

Report to	Calne Area Board
Date of Meeting	12th June 2012
Title of Report	Highways Working Group (CATG) – Small Scale Transport and Highway Improvement Schemes
Purpose of Report	
<p>To ask the Area Board to consider recommendations from the Calne Community Area Highways Working Group (CATG) with respect to the following:</p>	
Speed Limit Review - C & unclassified roads	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Submit C15 (from A4 east of Quemerford through Compton Bassett to Wootton Bassett) and C113 (from A4 west of Calne through Ratford, Bremhill Wick, East Tytherton, Kellaways towards Langley Burrell) to the C & unclassified roads speed limit review as Calne Area Board priority routes. (appendices 1&2) 2. Submit C112 (from A4 at Pewsham, Stanley Lane through Bremhill to Turf House Lane) to the C & unclassified roads speed limit review as a Calne Area Board reserve priority. (appendices 1&2) 	
CATG funding allocation	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Allocate £4,600 from the 2012/13 CATG funding allocation towards the implementation of an improvement scheme at the junction of Sandy Lane/Back Lane (appendix 3) 4. Decline a request for financial support of signage scheme for Patford House surgery, Calne. 	
Substantive Highways Scheme 2012/13	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Allocate £7,865 from the 2012/13 CATG funding allocation towards implementing safer pedestrian crossing arrangements at Goatacre (appendix 4), conditional upon the balance of funding being in place. 6. Allocate £2,000 from the 2010/11 Calne area board budget towards the implementation of a pedestrian refuge and associated works at Goatacre (appendix 4), conditional upon the balance of funding being in place. 7. 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 Goatacre (appendix 4). 	
To ask the Area Board to:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Note a contribution of £1,000 from Calne Without Parish Council towards the Sandy Lane/Back Lane scheme (appendix 3). 9. Note a contribution of £1,000 from Hilmarton Parish Council towards the Goatacre refuge scheme. (appendix 4) 	

Background

1.1. Speed Limit Review:

- 1.1.1. Each Community Area is asked to identify 2 priority routes to put forward to the C & unclassified roads Speed Limit Review in 2012/12.
- 1.1.2. Each Community Area is asked to identify a 3rd route to act as a reserve, in case either of the priorities cannot be assessed due to the need to ensure routes consistency across community area borders.
- 1.1.3. The review will be undertaken in accordance with the Department of Transport Circular 01/06 – Setting Local Speed Limits.
- 1.1.4. Changes on the ground for successful routes are expected in 2013/14.

1.2. CATG funding:

- 1.2.1. In 2012/13 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.
- 1.2.2. 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.
- 1.2.3. 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 required to set up a highways working group or Community Area Transport Group (CATG) to make recommendations to the area board.
- 1.2.4. 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
Geoff Procter	Parish Council
Gibb Hancock	Parish Council

1.2.5. In 2011/12 the Calne CATG focussed on five priorities identified by the Area Board:

- Safer pedestrian crossing arrangements in Hilmarton.
- Traffic congestion in Curzon Street
- Safer pedestrian crossing arrangements at Studley Crossroads
- Safer pedestrian crossing arrangements in Goatacre
- Safer pedestrian crossing arrangements at Lakeview

1.2.6. A safer pedestrian crossing arrangement in Goatacre was the only priority that was not addressed in 2011/12.

1.2.7. At the Highways Working Group (CATG) meeting held in October 2011 an issue of traffic management/speed reduction at the junction of Sandy Lane/Back Lane was added as a priority issue.

1.2.8. The CATG last met on 18th April 2012 to review issues and to prepare recommendations for the area board. (appendix 5).

1.3. Substantive Highways Scheme:

1.3.1. The Substantive Highways Scheme has an increased budget for 2012/13; £250,000 is available for bids from all of the Area Boards in Wiltshire.

1.3.2. The deadline for submission to the Substantive Highways budget scheme is 30th June 2012.

1.4. Patford Street Surgery signage scheme:

1.4.1. The CATG has received a request from a patients group to fund a signage scheme at Patford House Surgery.

2. Main Considerations

2.1. Speed Limit Review:

2.1.1. If the Area Board decides to follow the recommendations of the CATG (Highways Working Group) with regards to priority C & unclassified routes for speed limit reviews it will be addressing community issues expressed on the Area Boards issue log.

2.1.2. Relevant Parish Councils have supported the concerns of individual members of the community with regards to traffic speeds on these routes.

2.1.3. All routes recommended for submission to the speed limit review experience higher collision rates within the community area.

2.2. CATG/Substantive Highways budgets:

2.2.1. If financial decisions are taken in line with the recommendations of the Highways Working group (CATG) in this report, actions will be implemented to address current priorities of the Calne Community Area.

2.2.2. Schemes identified at Goatacre and at Sandy Lane/Back Lane have both been designed and feasibility studies have been undertaken.

2.2.3. At its meeting in May 2012, Calne Without Parish Council unanimously agreed to contribute £1,000 towards the cost of the Sandy Lane/Back Lane scheme.

2.2.4. At its meeting on 23rd August 2011 the Calne Area Board decided to maintain the issue of safer pedestrian crossing arrangements at Goatacre on the Working Groups list of priorities for action while further funding was identified and noted that the feasibility study produced (appendix 4) was considered to meet the requirements of the issue and the local community.

2.2.5. At its meeting in September 2011, Hilmarton Parish Council approved a £1,000 contribution towards a pedestrian refuge at Goatacre.

2.3. Patford Street Surgery signage scheme:

2.3.1. The renewal of the lease on Patford Street Surgery is due in the relatively near future and there is no guarantee that existing arrangements will remain in place.

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 and identification of priority issues 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 2012/13 will be £0.

4.2. If the Calne Area Board makes community area grants awards in line with officer recommendations at its meeting on 12th June, it will have a balance of £28,636.00

- 4.3.** If the Calne Area Board decides to make a contribution towards the cost of the Goatacre refuge scheme from its Area Board budget it will have a balance of £26,636.00

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

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8.2. CATG funding allocation

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8.2.2. Allocate £4,600 from the 2012/13 CATG funding allocation towards the implementation of an improvement scheme at the junction of Sandy Lane/Back Lane (appendix 3)

8.2.3. Decline a request for financial support of signage scheme for Patford House surgery, Calne.

8.3. Substantive Highways Scheme 2012/13

8.3.1. Allocate £7,865 from the 2012/13 CATG funding allocation towards implementing safer pedestrian crossing arrangements at Goatacre (appendix 4), conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

8.3.2. Allocate £2,000 from the 2012/13 Calne area board budget towards the implementation of a pedestrian refuge and associated works at

Goatacre (appendix 4), conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

8.3.3. Note a contribution of £1,000 from Hilmarton Parish Council towards the Goatacre refuge scheme.

8.3.4. 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 Goatacre (appendix 4).

9. Appendices

Appendix 1	C & unclassified routes in the Calne Community Area
Appendix 2	C & unclassified routes – Collision rate statistics
Appendix 3	Sandy Lane/ Back Lane scheme
Appendix 4	Goatacre pedestrian refuge scheme
Appendix 5	Meeting notes of Calne CATG (Highways Working Group) 18 th April 2012

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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