

REGULATORY COMMITTEE

8th OCTOBER 2003

**TROWBRIDGE AND WARMINSTER HOME ZONES -
DESIGNATION OF HOME ZONE AREAS**

Purpose of Report

1. To seek formal approval for the designation of a Home Zone at the locations identified in Trowbridge and Warminster.

Background

2. Members will be aware of the two Home Zone schemes that are being developed in the County, these being at the College Road area in Trowbridge and the Westleigh area in Warminster.
3. Considerable consultation with residents and other stakeholders has taken place over the last 18 months and it is now possible to move forward to the detail design and construction phase of both Home Zones. Consultants' reports, summarising the outcome of the consultation and preliminary design stages of both Home Zone schemes, are available in the **Members' Room**. The current layout plans for the Home Zones will be displayed at Committee.

Main Considerations for the Council

4. Section 268 of the Transport Act 2000 enables local traffic authorities to designate streets as home zones or quiet lanes. Once this designation has been made it then allows the local authority to apply to the Secretary of State to make appropriate Use Orders for the streets concerned.
5. Use Orders give legal status to activities other than travelling up and down a street, such as children's play and other social functions. People would not be able to obstruct the road or deny access to premises, and the movement and access function of the highway must be retained.
6. A list at **Appendix 1** and plans at **Appendices 2 and 3** of those streets to be included in each of the Home Zones are attached.

Environmental Impact of the Proposal

7. The designation of an area as a Home Zone allows measures to be put in place to enhance the area and remove the domination of the motor vehicle and encourage other activities on the streets. The intention is that, for example, children can play games or people can stand talking in safety, even if they have to move occasionally to allow vehicles to pass. It is considered that the introduction of a Home Zone will bring considerable environmental benefits to an area.

Financial Implications

8. The cost of the proposals is part funded from an allocation within this year's Capital Local Transport Plan budget and from Central Government's Home Zone Challenge Bid Fund. A time limit of February 2005 is set on the Challenge Bid funding.

Options Considered

9. Each Home Zone has been developed through a series of residents' design workshops, where various scheme options were considered in public on a street-by-street basis. The final layouts are the outcome of those considerations and the feedback received from final exhibitions in each area.

Reasons for Recommendation

10. To allow both Home Zone schemes to progress and construction works to be complete by the Challenge Bid funding deadline, the designation is required at this time.

Recommendation

11. That the designation of Home Zone status on those streets set out in **Appendix 1** for inclusion in the College Road, Trowbridge, and Westleigh, Warminster, Home Zones be approved.

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

None.

