

**Community Area Transport Group Recommendations to Marlborough Area Board**

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To provide an update on the position of the proposals from the CATG meeting that took place on 25 June 2015.
- 1.2 To request that Marlborough Area Board supports the recommendations of the Community Area Transport Group made at its meeting of 25 June 2015.

**2. Finances**

- 2.1 Marlborough CATG received a new funding allocation for 2015/16 of £13,615. Along with money remaining from the previous financial year and rolled into this year, Marlborough CATG has a total of £18,295 available to be allocated in 2014/15.
- 2.2 To date, a total of £5,000 has been allocated to projects in the Marlborough area. This leaves £13,295 to be spent in 2015/16.

**3. Background**

- 3.1 CATG Chairman, Cllr James Sheppard (JS) gave an introduction to the meeting followed by introductions from attendees.
- 3.2 This meeting looked at progress towards the projects allocated funding from the 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16 budgets and are still underway.
- 3.4 There was also a summary and discussion of the Highways issues logged on the area boards system.

**4. Prioritisation of Projects**

- 4.1 Steve Hind (SH), Wiltshire Highways, described that he was meant to spend only half of his time working on CATG matters and since he dealt with two areas, he could only give the Marlborough area 1.25 days of his time per week. In order not to be snowed under and there be long delays in getting all work done, Highways officers have been told to work on a maximum of five priority schemes at any one time and to ask their CATGs to assign a priority on projects to show officers what to work on. Marlborough CATG began giving work a priority at this meeting.
- 4.2 SH also mentioned that Highways now expect a contribution of 25% of the cost of a project to come from the parish council raising the scheme or Issue.
- 4.3 There was discussion around the length of time some projects are taking to complete once designs are ready and seem to be based on delays arising from Wiltshire Council's contractor, Balfour Beatty Living Places. Richard Allen (RA), Marlborough TC, pointed out some work has been waiting for two financial years and are still not complete. SH stated that managers do meet with BBLP about progression of work and resolving delays. Andrew Jack, Wiltshire Council, was asked to write to both Atkins and Balfour Beatty asking that a rep from each come to the next meeting to answer questions from the group

## 5. Priority Schemes for 2013/14

5.1 Steve Hind (SH), Wiltshire Highways, described the further development made towards five projects awarded funding in 2013/14.

5.2 **Broad Hinton:** Coloured surfacing and white gates at entrances to village

5.2.1 With Broad Hinton PC no longer wanting the new strips to be removed, SH felt this project is finished and can be closed.

5.3 **Lockeridge:** Coloured informal crossing points and new planters.

5.3.1 SH confirms the new coloured surface is now down and the invoice for CATG's contribution of £250 towards planters has been sent. This project can be considered complete.

5.4 **Manton:** Footway improvement to Bridge St / High St, Manton.

5.4.1 SH stated the design of the virtual footway through Manton is 90% complete, with a few issues to overcome, such as tree roots.

5.4.2 Cllr Stewart Dobson (SDo), Marlborough TC, wanted this project removed from CATG's list but RA wanted this given a low priority and to contact Caroline Jackson from Manton Residents' Assoc to find out how many people from Manton wanted or agreed to this scheme to allow the group to make a decision over whether to continue with it.

5.5 **Ogbourne St Andrew:** White gates at entrances to village.

5.5.1 SH confirmed the new coloured surfacing and 30mph roundels on the road have gone in along with new white gates for the entrances to the village. This project can be considered complete and removed from the list. There was discussion over whether the contribution from the parish council had been requested. SH would check.

5.6 **Ramsbury:** creation of a new virtual footway and crossing point at Back Lane.

5.6.1 SH confirmed that this work is now complete and invoice for the PC's contribution sent to Ramsbury PC. Sheila Glass (SG) Ramsbury PC, confirms the PC's contribution has been paid.

## 6. Priority Schemes 2014/15

6.1 Steve Hind described the further development made towards projects awarded funding at the 30 September 2014 Area Board meeting

6.2 **C18 at Frees Ave, Marlborough:** Implement recommendations from speed limit review.

