

Calne Local Highways & Footway Improvement Group

	Item	Update	Actions and recommendations	Who
	Calne LHFIG – Notes of on-line meeting held on 3rd November 2022 at 09:30.			
1.	Attendees and apologies			
	Attendees:	Cllr Ashley O'Neill (Acting Chair) – Area Board Ioan Rees – Calne Without PC Martin Purslow – Cherhill & Yatesbury PC Dave Denny – Heddington PC John Henley – Hilmarton PC Pete Szczeziak – Compton Bassett PC Becky Chivers – Area Highway Engineer Mark Stansby – Snr Traffic Engineer	Area Board to note.	AB
	Apologies:	Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney – Area Board Cllr Ian Thorn – Area Board Cllr Tony Trotman – Area Board John Barnes – Calne Without PC Anne Henshaw – Calne Community Transport Colin Pearson – Bremhill PC Alan Hill – Calne TC		
2.	Notes of last meeting			
		The notes of the previous LHFIG meeting held on 28 th July 2022 were presented to the Area Board on 6 th September 2022, passing all recommendations.	LHFIG to note.	All

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3.	Financial Position			
		<p>In addition to the increasing cost of materials the government introduced two changes to legislation which are impacting contractors' prices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) The removal of the entitlement to use red diesel and rebated biodiesel from most sectors from April 2022 to help meet its climate change and air quality targets. These tax changes have ensured that most users of red diesel now use fuel taxed at the standard rate of diesel since 1st April 2022. ii) The introduction of the Health and Social Care Levy in April 2022 (for one year only) increases the employers National Insurance contributions for staff of 1.25p in the pound. <p>Under the Term Maintenance Contract Ringway are entitled to be compensated for costs associated with these two changes to legislation. In March 2022 an estimated annual adjustment to the rates was agreed at 4% for the 2022/23 financial year. However, taking into account recent rapid inflation and the government policy changes described above, a further increase of 7.25%, in addition to this 4% has been agreed.</p> <p>In summary, an increase of 11.25% is to be applied to all orders placed in 2022/23.</p> <p>This increase is not applicable to any design / assessment fees.</p> <p>The current balance for 2022/23, less previous commitments, stands at £34,896.46 (see Appendix 1).</p>	All to note	All

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4.	Priority Schemes			
a)	6465 – Road Safety/Vehicles mounting footpath at Curzon Street (narrow stretch).	Two additional bollards have been installed at a cost of £1049.61. This is an increase of £49.61 against the original estimate. LHFIG to make up the shortfall.	To recommend to the Area Board a further allocation of £49.61 for this project.	Chair
b)	Active Travel Issue A3102 Calne Silver Street – alternative pedestrian / cycle route to and from town via Station Road	Scheme to be progressed via Fynamore Gardens and Wenhill Heights using Section 106 funds. Work on the drop kerbs to begin week commencing 24 October. Sign installation has been delayed due to other priorities associated with Lyneham Banks closure.	Highways to chase contractor	Highways
c)	Issue 3-20-11 Calne Anchor Road area – request for a 20-mph assessment.	Issue submitted by Cllr Thorn & Calne Town Council The schedules and plans have been issued to the legal team ahead of Public Consultation. Demand for this service is high and therefore consultation is likely to begin towards the end of November.	Area Board to note	AB
d)	Issue 3-20-9 A4 Calne / Quemerford – Request for crossing point to enable access to Quemerford Post Office from Stockley Lane	Issue submitted by Calne Town Council A preliminary design has been completed for consultation with this group. See Appendix 2. The A4 is a sensitive route and working hours will be restricted to 09:30 to 15:30 under 2 way traffic signals. The signals will need to be removed at the end of each working day to permit access to Quemerford Mill.	To recommend to the Area Board an allocation of £10,409.17. Town Council to confirm their 30% contribution of £4,461.07 to enable construction to proceed.	Chair Town Council

