

**Calne Air Quality Working Group  
Update and Recommendations to Calne Area Board  
29<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

**Purpose of the report - Members are asked:**

- 1. To note the discussions and updates of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018**
  - 2. To approve removal of completed or superseded actions outlined in the meeting notes.**
  - 3. To support and recognise the Wordfest Trail project and the Our Walks app project within the Calne Air Quality Action Plan.**
  - 4. To review and approve the amended Action Plan (appendix 1).**
  - 5. To consider a report from Calne Town Council re. a proposal to implement an Electric Vehicle charging point in the town centre.**
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- Apologies – Ian Thorn (Wiltshire Cllr, Calne Central)
- Attendees – Alan Hill- AH\* (Wiltshire Cllr, Calne S & Cherhill), John Boaler- JB (Calne Town Cllr), Mark Edwards- ME (Calne Town Council), Sue Wallace - SW (Calne Environmental Network), Gary Tomsett - GT (Wiltshire Council, Environmental Health and Protection), Anne Henshaw - AH (Calne Area Transport), Avril May - AM (Calne Area Transport), Jane Vaughan – JV (Wiltshire Council, CEM)
- Discuss and update Action Plan – **SPECIFIC UPDATES AT THIS MEETING HIGHLIGHTED IN ORANGE**



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## Calne Community Air Quality Action Plan 2016/17

In developing its local Action Plan, the Calne Air Quality working group recognises that polluting gas Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub> ~~or NO<sub>x</sub>~~) is emitted by engines burning fossil fuels.

Within the Calne Air Quality Management Area there are three points where NO<sub>2</sub> levels exceed government limits and the group understands that these exceedences are due to motor vehicles. It is also understood that HGVs are far more polluting than cars.

Therefore, the top priority for the group is to reduce the number of motor vehicles, especially HGVs, which pass through the Calne Air Quality Management Area wherever possible. This would also have the effect of reducing pollution caused by microscopic particles, which are also emitted by vehicles.

The action plan will also focus attention on actions that will improve the flow of traffic through the Air Quality Management Area, encourage local people to reduce the use of private cars and to reduce the current impact of pollution.

The following table shows the priority actions identified by the working group (highlighted in green) and those action points currently identified and/or acted upon.

The action plan will be updated at each group meeting and will be reported to each area board along with any recommendations for local decision making.

The Area Board will be asked to review and report progress made with implementing their action plan on an annual basis.

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Priority	Projects	Progress, Milestones, Comments	Project Lead	Costs	Budget	Actions and comments since last working group meeting
1. Seek to reduce the number of motor vehicles that pass through the Calne AQMA.						
	Assess/Review classification of the A4 through Calne.		Calne Area Transport (CAT)			<b>CAT is working with Wiltshire Highways dept. and Atkins to develop a Community Transport Strategy for Calne, this is being discussed as part of that work.</b>
	Clarify the criteria required for the A4 as an alternative route to the M4.		Calne Area Transport (CAT)			<b>AH was asked to find details and report to the next meeting.</b>
	<b>Hills Cross site link road</b>	<b>Proposed link road within the Hills site may take significant numbers of lorries away from the AQMA</b>				<b>Application due to be heard at planning committee on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018.</b>

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		<p><b>Baseline data required to measure the future impact of this work. (pollution levels and traffic volume).</b></p> <p><b>It was noted that there was s106 money for Air Quality available (£10k 'for the provision of air quality management in Calne' linked to development at Marden Farm – N/12/04038</b></p>				<p><b>GT to find out whether the s106 monies have already been allocated and, if not how this money can be acquired to appoint a traffic survey in the New Road area adjacent to the A4 and the A3102.</b></p>
2. To consider traffic flow with regard to road safety and air pollution through the Calne Air Quality Management Area						
	To request					

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	other relevant Area Board working groups consider traffic flow when conducting Feasibility studies.					
	White Hart Roundabout alterations	Ask CATG (Cllr. Crisp) to consider traffic flow when it conducts this Feasibility study.	GA/AH			<b>This issue has now been deferred by CATG pending development of adjacent site at Woodlands. It is recommended that the AQ action plan reflects this.</b>
3. Promote awareness of the issue in Calne community area.	'Love calne, love clean air'					
	School Poster Design	Liaise with schools	GA			Completed at Area Board – October 2013
	AQ themed Area Board		GA/JV			Held in October 2013.
	Create promotional materials and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Liaise with Comms, 'brand' created.</li> </ul>	RK/GA/JV			November 2014
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seek funds/support to</li> </ul>	Group			

