

The OOR inspection of the service to / from Wareham on Swanage Railway will take place in November, when it is hoped the Safety Certificate will be issued. This will then start in May, run until end September, and will be the year 2 trial (of 3), with the first year being 2017.

7. Active Travel

Beryl Bike usage in wool encouraging, more details can be found in the Wool PC newsletter.

8. Speed limits

Ian VH briefed about the 20mph task and finish group and read out a statement to us. The revised 20mph policy paper will be going in front of the oversight committee on 6th October.

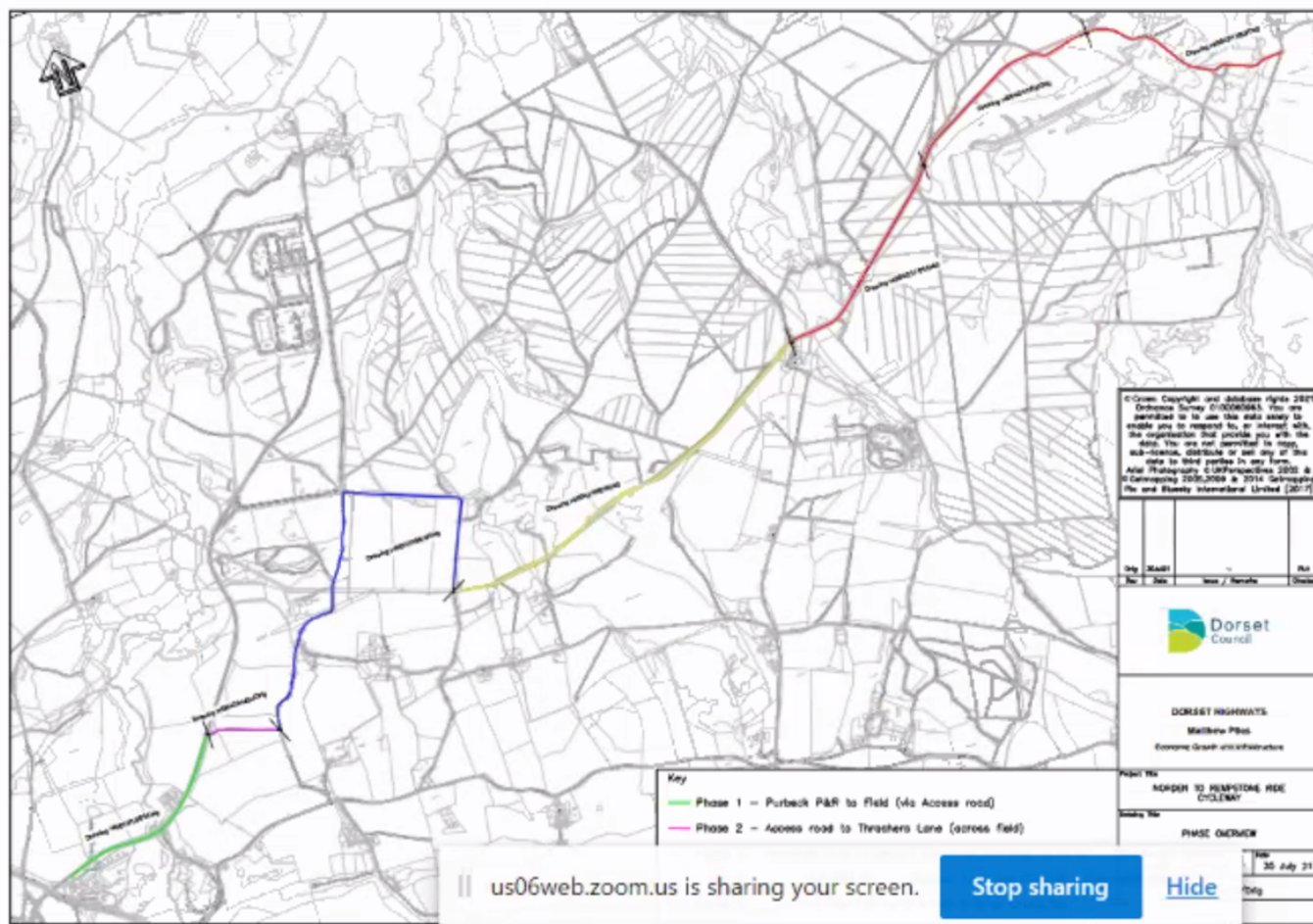
9. Other matters

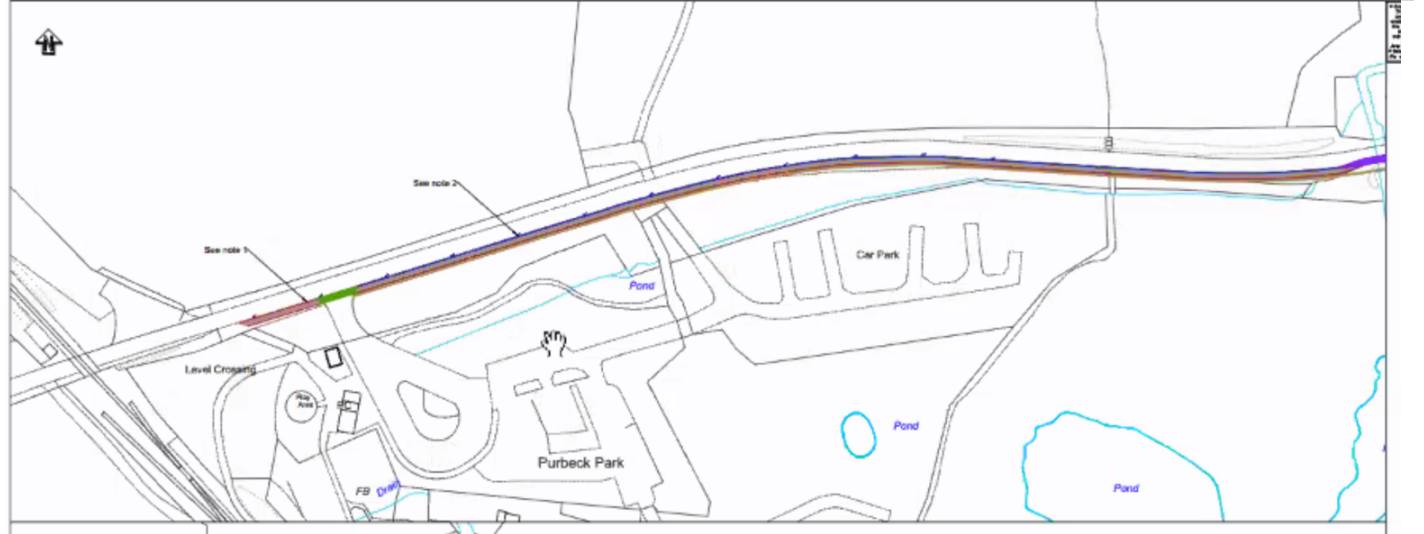
An experimental traffic order is in place in Swanage which sees Shore Road closed all year road; this is an 18month order from 1st November so will cover 2 winters.