6.2.1 This has been advertised and no objections received so will now be implemented. SH confirmed this is due to be implemented and installed by 24/07/15. RA asked about tying this work with the Jazz Festival taking place earlier in July. It was asked if this work could be coordinated with the changes to parking and double yellow lines also at Free's Ave.

6.2.2 Funding for the implementation has already been allocated by CATG.

6.3 **Speed limit review of C189 Baydon to Ogbourne St George road.**

6.3.1 This work is now complete and SH stated that the findings were to keep speeds at the national limit. There was discussion as to whether this included where the 30mph limits start at the entrances to the villages along the route. Tamsin Witt (TW) Baydon PC, pointed out Baydon PC had been trying to get this issue looked at for a while, to try to get the limit moved out from the village boundary,

but was told it would need to be part of a full speed limit review. SH was asked to look into whether this review looked at the locations of 30mph limits starting.

#### **6.4 20mph assessments: Back Lane Ramsbury and village lane Ogbourne St Andrew**

6.5.1 SH confirmed that both assessments had been completed and both show the roads are acceptable for implementation of new 20mph limits. Both 20mph limits need to be advertised for any objections to be raised before they can be implemented. There is not a date for this to start, so no date for the new limits to come into force.

#### **6.6 New dropped kerbs at Pattern Alley, Marlborough and Knowledge Crescent, Ramsbury**

6.6.1 SH confirmed that both pieces of work have been passed to Martin Cook's area team for the work to be carried out. He could not say why there had been a delay. SDo and SG for Marlborough and Ramsbury both commented on the length of time taken for these works to be completed.

### **7. Priority schemes for 2015/16**

7.1 Steve Hind described the further development made towards projects discussed and developed at the 16 April CATG meeting:

#### **7.2 Pavement improvements and New Streetlighting for junction of A4 and Littlecote Rd, Froxfield**

7.2.1 SH passed round drawings for the two schemes for the junction of the A4 and Littlecote Rd and described them along with CC. The group was supportive of these two schemes. JS asked for the group's agreement to give them a high priority, which was given.

7.2.2 The combined cost of both schemes is estimated at £4,400. There was discussion around a contribution from Froxfield PC and the figure of 25% was suggested as per the new guidelines from Highways. Cllr Claire Costello (CC), Froxfield PC, felt she was not able to comment on behalf of the parish council and was disappointed Froxfield was being asked for such a large proportion.

7.2.3 There will be a PC meeting soon where Froxfield can decide on the proportion it is able to contribute. JS is going to attend this PC meeting and can advise. The group agreed that if the contribution is lower than 25%, the group would have to decide at the next CATG meeting if it wished to fund this scheme further. If Froxfield cannot offer 25%, it does not mean the schemes cannot go ahead.

#### **7.3 Ogbourne St George – virtual footway slip road off**

7.3.1 SH again passed round drawings of the design developed which involved white line markings down one side of the road to create a virtual footway: part way down the slip road, the markings change side in order to keep pedestrians safe. The estimated cost of creating the new footway is £900.

7.3.2 JS proposed giving this scheme a medium priority until the PC can come back to CATG and confirm the level of contribution it can offer.

#### **7.4 Ogbourne St George – better access to bus stops by Liddiards Green**

7.4.1 This follows a request for a raised kerb to allow better access to buses at the stop at Liddiards Green within the village. SH described that on one side of the road, by the bus stop, the road has too tight a bend to be able to install a new raised kerb at this location. The existing bus shelter is also set back a little way from where the bus actually stops.

- 7.4.2 At the other side of the road, outside the school, there is poor access to the bus stop due to parked cars. There are currently no parking restrictions there. Putting bus stop marking down would restrict this parking but would be difficult to enforce. There is no pavement on that side of the road to allow a raised kerb.
- 7.4.3 JS proposed giving this a medium priority to put these options back to the parish council and the school and get a decision on what they want to do about this.

