

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Pewsey Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>21 September 2009</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Highways and Speeding Issues (Agenda Item 5)</b>

## **Purpose of Report**

1. To inform the Area Board of the issues submitted in relation to highways and speeding.
2. Wiltshire Police and Wiltshire Council will be giving a presentation on the strategic proposals to address speeding in Wiltshire. Issues not covered by the presentation will be investigated and reported on as soon as possible.

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***Please note the numbers are for reference purposes only – they do not all follow in sequence as there are other issues that have been received on other subjects.***

REF	DATE Rec'd	Issue	Division
		<b>Items 1 to 4 below were submitted via a memo from a sub-group of the Pewsey Community Area Partnership</b>	
1	21/5	The need to <b>increase traffic Police</b> to reduce incidence of accidents, dangerous driving and illegal driving in this area	All
2	21/5	<b>Highway Maintenance</b> in general	All
3	21/5	More car driver pullover checks such as Utah and Overdrive where motorists are <b>spot checked</b>	All
4	21/5	Need to control the number of <b>HGVs</b> on A345 (See attached information gathered since receipt of memo re Freight Routes)	All
<b>HGV ISSUES</b>			
43	03/09	Grafton Parish Council - Heavy Vehicles using narrow lanes as rat runs and short cuts – weight restrictions should be enforced (See attached information gathered since receipt of memo re Freight Routes)	B&B
50	04/09	Ham Parish Council – L&HGVs on narrow and sunken lanes – need to restrict size of vehicles and farmers and builders should be encouraged to consider the roads. (See attached information gathered since receipt of memo re Freight Routes)	B&B
<b>GENERAL HIGHWAY ISSUES</b>			
6	24/6	Drivers Contravening one-way system in Wilcot Road Since this matter was submitted through the issues sheet process improvements have been made to signage. Police are now carrying out a survey (metro loop count) to indentify if this will improve the situation. The count undertaken before the improvements recorded over 200 contraventions.	Pewsey
13	16/7	Pedestrian Access to Pewsey Station To date there has not been a brief issued to undertake a feasibility study or carry out any preliminary design work. Any proposal will require land acquisition as there is insufficient highway land available. Land will need to be acquired from Network Rail as well as private individuals.	Pewsey

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		Given the existing levels, it is likely that the construction of substantial retaining walls will be required. Also given the benefits to Network Rail it would be sensible to explore joint funding. It is possible that a footway could be provided as part of any scheme to install traffic lights on the A345 at the railway bridge, where the existing road width and alignment is substandard. Difficult to assess costs at this stage but looking at 6 figures. Because land acquisition is required the timescale is likely to be lengthy.	
29	11/08	Local Resident and Pewsey Parish Council - Zebra Crossing/traffic calming required on A345 near Manor Court Swan Road. Officers are looking into this.	Pewsey
<b>SPEEDING ISSUES</b>			
11	13/7	Wilcot & Huish (including Oare) Parish Council - Speeding in Oare – numerous unmet requests for Community Speed Watch and Speed Indicator Display Signs	Pewsey & Vale
22	16/7	Rushall Parish Council – Problem with speeding. Would like repeater signs because people do not recognise highway code street lighting. 30pmh signs make it clear. Existing 30mph signs should be moved. Lots of HGV lorries using Rushall B road. Would like repeater signs, Speed Indicator Display Signs, Pavements, traffic calming	Vale
30	19/08	Enford Parish Council (not in this community area) Vehicle Speed along the A345 (in its total length)	Pewsey Pewsey Vale
31	01/08	Burbage Parish Council – excessive speeding and general reckless and dangerous driving by motorcyclists. Lack of enforcement.	B&B
34	05/08	Chirton Parish Council - A342 Chirton – To have the Speed limit reduced to 40mph	Pewsey Vale
35	05/08	Beechingstoke Parish Council – Speed limits being exceeded – and main part of village has no speed limit – would like consistent approach to speed restriction through the village.	Pewsey Vale
39	21/08	Stanton St Bernard Parish Council – Speeding – would like extra signs and solar slow down junction sign.	Pewsey Vale
41	18/08	St Francis School Pewsey – Speeding – requires reduction of speed limit, double white lines, better sign posting and road markings, improved visibility and lighting	Pewsey
45	03/09	Grafton Parish Council – speeding on the A338 – require more monitoring using speed guns and speed display signs	B&B

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49	04/09	Ham Parish Council – speeding through narrow village lanes	B&B
<b>RIGHTS OF WAY ISSUES</b>			
16	16/7	<p>Wilcot &amp; Huish (incl Oare) Parish Council - Rights of Way - Oare – lack of communication from Rights of Way dept The Rights of Way officer has responded to say that she has a list of high priority issues which always receive attention more quickly and at this time of year this includes keeping paths clear which people use on a daily basis especially those used by schoolchildren, and anything which is a safety issue eg, broken bridges.</p> <p>The County is divided into four areas, which are the former district council areas. This area forms the former Kennet area which has a ROW budget of £60,000 this year. It is an area of around 74 parishes and over 2000 kilometres of rights of way. There is a parish maintenance programme where each parish is visited in turn, all the paths surveyed and works carried out as necessary. In a good year where the weather is kind and access is easy, the ROW officer visits around 10 parishes per annum. In between completing the works in each parish there are other works carried out such as mowing and clearance and bridge replacements and issues that have come up. The ROW officer for this area has one full time contractor and half an inspector, who deals with all the surveys</p>	Pewsey & Vale
<b>FLOODING ISSUES</b>			
20	20/7	Shalbourne PC – Flooding – Problem for years but progress very slow – keep waiting to hear from officers.	B&B
38	21/08	Stanton St Bernard – drains on corner of Church Road & Parsonage causing flooding at junction & farmyard adjacent <i>advised to log this with Clarence</i>	Pewsey Vale
47	04/09	Ham Parish Council – flooding – there needs to be a more regular programme of ditch and drain maintenance as each heavy rainfall silts the system. Measures have been identified to cure the problem but who pays?	B&B
<b>MAINTENANCE ISSUES</b>			
40	21/08	Stanton St Bernard Parish Council – Road surface – requires re-surfacing	Pewsey Vale
42	03/09	Grafton Parish Council – Road Flooding – used Clarence and Parish Steward but feel that more significant work is required	B&B
44	03/09	Grafton Parish Council – Road Maintenance – have used Clarence and the Parish Steward but feel that more significant work is required	B&B
46	03/09	Grafton Parish Council – verge maintenance – banks have encroached upon the road. The road should be	B&B

