

Calne Local Highways & Footway Improvement Group

	Item	Update	Actions and Recommendations	Who
	Calne LHFIG – Notes of meeting held on 4th August 2023 at 10:00 hrs, Harris Room, Calne Library			
1.	Attendees and apologies			
	Attendees:	Cllr Ashley O'Neill – Chair Cllr Tony Trotman Anne Henshaw – Calne Area Transport Ioan Rees – Calne Without Parish Council Peter Szczeziak – Compton Bassett Parish Council Dave Denny – Heddington Parish Council Martin Purslow – Cherhill & Yatesbury Parish Council Jeff Files – Hilmarton Parish Council Laurie Waite – Compton Bassett Parish Council Kim Stuckey – Bremhill Parish Council Mark Stansby – Principal Traffic Engineer		AB
	Apologies:	Alan Hill - Calne Town Council		
2.	Notes of last meeting			
		The notes of the previous LHFIG meeting held on 28 th April 2023 were presented to the Area Board on Tuesday 23 rd May, passing all recommendations.	To note	All

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3.	Financial Position			
		<p>The closing balance for 2022/23 is now confirmed as £48,242.76 (see Appendix 1).</p> <p>The current balance for 2023/24, less previous commitments, stands at £32,094.44 (see Appendix 2).</p>	To note	All
4.	Priority Schemes			
a)	<p>Active Travel Issue A3102 Calne Silver Street – alternative pedestrian / cycle route to and from town via Station Road</p>	<p>Scheme has been progressed via Fynamore Gardens and Wenhill Heights using Section 106 funds. Work on the ground has been completed.</p> <p>A cycle tracks Order is to be advertised to cover sections not already designated as shared use footways. This has been delayed due to staff absence but will be progressed at the earliest opportunity.</p>	Highways to progress	Highways
b)	<p>Issue 3-20-11 Calne Anchor Road area – request for a 20-mph assessment.</p>	<p>Issue submitted by Cllr Thorn & Calne Town Council</p> <p>Following public consultation, two objections were received along with comments of support. Objections have been considered in a report to the Cabinet Member. The Cabinet Member gave formal approval to proceed as advertised on 19/07/23.</p> <p>An order has been issued to the Contractor to undertake this work and the legal Order will be effective from 9th October 2023.</p>	Highways to implement	Highways

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			Highways to construct	Highways
c)	<p>Issue 3-20-9 A4 Calne / Quemerford – Request for crossing point to enable access to Quemerford Post Office from Stockley Lane</p>	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Town Council</p> <p>Trial holes determined that underground services were present close to the footway surface meaning that the kerbs could not be lowered where first planned. An alternative crossing point, approximately 8m closer to the town was considered but later ruled out due to insufficient sight-lines for pedestrians.</p> <p>There is an established crossing point located 100m east of the bridge, to allow access towards the Post Office. Currently this crossing point is not particularly accessible for those using wheelchairs, mobility scooters or with pushchairs, due to a full height kerb and sub-standard footway surface, at the entrance to Quemerford Mill.</p> <p>Highways recommend the removal of this kerb and surfacing of the area of footway requiring attention. The opportunity to clear gullies and drainage channels to lower the risk of deep ponding will also be taken. Please see Appendix 3. The cost to undertake this work has been estimated at £8225.00 and the Town Council have provided confirmation of their 30% contribution.</p> <p>The original scheme, with crossing point, had been approved by the LHFIFG at a cost of £14,870.23.</p> <p>The cost of the CAT Scan and Trial Holes amounted to £1,473.62, which is not included as part of the estimated £8225 above.</p> <p>The group were content to proceed on this basis.</p>		