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	Campaign identity.	promote brand.				
4. Promote Clean Vehicle Use in the Community Area						
	EV point - roll out.					
	<p><del>Initial EV point at a location in the Centre of Calne.</del>  <b>Proposal to provide an initial EV point in the Heritage Car Park.</b></p>	<p><b>It was reported that Wiltshire Council had put a hold on future implementation, but if an organisation wants to implement projects locally, Wiltshire Council may support in principal, providing management /maintenance arrangements were in place.</b></p>	<p><b>Calne Town Council.</b></p>			<p><b>JB reported that there is central govt funding to support EV points. (75%)</b></p> <p><b>JB/ME would prepare a report/proposal to the area board (May 29<sup>th</sup>) to include rough costings and management/ maintenance arrangements.</b></p> <p><b>JV/AH*/GT to liaise with Andrew Saxton (WC Fleet) and Steve Manning (WC Public Health) to identify further advice and</b></p>

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						<b>guidance.</b>
	Encourage sustainable transport from all new estates.					
	Encourage low emission public transport.					
5. Promote walking for local journeys to School/work						
	Walk to school activity: Swipe a Tree (Beat the Street)	• Identify project, undertake feasibility	All			
		• Identify funding for Beat the Street Project.	JV/RK/GA			Funded by Public Health grant Autumn/Winter 2014
		• Group to develop and plan project with Devizes AQ management group.	JV/RK/GA and Intelligent Health			Completed June 2015
		• Promote/ encourage engagement	JV/RK/GA			Completed June 2015
		• Identify local sponsorship/prizes	All group			Local business support and Area Board donation of book tokens each day for school children.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Celebration/prize giving</li> <li>• Evaluation/feedback</li> </ul>	JV/RK/GA All/Intelligent Health			Ran Beat the Street Project in May/June 2015. (24% of the population engaged in the project).
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report/Analysis</li> </ul>	Beat the Street			Intelligent Health Report - March 2016
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>				<b>This project is completed, recommend it is removed from the action plan.</b>
	<del>Walking Bus</del>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <del>Engage with local schools</del></li> </ul>	GA			<b>GA no longer involved in the group recommend that this project is removed.</b>
	Encourage School Transport Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with School travel planner.</li> </ul>	Group			<b>GT explained the Home run app, which is being rolled out and which helps schools to develop transport plans. (Further details of the app would be sent to the group). JV will attend next Home Run meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> April.</b>
	Collect data on how people get	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Calne Area Transport Travel Survey</li> </ul>	Anne Henshaw			<b>This project is completed, recommend it is removed</b>

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	to school/work					<b>from the action plan.</b>
	Develop a walk to work project/incentive	Link to the Wiltshire Council Road to Rio project in 2016	All			<b>This project is completed, recommend it is removed from the action plan.</b>
	Road to Rio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Find out information about the project</li> </ul>	JV			Information provided Feb 2016 <b>This activity is completed, recommend it is removed from the action plan.</b>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote locally through OCM, and social media.</li> </ul>				Completed – August 2016
<b>6.</b>	<b>Encouraging/enabling cycling in the Calne community area.</b>					
	Bobbies on Bicycles (purchase of branded bikes for the local NPT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Liaise with local NPT Sergeant/Inspector</li> <li></li> </ul>	GA/JV			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify Funding</li> </ul>	GA/JV	£1,000		Funded by the Area Board October 2014
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promotion</li> </ul>	All			Included at Area Board

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						Comm. Safety Fair Feb 2015 <b>This project is completed, recommend it is removed from the action plan.</b>
	Bike Stands at GP surgeries	• Contact/liaise with GPs	JV			Positive responses received from Northlands and Beversbrook Surgeries
		• Identify funding	GA/JV	£1,000		Funded by the Area Board February 2015
		• Work with Highways to implement •	GA/JV			<b>It was noted that this project has been implemented at Beversbrook, but Northlands was unable to implement and, under Area Board grant criteria funding for that element was withdrawn in 2017 and the surgery was advised to re-apply for funding when it was able to move ahead. This project is completed, recommend it is removed from the action plan.</b>
	Bike and Hike	• Investigate running	AH/Calne Area			<b>Defer for a year until the</b>

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	Family and young people cycle event.	another event	Transport			<b>s106 working group cycle maps are complete.</b>
7. Encouraging/enabling walking in the Calne community area						
	Free guided walks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local volunteers provide guided walks for local people to discover their local area</li> </ul>	Calne Environmental Network (Peter Knight/Sue Wallace)			Fri 15 Aug 2014 - St Mary's & The Green (in assoc. with Calne Library). Meet 2.00pm in Calne Library for intro. Sun 7 Sep 2014 - Cherhill White Horse & its landscape. Meet at Noon outside the Divine Café, Cherhill. <b>This activity is completed, recommend it is removed from the action plan.</b>
			<b>Calne Environmental Network (Peter Knight/Sue Wallace)</b>			<b>SW offered to run more walks during Summer festival.            SW would also contact Our Place to identify other dates for new walks</b>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wiltshire Get Walking</li> </ul>	Led by volunteer			ongoing

