

Notes and Action Points from Air Quality Management Group (AQMG)

28 July 2020, 14:00, Via Microsoft Teams

Present: Heather Blake (WC) Marc Read (CEM, Salisbury: Chair)
Richard Bolton (COGS) Pam Rouquette (Walking for Health)
David Bradley (SCC Env Services Mgr) Gary Tomsett (WC)
Nicola Lipscombe (SAGP) Margaret Willmot (COGS: Note taker)

Apologies: Cllr Derek Brown, Annie Child (SCC), Jacqui Cheetham, Alex Chutter (Salisbury Reds), Richard Francis (WC), Kingsley Hampton (WC), Robin McGowan (Salisbury BID), Neil Winter (Highways England)

1	<p>Review Minutes & Actions</p> <p>Actions covered by separate agenda items, other than the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Urban Tree Challenge Fund Nicola had discussed the idea of a potential bid with David Bradley, but it was agreed it was not possible to submit anything suitable – however other opportunities will arise. David mentioned that various ideas had been put into the recent Green Infrastructure consultation. The need for broader more strategic thinking had been highlighted. David was happy to work on a Tree Strategy, and to liaise with Nicola about this. The aim would be to produce a first draft for review by the next meeting. Action: David B/Nicola L• Salisbury 2020 Portway Right of Way Margaret reported that the right of way had been cleared and made passable. However further action in terms of improving drainage and surfacing had been put on hold due to the Covid-19 lockdown. There would be no further action on this as Salisbury 2020 activities, such as the planned waymarked route, had been cancelled.• Central Area Framework Comments Margaret had compiled, circulated, and submitted comments on the Central Area Framework from the AQ group.• Salisbury P&R usage The action to provide figures re P&R figures was rolled forward as Richard was unable to attend the meeting. Action: Richard F
2	<p>Review Terms of Reference</p> <p>Marc had updated the Terms of Reference as requested: there were no further comments.</p>
3	<p>Latest Air Quality Results</p> <p>Some trend graphs for a number of locations in Salisbury's AQMAs and some real time data from Exeter Street covering the COVID period had been previously circulated, and Gary discussed these results. They showed that in 2019 all locations monitored in Salisbury city centre were below the 40ug/m³ objective for nitrogen dioxide with the exception of South Western Road. The A36(T), Wilton Road remains above the annual mean objective, at properties close to the St Pauls roundabout. Unsurprisingly figures during lockdown on Exeter Street showed nitrogen dioxide levels generally lower than the previous year. Gary mentioned that the Annual Status Report (ASR) would be submitted to DEFRA shortly and would be published on the website when finalized. The public health dept would be</p>

	<p>trying to progress the AQ Action Plan but were very busy with complaints at the moment. Richard asked whether PM2.5 (i.e, smaller than PM10, and considered more harmful) could be monitored. Gary said there was no legal requirement to do this but monitors elsewhere in Wiltshire had done so and, where measured, levels looked low. There could be a requirement to monitor in the future depending on what was in the Environment Bill.</p>
4	<p>Highways England Application Heather has heard nothing more regarding potential projects for the ‘designated funds’. It would be helpful if Neil could provide an update for the next meeting. Action: Neil W</p>
5	<p>Clean Air Day 2020 Richard updated the group: there had been quite a lot of planning undertaken in conjunction with Salisbury Reds and Salisbury BID, however the event in June had then been cancelled due to Covid-19. The national organization had set 8th October as the revised date. There would be issues in the proposed format of the day, e.g. it was likely bus travel would still have some restrictions at that time, so a ‘Clean Air Rover’ ticket promotion would have to be rethought. However the buses might appreciate promotion of whatever their current arrangements were. Heather mentioned the possibility of doing something to promote ‘People Friendly Streets’ in early October, as the changes to Salisbury traffic management were scheduled for September. Margaret said that there was a small grant (£363=96) allocated to COGS for Clean Air Day, not yet accepted as it was unclear when and how this would be spent. Richard & Margaret would liaise with other members of the Clean Air Day working group via an online meeting re options, Marc offered to attend also. Action Richard B/Margaret W</p>
6	<p>Salisbury People Friendly Streets Details would be announced on 30/7 and there would then be 2 weeks for initial comments (see http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/salisbury-people-friendly-streets). Heather indicated that initial changes would be made in September alongside the Brown Street cycle lane. There would be a ‘Phase 2’ in Spring 2021 to implement further measures. It would be really important to try and get people behind these measures. Action: All A meeting of the Salisbury Walking & Disabled Access forum would be scheduled during the consultation period.</p>
7	<p>Action Plan Update An updated version (V6) had been produced following an online meeting between Marc & Margaret & distributed with the meeting papers. The only change that was mentioned at the meeting was that ‘Mostyn Coombes’ should be replaced by David Bradley in relation to tree and hedge planting. All were requested to consider this plan and submit updates, including info re monitoring & funding, to Marc for the next meeting. Action: All/Marc R</p>
8	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heather mentioned the new Government aspirations for cycling and walking – see “Gear Change” (see https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cycling-and-walking-plan-for-england) and LTN 1/20 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cycle-infrastructure-design-ltn-120 It might be difficult for funding to be obtained, particularly in competition with other areas. However there was also subsidies & loans for electric bikes, and the establishment of a body called “Active Travel England”.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Margaret mentioned that there were plans to start a 'Co-Delivery' service in Salisbury, with an electric cargo bike. This was part of the Co-Cars & Co-Bikes set-up. • Sustrans were conducting a review of their National Cycle Network (NCN) routes. Margaret said COGS had been involved and submitted comments: there were concerns that Sustrans had excluded the route from Ditchampton to Quidhampton through Wilton because it did not meet their standards. However Heather said schemes on this section, such as Quidhampton – Park Walls, were still being progressed. The Wiltshire Cycleway route was no longer a Sustrans route, as there were too many sections which would not be suitable for a 12-year old rider, however it would still be promoted as a route for experienced adult cyclists. • Nicola expressed concern re the lack of funding for off-road infrastructure. Heather indicated that Government funding for improving NCN routes did not currently include any projects in Wiltshire. This was something to take up with the MP and to explore other funding sources. • Nicola had received details of the planting proposals for Wiltshire College and would like to make further comments (e.g. re height of hedge & gaps in same). Marc will find the person to send comments to so Nicola can liaise direct. Action: Marc R
9	Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 13/10/2020, 14:00 via Microsoft Teams

Notes: Margaret Willmot, 29/07/2020