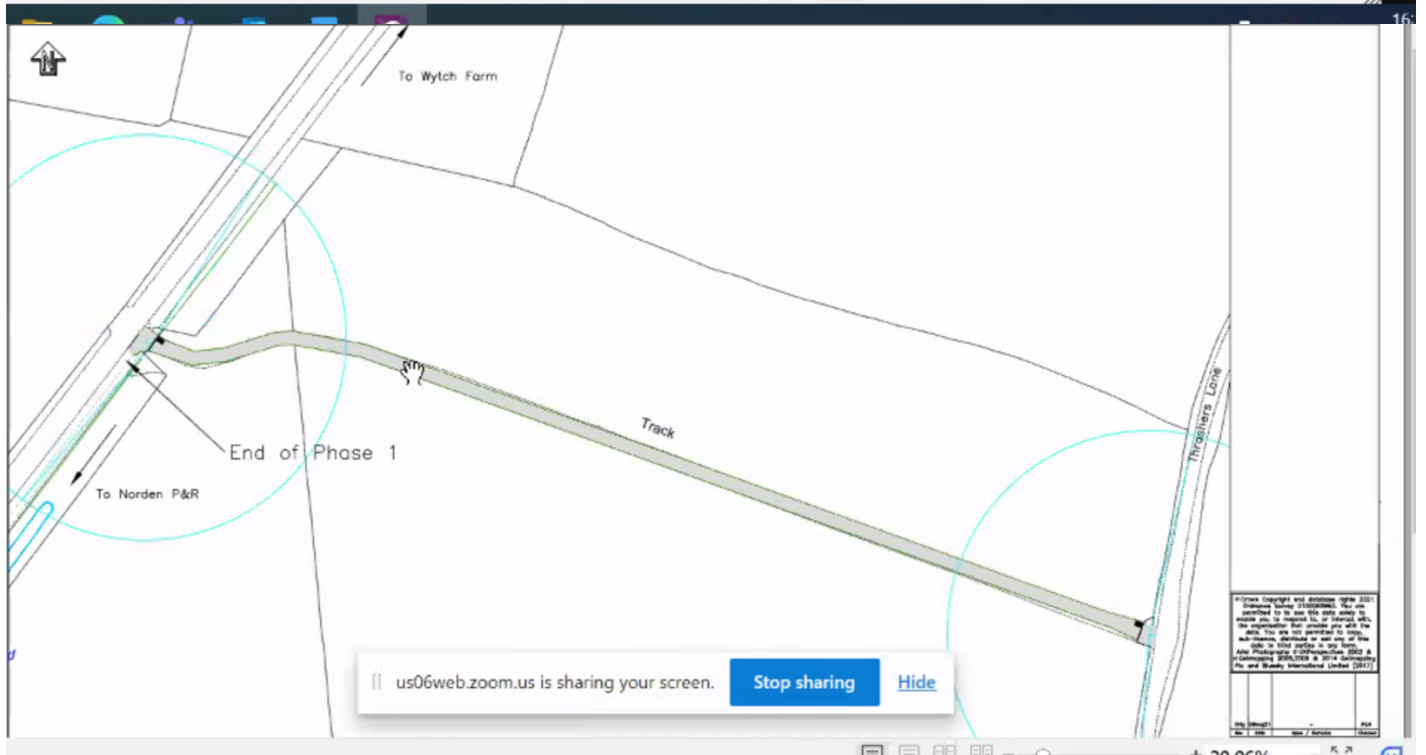
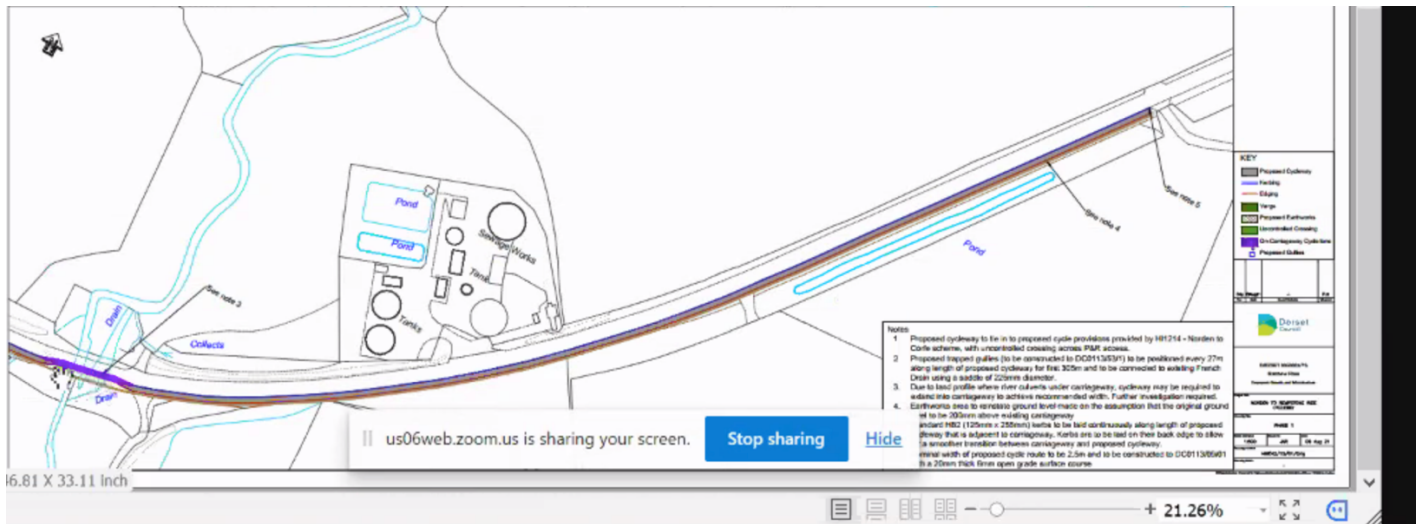
10. Next Meeting Date

Agreed 2nd week in January.

Norden / Purbeck Park & Ride to Studland







Norden to Castle View

