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Please ask for: Spencer Drinkwater Our ref : SP/LTP/Salisbury (rural) Your ref :

Dear Mrs. Seaman

Re: Footway from Salisbury Road, Bulford to Solstice Park, Amesbury

Further to our previous correspondence, and having taken advice from members of the Parish Council, a pedestrian count survey was undertaken on Salisbury Road, Bulford on the evening of Friday 3rd November 2006.

The survey took place from 4 – 8pm during which time only two pedestrians were observed; two young men, one going in each direction. Interviews were not conducted as part of this survey, therefore, it is not possible to know whether these men were travelling to or from Solstice Park.

These findings are in keeping with the former South West Regional Planning Conference's Accessibility Indices which suggest that people are not willing to walk further than 600m to access food shops and 1000m in order to access other non-residential facilities.

The County Council's Local Transport Plan (LTP) funding is to be used primarily to reduce traffic by promoting other modes of transport and help meet the Council's targets in relation to the reduction of accidents. On the basis of the survey results there seems to be little scope that a footway from Bulford to Solstice Park would help achieve these aims. The provision of such a footway would be very expensive but would deliver little in the way of progress towards our outcome targets due to the limited number of people that are ever likely to use it. Moreover, I believe that there are many other schemes in the County where this money could be better invested and where a better economic rate of return could be achieved

In view of this, I do not propose to take this scheme forward at the present time.

I appreciate that this decision will come as a disappointment to the Parish Council but trust that they will understand my reasoning.

Yours Sincerely

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