

Lennox Point update from PCC Planning, April 2021

- Engineering students at the University of Portsmouth have been asked to contribute to developing design ideas for the bridge. The students are supported by PCC officers and the development consultant teams.
- We appreciate the long-standing concern raised by Port Solent residents about traffic using Port Way. PCC and the developer team are not going to promote this route for general vehicular access to Horsea Island East (HIE) or Lennox Point. They have suggested that residents consider the route in two parts, the first part being the link between the M275 and the boundary of HIE site, including the bridge, and the second part as the link between HIE and Port Way.
- The second part of the route, a road link between HIE and Port Way. Port Solent residents know that it has been a long term ambition of PCC and the Solent region to establish a rapid bus transit system. PCC has secured funding from the Government's Transforming Cities Fund to deliver the first phases of the network, named South East Hampshire Rapid Transit. Part of the proposed network includes a potential route across the bridge and through Port Solent. This was suggested in the strategy primarily because it would significantly reduce bus journey times between Portsmouth and Fareham. The improved connectivity would also allow the residents of Port Solent and Lennox Point to take advantage of the retail and leisure facilities on offer.
- To protect this busway link from being abused by drivers, the developer team is already in discussions with PCC transport officers about identifying a robust method to control and enforce the bus-only traffic order. Successful measures adopted elsewhere include raising bollards and ANPR technology.
- There will be two public consultations about Lennox Point this year - the first is around the Local Plan in summer, and the second is the Lennox Point consultation in autumn.
- The RAPS Committee will most likely arrange its next meeting with PCC Planning after the Autumn consultation.