

REGULATORY COMMITTEE
15th DECEMBER 2004

PETITIONS

Purpose of Report

1. To consider and decide action on petitions.

Details of Petitions

2. The following petition has been received since the last meeting of the Committee:-
 - Maiden Bradley: Through Traffic on the B3092
3. Details of the petition, officer comments and the recommendations are set out in **Appendix 1** of this report.
4. The petition and any supporting correspondence will be in the **Members' Room** or available from the Director of Corporate and Library Services prior to the meeting.

Recommendation

5. The Committee is asked to consider the petition, along with officer comments and any address made to Members by the petitioners prior to the meeting.

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The following unpublished documents have been relied on in the preparation of this Report:

Petition and supporting letter

Environmental impact of the Recommendation contained in this Report:

Not applicable

Organiser: Maiden Bradley Parish Council

Petition for	Number of Signatures	Parish Or Town	Existing Speed Limit	Injury Accidents in 3 years	Comments from supporting letters	Observations	Recommendation
<p>We request that Wiltshire County Council urgently introduces on the B3092:</p> <p>(1) A two-way 7.5t weight limit, and</p> <p>(2) Traffic-calming measures in and around Maiden Bradley village.</p>	248	Maiden Bradley	HGVs: 30 mph (Maiden Bradley)/ 40 mph (B3092)	2 slight involving HGVs	<p>Maiden Bradley is a Conservation Area and an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty with listed buildings.</p> <p>The B3092 is not defined as a National, County or Local Strategic Freight Route by either Somerset or Wiltshire County Councils.</p> <p>Surrounding weight limits granted to other communities and official freight route improvements provide a "funnel effect" encouraging HGV traffic through Maiden Bradley.</p> <p>Increasing volume of traffic and increasing size of HGVs. Convoys of aggregate HGVs.</p> <p>Constant noise and pollution from HGVs. No respite even from 4.30 am - 7.30 am.</p> <p>Speed and number of HGVs are a danger to pedestrians, drivers and vehicles on Church Street.</p> <p>Inadequacy of pavements.</p>	<p>The B3092 does not form part of Wiltshire or Somerset County Councils' (SCC) respective freight networks.</p> <p>In response to the concerns of local Parish Councils and residents on the A362 in Corsley Heath and on the B3092 in Maiden Bradley, Wiltshire County Council jointly funded a traffic survey with SCC. The subsequent SCC report 'A Review of HGV Traffic Using the A362 and B3092' was issued in February 2004. Although the survey data suggested that the majority of HGVs on the B3092 could have reasonably taken another route, the report's recommendation was that no action would be taken to physically limit HGVs using the B3092.</p> <p>In light of significant concerns with regard to SCC's report and following subsequent meetings with both Maiden Bradley Parish Council and SCC, Wiltshire County Council commissioned Mouchel Parkman to undertake a freight study in the local area to review SCC's report and to further investigate freight movements and speeds.</p> <p>Mouchel Parkman is due to report on this study shortly. It is then intended to take the study's findings and recommendations to the February 2005 Environment Advisory Panel to seek Member support for the development of a strategy to reduce the volume and speed of traffic on the B3092, particularly focusing on HGVs. Clearly, there will be a requirement to work with SCC in the development of this strategy as it will have implications in its administrative area.</p>	<p>That:</p> <p>(i) The request for a weight limit and traffic-calming measures on the B3092 be not acceded to at this time.</p> <p>(ii) Members note the study that has been commissioned to further investigate freight movements and speeds in the local area and the intention to present the findings and recommendations of this study to a future meeting of the Environment Advisory Panel.</p> <p>(iii) The petitioners be advised accordingly.</p>

APPENDIX 1