

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Calne Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> August 2011</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Highways Working Group (CATG) – Small Scale Transport and Highway Improvement Schemes</b>

## **Purpose of Report**

To ask the area board to consider recommendations from the Calne Community Area Highways Working Group (CATG) in respect to the following:

1. Allocate £11,368.23 from the 2011/12 CATG funding allocation towards implementing safer pedestrian crossing arrangements at Hilmarton (appendix 2), conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.
2. Allocate £5,000 from the 2010/11 Calne area board budget carried over to address projects linked to community priorities towards the implementation of a pedestrian refuge and associated works at Hilmarton (appendix 2), conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.
3. Request that the Community Area Manager makes a submission to the Substantive Highways budget for the balance of funding required to implement a safer pedestrian crossing at Hilmarton (appendix 2).
4. Maintain the issue of safer pedestrian crossing arrangements at Goatacre on the Working Groups list of priorities for action while further funding is identified and note that the feasibility study produced (appendix 3) is considered to meet the requirements of the issue and the local community.
5. Maintain the issue of safer pedestrian crossing arrangements at Lakeview on the Working Groups list of priorities for action and note that the Working Group considers that the feasibility study (appendix 4) provides a satisfactory technical scheme but does not adequately meet the requirements of local people and therefore requires further investigation.

To ask the area board to:

6. Note the cost of a lighting scheme at Derry Hill/Studley Crossroads (appendix 5).
7. Note that a signage scheme to help address congestion issues at Curzon Street has been implemented and its impact will be assessed and reported back to the area board.

## 1. Background

- 1.1. In 2011/12 the 18 area boards were allocated a discretionary budget of £250,000 to involve them in the assessment and selection of small scale highways schemes to be progressed in their community areas. Calne area board was allocated £12,465.
- 1.2. In addition the Calne area board carried forward a balance of £11,496 from the 2010/11 budget.
- 1.3. In 2011/12 the Calne area board had a total budget of £23,961
- 1.4. Following the commissioning of feasibility studies and small scale highway improvement schemes by the Calne area board the balance of funding remaining is £16,495 (details outlined in financial summary appendix 1).
- 1.5. This funding allocation is for capital funding and can only be used to provide new and improved infrastructure. It is suitable for schemes that improve safety, increase accessibility and sustainability by promoting walking; cycling and public transport and improve traffic management. It cannot be used to fund maintenance schemes or to pay for revenue functions such as passenger transport.
- 1.6. Due to the complexity of assessing and selecting schemes from the many issues and requests, and the potential time that such an agenda would take, each area board was asked to set up a highways working group or Community Area Transport Group (CATG) to make recommendations to the area board.
- 1.7. The Calne Highways Working Group (CATG) comprises of a lead Calne area board councillor and nominated representatives from the community (see below).

Christine Crisp	Calne area board
Ed Jones	Chair, Focus on Five (Parish Forum)
Charles Boase	Town Council
Richard Broadhead	Parish Council

- 1.8. In October 2010 five priorities were identified by the Calne CATG:
  - 1.8.1. Safer pedestrian crossing arrangements in Hilmarton.
  - 1.8.2. Traffic congestion in Curzon Street
  - 1.8.3. Safer pedestrian crossing arrangements at Studley Crossroads
  - 1.8.4. Safer pedestrian crossing arrangements in Goatacre
  - 1.8.5. Safer pedestrian crossing arrangements at Lakeview

- 1.9. At the Calne area board meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> June 2011 it was decided to progress work on a lighting scheme at the pedestrian refuges at Studley Crossroads, on condition that the cost fell within the CATG budget and that the Parish and local people were consulted on the proposed scheme.
- 1.10. At the same meeting it was also decided that, in order to meet an early deadline to the new Substantive Highways budget scheme, a decision on the assessment and submission of any identified Calne priorities to that scheme would be delegated to the Community Area Manager, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the area board.
- 1.11. The deadline for submission to the Substantive Highways budget scheme has been extended to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011 and so the CATG working group decided to bring the decision back to the area board.
- 1.12. The CATG last met on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August to review feasibility studies for priority issues and to prepare recommendations for the area board.

