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We request the urgent introduction of a vehicle weight restriction in Melksham High Street (unless delivering) to reduce the volume of traffic passing through the town centre.	1,049	Melksham	30 mph	None involving HGVs	Melksham-Calne/ Calne-Melksham traffic is already directed around the bypass. The weight restriction will force heavy vehicles to follow this clearly signed route, thus reducing damage to roads, buildings and businesses in general in the busiest part of the town centre.	<p>A weight restriction for High Street was one of the proposals included in the extensive consultation work that was carried out as part of the proposed improvement and enhancement of the High Street/Church Street junction during 2003.</p> <p>The consultation concluded that although there was majority support for the introduction of a weight restriction, this was not the case for the other elements of the proposals. It was therefore agreed with key stakeholders to place the High Street/Church Street works on hold until such time as consultation work had been undertaken on the next phase of the proposed town centre enhancements in the Market Place area.</p> <p>An allocation has been made within the 2004-05 Capital funding to allow for this.</p> <p>It is considered that a weight restriction in the High Street should only be introduced as part of an overall package of measures to form an integrated approach to the improvement of the town centre. Given the statutory processes that are required to be followed, it is considered that this approach is more likely to achieve a positive result in light of potential objections.</p> <p>In particular residents of the Old Broughton Road area, who would be subject to an increase in heavy vehicle movements upon the introduction of a weight limit in High Street, need to be involved in the process. Furthermore, the use of Queensway by HGVs seeking alternative routes and ways to prevent this need to be explored to avoid potential objection to a High Street weight limit.</p> <p>The County's Freight Quality Partnership (FQP) works alongside haulage and transport representatives to address freight movement concerns. Again the FQP needs to be involved in discussions on a High Street weight limit to avoid potential objection.</p> <p>It is intended that further investigation on a weight restriction will be included as part of the Market Place work.</p>	<p>That:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The request for a weight restriction in High Street, Melksham, be not acceded to at this time. (ii) Members note the intention to further investigate a weight restriction as part of the Market Place consultation works. (iii) The petitioners be advised accordingly.

Organiser: Mr and Mrs Saunders, 10 Hewitt Close, Trowbridge

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The non-provision of a footpath link between Hewitt Close (adjoining the driveway to No.15) and an area of public open space in Woolpack Meadows	35	Trowbridge	N/A	N/A	<p>There is already a public right of way adjacent to 26 Hewitt Close providing access to the Longfield Estate.</p> <p>Risk of child abduction.</p> <p>An increase in opportunist theft.</p> <p>Inadequate street lighting.</p> <p>Increase in environmental noise and nuisance.</p> <p>Increase in pedestrian and cycle traffic.</p> <p>No access is required as none of the children attend Longfield School and an access to the playground already exists at Worsted Close.</p>	<p>The footpath link was a requirement of planning permission, and subsequently included within a Section 38 Agreement to secure its adoption.</p> <p>The Local Planning Authority (West Wiltshire District Council) has been copied all correspondence and the petition and has been asked if it will require the provision of the footpath, in accordance with the planning permission. The District Council's views are awaited.</p> <p>Location plan and extract of Section 38 Agreement plan attached (Appendices A and B).</p>	That if the Local Planning Authority determines to pursue the provision of the footpath link, no changes are required from the Highway Authority viewpoint.