

MINUTES

Meeting: SOUTH WEST WILTSHIRE AREA BOARD
Place: Broad Chalke Village Hall, South St, Broad Chalke SP5 5DN
Date: 4 June 2014
Start Time: 6.30 pm
Finish Time: 8.53 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Tony Deane, Cllr Jose Green, Cllr Peter Edge and Cllr George Jeans

Wiltshire Council Officers

Stephen Harris, Community Area Manager

Robin Townsend, Interim Associate Director, Policy and Performance

Lisa Moore, Democratic Services Officer

Parvis Khansari, Service Director for Strategic Services (Highways & Passenger Transport)

Lee Haine, Community Coordinator, Highways & Streetscene South

Jaki Farrell, Extended Youth Services

Town and Parish Councillors

Alvediston Parish Meeting – R Garran

Ansty Parish Council – M Brewer & J Foy

Bishopstone Parish Council – M Ash

Bower Chalke Parish Council – R Weaver

Burcombe without Parish Council – N Lefroy & C Churchill (*C Churchill also for Dinton, Fovant & Quidhampton PC's*)

Dinton Parish Council – C Smith

Fovant Parish Council – N Jones

Hindon Parish Council – D Robertson & J Robinson

Quidhampton Parish Council – K Taylor

Sedgehill and Semley Parish Council – G Purdue
South Newton Parish Council – N Piner
Tisbury Parish Council – S Harry (*S Harry also for Donhead St Andrew PC*)
Wilton Town Council – P Matthews & C Purves

Partners

Wiltshire Police - Inspector Dave Minty
Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service – Mike Franklin

Total in attendance: 38

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1	<p><u>Election of Chairman for 2014/15</u></p> <p>Steve Harris, Community Area Manager called for nominations for Chairman for 2014/15.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> Councillor George Jeans was elected as Chairman of the South West Wiltshire Area Board for 2014/15.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Councillor George Jeans in the chair</u></p>
2	<p><u>Election of Vice Chairman for 2014/15</u></p> <p>The Chairman, Councillor George Jeans called for nominations for Vice-Chairman for 2014/15.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> Councillor Peter Edge was elected as Vice-Chairman of the South West Wiltshire Area Board for 2014/15.</p>
3	<p><u>Representative to Outside Bodies</u></p> <p>The Board noted the Outside Bodies and Working Groups report attached to the agenda and considered the recommendations within.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The South West Wiltshire Area Board agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Appoint Councillor representatives to Outside Bodies as set out at Appendix A; b. Agree to reconstitute and appoint to the CATG and COB as set out in Appendix B; and c. Note the Terms of Reference for the CATG and COB, as set out in Appendix C.
4	<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman, Councillor Jeans welcomed everyone to the meeting of the South West Wiltshire Area Board. The Councillors and Officers sitting at the top table introduced themselves.</p>

	Robin Townsend, Associate Director (AD) for Policy and Performance; was in attendance as the newly assigned AD supporting the South West Wiltshire Area Board.
5	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Bridget Wayman – Area Board Member
6	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were none.</p>
7	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 26 March 2014, were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p>
8	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p><u>Rights of Way Project</u></p> <p>Work had started on the Area Board's Rights of Way Project. 17 villages had now submitted their audits. Sedgehill & Semley and Bishopstone had already started work on their schemes, with Bowerchalke to begin shortly. A key requirement was that local volunteers needed to assist with the improvement works.</p> <p>The next step would be for the remaining villages to respond to the Community Area Manager about the proposed schemes put forward in their area.</p>
9	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p><u>Mini Recycling Sites</u></p> <p>Wiltshire residents were being encouraged to recycle as much as possible and not to present additional household waste next to their bin, known as 'side waste'. The implementation of the side waste programme in the Mere area had started. Wiltshire Council had completed the side waste surveys of the households in that area, and had completed all the Officer visits of those properties which had been seen to present side waste on one occasion. This program would bring South Wiltshire into line with the rest of Wiltshire.</p> <p>The next step would be to place bin hangars on all bins which present out side waste on their collection day (Monday 19 May in Mere), to warn households not to present side waste, whilst still collecting all additional waste. After this, on Monday 2 June (the following household waste collection week), no side waste was taken on collection day. Any side waste presented would be clearly labelled as such, and a hangar would also be left on their bin to advise them that the</p>

additional waste was not collected.

Any household waste which was produced over and above the capacity of the bin from 2 June onwards would be stickered and left inside the bin following collection. Residents could then either wait another two weeks for it to be collected at the kerbside, or they could take it to a Household Recycling Centre for disposal.

However, there would be some exceptions, such as any household presenting out additional waste due to having medical needs or large families of 6 or more, or families of 5 who had one child and above in nappies, for example, larger bins (of 240 litre capacity) would be issued automatically upon request.

Households which produced a lot of recycling could have two black boxes and a larger blue lidded bin upon request. In many areas all recycling would now be collected from residences, some remote areas such as Tisbury would still have mini recycling facilities, some of which were not Wiltshire Council controlled.

Questions and comments were then received, these included:

- Was there a policy in place which dealt with removing the chemical element from batteries on landfill sites? Answer: Businesses which sold batteries should offer a recycling service, to limit the numbers of batteries being thrown into the waste.
- Why was there no consultation prior to removing the mini recycling sites? Answer: This was being looked at again, mini recycling sites would remain open at Waitrose in Salisbury and in the car park in Tisbury.

Broadband

The online postcode checker was now working. Works in Wilton Town would go ahead towards the end of June 2014, however it was not clear whether the coverage would include the surrounding villages to Wilton.

The Board would hold a special meeting on Broadband, once further information was available for circulation.

Area Board Funding

The amount of funding allocated to Area Boards had changed. There had been a budget reduction which meant that other Boards lost around 28% of their funding in comparison to the previous year. However the South West Wiltshire Area Board would lose approximately 41% of its budget. The Board had queried this and was subsequently offered £57,000 for 2014/15. Cllr Wayman was looking at the figures as the Board wanted to ensure that they would be allocated the correct amount – check this with George/Bridget as I have not been involved in these conversations.

