

Devizes Air Quality and Transport Strategy Group Meeting

Friday 8th March 2019, White Horse Room, Devizes Community Hub

Notes

Present: Peter Evans (Wiltshire Council); Nigel Carter (Devizes TC); Jasper Selwyn; Jeremy Cross; Gary Tomsett (Wiltshire Council); Graeme Morrison (Wiltshire Council); Andrew Jack (Wiltshire Council)

Item	Notes	Action
Apologies	Richard Ormerod; Kate Freeman; Philippa Morgan; Kelvin Nash	
Recap / Funding Summary	Much of last meeting spent on buses, using S106 funding. Officers from Passenger Transport unit not able to attend this meeting to update. No formal data on how the new junction at London Rd / Windsor Drive is functioning, but anecdotally suggests it is working well.	
Air Quality Summary	GT said that Wiltshire Council has submitted data to the national organisation for analysis. Once this has been bias corrected, the data will be uploaded to the website, due by the end of March.	
Windsor Drive update	Work is complete, all in place and working. PE had received requests for trees to be planted at Windsor Drive but looking at the location, there are few places where this is possible. There were discussions about the entrance to Quaker's Road and Police HQ and it was felt there could be plenty of space there.	
Key Existing Projects	Shanes Castle: No update on work, only that the finance is still a long way off reaching the expected / target amount. GT feels air quality data is lower than the 40ug/m ³ but this might be due to meteorological factors. GT feels data would need to be consistently low for several years. Martin Aldam confirms that Wiltshire Council has bought land back from the developers at the Browfort site Canal Towpath: Work was expected to begin mid- or end of March and signs have gone up on the towpath. Martin Aldam then says that	

	<p>contributions from the developer have not been received and therefore the Rivers & Canal Trust cannot commit their resources to this work until that funding comes through. Therefore the work to the towpath cannot begin until 2019/20.</p> <p>Gains Lane: Crossing to be upgraded very soon.</p>	
Tree planting – London Road	<p>Locations at London Road were discussed. These focused on the frontage to the Police HQ building and on land north of the junction with Quaker’s Road. AJ will open negotiations with the OPCC about this.</p> <p>The availability of free trees was discussed. The Woodland Trust has packs of different species of trees available to community group, including town & parish councils, all year round but with delivery in spring and autumn. Packs are up to 420 trees. This could be a good source of trees for planting at this location.</p>	AJ
Other updates and AOB	<p>JC commented that washing and brushing a town’s streets is the most cost-effective solution to air pollution. He asked about Wiltshire Council’s schedule for street cleaning.</p> <p>PE wondered about the frequency of street cleaning and how much of a service remains in light of budget pressures.</p> <p>JC wanted to know whether Wiltshire Council would sweep the roads after a dry spell</p>	
Next meeting	<p>No date was set at this meeting, but next date will be soon and when officers from Passenger Transport can attend.</p>	