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	Item	Update	Actions and Recommendations	Who
	Calne LHFIG – Notes of meeting held on 13th October 2023 at 10:00 hrs, Harris Room, Calne Library			
1.	Attendees and apologies			
	Attendees:	Cllr Ashley O'Neill - Chair Cllr Sam Pearce Kearney Cllr Tony Trotman Alan Hill – Calne TC Doug Price – Calne Without PC Jeff Files – Hilmarton PC Rod Lloyd Davies – Compton Bassett PC Kim Stuckey – Bremhill PC Dave Denny – Heddington PC Richard Tucker – Bremhill PC John Henley – Hilmarton PC Andrew Sadler-Smith – Cherhill PC Martin Cook – Acting Area Highway Engineer Mark	To note	AB
	Apologies:	Ioan Rees – Calne Without PC John Barnes – Calne Without PC Martin Purslow – Cherhill PC		
2.	Notes of last meeting			
		The notes of the previous LHFIG meeting held on 4 th August 2023 were presented to the Area Board on Tuesday 6 th Septmber, passing all recommendations.	To note	All

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3.	Financial Position			
		The current balance for 2023/24, less previous commitments, stands at £29,018.44 (see Appendix 1).	To note	All
4.	Priority Schemes			
a)	Active Travel Issue A3102 Calne Silver Street – alternative pedestrian / cycle route to and from town via Station Road	<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)	Issue 3-20-11 Calne Anchor Road area – request for a 20-mph assessment.	<p>Issue submitted by Cllr Thorn & Calne Town Council</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> <p>Installation delayed by Contractor.</p>	Highways to chase contractor.	Highways
c)	Issue 3-20-9 A4 Calne / Quemerford – Request for crossing point to enable access to Quemerford Post Office from Stockley Lane	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Town Council</p> <p>Construction work has been completed and we are awaiting bills from our Contractor.</p>	Area Board to note.	AB
d)	Issue 3-21-8 C15 Compton Bassett – request for speed limit review	Issue submitted by Compton Bassett Parish Council	Highways to arrange consultation	Highways

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		<p>The cost to implement changes, inclusive of legal fees is estimated at £6,000.00 and the Parish Council has agreed to a 30% contribution.</p> <p>Work is underway to prepare the legal schedules and drawings ahead of formal consultation.</p>		
e)	<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 final costs are now confirmed as £9,631.53. This is an underspend of £2,810.47 against the estimate of £12,442.</p> <p>Town Council contribution confirmed as 30% of actual cost, a sum of £2889.46.</p>	<p>Highways to issue invoice when new IT operating system is available.</p>	<p>Highways</p>
f)	<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>The cost to implement changes, inclusive of legal fees is estimated at £10,000.00 and the Parish Council has agreed to a 30% contribution.</p> <p>The schedules and advert plans have been passed to the legal team, ahead of formal consultation.</p>	<p>Highways to arrange consultation</p>	<p>Highways</p>
g)	<p>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>	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council</p> <p>Parish representatives and Highways have met with an officer from Wiltshire's legal team to discuss the land ownership difficulties. Using the data gathered from the Topo survey, Highways and Legal to draft a new boundary plan, to help clarify land ownership.</p>	<p>Highways and legal to complete land ownership plan.</p>	<p>Highways & Legal</p>

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		The Parish have kindly offered to approach the land owners to seek an agreement in principle to dedicate land for this purpose, when the new plan is available.		
h)	3-22-5 Calne Bremhill View – request for dropped kerbs and a review of the safety barriers to provide inclusive access to the open green space	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Town Council</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Highways chasing SSE to complete their work.</p>	Highways to monitor / chase.	Highways
i)	3-22-14 Calne Prince Charles Drive / Ramsay Road – request for drop kerbs	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Town Council</p> <p>Work has been completed and costs are now confirmed at £2,171.97. The estimate was for £2,500, an underspend of £328.03.</p> <p>Town Council contribution confirmed as 30% of actual cost, a sum of £651.59.</p>	Highways to issue invoice when new IT operating system is available.	Highways
j)	3-22-9 A3102 Mile Elm – request for “safety measures” and a speed limit review	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council</p> <p>Construction work has been completed and we are awaiting bills from our Contractor.</p>	Area Board to note.	AB
k)	3-22-16 Compton Bassett – request for length of footway in the vicinity of the war memorial	<p>Issue submitted by Compton Bassett Parish Council</p> <p>An order to provide edge of carriageway markings has been placed along with other ad hoc road marking jobs.</p>	Highways to monitor / chase.	Highways