Other Announcements

- Dinton Community Shop was now open.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 'Discover Chalke Valley' website was now live. • There would be a WW1 commemoration event on 30 July at Tidworth Military Cemetery, to mark and commemorate the sacrifice made by 10,000 soldiers from Wiltshire during the First World War. • A meeting to discuss groundwater was scheduled for Saturday 7 June 2014, at City Hall, Salisbury.
10	<p><u>Current Consultations</u></p> <p>The Board noted the information on current consultations, available by visiting the consultation portal: http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal</p>
11	<p><u>Area Board Projects and Priorities Update</u></p> <p>The Board noted the Project and Priorities updates attached to the agenda.</p> <p>Question:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Boards Fingerpost Funding project awards up to £550 to parishes to replace a fingerpost, £200 of that is for Highways to remove and re-site the post, however sometimes Highways charged more than £200. <u>Answer:</u> Cllr Deane explained that the £200 was a fixed price for the job, agreed with the previous contractor. He asked for a copy of any correspondence the parish had had with the new contractor, detailing the higher amount requested for the work.
12	<p><u>Partner and Community Updates</u></p> <p><u>Police – Inspector Dave Minty</u></p> <p>The Board noted the written update for the Wilton community Area.</p> <p>Inspector Minty then gave an update to the Board. Structural Changes would reduce the current tiers of management; there would be no new Chief Inspectors. The new Superintendent for Salisbury, Warminster and Amesbury was Charlie Armstrong, Inspector Noble was moving to a new post, working under her.</p> <p>A new scheme which was being trialled by Beat Managers would provide more of an insight into possible causes of local trends, to enable resources to be used where needed most.</p> <p>A new candidate would be appointed shortly to the vacant Community Beat Managers post in Tisbury.</p> <p><u>Questions and comments received included:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When would the PCSO in Wilton be replaced? <u>Answer:</u> There was PCSO

and PC recruitment taking place at present.

- There were volunteers for the CSW scheme who needed training before they could begin, however training was only currently being offered at Devizes. Could training be brought out to the villages? Those volunteers already trained could provide the training to new volunteers in 20 minutes; it did not require a two hour training session. Answer: Inspector Minty would take a message back to Inspector Steve Cox, who was involved with the CSW scheme.
- When would the new Officer for Tisbury appear? Answer: There was a 28 day notice period from his previous post; he would be in place within the next couple of weeks.

Fire – Mike Franklin

The standard written update was currently not available due to an issue with IT software, it was hoped that the problem would be resolved and a report would be available in time for the next meeting.

Wiltshire Fire and Rescue (WFRS) had been in discussions with the Dorset Fire and Rescue Service, to look at possibilities for a joint working relationship. WFRS had a shortfall in budget of between £3.1 million to £3.9 million which had to be resolved by 2018. They had appraised their options and put forward a business case to combine the Wiltshire and Dorset authorities, on which a decision would be made in September 2014. A consultation would take place between 16 June 2014 and 24 August 2014 which would include the public, police and council. This would be promoted through their website, social media and press and a helpline would be set up.

Comments and questions were then received, these included:

- The briefing provided informs of a business plan being drawn up between Dorset and Wiltshire. If there was going to be a consultation would there be a second option. Nothing in the statement indicated that there had been any consideration of a merger with Wiltshire Council.
- The benefits of merging one Fire Service with another are far greater due to the similarities between both services, than merging it with a council, which would be minimal.

Youth – Jaki Farrell, Youth Development Co-ordinator Mere & Tisbury

Jaki read the following statement:

As you will be aware the past few months had been a real period of uncertainty for everyone involved in youth work in Wiltshire. The young people had been actively engaging in the consultation over the review of positive activities for young people and their presentation at the last Area Board meeting demonstrated that. Since the last meeting there had been developments with regards to the review and Cabinet had agreed to adopt an amended community led model of delivery. There would be a briefing paper going out to all elected members in due course but the key messages from the Head of IYS about the

outcome of the review were as follows:

- The Council would be retaining 18 professionally qualified youth workers in the new role of Community Youth Officer. Each Area Board would have one post, recognising that some Area Boards cover more than one Community Area. These roles would provide some direct delivery but the main focus was to support and enable the local community to meet the needs of their young people either through providing guidance and support to volunteers or local voluntary organisations who wish to provide services to young people. They would be the 'go to' person for each AB area.
- There would be 3 Youth Support Workers to act as caseworkers for young people who had identified additional needs. It was likely these posts would be based in the 3 hubs of Chippenham, Salisbury, and Trowbridge. We would have to identify a referral method for these posts so that other partners e.g. Gateway Panel, schools could signpost relevant young people to these workers.
- There would be changes to Bridging Projects. The Council remain committed to providing young people with disabilities the same opportunities as other young people but we would have to create a new model. The intention was to commission these with the support of the Wiltshire Parents Carers Network and it was acknowledge that there would be a possible gap from when we stop delivering the service and the new provider steps in. We would do all we could to minimise any disruption but we would need to acknowledge there may be some disruption which I know concerns you as many of the young people who attend the Bridging Projects needed more time to adjust to change. This element was a top priority in terms of implementation.
- The proposals would mean that all Assistant Youth Workers would be offered voluntary redundancy as the money which paid for these posts would be transferred to Area Boards so that they could decide locally on the priorities for their young people. This would be based on assessment of local need and advice/support for the allocated Community Youth Officer. Council policy states that any Council member of staff made voluntarily redundant cannot be re-employed by the council (which includes Area Boards) for a period of 12 months. The emphasis would be on VCS and communities to recruit the staff required to meet locally identified need.
- It had not yet been confirmed how much each Area Board would receive for positive activities.
- There would be interim arrangements for Spark, DoE, admin and youth work management but for most admin colleagues there would not be opportunities with the revised structure although clearly there may be redeployment opportunities across the Council
- As of 1 October 2014 we need to be clear that the Council would not be providing youth workers based in local youth development centres as at present, so delivery would change in respect of the context of the new operating model. We would work with individual community areas to

determine which centres would close and when. Where alternative provision and providers could be identified, the Council had committed to ensuring that there would be alternative facilities in each area.

Despite all the uncertainty we had continued to deliver our services with our usual level of commitment although the current process was presenting us with some logistical challenges e.g. we were unable to recruit new youth workers so when a member of staff leaves or is off sick we have had to manage the gaps that were created. A significant number of sessions were running with a member of staff down, often meaning a youth worker was on their own at a session. Credit must go to the young people we work with as they understood that we were trying to keep things open for them and they know that they need to be helpful, respectful and well behaved otherwise the sessions simply could not run. Our existing staff team was small and everyone was doing their absolute best in challenging times. These restrictions on recruitment had also meant that we were unable to advertise for a youth worker for Zeals Youth Trust and therefore they were not yet able to re-establish their youth provision.

