

MARLBOROUGH AREA BOARD
28 January 2014

Community Area Transport Group Recommendations to Marlborough Area Board

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide an update on the position of the proposals from the CATG meeting that took place on 5 December 2013.
- 1.2 To request that Marlborough Area Board supports the recommendations of the Community Area Transport Group made at its meeting of 5 December 2013.

2. Finances

- 2.1 Marlborough CATG received a funding allocation for 2013/14 of £13,615. There has since been an additional £9,000 devolved to Marlborough CATG that can be allocated to all projects.
- 2.2 £23,321 is available to be spent on highways projects within the Marlborough Community Area during 2013/14. Before any decision is made at this meeting, there have been no allocations of funding for projects to date.

3. Background

- 3.1 CATG Chairman, Cllr James Sheppard gave an introduction to the meeting followed by introductions from attendees.
- 3.2 At the October CATG meeting, Parishes presented details of up to two projects each which had been given a high priority within their Village Traffic Plans that had recently been created. Funding for these projects was to come from CATG in its 2013/14 budget. At the October meeting, a total of 13 projects were discussed and from this, a list of ten projects was forwarded to Steve Hind of Wiltshire Highways for development and costing.
- 3.3 At this meeting, Steve Hind reported back to CATG on his findings relating to the development and estimated costs of each project. Based on Steve's analysis of the projects, each was voted upon by the parishes present as to whether to recommend to Marlborough Area Board to fund the project.
- 3.4 Before looking at each project, a system of agreeing and voting upon the projects was decided. Each parish was allowed only one vote per project (some parishes brought more than one representative) and parishes were allowed to vote for their own projects.

4. Priority Schemes for 2013/14

- 4.1 Steve Hind described his findings for each parish's projects, in many cases using maps to illustrate locations, design, etc.
- 4.2 **Aldbourn:**

4.2.1 Creation of a new, safer pedestrian crossing over the B4192 in the centre of the village. Steve Hind showed maps of the location of the requested zebra crossing at Aldbourne, over the B4192 in the centre of the village opposite the post office. He described that the actual installation of the crossing would be very expensive and would need funding from the Highways substantive scheme. Prior to this, the location would require a survey to establish there is enough need for the crossing. There has to be at least 50 pedestrians per hour during the busiest four hours of the survey. This would cost £800 and be paid for by CATG. There was agreement on the merit of the project and carrying out the survey. Cllr Sheppard asks for a vote. There were six parish councils in favour and none against.

4.3 **Manton:** Two projects were submitted.

4.3.1 Footway improvement to Bridge St / High St, Manton. Steve Hind used maps to illustrate the location where the wish is to create a pedestrian area that is safe to use where the footway will be re-aligned on the left. Martin Cook of Wiltshire Highways talked about parking currently on the verge and the green and feels doing this work would prevent this parking. There would need to be a proper kerb as well. Steve Hind proposed putting in pavements as a first stage. This would cost approx. £3,400. Cllr Sheppard asks that Manton residents need to be happy with this proposal then it goes to Marlborough TC for ratification and finally back to the next CATG meeting for agreement. Marlborough TC was asked to consult with Manton residents over this project and report their findings to CATG.

4.3.2 Informal crossing at Bridge St, Manton. Steve Hind described the situation at Manton. The entrance to Jubilee playing field opens directly onto Bridge St, where people cross the road to use the field. The project is to create an informal crossing point using coloured surfacing to allow people to cross there more safely. The coloured surfacing, white lines and "slow" markings would cost approx. £2,200. Cllr Sheppard asks that the vote for this project needs to be based on the work already developed, not ideas thought up at the table. A vote was asked for. There were six parishes in favour and none against.

4.4 **Broad Hinton:**

4.4.1 Gateways on the A4361 at Broad Hinton. Steve Hind showed maps of the locations of the new gateways at the entrances to the village. As well as white gates by the roadside, there would be a surface treatment on the road, probably coloured red, and roundels. The project was estimated to cost £6,000 and Cllr Crabtree said that Broad Hinton PC could contribute £1,000 towards this. Cllr Sheppard asked for a vote on this project. There were six parishes in favour and none against.

4.5 **Ogbourne St Andrew:** Two projects were submitted.

4.5.1 Zebra crossing at Ogbourne St Andrew. Steve Hind described that this again would need a survey to measure if 50 people per hour cross the A346. There was discussion around whether this figure would be reached. Steve Hind described the need for the road to meet speed criteria before the pedestrian survey could be carried out and hence before the crossing could be considered. Cllr Sheppard asked for a vote on this project. There were six parishes in favour and none against.

4.5.2 White gates to the entrance to Ogbourne St Andrew. There was discussion about the recent change to the speed limit on the A346 (40 to 30mph) and how the location of the start of the new limit has changed. This means the old red

surface treatments and 40mph roundels are in the wrong locations. This would require four new gates. Steve Hind explains about needing gates made from a particular material designed to be safe in a collision. Cllr Sheppard asked if the Parish Council could make a contribution to the project and Cllr Hetherington said it could help with 10% of the overall cost (approx. £2,400). A vote was taken. There were five parish councils in favour, none against and one abstention.

4.6 **Fyfield & West Overton:**

4.6.1 Coloured surfacing at the T-junction, Lockeridge. There were two options given for this surfacing. Imprint is approx. 15mm thick layer of coloured material. This is a good quality, attractive surface that lasts, but is expensive at approx. £16,000. The alternative is a high grip surface as used at the coloured entrances to villages. This option is cheaper at approx. £4,600 but will not last as long. Other options were discussed, with Martin Cook mentioning sets and other surfaces. Cllr Sheppard asks if there would be any contribution coming from the Parish Council or village. Martin Cook feels there needs to be some sort of re-think about the design at the T-junction. Cllr Sheppard asks that this project is not voted upon this time but is looked at in the next meeting after further ideas are explored.

