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### Note of Melksham Highways Briefing, 4 June 2020

Present: Cllr Jon Hubbard (Chair), Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Phil Alford, Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Nick Holder (all Melksham Area Board), Adrienne Westbrook (Melksham TC), Phil McMullen (Atworth PC), Richard Culverhouse (Keevil PC), Sue Bond (Seend PC), Colin Wade (Semington PC), Chris Pickett (Older Persons Champion), Graham Ellis (Melksham Rail User Group), Mark Stansby, Peter Dunford (Wiltshire Council).

It was explained that this was not a meeting of the CATG as these groups are currently suspended while highways officer resources are re-directed to the COVID response work.

Mark Stansby advised that Wiltshire Council was submitting a bid to the Department of Transport worth £227,000 to fund five road reallocation projects in Wiltshire to make significant changes to road layouts to give more space to cyclists and pedestrians in these times of social distancing <https://ocm.wiltshire.gov.uk/melksham/first-bids-submitted-to-reallocate-road-space-for-cycling-and-walking/>

Although no projects in the Melksham community area met the strict criteria for segregated cycle routes in this submission, MS was keen that the local partners identify local projects for future tranches of funding that have been promised by government later this year.

Schemes discussed:

- Town Bridge – following the completion of the recent enhancements, there remains an issue with cyclists continuing to cycle on the footway. MS said he would recommend a “cyclists dismount” sign be erected. GE circulated proposals for a “one-way-system” to facilitate safe passing/ social distancing by users.
- Cycle lanes along spine roads into the town centre – Semington Road, King Street, Spa Road
- Cycle lane on Shurnhold between George Ward Gardens and railway station
- New path to provide northern access to railway station from new Premier Inn on Beanacre Road
- Town cycle network to be expanded with better signage everywhere
- Potential for “shared surface” for traffic and pedestrians in High Street
- Improvements to the National Cyclepath through the back lanes between Semington and Trowbridge
- New cyclepath on B3107 between Broughton Gifford and Holt
- New pathway at Top Lane, Whitley
- Safer cycling/ walking/ social distancing on the Kennet and Avon Canal towpath
- Widening the A361 Stocks to Seend footpath for shared use by pedestrians and cyclists
- **A feasibility study for a safe cycle lane along Seend High Street**

There will be formal consideration and discussion of these potential schemes with members of the CATG in the coming months.

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