The monthly LGBT & Q group had begun running, albeit with fairly small numbers at the moment, but these isolated young people were coming together to share their experiences and were getting a good level of peer support. They were discussing ways of increasing their membership as well as looking at issues.

The SWWYAG were in the process of organising a cricket fun day which would take place on Saturday 14 June in Tisbury. They were hoping this would increase the membership of the local cricket clubs and provide an opportunity for older and young people to come together. They were also planning a BBQ and had the swimming pool booked for an early evening session.

We continue to deliver the Leisure Credits scheme across South West Wiltshire in partnership with the local charity Seeds4Success and good progress had been made on improving rights of way in Sedgehill and Semley as well as Mere with the support of local volunteers and the WC Rights of Way team. It was clear that there were numerous footpaths across the area that required a team of motivated young people to come out and assist with clearance or restoration! As well as gaining credits for reward activities young people involved in this project were also gaining certificates through ASDAN and V.

We were now in the final month of recruitment for the summer National Citizen Service which was for young people in school years 11 & 12. There were a few spaces left on the local team which was shaping up to be a great group of young people. They would take part in two residential experiences, various training courses as well as planning and delivering a social action project.

It was important to recognise the level of support and encouragement that as a team we have received from the local communities as well as the Area Board at a time that was particularly challenging to us all and thank you for that. The young people we work with had remained positive throughout the review process but as messages about decisions were getting out they had begun to lose hope in retaining the service they so clearly valued. If people had thoughts and ideas that could enable the new delivery model to work locally please contact us.

	<p>Questions and comments were then received, these included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would the Spark site go ahead? <u>Answer:</u> No, there would be a review of the site. • What was the future of the Wilton Youth Centre? <u>Answer:</u> It was unknown. • The level of youth service in the SWW community areas was very good; we do not want to see it dwindled down to that of other areas. • A charity in Wilton had offered to pay for volunteers. <u>Answer:</u> Could the details of this be sent to Cllr Wayman? <p><u>Wiltshire Council Item for Information – Public Health & Wellbeing Grant</u> The Board noted the information attached to the agenda. The Community Area Manager agreed to find out whether Town and Parish councils could apply for the grant.</p> <p>Action: CAM to feedback whether Town & Parish councils could apply for the grant.</p> <p><u>Wilton Town Team minutes</u> The Board noted the minutes of the 14 April 2014 as attached to the agenda.</p>
13	<p><u>A303 Highways Update</u></p> <p>Parvis Khansari, Associate Director for Transport and Highways, delivered a presentation on the future if the A303 through Wiltshire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wiltshire Council had been promoting improvements to the A303 in partnership with Devon and Somerset County Councils since 2012. • Objective was to encourage economic growth and improve resilience of transport links to the South West. • The initiative was now supported by many Local Authorities and all Local Enterprise Partnerships in the South West. • Meetings had been held with many stakeholders to raise awareness. • In 2013 a prospectus was produced by Wiltshire, Somerset and Devon to make the case for improvements to A303. • In 2013 government announced a feasibility study, which would look at the whole route. The Study aim was to identify the opportunities and understand the case for future investment solutions on the A303/A30/A358 corridor that were deliverable, affordable and offered value for money. <p>Stage 1 - Review of evidence and identification of problems along the corridor. Completed by end of March 2104.</p>

	<p>Stage 2 - Work to finalise the range of infrastructure proposals that could address the problems along the corridor. Completed by end of July 2014.</p> <p>Stage 3 - Work to assess the affordability, value for money and deliverability of prioritised infrastructure proposals. Completed by Autumn 2014.</p> <p><u>Questions and comments were then received, these included:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If three sections are being looked at, does that mean that only one would be chosen for implementation? <u>Answer:</u> There were five sections of road being considered. There would be more information available after the Stakeholder meeting in July. • What would happen at Stonehenge? Now that sightseers could no longer drive past, they slow down on the road to get a look from the car, causing congestion. Could drivers be prevented from stopping? <u>Answer:</u> The situation was being tackled, as far as people stopping along the track; we did look at closing this. Highways had put a No Right Turn in one direction and the council had put one in the other direction. • Had you considered implementing a tidal flow system? <u>Answer:</u> Everything had been looked at; the tidal system was not usually implemented on 70mph roads. • Any changes to the A303 at Stonehenge would need to be seriously considered for its impact on the site. We would not want to lose the World Heritage status for Stonehenge.
14	<p><u>Local Highways Investment Fund 2014 - 2020</u></p> <p>Parvis Khansari, Associate Director for Highways and Transport gave an update to the Board.</p> <p>Wiltshire Council had recently approved a major programme of investment in highway maintenance over the next six years. This would see a significant improvement in the condition of the county's highway network.</p> <p>The investment would be targeted at those roads in worst condition, and would include minor roads as well as the main roads. An initial assessment based on road safety information and road condition data had been used to prepare a list of priority sites for treatment in 2014/15 in each community area. This information was provided in Appendices 1 and 2 of the report attached to the agenda.</p> <p>A provisional list of sites for potential treatment until 2020 had also been prepared and attached to the agenda as appendices 3 and 4.</p> <p><u>Comments and questions were taken, these included:</u></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patching repairs had already taken place on the A30 at Barford St Martin, what works were planned here, more patching or a proper job? <u>Answer:</u> The work to be carried out would involve resurfacing. • Would the Councillors be able to highlight roads in their own area which they felt should be considered for work? <u>Answer:</u> Local knowledge was useful; we would take these views on board and feedback. • What was the difference with the priorities 1 to 6? <u>Answer:</u> This relates to the six year programme, years 1 to 6. The priority rating was not purely dependant on the quality of the road, other factors were also considered, such as, whether the road was due to be dug up within the next 2 years, would a road detour be possible and whether any housing developments were planned? <p><u>Decision</u> The South West Wiltshire Area Board agreed the list of proposed highway maintenance schemes in their areas for 2014/15, and agreed to review the list of potential schemes for future years at a separate Councillors meeting, to be scheduled by the CAM.</p> <p>Action: CAM to schedule a Councillor meeting to consider the list of proposed Highways maintenance schemes for future years.</p>
15	<p><u>JSA 'What Matters to You'</u></p> <p>Steve Harris, Community Area Manager drew attention to the attached information, detailing the outcome of the 'What matters to you?' conference held at Dinton Village Hall.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Board agreed to carry out an online consultation to prioritise themes and issues, as there was not adequate time to carry out a voting session at the meeting. The results of that would then be revisited in July.</p>
16	<p><u>Tisbury Community Campus Update</u></p> <p>Councillor Tony Deane, Chairman of the Tisbury Community Operations Board; gave an update to the Board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The documents had now been submitted for planning permission, and could be viewed online. Application number 14/04907/FUL. • A site visit was planned for 16 July, where anyone interested could attend.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next stage would be to receive tenders for work.
17	<p><u>Community Area Transport Group (CATG) Update</u></p> <p>Councillor Tony Deane, Chairman of the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) gave an update to the Board.</p> <p>The CATG had a relatively small budget for small local schemes. At the next meeting, the CATG would discuss options for bringing the Community Speedwatch (CSW) scheme and the Speed Indicator Device (SID) Scheme closer, to alleviate any duplication where possible.</p> <p>After contacting the CAM for advice, a new scheme could be logged on the online Issues System at: https://forms.wiltshire.gov.uk/area_board/index.php</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Board noted the following documents attached to the agenda;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes from the last CATG meeting held on 12 May 2014 • A financial spending update up to March 2014. • CATG schemes/Issues for 2014 • Notes from the SWWAB CATG 20MPH Sub-Committee
18	<p><u>The board considered the porpArea Board Project - Finger Post Funding 2014/15</u></p> <p>The Board considered the proposal to ring-fence funding to the Finger Post project for 2014/15, as set out in the report attached to the agenda.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The South West Wiltshire Area Board, agreed to ring-fence £4,000 for the Finger Post Area Board project in 2014/15, as set out in the report.</p>
19	<p><u>Area Board Funding</u></p> <p><u>Finger Post Funding</u></p> <p>The Board considered three bids to the Area Board project Finger Post funding scheme for 2014/15. The bid from Hindon Parish Council was deferred until the next meeting as further clarification was required.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The South West Wiltshire Area Board agreed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broad Chalke Parish Council was awarded £550 towards the replacement of one finger post.

