

HIGHWAYS ASSESSMENTS

1. Purpose of the Report

To ask the Pewsey Area Board Councillors to consider the following two areas to be assessed and put on a list of requests for Local Transport Plan funding for feasibility studies.

- **Pewsey Station – Pedestrian Access to the Station from the Road**
- **Swan Road, Pewsey – Pedestrian Access from Manor Court to the Garage**

2. Background

The Wiltshire Transport Plan (LTP) 2006/07 – 2010/11 sets out a scheme assessment framework to prioritise requests from the public for integrated transport schemes. Anyone can make a request for schemes to be assessed for suitability for LTP Funding but it is likely that those for each particular community area will be put to the Area Board to endorse, which will assist prioritisation of schemes. The above requests have come via the Area Boards issues sheet and it is therefore felt appropriate for the Area Board to endorse them in the first instance.

The Scheme Assessment Framework incorporates criteria that relate directly to the Council's transport objectives, priorities and targets, and provides a simple but effective tool for evaluating the local highway environment and the need for intervention by generating a numerical ranking score.

The relevant objectives of the Scheme Assessment Framework are those identified by the Government in its White Paper 'A New Deal for Transport' (1998) and formed the basis for drawing up the first round of LTPs: Safety; Economy; Integration; Environment; and Accessibility – the transport 'shared priorities' are the current manifestations of these objectives. Under these five objective headings, determining factors are selected that are not only relevant to those objectives but which reflect the concerns of the local community. Specific criteria are then applied which enable a ranking score to be generated for each scheme request

There are approximately 400 schemes which have been assessed and are on the list for LTP funding. Therefore, whilst the Area Board might agree for areas to be assessed, there is no guarantee of implementation.

3. Main Considerations

The need for safe pedestrian access to Pewsey Station has been expressed by the community for many years, and has been in every revision of the Pewsey Community Area Plan since it was first produced in 2002.

The need for access from Manor Court to the Garage on Swan Road, Pewsey has been brought up in the last year, it was raised by the Manor Court Residents Association and is supported by Pewsey Parish Council. The Parish Council and the Residents Association have submitted issues sheets to the Area Board. The difficulty with this road is that there is a private house between the two sites, and the owner is not willing to release any land for a pavement.

Highways Officers would assess these areas using the framework contained with the LTP and mentioned in Item 2 background. If further work is to be undertaken Officers would look at a number of potential solutions to the problem.

4. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

The proposal at this stage is just for assessment, so there is no environmental impact.

5. Financial Implications

There is no financial impact apart from the officer time involved in visiting the site and making an assessment.

6. Legal Implications

There are no legal implications.

7. HR Implications

There are no HR implications.

8. Equality and Diversity Implications

There are no Equality and Diversity implications.

9. Recommendation

It is recommended that:

The Pewsey Area Board Councillors agree to assessment of a pedestrian crossing to Pewsey Station, and pedestrian access from Manor Court to the Garage in Swan Road, Pewsey and if they meet the guidelines in the framework, put them forward for LTP funding for more detailed feasibility studies.

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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report