## **2. Main Considerations**

- 2.1. If decisions are taken in line with the recommendations of the Highways Working group (CATG) in this report, actions will be implemented to address the top 3 priorities.
- 2.2. At its meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> August, the working group (CATG) discussed priorities at Goatacre and Lakeview. It was felt that the area board should consider maintaining their position on the list of priorities.
- 2.3. The scheme identified in the feasibility study for Goatacre was felt to be an appropriate option to address that issue if funding becomes available.
- 2.4. The scheme identified in the feasibility study for Lakeview was not felt to be a suitable option to address community concerns related to that issue. While the scheme provided a technically appropriate solution the working group felt that any detrimental impact upon the local post office should be avoided. This was echoed by local people living in the Quemerford Area and also in the villages of Cherhill and Yatesbury who have expressed concerns to the Community Area Manager, Wiltshire Councillors and town and parish councils.
- 2.5. The working group feels that further investigations should be carried out working more closely with interested local people.

### **3. Environmental & Community Implications**

**3.1.** Environmental and community implications were considered by the Highways Working Group (CATG) during its 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.

### **4. Financial Implications**

**4.1.** If the area board makes decisions in line with the recommendations of the Highways Working group (CATG), the balance of funding remaining in the Calne area highways discretionary budget for funding small scale highways schemes in the community area during 2011/12 will be £0.

### **5. Legal Implications**

**5.1.** There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

### **6. HR Implications**

**6.1.** There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

### **7. Equality and Inclusion Implications**

**7.1.** The schemes recommended in this report will improve road safety for all users of the highway.

## **8. Recommendations**

### **8.1. With reference to priority 1 - Safer pedestrian arrangements in Hilmarton:**

- 8.1.1. Allocate £11,368.23 towards the implementation of a pedestrian refuge and associated works (appendix 2).
- 8.1.2. Allocate £5,000 from the Calne area board budget carried over to address projects linked to community priorities from 2010/11, towards the implementation of a pedestrian refuge and associated works (appendix 2).
- 8.1.3. Request that the Calne Community Area Manager makes a submission to the Substantive Highways Budget scheme for the balance of funding required to implement a pedestrian refuge and associated works at Hilmarton (appendix 2).

### **8.2. With reference to priority 4 - Safer pedestrian arrangements in Goatacre.**

- 8.2.1. Maintain this issue as a priority for the Calne Area Highways Working Group (CATG).

### **8.3. With reference to priority 5 - Safer pedestrian arrangements at Lakeview.**

- 8.3.1. Maintain this issue as a priority for the Calne Area Highways Working Group (CATG).
- 8.3.2. Note that the feasibility study (appendix 4) provides a satisfactory technical scheme but does not adequately meet the requirements of local people and therefore requires further investigation.
- 8.3.3. Support the Highways working group to engage with local people and investigate further approaches to addressing this issue.

### **8.4. With reference to priority 3 - Safer pedestrian arrangements at Studley Crossroads.**

- 8.4.1. Note the allocation of funding towards a lighting scheme.

### **8.5. With reference to priority 2 – Traffic congestion at Curzon Street**

- 8.5.1. Note that a signage scheme has been implemented and will be assessed for its impact in future months.

## 9. Appendices

Appendix 1	Calne Highways Working Group (CATG) financial summary
Appendix 2	A3102 Hilmarton Pedestrian Crossing Assessment
Appendix 3	A3102 Goatacre Pedestrian Crossing Assessment
Appendix 4	A4 Quemerford Pedestrian Crossing Assessment
Appendix 5	Diagram of proposed lighting scheme for Studley Crossroads

Unpublished documents used in the preparation of this report include meeting notes from the Calne Community Area Highways Working Group (CATG).

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