- **Sedgehill and Semley Parish Council was awarded £550 towards the replacement of one finger post.**

Community Area Grants

The Board considered six applications for funding from the Community Area Grants Scheme for 2014/15, as detailed in the report attached to the agenda. The Chairman invited applicants present to speak in support of their projects. Following discussion, the Board voted on each application in turn.

Decision

South Newton Parish Council was awarded £2,000 (£500 of that to come from the digital literacy budget) towards digital equipment for village hall.

Reason

The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2014/15.

Decision

Bishopstone Village Hall was awarded £1,400 towards the purchase of a new air source heat pump for memorial room.

Reason

The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2014/15.

Decision

The application from Dinton Cricket Club for a new roller was deferred, the Board agreed to make a decision on this grant, out of an Area Board meeting, once the information had been received.

Reason

Further information was required.

Decision

Quidhampton Village Hall Committee was awarded £600 towards new kitchen equipment.

Reason

The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2014/15.

Decision

Wilton Community Centre was awarded £964 (£500 of that to come from the digital literacy budget) towards the installation of wi-fi access.

Reason

The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2014/15.

Decision

Mere & District Railway Modellers was awarded £2,000 towards restoration of band hut.

Reason

The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2014/15.

20	<p><u>Issues</u></p> <p>The Board noted the table of current Issues on the online system, as detailed in the report attached to the agenda, and considered the recommendation to closed issues as marked.</p> <p><u>Decision:</u> The South West Wiltshire Area Board agreed to close issue numbers 2654, 2741, 2817, 3016, 3133, 3295, 3334, 3360.</p>
21	<p><u>Close</u></p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.</p> <p>The next meeting of the South west Wiltshire Area Board will be held on Wednesday 23 July 2014.</p> <p>Please note the start time of this meeting will be 6.30pm, with refreshments available from 6.00pm.</p>
<p><u>Attachments</u></p>	

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**13) Future of A303
Across Wiltshire**

A Presentation to
South West Wiltshire Area Board

Parvis Khansari
Wiltshire Council
4th June 2014

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**Future of A303
Across Wiltshire**

- Wiltshire Council has been promoting improvements to A 303 in Partnership with Devon and Somerset County Councils since 2012.
- Objective is to encourage economic growth and improve resilience of transport links to South West.
- The initiative is now supported by many Local Authorities and all Local Enterprise Partnerships in the South West

Future of A303 Across Wiltshire

- Meetings have been held with many stakeholders to raise awareness.
- In 2013 a prospectus was produced by Wiltshire, Somerset and Devon to make the case for improvements to A303.
- In 2013 government announced a feasibility study looking at the whole route.

A303 Corridor Improvement Programme (including the A358 and A30)

Outline economic case and proposed next steps

April 2013



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This campaign is supported by: Cornwall Council, Plymouth Council, Torbay Council, CBI, Cornwall & Isles of Scilly LEP, Devon and Somerset Fire & Rescue Service,

Summary

Somerset County Council and its partners including the Heart of the South West LEP, Devon County Council and Wiltshire Council in consultation with the Highways Agency have been developing an investment case to significantly improve the A303/A358/A30 road corridor between Amesbury, Taunton and Honiton.

Economic growth

The catalyst for this work has been the national desire to consider infrastructure projects that stimulate local economic growth. The South West economies of Wiltshire, Somerset, Dorset, Devon and Cornwall contribute proportionately less to the UK economy than other regions as measured by GVA per head. Our wages are below the average for the whole South West. South West LEPs and the CBI consider that we have a unique opportunity to contribute more to the national economy by releasing the untapped potential in the South West economy through investment in this vital piece of strategic infrastructure.

Route importance & resilience

Together with the M3 and A30, the A303 makes up one of the main routes from London to South West England. Despite being a primary route to and from South West England and a European TEN-T route, the corridor is frequently congested and viewed by businesses as highly unreliable. Congestion is frequently reported throughout the year on the route's single carriageway sections. This is undoubtedly a contributory factor to reduced business productivity levels along the route compared to areas along the M4/M5 corridor, which perform notably better in economic terms.

