

# Area Board

for the Calne Community Area

## **Sandpit Road (S106) Working Group**

Notes of the Working Group Meeting: 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2012

*Attendees:* Cllr Tony Trotman (Wiltshire Council)  
Anne Henshaw (CAT/CCAP), Ashley Ponting (Save Calne Marsh Group - Residents Association), Stephen Hind (Wiltshire Council, Principle Engineer, Highway Network Improvements), Steve Corbin (Wiltshire Council Transport Planning Assistant), Jacqui Radford (John Bentley School), Linda Roberts (Calne Town Council) Jane Vaughan (Wiltshire Council - Calne Community Area Manager).

*Apologies:* Malcolm Gull (Calne Community Hub Project/CCAP), Philip Wrenn (Save Calne Marsh Group - Residents Association)

*Notes of this meeting were taken by Jane Vaughan.*

### **Membership:**

Tony Trotman relayed concerns that had been expressed to him about the inclusion of Calne Town Council in the working group, in order to ensure that attention is paid to the work of the town council's strategic planning group.

The working group discussed this and felt that, while the work of this group is related to one site and should be focussed upon fulfilling the S106 within the time scale, it does also need to be aware of other work to avoid duplication or working at odds to other plans.

It was felt that the inclusion of the Town Clerk in the group should ensure that channels of communication are open between the group and the Town Council and that the terms of reference of the working group allows it to co-opt other people to the group if necessary.

Linda Roberts will identify a Calne Councillor rep who would be able to join the group in the event that the Town Clerk is unavailable.

The group also discussed how future S106 agreements will be set – how will local people be able to have an influence?

### **ACTIONS**

**LR – identify cllr. as deputy.**

**JV – contact Roger Witt for advice.**

## Report from site visit on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2012:

- Pinch points at Oxford Road
  - This action may deter people from travelling South into the town and promote people using the bypass.
  - It may involve the removal of trees at the end of footpath at Sandpit road.
  - The group questioned whether this might shift problems to other areas (exacerbating existing problems at William Street, Bryans Close Road, North Street, Lickhill road, which are already issues for the Area Board)
  - Discussion took place about gaining support from local people through consultation.
  - It was felt that traditional consultation through questionnaires would not gain an accurate representation of local views.
  - It was suggested that a temporary trial period would prompt a more realistic response to the proposed scheme (as has recently been carried out near the Methuen Arms in Corsham).
  - Steve Hind advised that a topographical survey would need to be undertaken and it was felt that this should be done before a trial period, as a trial period would be pointless if survey showed that it was not possible to implement a permanent arrangement.

Pedestrian/Safe cycle routes to schools and town centre.

- Potential use of Woodhill Rise and informal crossing of Oxford Road.
  - It was noted that this is privately owned footpath and therefore there is legally no cycling possible.
  - It is possible that, with owner's agreement, the footpath could be changed to a bridleway which would enable cycling to take place.
  - As a one off improvement, it would be possible for the Council to surface the track and position bollards at the end of the lane to prevent use of the track as a short cut for vehicles.
  - Before any further work can be done it will be necessary to undertake consultation with local residents (5 properties in the vicinity).

- Routes from Oxford Road through Honeymead to Prince Charles Drive and Abberd Way including traffic calming

**SH – investigate possibility of running a trial period.**

**SH request quote for survey, liaise with TT once quote has been received.**

**JV/TT create a consultation letter**

**TT/AP undertake consultation**

at crossing point.

- The group was concerned about this route. Currently no cycling is permissible and the route is narrow and in the proximity of older residents housing.
  - The group favoured creating an alternative route that would be an attractive alternative for people cycling to school and town.
  - It was suggested that investigation of a route including Penhill road/Abberd Way and Abberd Brook (including traffic calming measures on Abberd Way) should be undertaken.
  - The group also discussed the importance of signage, here and also across the whole cycle network.
  - It was noted that a signage scheme should be conducted in consultation with Mark Stansby from the Highways team and Anne Henshaw and the Calne Area Transport group at an appropriate time in the future.
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- Oxford Road pedestrian crossing (adjoining narrow footway to Bryans Close Road)
    - The group noted that the existing crossing is in poor repair.
    - Steve Hind advised that this is a maintenance issue and should be referred to the Highways engineer.
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- Portemmarsh/Oxford Road/Bryans Close Road/Hungerford Road towards William Street/Duncan Street.
    - Steve Corbin explained that it is possible and relatively straight forward to change footways to dual use pedestrian/cycle ways (footpaths are more difficult and take a lot longer).
    - SC also explained that it is best to do a number at once as there is a single cost regardless of the number of routes.
    - The group discussed other routes that had been identified at the safer cycling routes working group (Greenacres Way/Beversbrook Road) and wondered if there are any others that could also be added.
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- Tony Trotman will feed back progress of this working group to the next Area Board 12<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

**SC/SH investigate alternative route**

**(future action)  
SC/AH liaise with Mark Stansby to discuss/plan cycle route signage scheme.**

**JV refer to Martin Cook.**

**SC – investigate time line for this.**

- It was agreed that Tony Trotman will call the next meeting later in the summer, once current actions are achieved and work can begin on promoting Pinch point trials.

**TT report back to the Area Board.**

**TT call next meeting/JV make arrangements.**