

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Chippenham Area Board</b>	<b>Item No.16a</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>1st March 2010</b>	
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Bath Road Car Park Councillors Update</b>	

## **Purpose of Report**

To provide an update on Bath Road Car Park since the last Area Board on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

## 1. Background

### 1.1. Decisions made at Chippenham Area Board meeting 25<sup>th</sup> January 2010

- 1.1.1 That a mobile CCTV camera is purchased to monitor the car park to gather evidence of perpetrators
- 1.1.2 That the Anti-Social Behaviour Reduction Officer and the Police continue to follow patterns of disturbances and if a pattern can be established action needs to be taken under section 59 against the individuals concerned.
- 1.1.3 That the Chippenham Area Board did not accept the other findings and recommendations in the Bath Road Car Park report because they challenged the budget estimates in Appendix one.
- 1.1.4 More investigation was requested as to the engineering options available.
- 1.1.5 That a report comes back to the 1 March 2010 Chippenham Area Board meeting with an update of progress.
- 1.1.6 That a definitive response to this issue is agreed upon at the 10 May 2010 Chippenham Area Board meeting.
- 1.1.7 That a residents working group is set up to feed into the process.

<b>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</b>	Previous North Wiltshire District Council files Report to North Wiltshire Executive Letter written to Residents 28 November 2008 Summary of Residents meeting held 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2010 Minutes from Area Board 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2010
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## 2. The following work has been carried out since the Chippenham Area Board Meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

- 2.1.1 An Officer meeting was held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010, to appraise the latest position and to prepare a workplan of actions to be carried out and by whom.
- 2.1.2 We are currently in negotiation with three CCTV providers for information upon what they systems can deliver.

- 2.1.3 Chippenham Police commenced 'Operation Elavon' in the Car Park on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010 for one month to establish the level of issues.
- 2.1.4 At the time of writing this report the Police have carried out in excess of 50 patrols of the location which have revealed that a number of young people use the car park, but when they attend there are no issues with these young people who are in parked vehicles, chatting with music and lights off. At this time they have not had any further calls from residents relating to issues around the location.
- 2.1.5 The request for a feasibility study was referred to the Cabinet Member for Highways & Transport for consideration. Wiltshire Council is obliged to consider the evidence, risks and implications when considering the use of public funds and resources. Working in partnership with Wiltshire Police, it is recognised that there is an intermittent problem in this car park, however the level of incidents reported is comparable to many other car parks in Wiltshire. In view of this evidence, the Cabinet Member for Highways & Transport has advised that this issue is not a high enough priority to consider diverting Wiltshire Council resources to produce a feasibility study at this time.
- 2.1.6 Chippenham Area Board may wish to consider funding the feasibility study in 2010/11. A budget estimate for the feasibility study from Wiltshire Council's term consultant Mouchel is £5,000 subject to a firm quote against a brief. This would include:
- Investigating the demand and access to car park
  - Investigate road alignment, visibility, signage and lighting
  - Power supply
  - Type of barrier
  - Management issues
  - Maintenance
- 2.1.7 A date has been set for the next residents meeting. This has been arranged for 10<sup>th</sup> March 2010.
- 2.1.8 An update letter was sent to residents informing them on the latest position on the 8<sup>th</sup> February, and inviting them to a residents working group meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2010. Included was a monitoring sheet and details of points of contact in both the Council and the Police.
- 2.1.9 The Community Safety Manager (North) has visited the area on several occasions and collected new unused needles and three sharps boxes together with a small number of used needles.

2.1.10 The Community Safety Manager (North) has contacted the drug support service in Chippenham and they have agreed to monitor the site and talk to their clients about the risks and dangers of discarding needles. They were also informed that the Council has fitted sharps bins, in the public toilets, in both Bath Road and Borough Parade Car Parks for the correct disposal of needles. This service is also for other users such as diabetics.

2.1.11 Since the residents meeting on January 19th no referrals or noise complaints have been received by either Wiltshire Council or the Police.

2.1.12 The Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service has been approached to do a joint 'Black Dog' event similar to one recently performed in Trowbridge. This is planned to happen in May/June 2010. This is an education evening to inform drivers about consequences of speed including a demonstration of cutting injured occupants out of a crashed car, to show what is involved, along with educational pamphlets and information about consequences on car insurance of modifying your vehicle.

<b>Appendices:</b>	
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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