

.30	Item	Update		Actions and recommendations	Priority A, B or C
	Marlborough L	ocal Highway and Footway Improv	vement Group (LHF	IG) – 2.30pm Thursday 30 th January 2025	via TEAMS.
1.	Attendees and a	pologies			
	Cllr James Sheppard (Aldbourne and Ramsbury); Cllr Caroline Thomas (Marlborough East); Cllr Jane Davies (Marlborough West); Steve Hind; Martin Cook; Kelvyn Shantry (Marlborough); Mervyn Hall (Marlborough); Richard Spencer Williams (Marlborough); Steve Campbell (Chilton Foliat); Sheila Glass (Ramsbury and Axford); Sarah Chidgey (Baydon); Martin Phipps (Savernake); Stephen Stacey (Avebury); Anna Whitehead (Mildenhall); Jill Turner (Kennet Valley); Rachel Inglefield (Ogborne St George); Sally Johnson (Preshute).				
	Apologies				
2.	Introductory No	tes			
	The minutes of th	ne previous LHFIG meeting held on the	17 th October 2024 can	be found via this link:	
	Agenda and draft r	minutes - Democratic Services - Wiltshire Co	<u>ouncil</u>		
	Comments from	the Chair on Local Highways & Foot	ways Improvement G	roup (LHFIG) arrangements:	
	Reminder Local Highways and Footpaths Improvement Group is suitable for schemes that improve safety, increase accessibility and sustainability by promoting walking, cycling and public transport and improve traffic management:				
	(including assess	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	• .	e improvements to existing footways, pedest	trian crossings



Bus infrastructure: new and replacement Shelters (subject to agreement on future maintenance liability), bus border kerbs, bus stop road markings.

Traffic signing: new and replacement signs (including signposts), street name plates, village gateways.

New road markings: new and replacement of existing markings.

Speed limits: assessment and implementation.

Waiting restrictions: assessments and implementation.

Footpath improvements: stiles, gates, surface improvements to rights of ways (council maintainable only).

Drainage: minor improvements, new gullies.

Street lighting: new installations.

Traffic management measures: including Sockets and posts for SID (Speed Indication Device) equipment.

Funds cannot be used for revenue functions, such as routine maintenance schemes or the provision of passenger transport services. As a general rule, an asset should exist at the end of the project, i.e. something new that wasn't there beforehand.

Meeting dates and programme

While we have more budget, funds that are not committed – that is for work completed or orders placed with contractors for delivery within the current financial year – will typically be returned to WC to go into the Substantive Schemes pot. Exceptions will only be allowed when events outside of our control have impacted delivery, although Highways have confirmed that for 22/23, unallocated funds will roll into 23/24 as it was acknowledged resource shortages affected project delivery. Cabinet also confirmed a review will be undertaken after the first 12 months of operation.

This means we must be very clear, when agreeing priorities, which are

- Approved and deliverable/paid for this year
- Approved but need more work so will be developed with a view for delivery in the subsequent financial year
- Not yet approved but have potential to be reviewed when resources are available.

It is less about '5 priorities', so much as identifying which schemes are deliverable this financial year, being mindful of the workload on our officers, else little will ever reach completion.

The advice was that meetings should ideally take place as below, each one 2 to 4 weeks in advance of the Area Board meetings where this group's decisions are ratified.



	April: Budget confirmation and budget allocation to projects. Agree projects to be put forward for funding from Substantive bid, ahead of end of submission deadlines. July: Progress meeting. Budget allocation (note: projects allocated beyond this meeting may not be delivered by the end of March). October: Progress meeting. Small scale and low-cost projects at this meeting may be delivered before end of year deadline. January: Progress meeting. Agreement of any funding to be returned for redistribution. Any projects prioritised at this meeting are unlikely to be delivered within this financial year.
	delivered within this financial year.
	Terms of reference expect town and parish councils to make at least a 20% contribution to the projects that pass through LHFIG. These can be circulated with the notes.
3.	Financial Position
	Finance sheet – the updated position is attached.
	It was discussed that the usual LHFIG allocation of £25246 is not currently agreed for 25/26.
4.	Process for logging requests for highway improvement schemes
	LHFIG requests forms are on the Wiltshire Council website. http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council-democracy-area-boards
	Once completed they should be submitted to the local town or parish council. If agreed the Clerk will send them to <u>LHFIGrequests@wiltshire.gov.uk</u>
5.	24/25 Prioritised Schemes – nb uncompleted 23/24 priority schemes, unless otherwise indicated, move into 24/25
	Action - review priority order to help SH manage workload.

