

Vehicular Access to the High Street, Chippenham

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To inform Members of the actions that have been undertaken following the Committee's concerns with the number of vehicles using the High Street, Chippenham whilst it is closed to vehicles.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 To note the information in the report and make any suggestions for a way forward.**

3. Background Information

- 3.1 Members will recall that at the meeting on 10th October 2005 the issue of vehicular access to the High Street was raised and it was felt that the permit system for allowing deliveries whilst High Street was closed to traffic was being abused.
- 3.2 It was agreed that a letter be written to Chippenham Town Council on behalf of the Committee to request that consideration be given to the permits that are issued, encouraging the businesses to make alternative arrangements (where possible) with their suppliers. The Town Council replied on 25th October saying they would continue to give specific consideration to the permits that were issued when the High Street is closed. Copies of the letters are **attached** as Appendix A.
- 3.3 At the meeting on 5th December 2005 the Chairman reported the response from the Town Council, and it was agreed that another letter would be written to them to report the Committee's continuing concerns. The Town Council replied on 15th December informing the Committee that the Town Council issues permits on behalf of and to the policy set up by North Wiltshire District Council and that they have no enforcement or authority powers. Copies of these letters are **attached** as Appendix B.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 None.

5. Environment and Community Implications

- 5.1 None.

6. Human Resources and Equal Opportunities Implications

- 6.1 None.

7. Legal implications

- 7.1 None.

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