

Area Board

for the Calne Community Area

Sandpit Road (\$106) Working Group

Notes of the Working Group Meeting: 23rd October 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), Linda Roberts (Calne Town Council), Mark Stansby (Wiltshire Council - Senior Traffic Management Engineer), Stephen Hind (Wiltshire Council, Principle Engineer, Highway Network Improvements), Steve Corbin (Wiltshire Council Transport Planning Assistant), Jane Vaughan (Wiltshire Council - Calne Community Area Manager).

Apologies: Jacqui Radford (John Bentley School), Philip Wrenn (Save Calne Marsh Group - Residents Association)

Notes of this meeting were taken by Jane Vaughan.

Malcolm Gull (chair of CCAP) has withdrawn from the group as he felt that he could not add any value to the group and that Anne Henshaw also represented the CCAP and would be able to feedback to and from the Partnership in future.

Tony Trotman reported that a resident from the new development is interested in joining the group. There was some concerns about how this person would be brought up to date with the work of the group and how it has arrived at the current position.

Progressing Focus Points:

- **Feedback from 1st October site visit by Highways Officers (Steve Hind and Steve Corbin)**
- a) Woodhill Rise/Oxford Road link for cycle/pedestrian dual use provision to and from Sandpit Road development to schools and workplaces, with the possibility of a pedestrian crossing at Oxford Road.

Steve Corbin explained that there were a few options that could be considered with regards to developing a dual use link these included: Advertising section 228 notice to allow cycles to use the path; reinstating ditch; upgrading surface of the path and reinstating

ACTIONS

TT make contact with Julie Musk with a view to becoming a group member.

TT – make recommendation to the Area Board to undertake

bollards or gates to deter motor vehicles. The group recognised that there was a need to consult with local residents and to identify whether any of the households on Woodhill Rise holds legal vehicular access over the path.

Steve Hind reported that a metro count has been requested at Oxford Road; however results are not yet available. The group noted that pedestrian counts taken at the moment may not currently show high usage.

- b) Safe routes to schools from Sandpit Road development through Abberd Way and to consider a safe crossing for pedestrians and cyclists across Prince Charles Drive at the Honeymead junction, which would include necessary traffic calming measures.

Steve Hind reported that a request for a survey of the area has been submitted and results are due at the start of November. Preliminary designs are being drawn up that will include a ramped or flat crossing area, with a narrowing of the road in the approach to encourage reduced speeds. It was noted that new double yellow lines would be needed and concern was expressed about the possible impact this might have upon residents parking. Other concerns were expressed about poor drivers using the layout as a chicane and about cyclists assuming that they would have priority over the crossing. It was decided that plans should be available for discussion at the Area Board on 11th December.

- **Progress of traffic calming measures at the Sandpit Road/Oxford Road junction towards the town centre with metro counts, and the possibility of any further funding from new accepted developments in Oxford Road.**

At its meeting on 14th August 2012 the Calne Area Board approved a 4 – 8 week temporary trial of this piece of work, conditional upon a ground survey proving that it was a feasible programme of work.

There was a discussion about possible contradictions that might emerge as a result of this working group and others currently at work in the area. It was felt that the 'Master Plan working group' that has begun to meet may help to avoid this and it was also felt that this groups current plans are good and will only become more relevant in the context of further new development by encouraging traffic to use the

consultation with local residents and undertake further investigations into progressing with a section 228 notice.

All – keep this on the agenda for future meetings.

TT – take plans to the Area Board for discussion on 11th December.

bypass.

- **Update re. Calne aggregates planning application with additional traffic movements in Sandpit Road.**

Tony Trotman reported that this application (12:03244) has been received and is being dealt with by Strategic Planning, consultation is open until November 21st and a decision is expected December 12th. The group discussed additional pressures that potential additional traffic movements could place upon Sandpit Road.

- **Discussion on the future use of Abberd Lane bridleway which bounds the Eastern boundary of the Sandpit Lane Development.**

The Group discussed the use of Abberd Lane Bridleway as a vehicular access, and it was decided that it could only be considered if further developments came forward towards the East.

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

- Ask the Area Board to:
 - note these meeting notes
 - undertake consultation with local residents and undertake further investigations into progressing with a section 228 notice with regards to Woodhill Rise/Oxford Road link for cycle/pedestrian dual use provision to and from Sandpit Road development.
 - consider the designs being produced with regards to a safe crossing for pedestrians and cyclists across Prince Charles Drive at Honeymead junction, which would include necessary traffic calming measures.

Date of future meetings

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

TT feedback to the Area Board on 11/12/12 and seek approval of all recommendations

TT/JV arrange next meeting