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d)	<p>Issue 3-21-8 C15 Compton Bassett – request for speed limit review</p>	<p>Issue submitted by Compton Bassett Parish Council</p> <p>The results of the speed limit assessment (see Appendix 4) have been reviewed again by Highways. Officers were minded to support an extension of the 30 mph (Section 2 of the assessed area), and this latest review has centred on Section 4 of the report.</p> <p>Officers note the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The primary function of the road is to provide local access. • Mean speed was recorded as 39.4 mph. • There are 12 dwellings which front this section, over a distance of approximately 1000m. • There are numerous accesses, some residential, others agricultural. • There are no footways or street lights to assist pedestrians and cyclists heading to and from the village amenities. <p>The criteria for setting 40 mph speed limits is open to interpretation but noting the points above, officers are now content to support this request. The cost to implement these changes, inclusive of legal fees is estimated at £6,000.00</p> <p>The group were pleased with this outcome and the Parish representatives were content to commit a 30% contribution towards costs.</p> <p>Highways to arrange formal consultation of the proposed changes.</p>	<p>To recommend to the Area Board an allocation of £4,200.00.</p>	<p>Chair</p>
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e)	<p>Issue 3-21-11 Goatacre A3102 – request for speed limit review</p>	<p>Issue submitted by Hilmarton Parish Council</p> <p>The results of this speed limit assessment were reported at a previous meeting, but having recommended no changes the group were unhappy with the outcome.</p> <p>Highways can advise that a further review of speed limits is to take place along the entire length of the A3102 as part of the A3102 Safety Study, along with other measures being considered. This review is to be funded centrally with no further contribution from the LHFIG.</p> <p>Hilmarton PC are content for the Safety Study to progress and are minded to close this Issue with the LHFIG.</p>	<p>To recommend to the Area Board to close this Issue.</p>	<p>Chair</p>
f)	<p>3-21-13 Calne Sandpit Road – Request for footway improvements and drop kerbs from York Road / Comet Crescent, ROW CLAN62</p>	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Town Council</p> <p>Construction work has been completed and we are awaiting final bills from our Contractor.</p>	<p>Area Board to note</p>	<p>AB</p>
g)	<p>3-22-1 A4 between Forest Gate and Black Dog – request for simultaneous traffic surveys</p>	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council</p> <p>Following concerns raised about the recommendations contained in the original assessment report, Highways commissioned a further review (at no additional cost to the LHFIG), see Appendix 5. The new report has recommended the introduction of a 40 mph section, between the village gates, each side of Studley Crossroads. The new report also recommends an extension of the 50 mph limit on the East side of the Crossroads to the junction with Norley Lane. The report no longer supports the introduction of a 50 mph limit, West of the white gates, which would mean the removal of a short section of 50 mph limit, a distance of just 195m.</p>	<p>To recommend to the Area Board an allocation of £7,000.</p>	<p>Chair</p>

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		<p>The cost to implement these changes, inclusive of legal fees is estimated at £10,000.00</p> <p>Following further discussion, and with general support to take this forward, it was agreed to recommend funding be allocated, subject to a final local consultation by the PC and confirmation of their 30% contribution.</p> <p>Highways to arrange formal consultation upon confirmation from the PC.</p>		
h)	3-21-14 Calne Mill Street Proclamation Steps – Request for a bollard to deter cyclists	<p>Issue submitted by Cllr Thorn & Calne Town Council</p> <p>Work has been completed with the cost confirmed as £575.00.</p> <p>An invoice has been issued to the Town Council for their contribution.</p>	To recommend to the Area Board that this Issue be closed.	Chair
i)	3-22-2 Derry Hill / Studley – Request to provide a suitable shared use path between Studley and Derry Hill and an onward link to the Calne/Chippenham National Cycle route NCR 403.	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council</p> <p>Whilst the right to cycle along the former Right of Way has been established, this only covers the width of the old path and does not extend the full width of the desired construction area, to meet current standards.</p> <p>The legal issues concerning land ownership remain ongoing, and Highways has requested a meeting with the legal team, to be attended by Parish representatives, to give a full explanation as to the problem.</p>	Highways to chase Legal team to arrange the meeting	Highways
j)	3-22-5 Calne Bremhill View – request for dropped kerbs and a review of the safety barriers	Issue submitted by Calne Town Council	Highways to monitor progress	Highways

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	to provide inclusive access to the open green space	Work on site has been halted due to the presence of electrical cables which are embedded into the foundation of the kerbs. SSE will need to attend to this and have been contacted to undertake diversionary work to their cables.		
k)	3-22-8 C50 South of Blacklands Crossroads – request for Horse and Rider warning signs for Bridleway crossing of CALW38	Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council Work has been completed with the cost confirmed as £521.48. An invoice has been issued to the Parish Council for their contribution.	To recommend to the Area Board that this Issue be closed.	Chair
l)	3-22-14 Calne Prince Charles Drive / Ramsay Road – request for drop kerbs	Issue submitted by Calne Town Council Work has been completed and we have received an interim bill of £2,171.97. Highways to chase final bill from Contractor.	Highways to chase final bill.	Highways
m)	3-22-9 A3102 Mile Elm – request for “safety measures” and a speed limit review	Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council The signs have been installed and we await painting of the new road markings. An order for this work has been issued and we hope to see these painted soon.	Area Board to note	AB
n)	3-22-16 Compton Bassett – request for length of footway in the vicinity of the war memorial	Issue submitted by Compton Bassett Parish Council The Parish Council had previously indicated that they no longer wish to pursue a footway but have requested edge of carriageway markings.	To recommend to the Area Board an allocation of £420.00.	Chair

