

Report to	Calne Area Board
Date of Meeting	11 <sup>th</sup> June 2013
Title of Report	A3102 Greenacres Way / Oxford Road, Calne – Shared Use Path Footway Conversion
Purpose of Report	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. To certify the conversion of a footway along A3102 Greenacres Way and Oxford Road, Calne, to a shared-use path for pedestrians and cyclists (appendix 1).</li></ol>	

## Background

- 1.1. The Calne Cycle Network identifies a number of areas where improvements are needed to facilitate safe, legal and convenient cycling. A need was identified to improve a route for cyclists wishing to travel safely alongside the northern section of the A3102 in Calne.
- 1.2. The link extends from the junction with Woodsage Way and the A3102 (near the roundabout of the A3102, Curzon Street and Chilvester Hill) and continues northeast to the junction of A3102 and Oxford Road. The link also extends into Oxford Road and continues south for approximately 75m. The shared use path will provide a link to several on road and off road cycle links to the north of Calne and will also link to the Beversbrook sports facility.
- 1.3. A shared use path was chosen as it provided the appropriate balance between safety for all users and ease of use at this location. The width of the existing path is only two metres however it is not bound on either side and there is a low observed pedestrian footfall; in this circumstance the width is considered adequate. The scheme will be low cost with the majority of expenditure being for signage. Experience has shown that well-designed shared use facilities can promote a better relationship between cyclists and pedestrians in the right circumstances. The provision of dedicated facilities for young and inexperienced cyclists is considered impractical within the constraints of the existing road network in this location.

## 2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. The former Calne Area Board Safer Routes working group identified this as one of the priority routes for safer cycling arrangements and, upon its disbandment; the priority was transferred to the Sandpit Road (s106) working group and the CATG.
- 2.2. CAT, the Transport theme group of the Community Area Partnership, has identified safer cycling and pedestrian routes in the town and villages as a significant priority.
- 2.3. At a meeting of Calne Town Council on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2013 a Wiltshire Council report regarding this proposed footway conversion was noted. In addition, it commented that certain sections of the footway are in a poor state of repair and need resurfacing.

## 3. Environmental & Community Implication

- 3.1. The creation of safer cycling facilities 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. No financial implications are linked to decisions made in so far as the Area Board budget is concerned.

## 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

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	A3102 – Greenacres Way site plan
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No unpublished documents were used in the preparation of this report.

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