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l)	<p>3-22-17 Calne The Strand – request for direction signs to Recreation Ground, Rugby Club and Bowls Club</p>	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Town Council</p> <p>The signs have been installed and costs are now confirmed as £556.83. This is an underspend of £293.17 against a ball park estimate of £850.00.</p> <p>Town Council contribution confirmed as 30% of actual cost, a sum of £167.05.</p>	<p>Highways to issue invoice when new IT operating system is available.</p>	<p>Highways</p>
m)	<p>3-23-3 Foxham village – request for a speed limit review</p>	<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>The results of the speed limit review are included as Appendix 2.</p>	<p>The Parish representatives thanked the group for the review and requested more time to consider the recommendations.</p>	<p>Parish Council</p>
n)	<p>3-23-4 Bremhill Parish – request for village gates at 3 sites in Parish</p>	<p>Issue submitted by Bremhill Parish Council</p> <p>Highways has visited the 3 locations and offer the following comments.</p> <p>East Tytherton Western Approach Provision of a gate on the nearside (on approach) may cause visibility issues when exiting nearby property? A 1m wide gate could be installed on the off-side, Ball park cost to supply and install, inclusive of temporary traffic management is £2,500.</p> <p>Foxham West End Provision of a single gate 1.5m in width on nearside (on approach) could be installed at a cost of £2,750. Gate is likely to obscure signs which to also replace might cost an additional</p>	<p>The Parish representatives thanked the group for the costings and requested more time to consider their options.</p>	<p>Parish Council</p>

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		<p>£500. Savings could be achieved if included as part of the proposed speed limit changes.</p> <p>Tytherton Lucas Eastern Approach A pair of 1m gates could be installed at a ball park cost of £3,500 inclusive of temporary traffic management.</p>		
o)	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
p)	3-23-6 A342 Derry Hill Devizes Road – request for road surface gateway features.	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council</p> <p>Highways advise against the provision of red High Friction Surfacing at this time, as the surface is in a worn condition and no guarantee can be given as to how well this would adhere.</p>	The Parish are content with the proposal and will confirm their 30% contribution following their next meeting.	Parish Council

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		The red will be reinstated as and when the route is resurfaced at no cost to the LHFIG. Details of proposed works are included as Appendix 3. The estimate to complete this work stands at £3,000.	To recommend to the Area Board an allocation of £2,100.	Chair
q)	3-23-7 Ratford Bremhill Lane – request for Horse & Rider warning signs	Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council The signs have been installed and costs are confirmed as £535.79. This is an underspend of £464.21 against a ball park estimate of £1,000.00.	The Parish are content with the new signs and will confirm their 30% contribution, a sum of £160.74, following their next meeting.	Parish Council
r)	3-23-8 A342 Sandy Lane – request for village gates and warning signs	Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council Concerns about speeding and the pinch point at the southern end of the village, where large vehicles struggle to pass each other. Highways can advise that Devizes LHFIG are to promote a reduction of speed limit within the narrow section of this route to 40 mph and therefore entry speeds into the village should be reduced. It is therefore recommended that the request for a single white gate be withdrawn at this time. The estimated cost to provide a twin blade chevron (southbound) and road narrows sign (northbound), inclusive of temporary traffic management is £1050.	The Parish representative thanked the group for the proposal and requested more time to consider this.	Parish Council
s)	3-23-9 A342 Old Derry Hill – request for road narrows sign (Southbound)	Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council The sign has been installed and costs are confirmed as £503.54. This is a slight overspend of £3.54 against a ball park estimate of £500.	The Parish are content with the new sign and will confirm their 30% contribution, a sum of £151.06, following their next meeting.	Parish Council