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		returned to its original width – Parish Steward does some work on this but it requires more practice or regular schedules of maintenance	
48	04/09	Ham Parish Council – 17 outstanding road surface repairs – jet patcher out of action	B&B
33	04/08	Milton Lilbourne Parish Council - Would like to know what was the budget allocation 2009/10 for highways and highway maintenance for each of the respective highway areas. In addition require to know to date where that budget allocation has been spent for the Marlborough and Amesbury Areas.	All

## FREIGHT ROUTE INFORMATION

A) Information provided by Laura Gosling, Senior Transport Planner

Wiltshire's Local Transport Plan contains a Freight Strategy that seeks to achieve a more sustainable pattern of freight distribution that balances the needs of the economy, environment, and society. A key component of this strategy has been the development of the Wiltshire freight route network which is a two-tier system of advisory routes made up of strategic lorry routes and a supporting network of local lorry routes. The aim is to route long distance lorries where possible, on to strategic lorry routes; the M4 motorway, A303, A34, A36 and A350. As an aid to the implementation of the lorry route networks, a Freight Routes in Wiltshire leaflet was produced in 2003 and is available here: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwayspavements/transportfreight.htm#freightroutes> / hard copy leaflet.

The map informs HGV drivers of the most appropriate routes to use in Wiltshire. By using these routes it is hoped that drivers will reduce the stress of driving by avoiding unsuitable roads and localise their impact on the environment and local residents while still meeting the economic needs of the County. Over 10,000 leaflets showing the Wiltshire HGV Route Network have been issued to lorry operators to inform drivers of the most appropriate routes in the County.

The A345 is not a recommended route within Wiltshire's advisory freight route network and the Council encourages hauliers and drivers to use the preferred route of the A34 if possible. However, localized deliveries upon the A345 are to be expected and are not restricted. As the designation of the routes in the Wiltshire freight route network is only **advisory in nature**, this does not place any limitations on the rights of lorries to use roads such as the A345.

Our Freight Strategy is due to be reviewed in the next 12 months so the Wiltshire HGV route network map will be reconsidered at the same time.

In addition, it may be useful for you to know that we have had requests in the past for freight management measures on the A345. The requests have been on the A345 between Durrington and Enford and the A345 at Manningford Bruce. We have assessed these routes using our Freight Assessment and Priority Mechanism, which allows us to assess all the requests we receive so that we can then identify the routes that are a priority for investigation. Neither of these sections of the A345 were identified as a priority in 2009/10. Further information on the Freight Assessment Mechanism can be found on our website at:

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwayspavements/transportfreight/localfreightassessmentandprioritymechanism.htm>

There are going to be a number of joint Local Development Framework and Local Transport Plan consultation events taking next year. These events will provide an opportunity for people to give their thoughts and opinions on what should go into the next Local Transport Plan which will include the review of the Freight Strategy. In addition, there will be consultation on the draft Local Transport Plan 3 in Spring 2010 which will also provide another opportunity for people to get involved.

#### B) Information re A338/A346 Working Group

The above working group was formed by the Tidworth Community Area Partnership and a report has been written about freight routes, mainly in relation to the A338/A346 but which also relates to the A345.

The report will be presented to the Area Boards of Marlborough, Pewsey, Tidworth and Amesbury. If the report receives their support, further consultation with other interested parties will take place. The support of the local Members of Parliament will also be sought once the Area Boards have considered the report. The report will then be submitted to Wiltshire Council with a formal request that the Council makes an application for the A338/A346 corridor to be de-primed. This would give weight, width, height and night time restrictions to be imposed on the A338/A346 corridor and other roads such as the A345. Once this has been accepted a detailed study would be required to determine location of appropriate signage to prevent LGV traffic from entering the corridor.

#### **Further questions to Highways**

1. What is being done to pursue the Strategic Signing Review and the recommendations put forward to the Highways Agency? There were improvements suggested to confirm the A34/M4 as the preferred route between Southampton, Portsmouth and South Hampshire

and Bath, Bristol, Swindon, Wales and the Midlands. (Source Wiltshire County Council A338/A346 HGV Registration Plate Survey Report August 2007)

2. What proposals will be in place to prevent an increase in HGV traffic along the A345/A338/A346 when the Solstice Park Distribution Centre plans are approved?
3. On the Wiltshire HGV Route Network map there are local lorry routes marked from the M4 to Marlborough and from the A303 to Tidworth. The roads that are experiencing the most problems with in this area are “other routes not identified for through HGV traffic” so more should be done to prevent large HGVs using these roads.