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A350 DUAL CARRIAGEWAY NORTH OF CHIPPENHAM
SAFETY OF CENTRAL RESERVE CROSSOVERS

Purpose of Report

1. To set out the results of an investigation into the safety of the central reserve crossovers on the A350 dual carriageway north of Chippenham and to recommend measures to increase safety.

Background

2. Following a fatal collision on 29 July 2010 at the central reserve crossover adjacent to the property known as Pretty Chimneys, concerns have been raised about the safety of all the crossover points. At the court case in connection with the fatal collision the Police recommended that Wiltshire Council undertake a review of the need for the central reserve crossing points.
3. The investigation has looked at the long-term collision record of this length of the A350 and sought the views of local residents, Parish Councils and the Police.

Main Considerations for the Council

4. See report attached at **Appendix A**.

Environmental Impact of the Proposal

5. None.

Risk Assessment

6. There is no risk to the Council as a result of these proposals.

Financial Implications

7. Funding for the recommended changes will come from the 2012/13 Integrated Transport block budget.

Options Considered

8. As set out in the report attached at **Appendix A**.

Reason for Proposals

9. The proposals are considered to be an appropriate solution for the prevention of future collisions at the crossovers whilst maintaining access ability for many of the residents and their visitors.

Proposals

10. To adopt the following recommendations set out in the report attached at **Appendix A**:
 - (i) That the closure of the Pretty Chimneys crossovers be progressed.
 - (ii) That prohibition of U turns in both directions at The Moors, Courtfield Farm, Lower Swinley and the agricultural crossings be progressed.
 - (iii) That the additional signing at the Days Lane junction and for the Junction 17 truck stop be progressed.

The following unpublished documents have been relied on in the preparation of this Report:

None