Our proposal

Our proposal involves improving the route to a dual carriageway standard with early improvements to three single carriageway sections which offer good value for money as stand-alone investments. In the longer term there is a need to deliver capacity improvements to key junctions along the route. The aim being the provision of a consistent standard along the whole route.

Key outcomes

The scheme will:

- Generate 21,400 jobs;
- Generate £41.6bn to the economy (GVA);
- Provide transport benefits of £1.9bn due to a reduction in journey times, congestion and delays;
- Provide good value for money when considering travel time, operating cost and safety benefits compared to scheme costs, with many sections of the scheme providing high value for money as early phases of delivery;
- Generate employment related economic impacts of £7.2bn;
- Increase visitor expenditure by £8.6bn per year;
- Improve transport resilience to cope with incidents and during flooding;
- Save an anticipated 1807 fatal or serious casualties over 60 years;
- Reduce carbon emissions by 9%

(Parsons Brinckerhoff A303 A358 A30 Corridor Improvement Programme Economic Impact Study)

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Scheme plan

Devon & Cornwall Police, South Western Ambulance Trust, Eden Project, Agusta Westland, RAC Foundation, SW Chambers of Commerce, Fleet Air Arm Museum

A303 Improvements – 2014 Study

- Following 2013 Spending Review, Government announced that it will identify and fund solutions to tackle some of the most notorious and long-standing road hot spots in the country by conducting 6 feasibility studies:
 - The A27 corridor (incl. Arundel and Worthing)
 - The A303/A30/A358 corridor
 - The A1 North of Newcastle
 - The A1 Newcastle-Gateshead Western Bypass
 - Trans-Pennine routes
 - The A47 corridor

- Studies progressed alongside the Highways Agency's Route Strategy programme.

- Outcomes inform future roads investment decisions as part of the Roads Investment Strategy development process.

A303 Improvements – 2014 Study

- **Study Aim:** to identify the opportunities and understand the case for future investment solutions on the A303/A30/A358 corridor that are deliverable, affordable and offer value for money.

A303 Improvements – 2014 Study

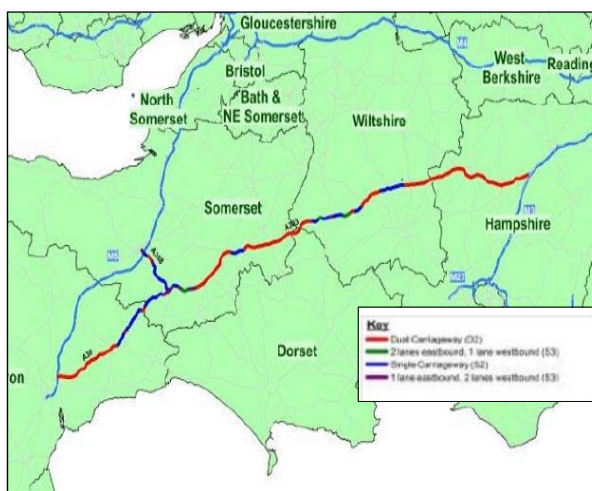
Stage 1	Review of evidence and identification of problems along the corridor	Complete by end of March 2014
Stage 2	Work to finalise the range of infrastructure proposals that could address the problems along the corridor	Complete by end of July 2014
Stage 3	Work to assess the affordability, value for money and deliverability of prioritised infrastructure proposals	Complete by autumn 2014

A303 Improvements – 2014 Study

- Improvements to A303 considered over many decades
- 2002 - London to South West and South Wales Multi-Modal Study (SWARMMS).
- 2007 - The cancellation of the Amesbury to Berwick Down Scheme (Stonehenge) - the SWARMMS strategy could no longer be pursued
- 2011 - A303 Working Group established
- 2013 - A303 Working Group presented findings, resulted in A303 Scoping Study
 - Following the 2013 Spending Review Government announced that it would identify and fund solutions to tackle some of the country's most notorious hotspots.
- 2014 - January: Initial Stakeholder Meeting
 - April: Scope Finalised

A303 Improvements – 2014 Study

- Part of HA SRN (except A358)
- Part of TEN-T network
- Strategic importance to access South West
- 195 km
- 63% Dualled, 37% Single carriageway
- Speed limits 30 – 70mph
- Strategic and local function
- Route Usage
 - Business
 - commute
 - other
 - leisure
- HGV proportion 8-11%
- High seasonal impact



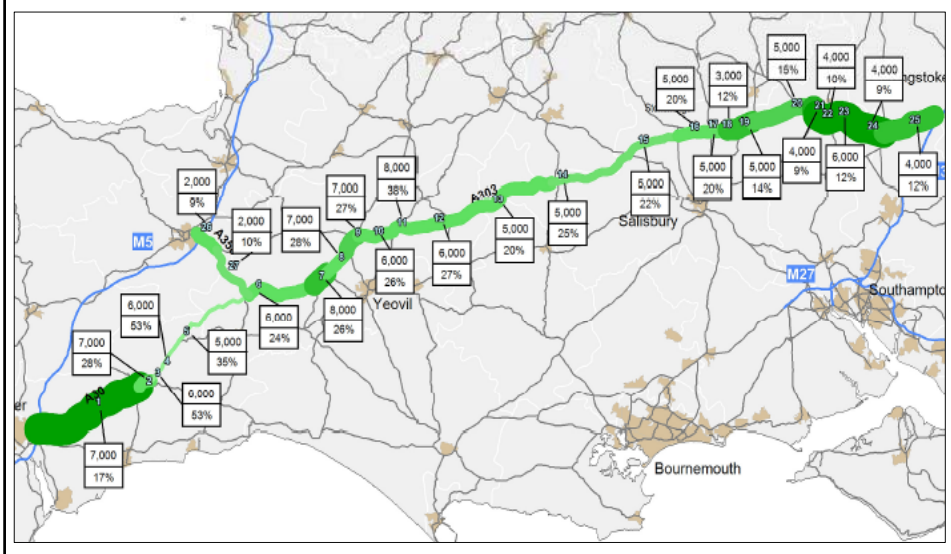
A303 Improvements – 2014 Study

- Considered following factors/measures of performance
 - Traffic Flow
 - Congestion and “**Stress**”
 - Journey Time Reliability
 - Safety
 - Environmental considerations
- Comprehensive robust and current data used derived from HA, DfT, Defra and Local Authority sources.