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		<p>Length is approximately 90 metres (both sides of carriageway). Based on a measured rate as a stand alone exercise the estimate is £922.70. If done as part of an ad hoc order (on a done, when done basis) the estimate is £600.</p> <p>PC content to go with the cheaper option and have confirmed their 30% contribution, a sum of £180.</p>		
o)	3-22-17 Calne The Strand – request for direction signs to Recreation Ground, Rugby Club and Bowls Club	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Town Council</p> <p>The signs have now been installed and we await the contractor's bill.</p>	Area Board to note	AB
p)	3-23-3 Foxham village – request for a speed limit review	<p>Issue submitted by Bremhill Parish Council</p> <p>Request for a speed limit review to reduce the current 40mph limit to 30 mph. Speed limit assessments are charged at £2,900.</p> <p>Highways have commissioned an independent assessment against the current criteria. The results are anticipated in time for the next LHFIFG meeting in October.</p>	Area Board to note	AB
q)	3-23-4 Bremhill Parish – request for village gates at 3 sites in Parish	<p>Issue submitted by Bremhill Parish Council</p> <p>Request for gates at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Tytherton (Western approach) • Foxham (West End) • Tytherton Lucas (Eastern approach) <p>A pair of gates is estimated at between £1,500 to £2,500.</p> <p>Parish also request Traffic Surveys at these locations but these must be ordered direct without the involvement of the LHFIFG.</p>	Highways to produce estimate	Highways

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		<p>Parish has requested a more robust estimate before committing to this work.</p> <p>Estimate to be produced as soon as staff resources are available.</p>		
r)	3-23-5 Calne – request for Parking Review (various sites)	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Town Council</p> <p>Request to undertake parking reviews at the following locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Station Road • Shelburne Road (junctions of Churchill Close & Brewers Lane) • Dakota Drive • Harris Road (Calne Business Centre) • Stanier Road • Wessington Court • Castlefields • Woodhill Avenue • Horsebrook Park • Stockley Lane to The Croft • Anchor Road (entrance to Bentley Grove) • Thomas Court • Lake View <p>Investigation work to commence when staff resources become available.</p>	Area Board to note	AB
s)	3-23-6 A342 Derry Hill Devizes Road – request for road surface gateway features.	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council</p> <p>Request is to reinstate red High Friction Surfacing / rumble strips and carriageway roundels and to provide addition HFS patches and roundels.</p>	Highways to produce estimate	Highways

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		<p>Highways advised that the use of red HFS, other than at Gateways was no longer pursued due to concerns over maintaining these areas.</p> <p>Estimate to be produced as soon as staff resources are available.</p>		
t)	3-23-7 Ratford Bremhill Lane – request for Horse & Rider warning signs	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council</p> <p>An order to install 2 x Horse & Rider Warning Signs has been placed with the contractor. Installation is anticipated during August.</p>	Area Board to note	AB
u)	3-23-8 A342 Sandy Lane – request for village gates and warning signs	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council</p> <p>Concerns about speeding and the pinch point at the southern end of the village, where large vehicles struggle to pass each other.</p> <p>Estimate to be produced as soon as staff resources are available.</p>	Highways to produce estimate	Highways
v)	3-23-9 A342 Old Derry Hill – request for road narrows sign (Southbound)	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council</p> <p>An order to install a Road Narrows Warning Sign has been placed with the contractor. Installation is anticipated during August.</p>	Area Board to note	AB
w)	3-23-10 A4 London Road / nr Old Derry Hill – request to extend safety barrier	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council</p> <p>There are concerns that the existing barrier did not restrain a vehicle which left the carriageway heading towards Calne, entered private property, and resulted in a fatal collision. It should be noted that the purpose of the barrier is to restrain</p>	Area Board to note	AB

