

Report to	Calne Area Board
Date of Meeting	11 th June 2013
Title of Report	Abberd Way/Penhill Road proposed traffic calming scheme.
Purpose of Report	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To ask the Area Board to approve a proposed traffic calming scheme at the junction of Abberd Way and Penhill Road. (appendix 1).	

Background

- 1.1. The Calne Sandpit Road s106 working group was set up by the Calne Area Board to work with Highways officers to identify and advance transport related schemes with regards to the section 106 legal agreement attached to development at Sandpit road.
 - 1.2. The group is specifically tasked with ensuring that schemes take into account the views of the local community in respect of the following:-
 - Oxford Road Pedestrian / Cyclist improvements and reduction of through traffic*¹,
 - Footway and/or cycleway links to Calne town centre, school and employment sites*²,
 - Signage to enhance footway and cycle way usage*³,
 - Enhancing bus stops*⁴.
- *1 *2 *3 *4 Sandpit Road s106 Schedule 5 'Summary of Unilateral Undertaking' (appendix 2)
- 1.3. At the Calne Area Board meeting held on 14th August 2012 the Calne Mayor raised local concerns about road safety at Abberd Way following road collisions, some of which had involved pedestrians/cyclists.

2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. In response to local concerns about road safety issues, the Sandpit Road (s106) working group produced preliminary plans for a traffic calming scheme at the junction of Abberd Way/Penhill Road.
 - 2.2. Road traffic collision statistics reveal that, in the 36 month period between 1st March 2010 and 28th February 2013, there were 2 accidents at this spot. 1 was classified as serious and the other as slight, both involved young people under the age of 16. (appendix 3)
 - 2.3. Preliminary plans were shared with the Town Council, the Community Area Partnership; they were displayed in the Community Hub together with a written explanation and a comments box for local people to voice their opinion, they were also publicised online through the Community Area Network and Calne Our Community Matters blog site.
 - 2.4. Only 8 comments were received in response to consultation, 4 in favour of the plans and 4 against. These were considered with the plans by the Area Board on 5th February 2013. At this point the Area Board accepted the plan for development through further consultation to detailed design stage.
 - 2.5. The working group noted the comments received and a revised scheme was designed.
 - 2.6. This scheme has been displayed in the Community Hub and letters have been delivered to local residents – to date no comments have been received.
3. Environmental & Community Implication
 - 3.1. The creation of safer routes in the area will advance an important priority for the community: promoting walking and cycling to help improve air quality in the town centre and to promote healthier lifestyles in the population.

4. Financial Implications

4.1. Financial implications linked to decisions made with regards to this traffic calming scheme will be met through the section 106 legal agreement.

5. Legal Implications

5.1. This traffic calming scheme is linked to the legal Section 106 agreement.

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. It is recommended that the Area Board supports this scheme and that officers are requested to initiate its implementation.

9. Appendices

Appendix 1	Proposed Abberd Way/Penhill Road junction traffic calming scheme
Appendix 2	Sandpit Road s106 Schedule 5 'Summary of Unilateral Undertaking'
Appendix 3	Traffic Collision statistics 01/03/2010 – 28/02/2013

No unpublished documents were used in the preparation of this report.

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