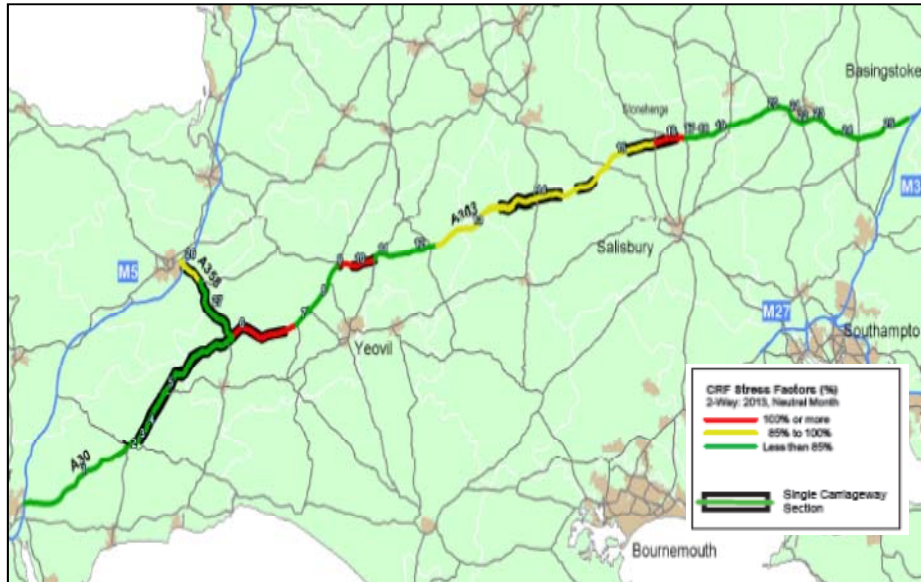
Current Average Daily Traffic Flows (October 2013)



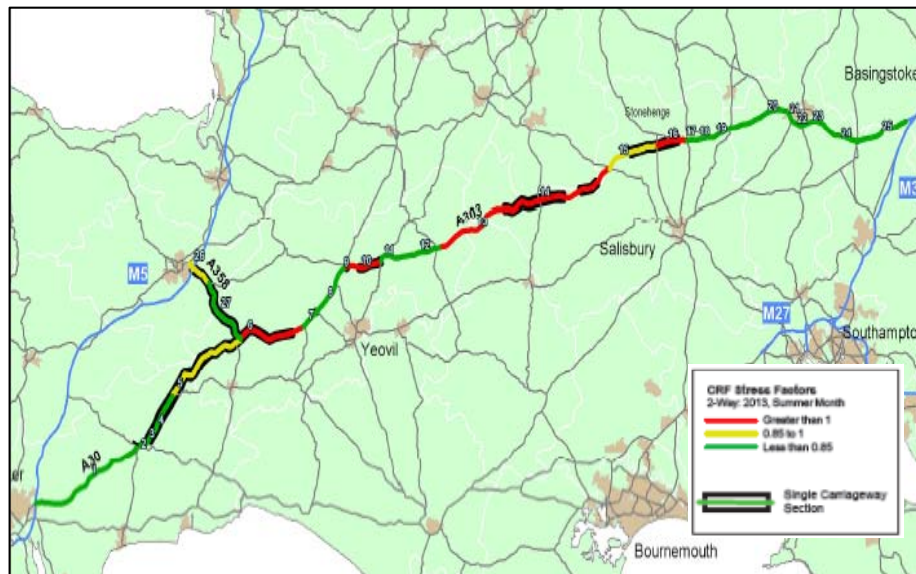
2013 Summer Additional Traffic (to October Average)



Current 2013 Neutral Month Stress

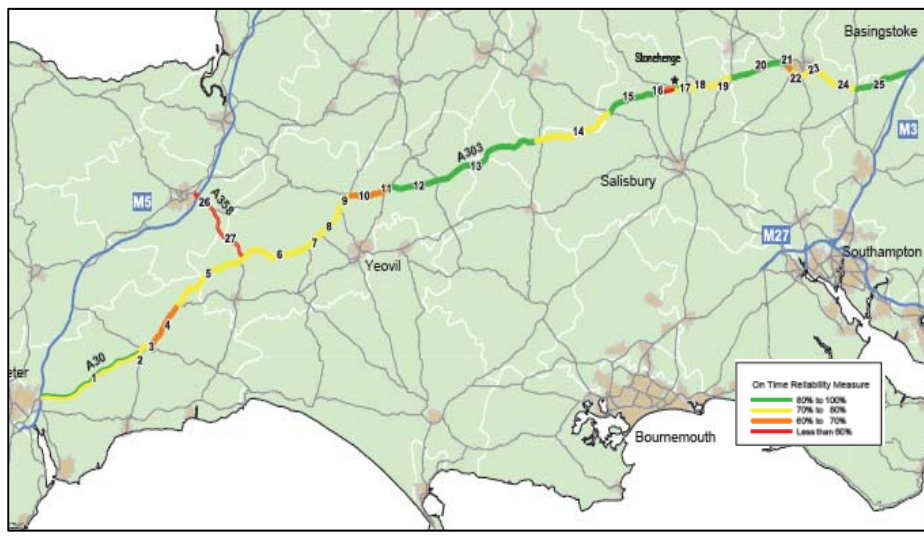


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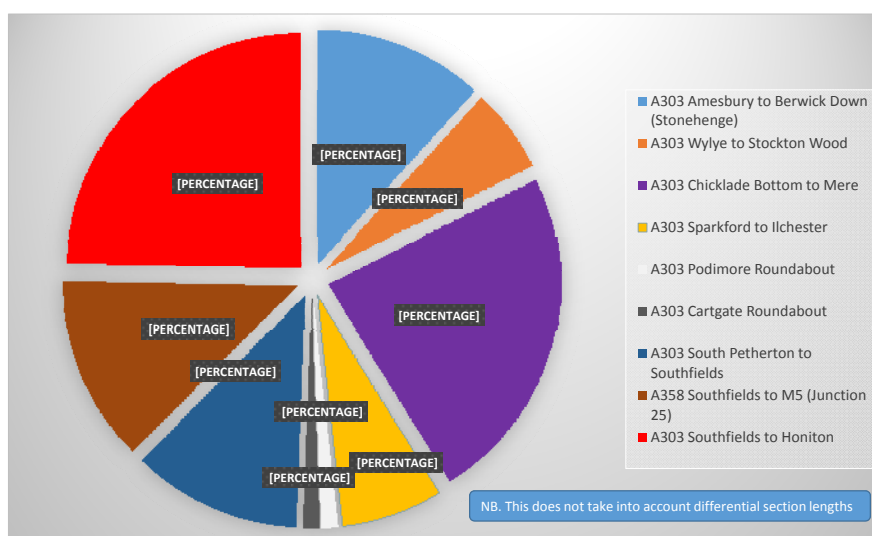