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		The cost to construct this scheme will be £14,870.23. A provisional slot for construction is available during February of next year.		
e)	Issue 3-21-8 C15 Compton Bassett – request for speed limit review	<p>Issue submitted by Compton Bassett Parish Council</p> <p>The results of the speed limit assessment have been received. See Appendices 3 and 4. A technical note is also included as Appendix 5.</p> <p>Whilst no changes have been recommended, officers are minded to support an extension of the 30 mph (Section 2 of the assessed area). At Section 4, officers recommend consideration of other measures such as white gates, a review of warning signs, and provision of road markings.</p>	<p>Cllr O'Neill disappointed with the outcome of the assessment and will take the matter up with Cabinet Member for Highways, Cllr Mark McClelland.</p> <p>Item to be deferred until next meeting – AB to note</p>	<p>Cllr O'Neill</p> <p>Chair</p>
f)	Issue 3-21-11 Goatacre A3102 – request for speed limit review	<p>Issue submitted by Hilmarton Parish Council</p> <p>The results of the speed limit assessment have been received. See Appendices 6, 7 and 8.</p> <p>No changes have been recommended and this is perhaps not surprising as there have been no environmental changes along this route since the last review in 2009/10. The criteria for setting speed limits has not been updated since that time.</p>	<p>Cllr O'Neill disappointed with the outcome of the assessment and will take the matter up with Cabinet Member for Highways, Cllr Mark McClelland.</p> <p>Item to be deferred until next meeting – AB to note</p>	<p>Cllr O'Neill</p> <p>Chair</p>
g)	Issue 3-21-9 Quemerford, Quemerford Lane – request to improve conspicuity of the junction	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Town Council</p> <p>An edge line (approx. 50 metres) has been painted. Highways are awaiting bill from contractor.</p>	<p>Area Board to note</p>	<p>AB</p>
h)	3-21-13 Calne Sandpit Road – Request for footway improvements and drop kerbs	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Town Council</p>	<p>Area Board to note</p>	<p>AB</p>

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	<p>from York Road / Comet Crescent, ROW CLAN62</p>	<p>The alternative route through Britannia Drive crosses unadopted land and the landowner(s) intend to close this route.</p> <p>Whilst design work has progressed the design team have reported the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OS data has not been updated and so producing a scale drawing is not possible at this time. • To overcome this issue the project will be handled as a “walk and build” exercise with the contractor. • The RoW will need to be closed and there is a 3 month lead-in time for a formal closure. • The Contractor has no available slots this financial year to programme construction. (Contract ends in March 2023). <p>Construction will therefore have to take place in the new financial year, but the rates of the new contract are not yet known.</p> <p>Highways to produce an outline drawing and cost estimate (using the new rates) ahead of the next meeting in January.</p>		
i)	<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 results of a speed limit assessment have been received. See Appendices 9 and 10. A technical note is also included as Appendix 11.</p> <p>The review has recommended a reduction from National Speed Limit to 50 mph on the sections either side of Studley Crossroads.</p>	<p>Parish have requested time to consider the recommendations.</p> <p>Area Board to note</p>	<p>Parish</p> <p>AB</p>

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j)	3-21-14 Calne Mill Street Proclamation Steps – Request for a bollard to deter cyclists	Issue submitted by Cllr Thorn & Calne Town Council An order has been placed to install a new bollard and this was due to be completed on 10 th October.	Highways to chase the contractor	Highways
k)	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.	Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council The Design Team have provided the following update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topo survey has been done but the results have yet to be received. • Cycle track order stops in line with the boundary of property 22 Petty Lane. There is a small pocket of land by the car park barrier which is not recorded as Public Highway. This issue will need to be addressed, to link the shared use path to the public highway (Petty Lane). Subject to agreement with the landowner, this could be achieved by a “free” land dedication arrangement. • If the new cycletrack is to expand from the fence line to kerb line, adjacent to the car park, parked vehicles could overhang the cycletrack creating a safety issue. A grass verge strip would need to be retained or rubber wheel stoppers would need to be installed within the car park. • The cycletrack would need to be closed during construction and an alternative route signposted in each direction. It should be noted that there is a 3 month notice period for Highway Closures. <p>Moving forward, design work will progress whilst the legal issues are explored.</p>	Area Board to note	AB