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		group	and Wilts Council			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Heritage week walks</li> </ul>	Sue Wallace			September 2015 and 2016 <b>This activity is completed, recommend it is removed from the action plan.</b>
	Enhance the local area to make walking more attractive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Map the local area for 'grot spots' – <b>It was noted that Clean-up Calne Crew is actively engaging community volunteers in litter picks around the Town.</b></li> </ul>				<b>JV reported that she had engaged with the Clean-up Crew to assess possible area board support and encouragement.</b>
	<b>Wordfest Trail</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>AH* reported that 'Wordfest' had approached the group asking for support and input into a new walking/literacy project they are planning, along similar lines to the former, successful 'Beat the Street' project.</b></li> </ul>	<b>AH*/JV would attend a planning meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018.</b>			<b>The group was in support of this new project and would recommend that the Area Board recognises its link to the Air Quality Action Plan.</b>
	<b>Our Walks app</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>JV reported that CEMs, working with Wiltshire</b></li> </ul>				<b>The group was in support of this new project and</b>

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		<b>History Centre, Public Health, Wiltshire Ramblers and the OU to develop a mobile phone app, which will be available to download on smartphones and will list local walks and walking groups in the area. Users will be able to map and create their own walks, add content such as history, car parks, shops, pubs and promote these walks via social media.</b>				<b>would recommend that the Area Board recognises its link to the Air Quality Action Plan.</b>
<b>8.</b> Tree Planting Schemes in the Calne Air Quality Management Area						
	Plant Silver Birch trees in the AQMA	• Achieve funding for trees	GA/JV	£2,000		Funded by Area Board Feb 2015
		• Identify planting locations	GA/JV/CB/AH			Completed Sept 2015

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with Town Council, Calne Environmental Network and Young People's Magna Carta Group to plant and promote.</li> </ul>	GA/JV			1st Phase completed April 2016 – Calne Town Gardens – reported in Gazette and Herald, Twitter, Facebook and OCM.
		<p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Phase – JB had met with Stuart West at the Town council and reported that underground cables make proposed tree planting at the New Road roundabout inappropriate.</b></p> <p><b>Planters opposite the White Hart need to be checked to see if they are appropriate.</b></p> <p><b>SW had asked about planters being implemented at the High Street.</b></p>	JB/JV			<p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Phase:</b> <b>JB would</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ask SW to provide costings, how many trees would be possible and roughly when trees could be planted in planters opposite the White Hart (assuming soil is deep enough).</b></li> <li>• <b>Tell SW that Planters in the High Street was not ever a part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the project and so should not be considered at this time.</b></li> <li>• <b>Report to SW that;</b> <b>Accepting underground</b></li> </ul>

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						<p><b>cables mean the area on the corner of New Road / Station Rd is unsuitable for planting trees – is there a possibility of planting any on the other side of Station Road (as shown on the original map)?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>•To notify SW that the Area Board will want to recover any unspent money soon.</b></li> </ul>
	2 <sup>nd</sup> tree planting scheme High Street containers	<p><b>JB/JV introduced information about a new initiative that they had read about in the press which they suggested may be a potentially preferable alternative to planting trees in containers on the High Street (details below under City Trees).</b></p>				
	3 <sup>rd</sup> tree planting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>• Identify funding</b></li> </ul>				

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	scheme, trees to residents in AQ area.	<b>This item was deferred awaiting progress on previous schemes.</b>				
	<b>City Trees</b>	<b>JB/JV provided information about a potential project that could see the implementation of a high profile 'City Tree' (One City Tree is equivalent to 275 normal trees. The City Tree also includes sensors for NOx Co2 PM2.5 and PM10 as well as many others so you can measure and report on the effectiveness).</b>				<b>The information would be circulated to the group for consideration and the group would discuss further at the next meeting.</b>

*Prepared by Jane Vaughan – CEM – 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018*



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### Additional items discussed

- Monitoring in New Road.** It was suggested that the group needs access to some robust, current data ahead of 80% re-direction of Hill's lorry traffic via the proposed cross-site route – so that before and after comparisons can be assessed – This issue was discussed under Priority 1 of the Action Plan review, as recorded above.
- S106 money for AQ monitoring.** Town Cllr. John Boaler had identified a sum of Section 106 money that is ear-marked for this purpose. How can this group access/allocate this money – This issue was also discussed under Priority 1 of the Action Plan review, as recorded above.
- National quality assurance factors had been received for 2017.** GT confirmed that he would be doing some further analysis but the data at present is quite positive. Only one location in Calne was above the objective in 2017. (New Road, Calne)
- Review of the Action Plan –** JV was asked to update the action plan for review by the Calne Area Board on 29 May 2018