Journey Time Reliability

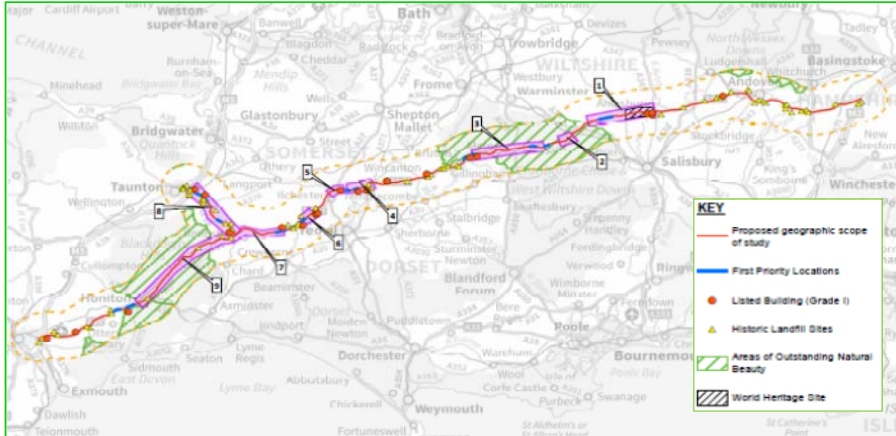
Based on HA On Time Reliability Measure against a historic reference travel time.



Fatal and Serious Accident Locations: Unimproved Sections



Environmental Key Considerations



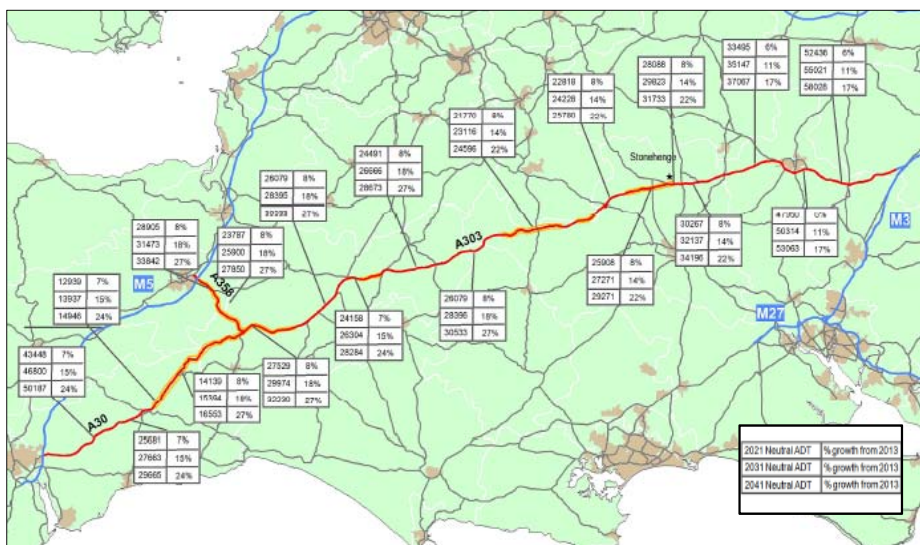
Cultural Heritage

- Stonehenge WHS
- Noise**
- 23 First Priority Locations

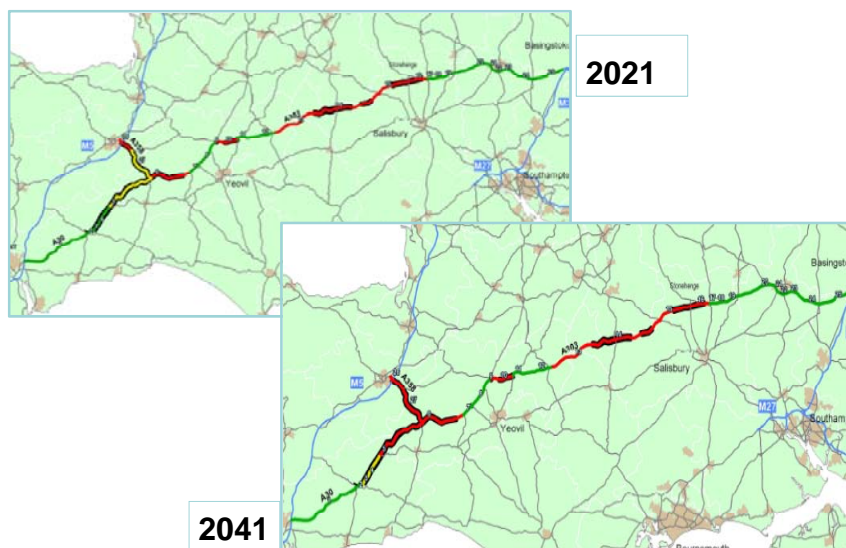
Landscape and Biodiversity associated with AONBs at

- Cranborne Chase and West Wiltshire Downs
- Blackdown Hills

Future Traffic Flow Growth



Future Year Stress Levels



Evidenced Need for Intervention

- Stage 1 has examined route conditions based on congestion, journey times, safety and environmental considerations.
- Clearly the single carriageway sections experience the worst conditions
- Building on the growth agenda for the region conditions will deteriorate
- The following key sections have initially been identified for further investigation in Stage 2:
 - Amesbury to Berwick Down
 - Chicklade Bottom to Mere
 - Sparkford to Ilchester
 - South Petherton to Southfields
 - Southfields to Honiton
- Traffic modelling will fine tune the assessment of impacts and solutions
- No definitive solution for sections identified

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14) Local Highways Investment Fund 2014 -20

Wiltshire Council will be investing £21 million annually in highway maintenance over the next six years.

This is a significant increase in expenditure on our roads, and will also address the damage caused recently by winter and flooding.

A list of schemes has been prepared for your area for this year, and consideration is being given to local priorities for future years.

