

Item 15

South West Wiltshire Area Board Councillor Initiative

1. What is the project?

To fund the safety improvements on the A30 at Charlton, near Ludwell. This is a scheme that has been highlighted by the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) as being a high priority for completion. The scheme has been approved funding from the central Highways budget and is estimated to cost £80,000. In order for central funding to be approved, a contribution of £11,000 is required into the scheme. Donhead St Mary Parish Council have confirmed a contribution of £1000; £500 will be contributed in 2012/13 and £500 in 2013/14. Therefore, it is proposed that the area board allocates £11,000 immediately to enable this project to go forward; the payments from Donhead St Mary Parish Council will be paid back into the Area Board general funding pot when received.

2. Where is the project taking place?

On the A30 at Charlton, near Ludwell, in the parish of Donhead St Mary.

3. When will the project take place?

Autumn 2012.

4. Please outline:

- Community benefits
- Evidence of need
- Links to Community Plan
- Community Issue

This project will provide a signal controlled 'puffin' crossing; an outline plan is included with this initiative.

This issue was first highlighted in 2006 due to the high traffic volume and dangerous nature of this junction.

The CATG was especially concerned about the project because this busy road has to be crossed by schoolchildren from the local village in order to access their sports club facilities. Local residents also use the facilities and the danger will be mitigated by the 'puffin' crossing.

5. What is the desired outcome/s of this project?

To improve the safety of the A30 at Charlton, near Ludwell, in the parish of Donhead St Mary.

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6. Who will Project Manage this project?

Wiltshire Council Highways

7. Please confirm costs

The total project cost is estimated to be £80,000.

The amount being requested from the area board for this proposal is £11,000.

8. Additional information in support of the project

The bid to the Substantive CATG group has enabled this project to be prioritised as long as supporting funding can be secured.

This issue has been highlighted since 2006 so this extra funding would overcome this longstanding issue.