1)	8-21-8	Original request for virtual paths along Farm Lane, entire	With TRO team for advert preparation. Date for	24/25 Priority
	Aldbourne –	length of Marlborough Rd, Castle St to Whitley Rd. To	advert to be determined.	
	virtual paths	replace 18-19-11		
	•		Action	
			SH to ensure design work is completed.	



		Safety concerns forwarded to Aldbourne PC. Recommendations to consider 20mph limits. Agreement with PC to progress 20mph limits to the south of the B4192. Report issued to Aldbourne PC for consideration/ approval to progress. The PC have approved the proposal of installing a 20mph speed limit on all roads south of the B4192. Contribution agreed to £5125 (25% of £20 500 cost estimate). LHFIG agreement to progress advert for 20mph limit. SH to arrange for TRO advert to be progressed. Advert details prepared and issued to TRO team for advert process. NB Backlog of schemes so don't have a date as yet. Any objections would need to be dealt with and potentially involve a cabinet report. Design work will continue in parallel.		
2)	8-19-10 Marlborough, Frees Avenue Traffic speed and pedestrian safety.	Linked to item 8-22-2 as a pedestrian safety request in 2 parts - the speed limit and other safety measures Cost of speed limit review £2500. Marlborough TC supported with contribution of £625; £1875 Area Board contribution agreed.	Revised scheme advertised. Advert process complete at end of December with no objections. Implementation likely to be undertaken by Milestone from April.	24/25 Priority



Atkins site visit on Sunday 14th November while the rugby club was in operation. Assessment report did not recommend the speed is lowered but does suggest the 40mph speed limit is extended further out of town to Rockley, which will cross into Preshute PC. £4500 costs (advert and implementation). MTC and Preshute have agreed the 25%, £1,125, contribution would be be shared £750, £375 respectively (2/3 and1/3)

Advert undertaken. One objection received and to be resolved before scheme implementation can be undertaken.

Following correspondence, objector will not withdraw objection. Cabinet Member Report will have to be written but it will be difficult to justify the reasoning behind the proposal. The scheme implementation cost will be around £4k and it is unlikely to lead to an improvement.

The LHFIG fully support progress of the 40mph extension but consider that the extension as far as Rockley as recommended by Atkins is unnecessary.

SH to write cabinet member report which will recommend an extension of the 40mph limit to approx 50m in advance of the cemetery access and will have to be re advertised.

Cabinet report signed off for TRO team to readvertise the shorter Speed Limit (to just beyond the cemetery).



		SH to arrange details for re advert to be completed and submission to TRO team.		
3)	8-22-17 Chilton Foliat – HGV issues on the B4001	Request to contribute to West Berkshire for implementation of a signing scheme (cost £20K) to reduce HGV issues in Chilton Foliat linked to Membury Trading Estate. 12 signs involved. County line approx. 1m north of village. PC willing to contribute £1250 (25% of £5k considered by Mark McClellend) Level of contribution to be considered/ agreed by LHFIG with any payment made on completion via an invoice and proof of expenditure. Agreement for LHFIG to contribute £5,000 to West Berkshire with 25% from Chilton Foliat PC. West Berkshire Council are now unable to fund due to budget restrictions. It is understood that Freight Management strategy is being reviewed with likely adoption for mid 2025. There will be no mechanism to prioritise freight schemes until then. Steve Campbell to request reduced scheme from West Berkshire Council. Wiltshire Council through the LHFIG are still prepared to contribute up to £5k. West Berkshire Council have confirmed they are not prepared to contribute due to financial constraints.	Parish Council discussions with West Berkshire Council not forthcoming. This issue will be raised again in the future once West Berkshire cooperate with finances. Agreed Issue to be CLOSED	Financial action only



