

REGULATORY COMMITTEE

5<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2003

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**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) Amesbury: A303/A345 - Heavy Goods Vehicle Traffic
  - (ii) Landford: Traffic Calming and Other Measures
  - (iii) Melksham: Forest Road - Objection to Speed Cushions
3. Details of the petitions, officer comments and recommendations are set out in **Appendices 1, 2 and 3** 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

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**The following unpublished documents have been relied on in the preparation of this Report:**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



**Organiser:** Mrs. Kirsty Maguire, 17 Pilots View, Amesbury

Petition for	Number of Signatures	Parish Or Town	Existing Speed Limit	Injury Accidents In 3 years	Comments from Supporting letters	Observations	Recommendation
<p>Planning Application S.02.1075 and 1650</p> <p>We strongly object to the proposal to divert HGV traffic off the A345 and along the new 'link' road via Underwood Drive, alongside the Baptist Church to rejoin the A303. We object on the basis that this will create a busy and dangerous road system close to a large number of family houses, and have considerable noise and environmental impact.</p>	300+	Amesbury	30/40 mph	N/A	<p>Preference for the road to be used as a limited access, local distribution road for the residents and workers of Amesbury, not a signed route between the two 'A' class roads.</p>	<p>The 'link' road has for many years been identified as a connecting road between the A303 and the A345, to distribute local traffic. The route is identified in the Local Plan. It is not anticipated that the road will carry high volumes of through lorry traffic between the two roads because better alternative routes exist.</p> <p>It is not the intention of this authority to promote the route for through movements. This would not be in accordance with the Local Transport Plan Freight Strategy which does not identify the link as a local lorry route. It is proposed to sign the route only for local traffic.</p> <p>However, the views of the Highways Agency in relation to signing proposals at the new Folly Bottom junction have not yet been consulted upon.</p>	<p>That:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The road, when built, be signed for local destinations only, including Boscombe Down, Solstice Park and East Amesbury.</li> <li>(ii) The Highways Agency be advised to adopt a similar approach at Folly Bottom.</li> <li>(iii) The petitioners be advised accordingly.</li> </ul>



**Organiser:** R.F. Digwood, Planners Folly, Lyndhurst Road, Landford

Petition for	Number of Signatures	Parish Or Town	Existing Speed Limit	Injury Accidents In 3 years	Comments from Supporting letters	Observations	Recommendation
<p>The petition is in the form of a list of measures to which residents have been asked to answer Yes or No.</p> <p>The petition is headed "Does the village need these? Please write in the box below Yes/No if you think our village should become a safer place."</p> <p>The following are listed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Street lighting</li> <li>Footpath from school to shop</li> <li>Speed humps</li> <li>Speed limit cut to 30 mph through village</li> </ul>	76	Landford	40 mph	7 injury accidents on 2½ km length of the B3079 between the A36 and the Hampshire border	"The petition is for Lyndhurst Road, Landford, only"	<p>It can be seen from the petition that none of the measures have received unanimous support from the residents.</p> <p>Comments on measures suggested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Street lighting</b> - The maintenance budget is barely adequate to cover routine maintenance and the replacement of failed columns. Funds are not currently available for the installation of new systems.</li> <li><b>Footway from school to shop</b> - The school could bid for Safer Routes to School funding allocated each year for schools with Green Travel Plans.</li> <li><b>Road humps</b> - Local Transport Plan funds are allocated for Integrated Transport measures. The funding is for measures to encourage walking, cycling and use of public transport. Traffic calming on Lyndhurst Road could be added to the list of sites to be assessed against the Government's sustainable transport objectives and put forward as a contender for future Integrated Transport funding if appropriate.</li> <li><b>Requests for new speed limits</b> are considered annually each Spring in the Annual Speed Limit Review. A possible lowering of the limit to 30 mph has already been added to the list.</li> </ul>	<p>That:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) It be noted that no funds are currently available for the provision of new street lighting systems.</li> <li>(ii) Landford CE Primary School be advised to contact the School Travel Plan Co-ordinator to discuss the preparation of a bid for Safer Routes to School funding.</li> <li>(iii) The request for road humps on Lyndhurst Road be assessed as a possible contender for Integrated Transport funding from a future Local Transport Plan allocation.</li> <li>(iv) It be noted that the request to lower the 40 mph limit to 30 mph at Lyndhurst Road has been included in the 2003 Annual Speed Limit Review.</li> <li>(v) The petitioners be advised accordingly.</li> </ul>

**Organiser:** Mr. Michael Bailey, 14 Lincoln Green, Melksham

Petition for	Number of Signatures	Parish Or Town	Existing Speed Limit	Injury Accidents In 3 years	Observations	Recommendation
"No pink cushions - Forest Road scheme"	661	Melksham	30 mph	5	<p>Of the 661 signatures, 60 residents of Forest Road have signed the petition.</p> <p>The petition refers to the traffic calming scheme agreed for Forest Road, involving the installation of speed cushions. The scheme has been subject to a comprehensive consultation exercise, in excess of the authority's statutory requirements and that previously undertaken for traffic management schemes involving residents and other stakeholders at all stages of the development of the scheme.</p> <p>The consultation procedure has been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee. The results of a further consultation exercise, following distribution of a newsletter and questionnaire, were considered at the October 2001 meeting of this Committee. Of 237 returned questionnaires:</p> <p>127 indicate support for the proposed scheme</p> <p>25, whilst supporting the scheme, suggested minor amendments</p> <p>37 wanted alternative calming measures</p> <p>39 do not support any traffic calming measures</p> <p>9 did not indicate any clear preference</p> <p>It was resolved to implement the scheme as proposed. Any further delay on the implementation of the scheme will mean that construction cannot be undertaken in the current financial year, resulting in the loss of £75,000 Local Transport Plan funding.</p>	<p>That:</p> <p>(i) The decision of the Committee at its meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2001 to proceed with the traffic calming scheme in Forest Road, Melksham, be confirmed.</p> <p>(ii) The petitioners be advised accordingly.</p>