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l)	<p>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>	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Town Council</p> <p>Highways have identified the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 x drop kerbs • Extensive hedgerow clearance • Repairs to footway • Replacement Pedestian safety barrier <p>The project will be advanced when staff resources become available.</p>	Area Board to note	AB
m)	<p>3-22-8 C50 South of Blacklands Crossroads – request for Horse and Rider warning signs for Bridleway crossing of CALW38</p>	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council</p> <p>Horse and Rider Warning signs have been ordered with installation anticipated late October / early November.</p>	Area Board to note	AB
n)	<p>3-22-14 Calne Prince Charles Drive / Ramsay Road – request for drop kerbs</p>	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Town Council</p> <p>A ball park cost to install 2 sets of drop kerbs is £2,500.</p> <p>The project will be advanced when staff resources become available.</p>	Area Board to note	AB
<p>5. New Requests and ongoing Issues</p>				
a)	<p>Issue 3-21-12 Cherhill – School related traffic at pick up and drop off times</p>	<p>Issue submitted by Cherhill and Yatesbury Parish Council</p> <p>Parish has suggested alternative parking, drop-off and pick-up provision (a barriered lay-by) alongside the A4 to remove the large volume of traffic from Cherhill's roads, combined with a reduced speed limit and a new pedestrian access to the school.</p>	To recommend to the Area Board that the Issue be closed	Chair

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		<p>Cherhill PC rep would contact Ruth Durrant, School Travel Plan Advisor, to establish status of the School Travel Plan and the 'Taking Action on School Journeys' initiative.</p> <p>It was noted that changes to the school car park might alleviate the situation. Parish are content for the issue to be closed.</p>		
b)	<p>Issue 3-21-10 Yatesbury, The Avenue – request for traffic management measures to control speeds.</p>	<p>Issue submitted by Cherhill and Yatesbury Parish Council</p> <p>The Avenue is part of Sustrans Route 403 and is also used by walkers and horse riders. At a previous meeting, Highways presented some suggestions for consideration by the Parish Council (briefing note included as Appendix 12).</p> <p>Parish has requested more time to consider this matter.</p>	<p>Parish Council to consider the briefing note and report back at the next meeting</p>	<p>Parish Council</p>
c)	<p>3-22-4 Cherhill Marsh Lane – request for speed limit review and construction of passing places.</p>	<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 depth specification to accommodate the weight of agricultural vehicles. They would need kerbing and the work would have to take place under a road closure. 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>Parish Council to consider the issue and report back at the next meeting</p>	<p>Parish Council</p>

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		Parish has requested more time to consider this matter.		
d)	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>Proposals of signing improvements are included within a briefing note on this issue. See Appendix 13.</p> <p>Having looked at this in more detail, and taking into account recent rises in costs, the ball park estimate now stands at approximately £7,500.</p> <p>The group are content to move this to the Priority List for implementation.</p>	<p>To recommend to the Area Board that this Issue is moved to the Priority Schemes List and to allocate funding of £5,250.</p> <p>Parish Council to confirm their 30% contribution of £2,250 to enable construction to proceed.</p>	<p>Chair</p> <p>Parish Council</p>
e)	3-22-10 CALW56 Abberd Lane, section leading from Sand Pit to Hills Site – request for speed limit	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council</p> <p>It should be noted that there is an ongoing consultation on a proposed development on the north side of Abberd Lane, with access to the site from Abberd Lane.</p> <p>This issue was deferred awaiting liaison between Parish reps with Hills Waste.</p>	Parish reps to liaise with Hills Waste	Parish reps
f)	3-22-13 Calne The Pippin – request to move the Zebra Crossing	<p>Issue submitted by Calne Town Council</p> <p>Traffic engineer has visited the site to observe use of this crossing. No concerns were noted during the visit. Approach speeds in both directions are low and drivers seemd alert to those crossing or waiting to cross. There has been no recorded injury collisions in the most recent 6 year period.</p> <p>It is possible to make the crossing wider, but this would involve relocation of flashing beacons and tactile paving. Estimated cost to make these changes is in the region of £20K.</p>	To recommend to the Area Board that the Issue is closed.	Chair.