		Suggestion made for a much-reduced scheme at PC expense – to be raised with WBC by SC. PC will continue liaison with West Berkshire.		
4)	8-23-6 Marlborough, The Parade/ New Rd	Request for 'one way' along The Parade from New Road. Consideration could be given to a 'No Entry' where the road widens near the car parking. SH to aim for distribution of indicative plan to the Town Council before the October LHFIG meeting. On next TC Planning agenda for 21st October, including idea of some local consultation.	Town Council have undertaken local consultation. It was resolved not to proceed with the introduction of a one-way system but to improve road markings and reinforce no parking near vehicle access points. Action SH to arrange discussion with RSW and develop revised solution.	
5)	8-23-1 Marlborough, 20mph review	Consideration to widen the review area. Review George Lane. Government guidance 'Setting local speed limits' has been revised March 2024 and requests appropriate speed limits in the right places. Report has been distributed to Marlborough TC but it will not approve George Lane to be included within the 20mph limit. Marlborough TC request scheme to be advertised with inclusion of George Lane.	Councillor Holder has instructed that George Lane will be included within the advert for the 20mph proposal. Action SH to ensure that schedules are completed and are submitted to TRO team for advert.	



6) 8-23-2 Mildenhall proposed	•	Request for new footway There is LHFIG support recognising efforts Mildenhall PC have gone to raise £10k towards costs. Land is not WC Highways – possibly Ramsbury Estate. Also noted the road closure/diversion etc is a major cost factor and trees may need to be removed. PC to investigate land ownership and seek agreement in principle. It is understood land is owned by Ramsbury Estates. Following the LHFIG meeting, it is understood that Ramsbury Estates support the project in principle. Agreement with Wiltshire Council will be required for either transfer or lease of land. Group request not to progress due to a representative from Mildenhall not in attendance. PC updated contribution total now £20 000. Agreed to be proposed as a substantive scheme. SH has contacted legal team. Exact extent of footway to be established to enable agreement on how the land will be managed. LHFIG agreed to contribute £10k to this proposal for a substantive project.	Ramsbury Estates have given permissions for investigation work to be undertaken on the land. Ethos Environmental Planning have undertaken a walkover survey and have identified potential ecological constraints but require further design details before possible further surveys. Topo survey required (approx £1800) and drainage to be resolved. Trial trenches required to establish utility locations. (cost to be established) Action SH to ensure scheme is progressed.	



		As the River Kennet is part of a SSSI, Natural England require an ecology survey before approval.		
		SH has discussed the width of land required with Milestone. Gas and BT services within the existing verge to be identified. Drainage will be towards the river and kerb inlets will be required to enable run off to drain from the carriageway.		
		Ecology and drainage methodology will have to be approved by Natural England.		
		Ramsbury Estates as landowner will need to allow permission for access for an ecology survey and trial trench excavation to establish utility locations.		
		LHFIG have agreed £5k for ecological surveys (Mildenhall PC agreed 25%). PC agree that lighting improvements are not required as this will likely affect ecology costs. Initial walk over survey will be £1-2k then anything else required – best guess up to £5k:		
		SH to liaise with Ramsbury Estates to explain work to be undertaken and gain permissions. Ecologists to be procured for survey.		
7)	8-23-16 Marlborough, High Street	Request for restricted day parking in the area of yellow lines adjacent to Nationwide.	Revision distributed to Marlborough TC. TC support the proposal. It is likely that delivery vehicles will double park.	



		Clarified that it is the length of yellow lines outside Superdrug to be changed to restricted parking. Scheme proposal submitted to Marlborough TC for consideration. Once agreed, the traffic orders can be advertised. TC have requested to include wheelchair kerb access. Scheme being revised for distribution. SH to ensure revision is completed and distributed to the TC for consideration.	Action SH to ensure advert details are progressed.	
8)	8-24-03 Marlborough Town Boundary A4 Manton	4 entrance sign and gateway arrangements to be one project. Agreed to be prioritised. 100% MTC funding. Agreed to be included on PRIORITY list.	Order raised for works on 19th November. Requested completion end of January but there are current delays with projects submitted to Milestone.	24/25 Priority
	8-24-04 A346 Postern Hill	Signs being designed to the traffic signs regulations. Realistic cost estimate being developed.		
	8-24-05 A346 Port Hill	SH to notify Marlborough Town Council of cost estimate when available.		
	8-24-06 A345 Granham Hill	Cost estimate approx. £15k. Options submitted to Town Council for consideration.		
		TC have requested Option 2 to be implemented. Estimated to be implemented late January.		