Appendix 1 – Highways Major Maintenance 2014-2015 – South West Wiltshire Area

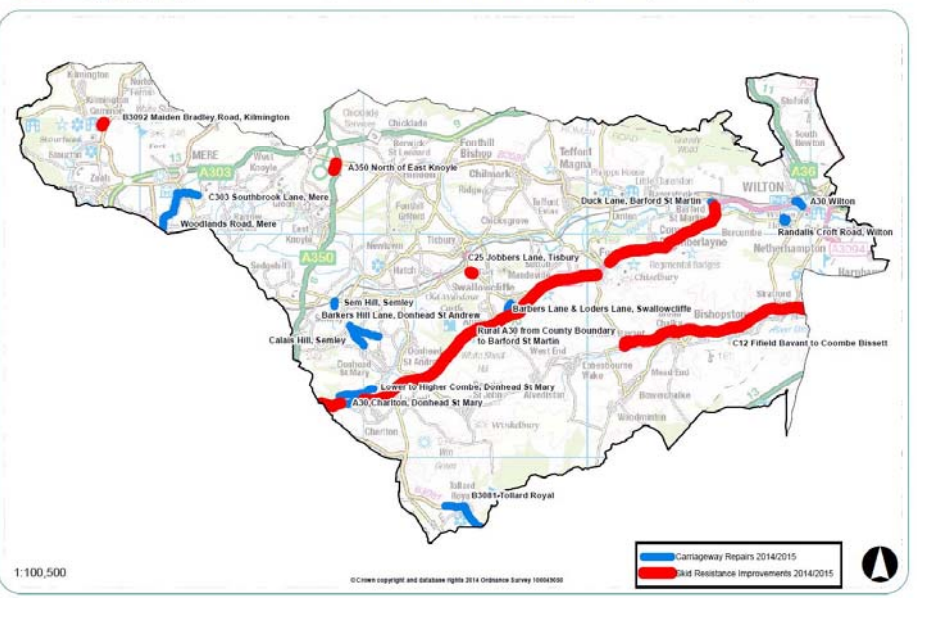
Road	Location	Area Board	Recommended Treatment	Average Width (m)	Estimated Length (m)	Est Area of Site (m ²)
U/C	Southbrook Lane Mere	South West Wiltshire	Resurfacing	4	860	3,440
U/C	Woodlands Road 'A' Mere – heavy industrial site access at edge of town	South West Wiltshire	Resurfacing	5.5	370	2,035
U/C	Woodlands Road 'B' Mere – out to Dorset	South West Wiltshire	Resurfacing	4	500	2,000
U/C	Sem Hill Semley	South West Wiltshire	Resurfacing	3.4	205	697
U/C	Duck Lane Barford St Martin	South West Wiltshire	Resurfacing	3	120	360
U/C	Barbers Lane/Loders Lane Swallowcliffe	South West Wiltshire	Resurfacing	4.6	580	2,668
U/C	Lower to Higher Combe Donhead St Mary	South West Wiltshire	Resurfacing	2.1	1,600	3,360
U/C	Randalls Croft Road Wilton	South West Wiltshire	Resurfacing, 50% Footways	5	520	2,600
U/C	Barkers Hill Lane Donhead St Andrew	South West Wiltshire	Resurfacing	4.6	1,300	5,980
B3081	Tollard Royal Village to CB	South West Wiltshire	Surface Only	5.7	1,100	6,270
B3081	Tollard Royal Village to Speed Limit North	South West Wiltshire	Surface Only	5.4	1,300	7,020
A30	Wilton	South West Wiltshire	Resurfacing	9.9	410	4,059
A30	Wilton Footways	South West Wiltshire	Footway resurfacing with only a few kerbs	2.1	820	1,722
A350	A350 North of East Knoyle	South West Wiltshire	Resurfacing	7.4	590	4,366
A30	A30 County Boundary to Barford St Martin	South West Wiltshire	Surface dressing	6.2	18,150	112,530
C12	C12 Fifeild Bavant to Coombe Bissett	South West Wiltshire and Southern Wiltshire	Surface dressing & carriageway repairs junction to junction	6.1	9,360	57,096
B3092	B3092, Maiden Bradley Road, Kimlington	South West Wiltshire	Retexture	6.2	110	682
C25	C25 Jobbers Lane, Tisbury	South West Wiltshire	Surface dressing all the way, junction to junction.	6.1	1,000	6,100
A30	Charlton, Donhead St Mary	South West Wiltshire	Resurfacing	6.2	540	3,348
C62	Calais Hill, Semley	South West Wiltshire	Resurfacing	4.6	820	3,772

* Sites highlighted in yellow involve skid resistance improvements.

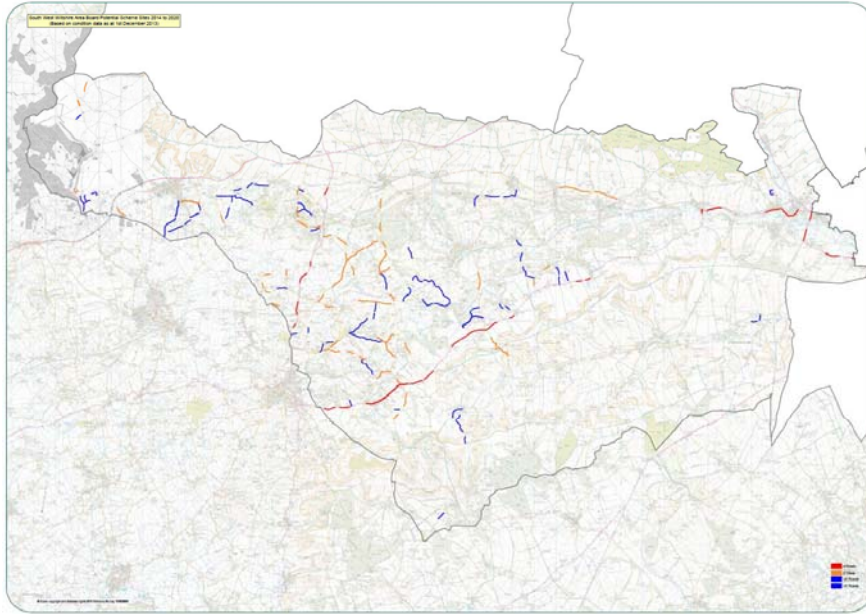
Appendix 2



Highway Maintenance 2014/15 - South West Wiltshire Area Board
(Scheme extents and locations may be subject to change)



Appendix 4



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