

Wiltshire Council

Trowbridge Area Board

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## Trowbridge Transport Strategy

### 1. Purpose of the Report

1.1. To consider amendments to the emerging Transport Strategy for Trowbridge.

### 2. Background

2.1. Wiltshire Council has a responsibility to plan for the future housing and employment needs of the county. Part of that responsibility is expressed in the Wiltshire Core Strategy which includes proposals for the future development of Trowbridge including 6,000 new homes within the Trowbridge Community Area and 25 hectares of employment land from 2006 to 2026.

2.2. In order to assess the impact of this level of growth, Wiltshire Council commissioned an independent transport study for Trowbridge. This provided the basis for developing a transport strategy that was used as evidence to support the Core Strategy element of the Local Development Framework.

2.3. The emerging transport strategy has been developed through consultation with stakeholders. Analysis of the emerging transport strategy demonstrates that the level of housing and employment development can be accommodated in a sustainable manner. Crucially, the transport strategy is considered to be deliverable and affordable. It formed part of the evidence base for the council at the Core Strategy's Examination in Public earlier in 2013.

2.4. Notwithstanding this, some Area Board members raised concerns over certain aspects of the emerging transport strategy and have requested amendments to the document.

### 3. Main Considerations

3.1. The table below summarises the concerns raised by Area Board members with the strategy and suggests proposed amendments.

Table 3.1

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|----------------|---|
| Concern:       | That the current message regarding freight was too much focused on the town centre and ignored the network in the wider Trowbridge area.      |
| Existing text: | Table 5.2 page 13. Reference 16:<br>A delivery strategy to restrict the movement of heavy goods vehicles at certain times in the town centre. |

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| Proposed amendment: | Replace reference 16 text with:<br><br><i>An access and delivery strategy for the movement of heavy goods vehicles into and through Trowbridge will be developed through consultation with stakeholders.</i>               |
| Concern:            | The current strategy does not include all users of the footway and doesn't give sufficient regard to the quality of the surface. This is particularly important for mobility scooters.                                     |
| Existing text:      | N/A  |
| Proposed amendment: | Add new scheme reference to walking and cycling rows in table 5.2 page 13 as follows:<br><br><i>Ensure that new and existing footways and cycleways are fit for purpose for potential users, including mobility units.</i> |
| Concern:            | That there was an error in table 5.2 page 13 within reference 6.   |
| Existing text:      | A361 County Way/ Hilperton Rd / Roundstone St Roundabout / - pedestrian improvements.  |
| Proposed amendment: | Replace Hilperton Road with <i>St Thomas' Road</i> .   |

3.2. These proposed changes to the emerging transport strategy for Trowbridge are consistent with the council's transport policies and are considered to be deliverable and affordable.

#### **4. Implications**

##### 4.1. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

None

##### 4.2. Financial Implications

None

##### 4.3. Legal Implications

None

##### 4.4. HR Implications

None

##### 4.5. Equality and Diversity Implications

None

##### 4.6. Public Health and Safeguarding Implications

None

## 5. Recommendation

**5.1 In order to reflect the concerns of the Area Board, it is recommended that table 5.2 on page 13 of the emerging Trowbridge transport strategy is amended as proposed in table 3.1 of this report.**

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Appendices: None

Background papers:

Trowbridge Transport Strategy Development, Report on Emerging Strategy, October 2012 Mott MacDonald.

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/trowbridge-transport-strategy-report-on-emerging-strategy>