9)	8-24-11 Savernake hospital/ Maurice Way	Outpatients and visitors parking in Maurice Way causing hazard to drivers and pedestrians. Request for double yellow lines. Agreed to be prioritised by the group for investigation.	Details being prepared to enable advert. Advert unlikely to take place before April/ May due to backlog of work with Traffic Orders Team.	
		TEAMS meeting undertaken with NHS rep Lewis Taylor and resident to understand extent of issue. LHFIG to consider prioritisation. Cost for advert and implementation approx. £4k.		
		NHS/Savernake agreed to fund at £4k. LHFIG agreed to pick up any extra cost up to £1k		
		SH to progress scheme.		

6.	Other potential sc	Other potential schemes – not yet prioritised		
1)	8-22-10	New raised pavement in Chilton Foliat between Village	Work now confirmed by PC as complete.	
	New Pavement at Chilton Foliat	Hall and current pavement on eastern side to replace the virtual pavement	Agreed issue to be CLOSED.	
		Site meeting undertaken with PC. Possible change to position of dropped kerb and addition road markings.		
		MC has instructed work for dropped kerb.		



		Dropped kerb complete. It is understood that a small amount of road marking hatch is required. Martin Cook to ensure work is completed. White lining is with the contractor for completion when in the area.	
2)	8-23-5 Marlborough, Lower Prospect	Request for overnight residents parking (same basis as Kennet Place). Further to the concerns at Kennet Place, MTC to establish the way forward for residents parking requests. To be reviewed once the scheme at Kennet Place has been implemented. Need to review how Kennet Place has progressed. Discuss at a MTC Planning meeting (6th Jan) with local residents, before next LHFIG (30th Jan)	It was agreed that the results from the Kennet Place residents parking scheme were generally positive. The TC will continue to monitor any issues. The group agreed that a scheme for residents parking at Lower Prospect should be progressed. Action SH to investigate proposal and liaise with RSW when necessary.
3)	8-23-7 Marlborough, Orchard Rd	Request for Residents Parking. To be reviewed once the scheme at Kennet Place has been implemented and then MTC can establish an overall view on residents parking in the town.	As above. Further to the positive results at Kennet Place, the group agreed that a scheme at Orchard Road should be progressed. Action



		Need to review how Kennet Place has progressed. Discuss at an MTC Planning meeting (6 th Jan) with local residents, before next LHFIG (30 th Jan)	SH to investigate proposal and liaise with RSW when necessary.	
4)	8-23-19 A346 Ogbourne St Andrew	Request to improve footway to enable wheelchair access to bus stop from Crawlings Piece. No PC representative in attendance to enable discussion. Some maintenance would help. Martin Cook to arrange cutting back verge edges to increase footway width. MC to confirm with JS when done	MC explained that an instruction was with Milestone.	
5)	8-24-01 Mildenhall,	Request for 20mph limit	PC have decided not to progress.	
	Thicketts Road	PC notified that cost of assessment is £3100.	Agreed issue to be CLOSED.	
6)	8-24-07 Ramsbury	Request for whole village 20mph speed limit. PC currently arranging traffic survey to check speed. PC to consider which part of the village would be appropriate and of value for a 20mph rather than requesting the whole village. Hold over to January meeting.	PC have decided not to progress. Agreed issue to be CLOSED.	
7)	8-24-09 Berwick Bassett and Winterbourne Bassett	Request for 20mph speed limit. Concern over derestricted speed signs at entrance to Berwick Bassett from the A4361.	PC require further discussions. Action JD to send contact to SH.	