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		The group were content with the findings reported and no longer wish to pursue any changes.		
g)	3-22-15 Calne Eastern Bypass / Beversbrook Sports Facility – request for bus service and infrastructure	Issue submitted by Calne Town Council The Group require more information on the local bus service operating in Town in order to make an informed decision on this. The Town Council have been tasked to provide a briefing note on how the local bus service operates.	Town Council to produce briefing note	Town Council
h)	3-22-16 Compton Bassett – request for length of footway in the vicinity of the war memorial	New Issue submitted by Compton Bassett Parish Council To convert the highway verge to a standard footway. The group are in favour of further investigation for this request.	To recommend to the Area Board that this Issue is added to the Priority Schemes List (without funding) to develop an outline plan and cost estimate. Highways to consider when staff resources are available.	Chair Highways
i)	3-22-17 Calne The Strand – request for direction signs to Recreation Ground, Rugby Club and Bowls Club	New Issue submitted by Calne Town Council Hghways to consider this and report back at the next meeting	Highways to investigate	Highways
j)	3-22-18 Calne Tern Close – request to consider staggered barriers or other measures to reduce speed of cyclists	New Issue submitted by Cllr Ian Thorn and Calne Town Council Provision of a bollard has already been discounted. Request is to consider other measures. Hghways to consider this and report back at the next meeting.	Highways to investigate	Highways

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k)	3-22-19 Calne A3102 Silver Street – Speeding concerns	<p>New Issue submitted by Calne Town Council</p> <p>Customer has suggested SID deployment and / or traffic physical traffic calming measures.</p> <p>Item deferred to next meeting when Town Council can be represented.</p>	Area Board to note	AB
6.	Other items			
a)	Calne Community Transport Strategy.	<p>At the last meeting it was requested that the Strategy Document be circulated to the LHFIG.</p> <p>Moving forward, it was agreed that this item should be removed from the Agenda until further updates are available.</p>	<p>Calne Without to circulate the document to the LHFIG members.</p> <p>To recommend to the Area Board that this Issue is closed.</p>	<p>Calne Without PC</p> <p>Chair.</p>
b)	Sustrans Route 403 - Calne to Avebury	Update to be provided by members of the working party in due course.	All to note	All
c)	Calne Without Parish Council Road Safety Fesibility Study	<p>Calne Without Parish Council has prepared a briefing note on their ongoing safety study. See Appendix 14. The note was appraised by the Parish Representative.</p> <p>Further details are to be circulated to the group by the Parish rep.</p>	All to note	All
c)	Deadline for submitting LHFIG Requests.	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.	To note	All

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		The deadline for our next meeting is therefore 12 th January 2023.		
8.	Date of next meeting: Friday 27th January 2023. Meeting to be held at the Harris Room, Calne Library, commencing at 10:00.			

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Highways Traffic Officer – Mark Stansby

Area Highway Engineer – Becky Chivers

Community Engagement Manager – Ros Griffiths

1. Environmental & Community Implications

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 **£19,237.30**

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

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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:

3-21-12 Cherhill, 3-22-3 Calne The Pippin and Community Transport Strategy item.

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

3-22-9 Mile Elm (£5250.00)

7.3 To add funding to Issues already on the Priority Schemes List:

6465 Calne Curzon Street (£49.61) and 3-20-9 Quemerford Footway (£10,409.17)

7.4 To add the following Issues (without funding) to the Priority Schemes List:

3-22-16 Compton Bassett Footway