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t)	<p>3-23-10 A4 London Road / nr Old Derry Hill – request to extend safety barrier</p>	<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 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> <p>No update available at this time.</p>	Area Board to note	AB
u)	<p>3-23-11 Derry Hill Church Lane and Studley Road – request for Traffic Management (calming) measures.</p>	<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 have requested further measures as detailed in their Road Safety Feasibility Study..</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>Highways have completed a review of the request and will arrange to meet with the Parish Council to discuss the findings.</p>	Highways to arrange meeting	Highways
v)	<p>Issue 3-23-12 Studley Village – Request for a 20 mph Zone</p>	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council</p>	Highways to arrange meeting	Highways

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	and Traffic Management (calming) measures.	<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> <p>Highways have completed a review of the request and will arrange to meet with the Parish Council to discuss the findings.</p>		
5.	New Requests and ongoing Issues			
a)	<p>3-22-15 Calne Eastern Bypass / Beversbrook Sports Facility – request for bus service and infrastructure</p>	<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 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-carriageway 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>	Highways to discuss with consultants	Highways

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		The Town Council's preference for a lay-by is supported by the LHFIG. Highways to discuss with their consultants leading on the A3102 safety study.		
b)	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 and the Parish Council has offered a contribution of 30%, a sum of £3,300.</p>	To recommend to the Area Board that this Issue is added to the Priority Schemes List and to allocate £7,700.	Chair
c)	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> <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> <p>Parish now favour the placement of bollards and have requested an estimate to undertake this work.</p>	To recommend to the Area Board that this Issue is added to the Priority Schemes List (without funding) to determine estimate.	Chair

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d)	<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. Town Council to engage with the school to establish their true concerns.</p>	<p>Town Council has requested additional time to engage with the school.</p>	<p>Town Council</p>
e)	<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 • Provision of slurry seal to form new top surface <p>A ball park estimate to undertake this work is £10,000.</p> <p>Whilst the LHFIFG are understanding of the problem, they are concerned about the benefit to the wider community this would bring. The Chair has encouraged the LHFIFG 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>To recommend to the Area Board that this Issue is added to the Priority Schemes list and to allocate £7,000.</p>	<p>Chair</p>

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		The Town Council are not willing to fund 50% of this work, but are content to make a 30% contribution (£3,000) for a scheme which they rate as a high priority. Following a discussion the group were content to accept the Town Council's offer.		
f)	2-23-14 A3102 Hilmarton and Goatacre – request for 4 x posts for SID deployment.	NEW Issue submitted by Hilmarton Parish Council Request is for 3 stand-alone sites and 1 site combined with existing warning signs.	Highways to investigate and prepare an estimate.	Highways
g)	3-23-15 A3102 Goatacre The Green – request for a Road Safety Review	NEW Issue submitted by Hilmarton Parish Council Highways confirmed that the A3102 at Goatacre is to be included as part of the comprehensive A3102 safety study, for which no proposals have yet to be released.	Highways to visit Goatacre and liaise with the study team.	Highways
h)	3-23-16 Tytherton Lucas – request for horse and rider signs	NEW Issue submitted by Bremhill Parish Council Request is to mount signs with the village nameplates.	Highways to investigate and report back with an estimate for new signs.	Highways
i)	3-23-17 A4 Calne London Road – request for pedestrian crossing facility	NEW Issue submitted by Calne Town Council There is a fixed fee of £2,500 to undertake a pedestrian crossing assessment.	Town Council to discuss and report back at the next meeting.	Town Council
6.	Other items			
a)	Sustrans Route 403 - Calne to Avebury	An update has been provided by the working party and is included as Appendix 4.	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 / feasibility studies are continuing 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 5th January 2024.</p>	To note	All
8.	<p>Dates of future meetings:</p> <p>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

Acting Area Highway Engineer – Martin Cook

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 **£11,083.97**

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 allocate funding to Issues already on the Priority Schemes List:

Issue 3-23-6 - A342 Derry Hill Speed limit repeater signs £2,100

7.2 To add the following Issues to the Priority Schemes List with funding:

Issue 3-22-40 A4 Cherhill drop kerbs £7,700 and Issue 3-22-25 Quarr Barton Footway £7,000

7.3 To add the following Issues to the Priority Schemes List without funding:

Issue 3-33-21 A4 Cherhill Closure of lay-by