

Area Board Project

1. What is the Initiative?

Zebra Crossing at Holt.

2. Where is the initiative taking place?

B3017 adjacent the boundaries of numbers 152/153 The Common, Holt.

3. When will the initiative take place?

In the current financial year 2011/12.

4. What are the Community benefits/evidence of need/links to Community Plan/Community Issue?

A feasibility study was carried out in response to a request raised by Holt Parish Council that they would like to see the provision of a pedestrian crossing made in the vicinity of the Station Road junction with The Street / The Common. The reason for this request was that changes are being made to the advised walking route to the local junior school and to the drop off and pick up point for those car transported children. There is a perception in the village of community severance brought about by traffic using the B3107 and it is considered that a crossing will reduce this severance, make crossing the road safer, and encourage greater numbers of children to walk to school.

A 145 signatory petition from local residents was received by Wiltshire Council in May 2011. This stated "we the undersigned petition the Council to provide a safe crossing on the main B3117 in the vicinity of Holt Primary School. Holt is divided by the main Bradford to Melksham road. A safe crossing would improve road safety and encourage parents to allow their children to walk to school rather than driving them. It would help residents to access the shop and post office."

The feasibility report, published in May 2011, recommended the implementation of a zebra crossing adjacent to the boundary of numbers 152 and 153 The Common but only with an assurance from Holt Primary School that the changes to the walking route to the school are being actively promoted.

The Parish Council with the support of their Wiltshire Councillor, Trevor Carbin, have held public meetings in the village to discuss the need for the crossing and in order to raise funding towards it.

There is widespread goodwill towards the project evidenced in the funding package which includes contributions from the Bradford on Avon Area Board*, Holt Parish Council and local residents.

The Bradford on Avon Community Area Transport Group at its meeting on 8 July discussed the project, which is identified as one of its priority transport issues. It recommended that a bid be put forward to the Substantive Highways Scheme.

(*Approval to be confirmed at Area Board on 21/09/11)

5. What is the desired outcome of this initiative?

Reduced community severance, a safe road crossing, encouragement to children to walk to school.

6. Who will Project Manage this initiative?

David Thomas, Traffic Engineering Manager, Wiltshire Council.

7. Costs/quotes/ match funding? (total cost £5k require 1 quote, total cost £5k-25k require 3 quotes)

Feasibility Study at Page 16 quotes £ 23, 100 to cover the costs of a standard zebra crossing, an additional length of footway to Station Road, 4 street lights and belisha beacons, a Traffic Regulation Order and design fees.

8. Additional information

See attached:

- Application for Substantive Highways Scheme funding
- Pedestrian Crossing Assessment Report