

<b>REPORT TO THE PERSONNEL, LICENSING &amp; ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE</b>		Report No. 7
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> September 2008	
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Traffic Issues – Monkton Hill, Chippenham</b>	
Link to Corporate Priorities	To promote vibrant, safe and inclusive communities.	
Public Report	Yes	

### Summary of Report

To update the Committee with regards to the traffic and road safety concerns on Monkton Hill, Chippenham.

For the Committee to consider the contents of the report (Appendix 1) produced by Wiltshire County Council's Integrated Transport Team regarding traffic and pedestrian management at Monkton Hill, Chippenham

For the Committee to hear the professional views and opinions of the representative of the Integrated Transport Team, Wiltshire County Council and to decide what further action, if any, is required.

### Officer Recommendations

**That the Committee consider the report and determine if any further action is necessary with regards to the safety of road users and pedestrians when entering and leaving the Monkton Park offices.**

Other than those implications agreed with the relevant Officers and referred to below, there are no other implications associated with this report.

Financial Implications	Legal Implications	Community & Environmental Implications	Human Resources Implications	Equality & Diversity Implications
None	None	Yes	Yes	None

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## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 At the Personnel, Licensing and Administration meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2008 the Committee resolved the following;

### **Resolved that:**

“The findings of the traffic monitoring exercise carried out by the Wiltshire County Council be reported to the Personnel, Licensing & Administration Committee to be held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2008; and

A letter be sent to Mr G. Batten expressing the Committee’s disappointment that they had declined to send an Officer to this meeting (with a copy also being sent to the Chief Executive, Leader of the Council, Cabinet Member and Local County Councillor) together with a request that a representative be sent to the meeting to be held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2008”

- 1.2 The Environmental Health Manager sent letters on behalf of the Committee to all the above and both Mr Batten and the Leader of the Council confirmed that a representative of the Wiltshire County Council would be attending the Personnel, Licensing and Administration Committee meeting to be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2008.
- 1.3 The Environmental Health Manager sent an additional letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> July 2008 reminding the Assistant Director of Environmental Services at Wiltshire County Council of the need for the report to be sent to North Wiltshire District Council before the committee date and to confirm the name of the Officer who will be attending the meeting of the Committee to be held in September 2008. The report has now been received and it has been confirmed that Mr Gareth Rogers of the Integrated Transport Team will be in attendance at the meeting to answers questions that members may have regarding the report and traffic management issues at Monkton Hill, Chippenham.

## **2. Options and Options Appraisal**

- 2.1 Option 1: That the Committee notes the content of the Wiltshire County Council report and decide that no further action is necessary.
- 2.2 Option 2: That the Committee notes the content report and gives further direction on how the matter is to be progressed.

## **3. Background Information**

- 3.1 This matter has been previously considered at length by the Committee and the Traffic report received from Wiltshire County Council is attached as Appendix 1.
- 3.2 Members will see from the conclusion of the report that the scheme is considered to have achieved the objective of improving the pedestrian and cycling provision throughout Monkton Hill. The second conclusion is that it is not considered that the introduction of the one-way system has increased the volume or speed of vehicles using Monkton Hill, and the effective narrowing may have reduced its appeal as an alternative route to Station Hill.

- 3.3 The recommendation from the Integrated Transport Team, Wiltshire County Council containing the report is that the scheme is retained in its current format and that ongoing monitoring is undertaken via the County Councils ongoing monitoring of all roads by the Casualty reduction Officer.
- 3.4 It is noted in the Traffic report under 4.3.1 that following concerns raised by this Council, Wiltshire County Council carried out some works on Monkton Hill and Vehicle Place and the priority is now given to traffic entering and leaving the Monkton Park Offices. However, whilst this improvement was welcomed by the Committee there is still a likelihood of accidents occurring from vehicles coming down the hill from Vehicle Place and traffic coming up Monkton Hill into the Council Offices. The changes have, in the opinion of the Environmental Health Manager, improved the situation, however, a number of near misses have still been observed.
- 3.5 The Committee previously put forward a number of proposals to Wiltshire County Council. Whilst the Committee accepted the proposed works in 3.4 where a stop gap for the problems with regards to the traffic system on Monkton Hill, they asked that the matter be the subject of a further detailed review. The PL&A Committee formally asked that Wiltshire County Council consider carrying out a public consultation to seek the views of the traffic users and to consider a one way system to go up the hill instead of down. The Committee also recommended that a physical barrier, possibly a kerb, be built for the pedestrian path between the roadway and pedestrian path to protect those using the walkway on Vehicle Place. It would appear from the Wiltshire County Council report that these matters have not been considered to be necessary.

#### 4. Community and Environmental Implications

- 4.1 Whilst improvements have been made to the traffic system there are still safety issues to road users and pedestrians when entering and leaving Monkton Park Offices.

#### 5. Human Resources Implications

- 5.1 There still remain some health and safety implications relating to staff and other members of the public using the Council Offices at Monkton Hill, Chippenham.

<b>Appendices:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Appendix 1 – 08/08 - Wiltshire County Council Monkton Hill, Chippenham Pedestrian Enhancement Follow up report</b></li> </ul>
<b>Background Documents Used in the Preparation of this Report:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>None</b></li> </ul>

#### Previous Decisions Connected with this Report

<b>Report</b>	<b>Committee &amp; Date</b>	<b>Minute Reference</b>
<b>Traffic Issues - Vehicle Place and Monkton Hill, Chippenham</b>	Personnel, Licensing and Administration Committee 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2008.	P14