		Consideration of village entrance sign and 'SLOW' marking. Two low-cost options distributed to PC for consideration and copied to JD. Costs c£6-900 No representative attending; hold over to January meeting.	SH to arrange TEAMS discussion.
8)	8-24-10 Ramsbury, Union St	Request for one way. SH to consider request for one way travelling north along Union St. SH has raised potential issues of implementing this request for PC to consider.	PC have undertaken local consultation and request a trial scheme. The group agreed for progress . Action SH to confirm that an experimental order is the best way forward and to progress scheme.
9)	8-23-20 Marlborough - A346 Port Hill	Request for signing and road markings to reduce speeds to 30mph at the existing signs. 1. Suggestion to consider a 40mph limit in advance. 2. Enhancements to existing crossing point to include 'Pedestrians in Road' signage 3. Bar markings 4. 'SLOW' on both sides of carriageway on approach to crossing.	Delegated to Signing Team for consideration of a solution. Action MC to pursue hedge cutting. CT to write to Dave Thomas with evidence of buffer zones on the network.



		Highways maintenance to cut back foliage along the side of the highway		
		SH to check DfT guidance. SH to provide clarity on why 40mph buffer zones are not used in Wiltshire.		
		SH reiterated idea that Wiltshire don't use buffer zones as 'no evidence that they work'. CT flagged that they are cited in the DfT guidelines and WC policy is to adopt the guidelines (not cherry pick based on local views).		
		Metro count 2-3 years ago flagged a significant % speeding, high enough to warrant police enforcement. But police H&S review suggested is was not safe enough for police to undertake the enforcement as the appropriate distance from the Speed Limit point is on the junction with Acres, the turn along the Common and the Herd St bend / hill.		
		Would help if the 30mph signs were visible – flagged before but not yet actioned - and the rumble bars improved.		
		Agreement to raise directly with Dave Thomas		
10)	8-24-13 Chilton Foliat, Stag Hill	Request for footway with dropped kerbs to enable vehicle access onto property frontage.	Teams meeting undertaken.	
	3	SH to arrange initial TEAMS discussion with Steve Campbell.		



			MC explained that a vehicle access form must be completed and housing assessment to be undertaken within planning application. SC to discuss with vehicle access team.
11)	8-24-16 Avebury Trusloe, Longfields with A4361	Concern over national speed limit sign at Longfields. Request for 'maximum 30' signs. Main road is 50mph; side road remained unrestricted, and sign posted accordingly. In Fyfield when the limit was reduced to 50 on the A4, the side roads have been limited to 30mph – so this would be consistent. SH to investigate and arrange initial TEAMS discussion with Stephen Stacey.	Teams meeting undertaken. Speed limit review (around £3k) can be undertaken to determine the speed limit. Advert will then be required (£3k) to change speed limit if this is recommended and agreed by the PC. The group requested that a speed limit review is undertaken. Action SH to liaise with Atkins to progress speed limit review.
12)	8-24-17 Lockeridge, SW approach.	Request for extended 20mph limit. SH to arrange an initial TEAMS discussion with Jill Turner.	Teams meeting undertaken. Does not meet criteria for 20mph. It is understood existing edge lines are being replaced. JT has raised an issue on MyWilts for maintenance of 'Road Narrows' sign and a 'Slow' marking adjacent. JT request for a buffer zone in advance of the 20mph limit.



			Action CT to include this request with the issue at Port Hill when writing to Dave Thomas.
13)	8-24-18 Marlborough, Vespasian Road	Concern about vehicles speeding into the cul de sac. Request for 'No Through Road' sign and double yellow lines. SH to discuss on Teams initially with RSW and then arrange a site visit if necessary.	Teams meeting undertaken. 'No through road' sign can be included and possible edge markings on radius. The group agreed to progress . Action SH to progress works details.

7.	New Requests /	Issues not yet reviewed	
1)	8-24-14 A4 Avebury – Overton Hill to West Kennet.	Request for speed reduction.	Speed limit review requested between 50mph limit at Beckhampton and 40mph at Manton and during a morning/ evening rush hour if possible. 25% costs to be split between Avebury, Kennet Valley and Preshute PC's. Action SH to discuss with Atkins to enable review to be progressed.