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		<p>vehicles heading in the opposite direction. The request is to extend the barrier by approximately 30 metres.</p> <p>There is uncertainty as to whether this request sits within the remit of the LHFIG. Vehicle Restraint Systems are managed by the Council's Structures Team and this request has been forwarded to them for consideration.</p>		
x)	3-23-11 Derry Hill Church Lane and Studley Road – request for Traffic Management (calming) measures.	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council</p> <p>Parish are concerned that the features provided within the 20 mph Zone are not fully effective and request measures detailed in their Road Safety Feasibility Study, shared at the previous meeting.</p> <p>The Parish have requested that this scheme is developed so that a bid for substantive funding may be submitted in the Autumn of this year and that it is developed with Issue 3-23-12, to enable both projects to be submitted as a single substantive scheme.</p> <p>An Engineer has recently been assigned to consider these measures and will commence work in August.</p>	Area Board to note	AB
y)	Issue 3-23-12 Studley Village – Request for a 20 mph Zone and Traffic Management (calming) measures.	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council</p> <p>Parish request the introduction of a 20 mph Zone (village is currently subject to the National Speed Limit) and also request measures detailed in their Road Safety Feasibility Study, shared at the previous meeting.</p> <p>The implementation of the 20 Zone, could be delayed if this helps to meet the deadline for submitting substantive bids.</p>	Area Board to note	AB

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		An Engineer has recently been assigned to consider these measures and will commence work in August.		
5.	New Requests and ongoing Issues			
a)	3-22-4 Cherhill Marsh Lane – request for speed limit review and construction of passing places.	<p>Issue submitted by Cherhill & Yatesbury Parish Council</p> <p>The lane is rural in nature and is unlikely to meet the criteria for a lower speed limit. Passing places would need to be constructed to full carriageway specification to accommodate heavy agricultural vehicles. A ball park figure to construct one passing place is likely to be somewhere between £15K and £20K.</p> <p>Warning sign provisions were reviewed as part of a previous CATG project approximately 5 years ago and are in good order. Signs are provided to warn of horse and riders and double bend signs are positioned on approach to River's Brook. There are no signs provided to warn of Pedestrians in the Road.</p> <p>PC are content with the signing provisions along the lane and no longer consider this Issue to be a priority.</p>	To recommend to the Area Board that this Issue is closed.	Chair
b)	3-22-15 Calne Eastern Bypass / Beversbrook Sports Facility – request for bus service and infrastructure	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Town Council</p> <p>The Town Council have requested the creation of a lay-by on the North side of the A3102, to allow the bus to pull off of the main carriageway. A length of new footway would also be needed to link to the entrance to the sports centre.</p> <p>Bus Operators are no longer in favour of stopping within lay-bys due to delays encountered when exiting. Nowadays, new stops are developed within the running carriageway. This also</p>	Item deferred as the Town Council representative was unable to attend the meeting.	

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		<p>helps to slow other vehicles when the bus is present, reducing risk of collisions. A site visit has been made and the presence of mains water, drainage and electricity supply has been noted in this area. Street lighting is also present.</p> <p>Highways support this request but would encourage an on-carrageway stop, but to include infrastructure such as raised kerbs, an extended footway and a shelter. All of this could be provided at a much reduced cost when compared to the creation of a lay-by.</p>		
c)	3-22-18 Calne Tern Close – request to consider staggered barriers or other measures to reduce speed of cyclists	<p>Issue submitted by Cllr Ian Thorn and Calne Town Council</p> <p>At the last meeting, the group were against erecting signs and suggested some form of temporary barrier, but to retain access for pedestrians / pushchairs etc be trialed.</p>	To recommend to the Area Board that this Issue be closed.	Chair
d)	3-22-20 A4 Cherhill (various roads) – request for drop kerbs	<p>Issue submitted by Cherhill & Yatesbury Parish Council</p> <p>Request for drop kerbs at Park Lane junction with A4 and to consider requirements at Middle Lane, Maiden Lane and Olivers Hill to create an accessible route for pedestrians along the A4 between the village and Quemerford.</p> <p>The kerbs are lowered at Maiden Lane and at the junction to Lower Compton but not at Park Lane, Middle Lane or Oliver’s Hill.</p> <p>A ball park estimate to undertake this work is £11,000.</p>	<p>Parish Council requested further information about this project.</p> <p>Highways to contact the Parish Council.</p>	Highways
e)	3-22-21 A4 Cherhill junction with Middle Lane – Request to close Lay-by	<p>Issue submitted by Cherhill & Yatesbury Parish Council</p> <p>Parked cars causing visibility issues when joining the A4.</p>	Parish to discuss these options and report back at the next meeting.	Parish Council