## **7.5 Mildenhall – new white gates at village entrances on C6:**

- 7.5.1 SH described that gates would not be possible at the western end of the village due to blocking visibility from farm accesses and suggested the PC would have to negotiate with the farm over that one. Cllr John Bevan (JB), Mildenhall PC, felt this set of gates might not be needed. SH said that new gates could go in at the eastern end of the village. The cost of new gates is estimated at £600 per single gate. JB said the PC would be happy to contribute the 25% level discussed earlier.
- 7.5.2 JS asked who puts in a request for a change in the location of 30mph signs (e.g. moving closer or further out from the village). SH said this would have to come through the Issues system and go to CATG for agreement.

## **7.6 Broad Hinton – New raised kerbs at bus stops on A4361:**

- 7.6.1 SH described that raised kerbs can go in on both sides of the road. Estimated cost is £1,000 per side. GH said he would like both but that the Barbary Inn side would be the priority. He would check with Broad Hinton PC over the contribution they can provide.
- 7.6.2 This scheme was given a medium priority pending confirmation from the PC of their contribution.

## **Summary of On-going Issues**

- 8.1 Of the traffic and transport related issues on the Community Issues System the following action is being undertaken:
- 8.2 **Vehicles speeds on A4 at Fyfield and at West Overton** – There were discussions around the problem and what can be done at these locations. SH had already given his thoughts about use of coloured surfacing has how they weather and are difficult to maintain. Discussion came round to SIDs and their use. Many PCs, in particular Ramsbury, had allocated their own funds towards SIDs and were waiting on agreement from Wiltshire Highways. JS had been in touch with Cllr Philip Whitehead and had a response. This was that SIDs would not be funded by Wiltshire Council. CATG felt Cllr Whitehead had misunderstood that PCs wish to buy, fund and operate their own SIDs at no cost to the Council. JS said that he would be back in touch with Cllr Whitehead and recommended PCs to do the same, making clear they would be spending their own money
- 8.3 **More space on verge for wheelie bins, Ogbourne St Andrew:** AJ described having a conversation with Martin Litherland, Head of Waste at Wilts Council. Martin insisted that Waste is not responsible for providing space for wheelie bins before collection. There was a high level of disagreement from CATG over this and the matter was given a high priority by the group. AJ was asked to invite Martin to a site visit on bin day to see for himself the space needed and the danger involved.

- 8.4 **Request for Deer warning signs on A4** – this request comes from a member of the public asking for new warning signs to be installed at a particular wood that runs beside the A4 where deer frequently cross the road. There was discussion around the need for adequate warning signs at important locations against the de-cluttering of the highway. To do this, AJ was asked to find a list or map of current locations of deer signs. From this, CATG would decide if a new one at this point on the A4 would be appropriate.
- 8.5 **HGVs using inappropriate road in Marlborough.** New warning signs were due to go up at both ends of Silverless St on 22/06/15 but still had not at the time of the meeting. AJ will monitor to make sure they go up. Cllr Nick Fogg described how he felt this was a serious issue for Marlborough given the damage done to historic, listed buildings and wanted to see more than just signs in place to keep HGVs away from these roads. NF would like some sort of surfacing to show unsuitability of the streets. Use of “access only” signs was discussed but SDr said how these are the most ignored signs in the country. SH and SDr felt a width restriction for Silverless St was the only physical solution to keeping out HGVs. The group agreed this matter was a high priority. SH was asked to look into the possibility of a width restriction for Silverless St whilst the effects of new signage are monitored.
- 8.6 **Traffic speeds U/C road Manton to Lockeridge:** AJ described the situation where concerns had been raised about speed along this single track U/C road from Manton to Lockeridge, particularly at the crossroads near Clatford. SDr says there is not a lot that can be done as the national speed limit applies to this in line with guidance for U/C roads and is like thousands of others.
- 8.7 **New pedestrian signage on Marlborough High Street:** Issue is a request from Marlborough TC for improved directional signage for pedestrians, in particular for helping coach parties navigate back to the coach park as part of being a coach-friendly town. JS agrees the group is in support of this but wants MTC to decide on designs and locations for these. In parallel, SH was asked to get costs for possible solutions.
- 9. Noise levels at new road surface, A4361 Broad Hinton**
- 9.1 Raise surfaces (rumble strips) have recently been installed on the A4361 at Broad Hinton to warn drivers approaching the village. One resident living next to the road has complained to the parish council of a noise issue. The parish council was looking to have the new strips removed.
- 9.2 AJ found out that there is no noise restriction or level beside the highway, so there is nothing to judge what this resident experiences. George Horton and AJ visited the location one morning to listen to the vehicle noise. There was a clear low rumble as vehicles went over the strips but this was not very loud. The volume depended on the type of vehicle with larger ones (buses, lorries) making less noise.
- 9.3 To try to replicate having closed windows inside the cottage and there being a high conifer hedge all round it, GH and AJ went a little way down a track away from the road. It was not far before the noise dropped completely. GH said that because of this site visit, he had decided that he would not pursue the removal of the new rumble strips.
- 10. Extending 30mph limit on A4361 northwards of Avebury henge**