2)	8-24-12 Marlborough, Poulton Hill	Maximise footway by cutting back vegetation. Pothole filling and resurfacing. White edge line along footway edge. Bar markings adjacent to slow markings/30mph signs.	Review at next LHFIG meeting.	
3)	8-24-19 Chilton Foliat	Request to change location of speed limit on B4001 to account for recent development.	Action SH to discuss further with Steve Campbell.	
4)	8-24-20 Footpath between 80 and 82 Five Stiles Rd	Signing / calming to slow cyclists before a bend. Also a grit bin for icy conditions would be appropriate.	Review at next LHFIG meeting.	
5)	8-24-22 Manton – 6 point traffic plan.	Item 1. Introduce 20mph speed limit.	Each of the items 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 for the Manton 6 point traffic scheme to be discussed for order of priority at the next LHFIG meeting.	
6)	8-24-23 Manton - 6 point traffic plan.	Item 2. New road priorities and signing 1. Priority direction on Kennet bridge 2. One way system peak time signing. 3. A4 Bath Rd signing for Preshute School.	Refer to 8-24-22 above.	
7)	8-24-24 Manton - 6 point traffic plan.	Item 3 Inappropriate parking – request for parking restrictions.	Refer to 8-24-22 above.	
8)	8-24-25 Manton - 6 point traffic plan.	Item 4 Installation of additional street lighting.	Refer to 8-24-22 above.	



9)	8-24-26 Manton - 6 point traffic plan.	Item 5 Additional virtual footpath	Refer to 8-24-22 above.	
10)	8-24-27 Manton - 6 point traffic plan	Item 6 Extended bus stop markings at primary school.	Refer to 8-24-22 above.	
11)	8-24-28 Marlborough, Kingsbury Street	Request for dropped kerb sufficient for disabled resident to access St Mary's Church.	This issue has been attempted to be resolved in the past with difficulty. Action SH/ MC to meet with the aim to identify a possible solution.	
12)	8-24-29 Ogbourne St Andrew, Meadow View to Old Forge	Request for footway resurfacing.	Review at next LHFIG meeting.	

8.	Other items
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9. Date of Next Meeting:

Proposed for 10am Thursday 22nd May 2025 via TEAMS

Marlborough Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group

Highways Officer - Steve Hind

1. Environmental & Community Implications

1.1. Environmental and community implications were considered by the LHFIG during their deliberations. The funding of projects will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of environmental, social and community wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

2. Financial Implications

- 2.1. All decisions must fall within the Highways funding allocated to Marlborough Area Board.
- 2.2. If funding is allocated in line with LHFIG recommendations outlined in this report, and all relevant 3rd party contributions are confirmed, Marlborough Area Board will have a remaining Highways funding balance of £3745.

3. Legal Implications

3.1. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

4. HR Implications

4.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

5. Equality and Inclusion Implications

5.1 The schemes recommended to the Area Board will improve road safety for all users of the highway.

6. Safeguarding implications



For information - Highways Responsibilities

Department	Head of Service
Asset Management and Commissioning	Dave Thomas

- Asset Management of 4381km of highway infrastructure condition surveys, records, status
- Operate and maintain 80 signal control junctions and 136 signal crossings
- Inspect and maintain 981 bridges and structures
- Draft, award, and administer all Highways contracts
- Operate and maintain 45,000 streetlights
- Design & Install new infrastructure (cycle lanes, crossings, collision reduction etc) funding through central budgets and LHFIGs
- Drainage & Flooding advise and repair. Act as Lead Local Flood Authority
- Network Management, permits and inspections (approx. 24,000 permits per year)

Highway Operations Adrian Hampton

- Streetscene (Grounds Maintenance, Cleansing)
- Parking
- Highway and Waste Enforcement
- Highway Accesses
- Taxi Licencing and inspection
- Event Management
- Fly Tipping and Abandoned Vehicles (really positive WTF campaign and successful prosecutions)
- Unauthorised Encampments



- Planning Section 106 Amenity Funding
- Burials and Cemeteries
- Depots
- Highway Resilience (weather, out of hour highway issues)
- Electric Vehicle Charging
- Fleet emerging strategy

Local Highways

Chris Clark

- Managing Routine Planned and Reactive Highway Maintenance
- Delivery of Primary Duties as Highway Authority Actioning Obstructions, licencing skips Scaffolds.
- Undertaking scheduled Highway Safety Inspections (4381KLM)
- Assisting with the response to Weather and other emergency operations
- Site supervision of development works undertaken as part of Section 38/278 agreements
- Management of the Public rights of way Network (6000KLM) Access team.
- Tree Maintenance Including response to Ash Die Back
- Updating and responding to enquiries on Definitive Map and Highway records
- Acting as the Town and Village Green Authority

