

Sandpit Road (S106) Working Group

Notes of the Working Group Meeting: 19th November 2013

Attendees: Cllr Tony Trotman (Wiltshire Council, Ashley Ponting (Save Calne Marsh Group - Residents Association), Mark Stansby (Wiltshire Council - Senior Traffic Management Engineer), Stephen Hind (Wiltshire Council, Principle Engineer, Highway Network Improvements), Cllr. Heather Canfer (Calne Town Council), Cllr. David Short (Calne Town Council), Steve Corbin (Wiltshire Council, Transport Planning Assistant), Jane Vaughan (Wiltshire Council - Calne Community Area Manager).

Apologies: Anne Henshaw (CAT/CCAP), Linda Roberts (Town Council).

Notes of this meeting were taken by Jane Vaughan.

This meeting was called to review progress of work relating to Woodhill Rise/Oxford Road link for cycle/pedestrian dual use provision to and from Sandpit Road development to schools and workplaces.

At the Area Board on 5th February 2013 it was recommended and agreed that the Area Board request that, as it had not been possible to identify ownership of the footpath, consultation should be undertaken with local residents and a s228 notice should be placed in order to enable the cycling improvement scheme to take place and also to help control the unauthorised use of the current footpath by motor vehicles.

- Cllr. Tony Trotman explained that he had hand delivered letters to residents on Woodhill Rise and 140A & B and 162-176 Oxford Road (even numbers only). Steve Corbin reported that 6 responses had been received which were 50/50 for and against the proposal. Questions had also been raised about the possibility of stopping the use of motorcycles on the unadopted section and also the need to stop parking in the existing turning head.
- Some respondents believed that they may have access rights to Oxford Road.
- Local knowledge suggested that, with the completion of new housing on the Sandpit Road estate there has been a significant increase in pedestrian usage of this path.
- There was a general discussion about options to

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control unauthorised use including installing a gate to be managed locally by those with access, blocking the through way completely and signage. It was noted that if any residents do have access, it would not be possible to block that access, SH noted that this is not a suitable highway and MS advised the group that there may be a need to seek legal advice about access and status issues.

- It was decided that Steve Corbin would speak to the legal team (Sarah Marshall?) for advice and assistance in moving this work forward.

There was a discussion on other work arising from the group:

- **Cycle route – Greenacre Way**
Tony Trotman reported that 1 resident had expressed concerns about the width of the shared use path. It was noted that signs are there to advise pedestrians and cyclists.
It had been acknowledged in the planning of the path that it was at the bottom end specification, however considering the volume of pedestrians and very good visibility and also the prohibitive cost of widening the path the decision had been taken to go ahead. Steve Corbin will send a copy of the legal order to all members of the group.
- **Abberd Way – a brief update was provided:**
Orders are to be advertised at the beginning of December, work will not begin before the end of the financial year.

There was a brief discussion about costs incurred so far and the budget for this group – it was decided that this should be a standing item on future agendas.

Report to the Area Board:

Tony Trotman would update the Area Board on 10/12/2013:

- The group had identified that work at Woodhill Rise/Oxford Road, previously agreed by the area board, would require some legal investigation concerning vehicular access. Officers will liaise with the Council's legal team to progress this matter.
- Orders relating to the agreed scheme at Abberd Way are to be advertised at beginning of December, work will not begin before the end of this financial year.
- **Future meetings:** Next meeting - January 2014.

SC seek advice from legal team.

SC send out legal order.

SC/SH to provide information for future meetings.

TT provide update to the Area Board.

JV to arrange