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		<p>A site visit has been made by Highways and the issue is acknowledged.</p> <p>Options to “close” the lay-by include the provision of a full height kerb to create a wide footway area, the placement of bollards and planters with the area hatched out, or to simply hatch the area in the first instance, and monitor the situation.</p>		
f)	<p>3-22-24 A4 Curzon Street Calne – request for Traffic Calming Zone and / or part time 20 mph limit during school journey times</p>	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Town Council</p> <p>Springfield Academy has raised concerns about road safety by the school on the A4.</p> <p>Traditional calming measures such as humps and chicanes are ruled out due to the strategic nature of the route, and the amount of freight traffic using the route. Only realistic option is to consider a part time 20 mph speed limit, imposed by signing and flashing wig-wags. These would operate during normal school journey times only.</p> <p>Town Council to engage with the school to establish their true concerns.</p>	<p>Item deferred as the Town Council representative was unable to attend the meeting.</p>	
g)	<p>3-22-25 Calne Quarr Barton – upgrade of road surface to enable better access for wheel chair users</p>	<p>Issue submitted by Cllr Trotman and Calne Town Council</p> <p>Traffic Engineer has met on site with Area Highway Engineer. Current condition of path does not meet intervention levels for routine maintenance.</p> <p>Work to upgrade the surface would include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weed treatment. • Sweep and removal of detritus • Some patching • Milling of current surface 	<p>LHFIG Members to visit the site</p> <p>Town Council to consider a greater contribution.</p>	<p>LHFIG</p> <p>Town Council</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provisin of slurry seal to form new top surface <p>A ball park estimate to undertake this work is £10,000.</p> <p>Whilst the LHFIG are understanding of the problem, they are concerned about the benefit to the wider community this would bring. The Chair has encouraged the LHFIG Members to visit the site ahead of the next meeting and to ask that the Town Council consider a 50% contribution towards this project.</p> <p>A decision will be taken at the next meeting.</p>		
h)	3-23-13 Calne Churchill Close – concerns about excessive speed	<p>New Issue submitted by Calne Town Council</p> <p>Request is for Traffic Calming features and “Children at Play” signs.</p> <p>Highways confirmed that “Children at Play” signs are not prescribed for use on the highway. Following a discussion, the group concluded that the exploration of expensive calming features on a residential cul-de-sac was not appropriate.</p>	To recommend to the Area Board that this Issue be closed.	Chair
6.	Other items			
a)	Sustrans Route 403 - Calne to Avebury	An update has been provided by the working party and is included as Appendix 6.	To note	All
b)	A3102 Safety Project	Wiltshire Council has been granted £6.98m from the Department for Transport’s Safer Roads Fund to help make the A3102 from the M4 to the A350 at Melksham safer for all road users. The money will be spent on a range of safety measures,	To note	All

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		<p>such as re-designing some junctions, improvements to signing and pedestrian crossing facilities.</p> <p>Preliminary work is ongoing to establish a series of projects but no details are available to share at this time.</p>		
c)	<p>Deadline for submitting LHFIG Requests.</p>	<p>All requests are to be submitted two weeks prior to a meeting taking place. Requests received after the deadline will be held until the following meeting.</p> <p>Highway Improvement Request forms should be sent to our dedicated mailbox, LHFIGrequests@wiltshire.gov.uk</p> <p>The deadline for our next meeting is 29th September 2023.</p>	To note	All
8.	<p>Dates of future meetings:</p> <p>Friday 13th October and Friday 19th January 2024.</p> <p>All meetings to be held at the Harris Room, Calne Library, commencing at 10:00 hrs.</p>			

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Highways Traffic Officer – Mark Stansby

Area Highway Engineer – Becky Chivers

Community Engagement Manager – Ros Griffiths

1. Environmental & Community Implications

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1.1. Environmental and community implications were considered by the LHFIG during their deliberations. The funding of projects will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of environmental, social and community wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

2. Financial Implications

2.1. All decisions must fall within the Highways funding allocated to Calne Area Board.

2.2. If funding is allocated in line with LHFIG recommendations outlined in this report, and all relevant 3rd party contributions are confirmed, Calne Area Board will have a remaining Highways funding balance of **£25,126.10**

3. Legal Implications

3.1. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

4. HR Implications

4.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

5. Equality and Inclusion Implications

5.1 The schemes recommended to the Area Board will improve road safety for all users of the highway.

6. Safeguarding implications

6.1 There are no specific Safeguarding implications related to this report.

7. Recommendations to Calne Area Board

7.1 To close the following Issues:

3-21-11 Goatacre Speed Limit Review, 3-21-14 Calne Proclamation Steps, 3-22-8 C50 Blacklands Warning Signs, 3-22-4 Cherhill Marsh Lane, 3-22-18 Calne Tern Close and 3-23-13 Calne Churchill close.

7.2 To allocate funding to Issues already on the Priority Schemes List:

3-21-8 Compton Bassett Speed Limit Review (£4,200), 3-21-4 A4 (Studley) Speed Limit Review (£7,000) and 3-22-16 Compton Bassett Edge Lines (£420).