4.7 **Ramsbury:** Two projects were submitted.

4.7.1 Footway at Back Lane, Ramsbury. Steve Hind showed maps describing the location of the proposed project that would put down a coloured surface to highlight a pedestrian footway on part of Back Lane that does not currently have a pavement. He suggested also using this coloured surface to create an informal crossing from the end of the footway over to the start of the existing pavement on the south side of Back Lane. Cllr Sheppard asks if Ramsbury PC would be able to make a contribution to the project. Cllr Glass was not able to confirm a figure without referring back to the PC, but they might be able to contribute the £1,000 needed for the informal crossing. A vote was taken. There were six parishes in favour of this project and none against.

4.7.2 30mph repeater roundels for C6, Axford. Steve Hind said how because there is street lighting through Axford, there is not supposed to be repeater roundels used through the village. Because of the presence of streetlights, drivers are supposed to know the road has a 30mph limit. Sergeant Reed, Wiltshire Police pointed out there needs to be a specific distance between street lights for this rule to be enforceable and there was discussion about what this distance is. Cllr Sheppard asked for a definitive answer on this distance and the legality on this matter. He suggested a decision on this project be put on hold until the question of whether it is possible to install the repeaters in answered.

5. **Summary of On-going Issues**

5.1 Of the traffic and transport related issues on the Community Issues System the following action is being undertaken:

5.1.1 Speed issue at Chopping Knife Lane. A resident is concerned there is a lack of warning signage between the junction with the A4 and the residential area that drivers are about to enter a 20mph zone. Photos were circulated showing the area in question. Martin Cook said that a 20mph zone could be put in up to the junction but could cost approx. £50,000 for all the physical features needed. Marlborough TC said they would consult with residents of Chopping Knife Lane

to find out if this is a wide spread concern. CATG can consider options if found to be a common concern.

- 5.1.2 Improvements to Treacle Bolly bridleway. The Community Area Manager has contacted Mike Crook at Rights of Way about resurfacing / improvements at Treacle Bolly, Marlborough. Mike was happy for resurfacing and associated drainage to take place. The Community Area Manager is in discussion with the cycling group about developing a project and attracting funding to action this, potentially through North Wessex Downs AONB. The work is eligible for funding from Marlborough Area Board. Cllr Dobson asked that Marlborough College be kept informed on progress as the main landowner here. Members of the cycling group are meeting with the College and Rights of Way liaise with landowners on a regular basis.
- 5.1.3 New cycle parking on Marlborough High Street. The new Sheffield hoops at the Bulge and Nationwide have been installed using de-mountable brackets. The Community Area Manager needs to begin work with Martin Cook to put in place the Experimental Traffic Order that will turn a car parking space in the centre of the High St into more cycle parking. This will be based on the Order used to change priorities at the end of the High St by St Peter's.
- 5.1.4 Speed, volume and size of vehicles on Herd St. An issue from a resident of Herd St about the size of HGVs using this road, and the speed of cars here too. There was a metrocount undertaken at the top of Herd St, near the Common in 2012 which showed a slight problem of speeding and that the location was eligible for Community Speed watch (CSW). Up until now, no CSW group has been established to take this forward. Marlborough TC will be developing a group of volunteers, including town councillors, to begin CSW monitoring at Herd St. Marlborough TC will also look at the option of a Lorry Watch scheme to monitor the size and volume of HGVs on Herd St.
- 5.1.5 Volume of parking in Cherry Orchard and Orchard St, nr St John's School. This issue comes from householders in this area complaining about the amount of parking here by parents at drop-off and pick-up times and by students all day. The inconsiderate parking also leads to worries that emergency vehicles might not be able to get through. Sergeant Reed said that he had a meeting arranged with Martin Cook, Director of Logistics at the school to talk about this issue. Creation of residents' parking zones was also discussed.

6. Other Highways Issues

- 6.1 The Community Area Manager described an Issue raised recently by Winterbourne Monkton PC requesting new signs warning drivers of horse riders in the road. The allocation of ad hoc signage such as this has recently been passed to CATG. Because the Parish Council is behind this request, it was agreed by CATG.
- 6.2 Cllr Dobson mentioned the development at the old council depot on Salisbury Rd, Marlborough and the way the slip road is used by passing traffic as a passing place. Cllr Allen added that the cars parked on the southbound side of Salisbury Rd are there as a traffic calming measure. He requested that the slip road to the depot remain open as a vital passing place on an already busy

route. Cllr Sheppard asked that Marlborough TC move on this and make the request formally.

7. Recommendation

- 7.1 To note the discussions held at the CATG meeting of 5 December 2013 as outlined above and the progress towards developing priority schemes.
- 7.2 Based on the recommendations of CATG, Marlborough Area Board is asked to agree to fund the following projects as requested from CATG:

Project	Approx. Cost
Survey towards new zebra crossing on B4192, Aldbourne	£800
Survey towards new zebra crossing on A346, Ogbourne St Andrew	£800
Gateway enhancements on A4361 at Broad Hinton	£5,000 + £1,000 from PC
Informal crossing at Bridge St, Manton	£2,200
White gates and surface treatment at A346, Ogbourne St Andrew	£2,160 + £240 from PC
New footway at Back Lane, Ramsbury	£3,400 + contribution from PC towards informal crossing
Total:	£14,360

- 7.3 If all recommended projects receive funding, Marlborough CATG would have an amount of £8,961 remaining for the 2013/14 financial year.

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Background Papers
CATG notes of 05.12.2013

Appendices
None