

ISSUES UPDATE

1. Purpose of the Report

To advise the Board and public of progress with issues submitted in the Devizes Area.

2. Background

The Council is committed to enabling members of the public and local organisations to raise issues of concern through the Area Board process.

3. Current Status

There are a number of issues that have been sat on the system for a long time without a satisfactory answer being provided, and there are some broad underlying themes to those:

Extension of 30mph zones at entrance to villages
Speeding and requests for Speedwatch
Safe crossing points for pedestrians

The Community Area Manager has met with the Head of Service for Local Highways and Streetscene to tackle the issues that apply to his department in a methodical way, and it is anticipated that all issues that simply require a detailed answer regarding highways regulations will be answered shortly.

The Community Area manager has been revisiting all of the areas which have requested speedwatch and has been re-submitting those requests with more detail about exact locations of metrocount equipment.

Requests for safe crossing points will be assessed and prioritised by the Traffic Working Group with assistance from highways officers.

4. Recent Issues

The attached update gives details of issues that have been raised since the last meeting.

The Council is doing all it can to adopt the play areas in the Chivers Road area as quickly as possible. Unfortunately the levels of vandalism to one of the play areas

means that a large amount of remedial work is required and they are unlikely to be either repaired ahead of the school summer holidays.

5. Station Road Car Park – Anti-Social Behaviour

Station Road Car Park has been a source of complaints regarding anti-social behaviour for some time. It has never appeared on the Council's issues system as complaints tend to go directly to the Police. Nevertheless, it is an issue that the Area Board has been working on with the Police and relevant council officers.

Police and Anti-Social Behaviour Reduction Officers are working hard to tackle the problem, and a number of actions will be taken over the summer, including noise monitoring, temporary CCTV and possibly temporary changes to the layout of the car park. The effectiveness of those actions will be assessed and a detailed report will be prepared for a future Area Board.

6. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

There are no environmental impacts from the report.

7. Financial Implications

There are no financial implications from the report.

8. Legal Implications

There are no legal implications from the report.

9. HR Implications

There are no HR implications from the report.

10. Equality and Diversity Implications

There are no Equality and Diversity implications from the report.

11. Recommendation

- 1. That the Devizes Area Board note the report.**

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