- 10.1 Cllr Andrew Williamson, Avebury PC, explained that two new plans covering the World Heritage Site had now been completed: the Management Plan and the Transport Strategy. The latter had been funded by Highways and written by their contractor, Atkins.
- 10.2 AW talked about an Issue raised previously requesting the 30mph limit to be moved further northwards on the A4361. This would affect approx. 40 households and 250,000 visitors to the site each year by slowing vehicles from 60 to 30mph further from out the henge. This change has been recommended by Atkins in the new Transport Strategy. AW wants the Issue revived for implementation. SH felt that this would need re-assessment. AJ has the detailed note and will send to Dave Thomas. JS asks for and gets CATG's support for the re-assessment and to pass this up. AW confirms Avebury PC has funding for any implementation.

## **11. Bid to Highways Substantive Scheme**

- 11.1 This scheme has been described at previous CATG meetings, but the designs for Baydon's traffic calming feature were circulated. TW confirmed that Baydon PC has allocated £6,000 as their contribution to the project and CATG confirmed their contribution of £3,000.
- 11.2 AJ was given the go-ahead to submit this bid for full funding. The bid was submitted on time and confirmation received.

## **12. Other Highways Issues**

- 12.1 SG would like to see signage that warns that the C6 is not suitable for HGVs since there have been a number of large vehicles getting stuck or getting into difficulty in High St, Ramsbury.
- 12.2 JB asks about re-surfacing of roads with no reference to the PC. He mentions one particular road in Mildenhall where a resident lobbied the Council to have it re-surfaced immediately, when there are other roads in the village in a worse state and serve more people. JB also asks about having a speed hump installed on the C6 outside the entrance to the village playground to try and control vehicle speeds. SH felt this could only be part of a more detailed traffic calming scheme but this could be looked at if raised as an Issue through the on line system.
- 12.3 SDo asked for advice about installing mirrors at exits to drives, etc. SH said that Wiltshire Council does not support use of mirrors at all and they cannot be put on the verge or any part of the highway. They could be put on private land opposite the drive with the landowner's permission.
- 12.4 SDo also asks for guidance on how / when roads can be re-surfaced. Peter Binley and Adrian Hampton in Highways can help answer this. RA thinks that CATG needs to have sight of the list of re-surfacing and for this to be a standing item at each meeting.
- 12.5 TW says how Baydon is still waiting for the pedestrians in road sign that had been knocked over to be re-installed. She would really like this done before the 5<sup>th</sup> November firework display. She says there are always walkers in the road there going to the rec ground.

## **13. Recommendation**

13.1 To note the discussions held at the CATG meeting of 25 June 2015 as outlined above and the progress towards developing priority schemes.

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**Background Papers**  
CATG notes of 25.06.2015

**Appendices**  
None