

# MINUTES

**Meeting:** CORSHAM AREA BOARD  
**Place:** Corsham School, The Tynings, Corsham, Wiltshire, SN13 9DF  
**Date:** Wednesday 26 August 2009  
**Start Time:** 7.00pm  
**Finish Time:** 8.50pm

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## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Peter Davis (Vice Chairman), Alan Macrae, Sheila Parker, Dick Tonge (Chairman)

### **Officers**

Julia Densham (Senior Democratic Services Officer), Jonathan Gale (Devizes Community Area Manager), Steve Milton (Head of Community Governance), Mark Rippon (Community Safety Officer), Phil Tilley (Head of Transport Development), Beryl Wright (Customer Services Senior Team Leader)

### **Parish Councillors**

M Carey (Box Parish Council), Jenny Hartless (Box Parish Council), Nick Keyworth (Corsham Town Council), Elaine Marston (Corsham Town Council)

### **Partners**

Corsham Chamber of Commerce – Ian Storey  
Corsham Civic Society – Pat Britton, Sally Fletcher, E Knapp and P Whalley  
St Bartholomew's Church – Roger Clifton

### **Consultant**

IAM Transport Planning – Ian Ayres

**Members of Public in Attendance:** 76

<u>Agenda Item No</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>	<u>Action By</u>
1.	<p><u>Chair's Welcome and Introduction</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the extraordinary meeting of the Corsham Area Board and introduced the members and officers present.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Councillor Allan Bosley (Corsham Town Council), Inspector Kate Pain (Wiltshire Police), Basil Nankivill (Chippenham Library) and Chris Davis (Westlea Housing)</p>	
3.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Setting the Scene</u></p> <p>The Chairman drew attention to a letter received from the Deputy Solicitor that detailed the role the Area Board played in forwarding suggestions to the Highways Department for consideration. He explained that the purpose of the meeting was to reflect the community's opinions to the Highways Department on the traffic proposals that related to the developments at Basil Hill and Spring Park. Items discussed included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The revised traffic assessment</li> <li>• The methods of data collection used by Halcrow and the Highways Department</li> </ul> <p><b>Agreed:</b> Interested parties who wish to have the above explained in detail should contact the Head of Transport Development, Phil Tilley.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Responses to Questions from the Exhibitions and the Previous Area Board Meeting</u></p> <p>The Chairman explained that, as a result of the two exhibitions and the last Area Board meeting, discussions with the Ministry of Defence had resulted in some changes to the original traffic plans. He invited questions and comments on the responses given. Items discussed included:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The planning committee's consideration of the Traffic Assessment.</li> <li>• Discharge of the condition attached to the planning consent.</li> <li>• The importance of local consultation.</li> <li>• Appropriate use of signage to direct traffic.</li> <li>• Location of the Spring Park roundabout.</li> <li>• Safety audits.</li> <li>• The proposal for traffic lights rather than mini-roundabouts to control heavy traffic.</li> <li>• Maintenance costs of the proposed traffic flow solutions.</li> <li>• Safer road crossings, particularly for the disabled and handicapped, at the Hare and Hounds junction and at Leafy Lane.</li> <li>• The suitability of the proposals in relation to the conservation / listed nature of the area.</li> <li>• The lack of a notice for planning consent at the Hare and Hounds junction.</li> <li>• Possibility of changing Section 106 agreements and the revision of planning consent.</li> <li>• The urgency of the project.</li> <li>• The exclusion of the agreement between Bath and North East Somerset and Wiltshire Councils to use the A350 as a bypass, in the travel assessment.</li> <li>• Inadequacies of part-time traffic signals.</li> <li>• Requirement for 'intelligent' traffic signalling.</li> <li>• The reinstatement of the National Express bus bay in the plans.</li> <li>• The campaign to re-open Corsham Station.</li> <li>• The current review of A and B road speed limits.</li> </ul> <p><b>Agreed:</b> The Head of Transport Development to arrange a traffic count at Box Fields Road.</p>	Phil Tilley
6.	<p><u>Questions from the Public</u></p> <p>A traffic assessment should consider the risk implications given that roundabouts were generally considered to be a safer option than traffic lights.</p> <p>Cllr Davis voiced concern that the town centre and surrounding residential areas would be used as rat-runs if the plan went ahead. This would increase the danger for pedestrians and cyclists in particular. It was suggested that the solution was to increase the capacity of the A4 as the Traffic Assessment had detailed.</p>	

7.	<p><u>Evaluation and Close</u></p> <p>The Chairman thanked all those who attended, stating that the outcome of the discussion would be passed to all those who had expressed an interest. The next area board meeting would be held at 7.00pm with refreshments available from 6.30 pm at Corsham Town Hall on Tuesday 13 October 2009.</p>	