

REGULATORY COMMITTEE
18th DECEMBER 2002

PETITIONS

Purpose of Report

1. To consider and decide action on petitions received.

Background

2. The following petitions have been received since the last meeting of the Committee:-
 - (i) Bradford on Avon - Traffic Calming
 - (ii) Holt - Weight Limit
3. Details of the petitions, officer comments and recommendations are set out in **Appendices 1 and 2** of this report.
4. The petitions and any supporting correspondence will be available for inspection in the **Members' Room** or from the Director of Corporate Services prior to the meeting.

Recommendation

5. The Committee is asked to consider the petitions, along with officer comments, and any address made to Members by the petitioners at the meeting, and approve the recommendation.

RICHARD J. LANDER

Director of Environmental Services

The following unpublished documents have been relied on in the preparation of this Report:

Petitions and related correspondence

Environmental impact of the Recommendation contained in this Report:

None

Petition for	Number of Signatures	Parish Or Town	Existing Speed Limit	Injury Accidents In 3 years	Observations	Recommendation
<p>"We the undersigned, mindful of the dangers and the intimidating effect of traffic, the sub-standard width of both carriageways and pavements, the number of children, elderly and people with disabilities using the pavements, and the current high levels of traffic, hereby demand:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ measures to slow traffic ▪ the imposition of a 20 mph speed limit ▪ improved pavements ▪ more pedestrian crossing points <p>in Mount Pleasant, New Road, Springfield, Holt Road and Silver Street within Bradford on Avon"</p>	315	Bradford on Avon	30 mph	17 involving cyclists and pedestrians within town	<p>To agree the schemes to be pursued, utilising the Local Transport Plan (LTP) funding allocated for the Western Wiltshire Sustainable Transport Strategy, Working Groups have been established in the seven towns.</p> <p>The Bradford on Avon LTP Working Group has representation from the County, District and Town Councils, Transport Forum, Preservation Trust and other interested organisations. Following the meeting of the Working Group on 20th March 2002 to agree the schemes for 2002-03, the Town Council, on 2nd May, indicated the following prioritised schemes:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Completion of the Frome Road, Trowbridge Road and Winsley Road (ii) Town Centre Management measures (iii) New Road, Mount Pleasant, Springfield, Holt Road (iv) Woolley Street (v) Newtown/Wine Street <p>Schemes for Frome Road, Trowbridge Road and Winsley Road have been worked up for implementation early next year.</p> <p>Consultants have been appointed to consider the changes needed to address the air quality issues in the town centre.</p> <p>To ensure that any proposal is based on accurate and robust data, a comprehensive survey has been undertaken in Bradford on Avon. The results are presently being analysed and a new traffic model will be built to show the increase and decrease in flows along the critical links that would arise following changes in traffic management. Once complete, the results will be passed to West Wiltshire District Council for assessment of their effectiveness in dealing with the need to improve air quality.</p> <p>As any proposal is likely to redistribute traffic away from the areas of greatest concern, it will inevitably lead to an increase in traffic in other parts of the town. The outcome of the town centre investigations will guide the design and development of a package of works which it is anticipated will incorporate features that expressly deal with the concerns raised by the petitioners. Preliminary design and consultation will take place early in the New Year.</p>	<p>That it be noted that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The results of a comprehensive traffic survey are being analysed to enable a new traffic model to be prepared (ii) The traffic model will assist in determining the traffic management appropriate for Bradford on Avon, including the residential areas <p>That the petitioners be advised accordingly</p>

Organiser: Mr. T.P. Chivers - Local Member for Holt

Petition for	Number of Signatures	Parish Or Town	Existing Speed Limit	Injury Accidents In 3 years	Observations	Recommendation
"We the undersigned call upon Wiltshire County Council to carry out an investigation into possible ways of reducing, and possibly banning, large HGVs from the village of Holt"	160	Holt	30 mph	1 HGV injury accident	<p>Lorry traffic for the industrial areas in the northern part of Trowbridge uses the B3107 at Holt and the B3105 at Hilperton. Prohibiting lorries from using the B3107 would increase lorry traffic through Hilperton where concern has been expressed about the existing volume of lorries.</p> <p>In the Adopted District Plan a route between Hilperton Road and Wyke Road has been protected for a new road, the Hilperton Gap road.</p> <p>Provision of this new road would provide good access to the Canal Road Industrial Estate and surrounding area bypassing Church Road, Hilperton. This would provide an opportunity for the routeing of lorry traffic on the B3107 to be assessed and consideration could be given to lorry controls.</p> <p>The Hilperton Gap road is maintained in the review of the District Plan but its delivery and timing is dependent on the Inspector's Report, likely to be available next Easter.</p>	<p>That it be noted that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Given the absence of a suitable alternate route, prohibiting lorry traffic from the B3107 at Holt is not currently considered viable (ii) The construction of the Hilperton Gap road would provide the opportunity to assess lorry routeing in the Holt and Hilperton areas which could result in controls on lorry movements <p>That the petitioners be advised accordingly</p>