

Area Board

for the Calne Community Area

Sandpit Road (\$106) Working Group

Notes of the Working Group Meeting: 25th July 2012

Attendees: Cllr Tony Trotman (Wiltshire Council)
Anne Henshaw (CAT/CCAP), Ashley Ponting (Save Calne Marsh Group - Residents Association), Cllr. Heather Canfer (Calne Town Council), Cllr. David Short (Calne Town Council), Malcolm Gull (Calne Community Area Partnership), Mark Stansby (Wiltshire Council - Senior Traffic Management Engineer), Jane Vaughan (Wiltshire Council - Calne Community Area Manager).

Apologies: Stephen Hind (Wiltshire Council, Principle Engineer, Highway Network Improvements), Steve Corbin (Wiltshire Council Transport Planning Assistant), Jacqui Radford (John Bentley School), Philip Wrenn (Save Calne Marsh Group - Residents Association)

Notes of this meeting were taken by Jane Vaughan.

Progressing Focus Points:

- **Pedestrian crossing Oxford Road**

The group discussed the need to re-examine a pedestrian crossing on Oxford Road. This was previously discounted as an option, however Calne Town Council believes there is a significant local aspiration for this to be included.

The group decided that it was important to establish facts about the views of local residents and also facts through pedestrian counts and metro (speed/volume of traffic) counts.

It was decided that the group should recommend that the Area Board commissions a metro count at the unadopted part of Oxford Road (next to the Murco garage)

It was also decided that the Area Board should be asked to approve a consultation process with local residents on Oxford Road/Woodhill Rise.

- **Woodhill Rise upgrade existing privately owned footpath to a bridleway.**

This piece of work has been identified to provide a dual use cycle/footway and also to reduce/prevent the current illegal use of the track by motor vehicles.

TT informed the group he had initiated some initial/informal conversation with the family that is widely understood to own

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the land. TT has also been in contact with Wiltshire Council officers in property services. It appears that there are problems in establishing ownership.

It is not possible to progress this piece of work without the permission of landowners.

MS offered to make some enquiries into this matter with the Rights of Way team and with property services (Mark Dugdale).

- **Update re. survey/trial of traffic calming in the vicinity of Portemarth Road/Oxford road junction.**

TT reported that he had received an update from Steve Hind regarding running a trial of 'build outs' (similar to that in place at the London road in Chippenham).

- A ground survey has been ordered to assess feasibility of a permanent scheme. It is necessary to do this before a trial.
- A metro count will be needed on Oxford road and the bypass before and after the trial.
- Total cost of a 4 week trial will be approximately £3,000.

The group discussed these matters and noted that the metro count might be able to link in with the one that is required for the pedestrian crossing referred to above (a). MS will discuss further with SH.

It was decided that TT should recommend the Area Board approves a 4 week trial of these traffic calming measures, conditional upon the ground survey proving that it is a feasible programme of work.

- **Abberd Way cycle links/road safety measures (link to recent accidents)**

Steve Corbin had provided a progress report regarding cycle links in the vicinity of Woodhill Rise and the Glebe (see attached report) The group discussed the report and felt that this stretch of the cycle route was of great importance in light of recent accidents in the area.

It was felt that, if at all possible this piece of work should be progressed ahead of finalisation of the rest of the plan. The group did not know whether this is possible – TT/JV will contact Roger Witt for advice.

The group decided it should recommend the Area Board agrees to move this piece of work forward ahead of the rest of the plan, if it is possible to do so.

Feed back to and recommendations for the Area Board on 14th August 2012.

MS find more information from Wiltshire Council officers.

MS discuss with SH.

TT make recommendation to the Area Board

TT/JV contact Roger Witt.

The group decided that Tony Trotman should feedback the points raised in these meeting notes to the Area Board on 14th August 2012 and also make the following recommendations:

- to commission a metro count at the unadopted part of Oxford Road (next to the Murco garage)
- to approve a consultation process with local residents on Oxford Road/Woodhill Rise.
- to approve a 4 week trial of these traffic calming measures, conditional upon the ground survey proving that it is a feasible programme of work.
- to move forward the Woodhill Rise – the Glebe cycle link forward ahead of the rest of the plan, if it is possible to do so.

Date of future meetings

It was agreed that Tony Trotman will call the next meeting in the autumn and JV will arrange the venue and notify the group.

TT make recommendation to the Area Board

TT feedback to the Area Board on 14/08/12 and seek approval of all recommendations

TT/JV