

**CORSHAM AREA BOARD 20<sup>th</sup> September 2012**  
**AGENDA ITEM NO.**

**Community Area Transport Group (CATG) Recommendations to Corsham Area Board**

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To provide an update on the recommendations from the CATG meeting that took place on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2012.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 Pedestrian safety has been an issue in South Place Corsham for some considerable time. Several meetings have been held to look at ways to improve this. A trial at South Place commenced 16<sup>th</sup> April 2012 and concluded on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2012. This trial highlighted both positives and negatives with regard to widening the footpath to allow safer passage.
- 2.2 At the area board meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2012 a decision was made to support recommendations from the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) held on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2012 to further explore the possibility of widening the footpath and to also explore alternative routes for pedestrians.
- 2.3 At the CATG meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September two options were considered.
- 2.4 Option one  
To widen the footpath a further 300mm to allow safer passage. This would involve substantial road works and also be a costly exercise.
- 2.5 Option two  
To further explore the possibility of providing an alternative route across the Corsham Estate that will involve further negotiations with the land owners. There have been discussions with Corsham Estate which have indicated that they might allow a new access to be formed from the car park to the rear of the Methuen Arms to the gates at the side of the war memorial, thus by-passing South Place. Discussion took place around the various issues with ownership of paths, rights of way, buggies and wheelchairs gaining access through the gates and lighting through the wooded area. However the group felt that this was an avenue worth pursuing and could be seen to be helping the parking and general traffic situation in Lacock Road.

**3. Recommendations from CATG**

- 3.1 CATG recommend to Corsham Area Board to abandon option one outlined above to widen the footpath.
- 3.2 To recommend to Corsham Area Board to support option two above to enter into further discussion with Corsham Estate to provide an alternative footpath.

#### 4. **Reason for recommendation**

- 4.1 The proposals above have the support of CATG and Corsham Town Council and St Patricks School.

#### 5. **Recommendation**

- 5.1 To support the recommendations from CATG meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> September 2012 as outlined above.

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**Background Papers**  
CATG notes of 6<sup>th</sup> September 2012

**Appendices** None