

WILTSHIRE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 2006/07 – 2010/11

CHIPPENHAM COMMUNITY AREA CONSULTATION

SUMMARY REPORT

Introduction

To assist the County Council in producing its second Local Transport Plan (LTP), a series of public consultation events were held during September and October 2004 in each of Wiltshire's Community Areas.

Invitations were sent to a variety of key contacts and organisations through Wiltshire's network of Community Planners. In addition, notices were sent to all libraries, parish and town councils and placed in the Wiltshire Times, the Gazette and Herald, and the Salisbury Journal.

The Chippenham Community Area consultation event took place at The Neeld Hall, Chippenham on 22nd September 2004. A total of 12 people attended the event (see Appendix A).

This summary report seeks to set-out the context and results of the consultation event. It has been sent to all participants and placed on the County Council's website.

Purpose of Event

The purpose of the LTP Community Area consultation events was to provide the opportunity for communities and other key organisations to give their views on the local transport issues likely to face them in the period to 2011, and to explore and identify local priorities and areas of concern.

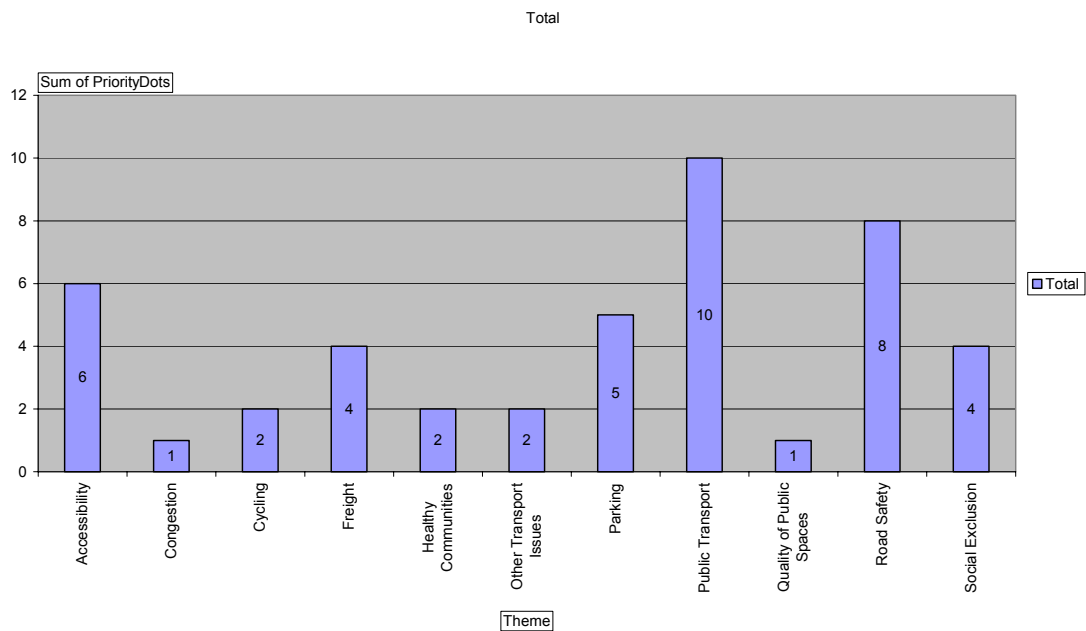
The event also provided the opportunity for County Council officers to explain more fully the current national and regional transport policy and funding context, and set-out what has been achieved by the first Wiltshire LTP.

Format of Event

Following a short introductory presentation, participants discussed and recorded their local transport issues and concerns in two groups with County Council officers acting as facilitators. The issues and concerns raised were then categorised by each group into broad LTP themes before being prioritised by each participant (four stickers were given to each participant in order to identify their respective priorities).

Results

The outcome of the categorisation and prioritisation process is given below:



From the above chart it is clear that the top priorities were:

- Public Transport;
- Road Safety; and,
- Accessibility.

A wide range of other issues were also identified as priorities by the participants.

In recognition that the issues and concerns raised by participants may cross a number of different themes, all the comments, along with the group, categorisation and prioritisation details, are shown in Appendix B. From this, the following main concerns emerge:

- A lack of parking in the town centre.
- Better enforcement of speeding is required.
- Provision of local railway stations and poor integration between trains and buses.

Next Stages

To complement the Community Area consultations, meetings are to be held with a variety of organisations such as business and trade interests, transport providers, transport interest groups and voluntary organisations.

In line with the development of a draft second Wiltshire LTP, it is proposed that a further round of community and stakeholder consultation events will be held during the Spring of 2005.

Appendix A

Title	Forename	Surname	Organisation
Mr	L.I.	Elias	SAWTAG
Cllr	Nina	Phillips	NWDC
	Jean	Kingman	Chippenham Link
	Dick	Barton	NWDC
Mr	Jeremy	Douch	Halcrow
	Sheila	Veitch	CTC
	Denise	Plummer	NFU
	Phillip	Allnatt	WCC
Cllr	Marian	Stickland	CTC
	Christine	Crisp	WCC
	Patrick	Coleman	WCC
	John	Jackson	SAWTAG

Appendix B

Theme	Comment	Priority Dots
Accessibility	Move bus station to Bath Rd	0
Accessibility	Bus / railway interchange	0
Accessibility	Railway station, lack of pedestrian / cycle route access. Lack of cycle parking	0
Accessibility	No link between rail / bus	1
Accessibility	Essential services such as food, health by public transport, in particular Chippenham hospital.	1
Accessibility	Easier access for wheelchairs, pushchairs etc onto buses	1
Accessibility	No parking near post office in Chippenham	0
Accessibility	Lack of direct transport from Monkton Park and villages to hospital	1
Accessibility	Lack of dropped kerbs for wheelchairs, pushchairs etc	0
Accessibility	Better integration between trains and buses	2
Community Safety and Crime	Security for bus drivers	0
Congestion	Congestion at Bridge centre, New Rd, Railway Arches	0
Congestion	Congestion on A350	0
Congestion	Rat running along Old Hardenhuish Lane	0
Congestion	Too many pedestrian crossings in close proximity by DSS office	0
Congestion	Delivery times at Station Hill / New Road causing congestion	0
Congestion	Access, no right turn problems - Borough Parade	1
Cycling	Secure cycle parking at station	1
Cycling	Cycle problems accessing footbridge	0
Cycling	Poor road surface for cyclists	1
Cycling	Cyclist forced onto pavements on Sheldon Road	0
Freight	Travis Perkins generates HGV traffic problems within housing estate	0
Freight	Road/rail 'Thingley Sidings'	2
Freight	HGV noise and disruption along A420	0
Freight	Weight restrictions ignored. Through routes for waste	0
Freight	Wiltshire's use of HGV to dispose of waste. Could we not use rail?	1
Freight	More rail freight - use of South Marston Eurofreight centre	1
Freight	HGV's going via B4069 from M4 J17 to edge of Calne	0
Freight	Lorries through villages, weight restrictions	0
Freight	Lorries - better signage	0
Healthy Communities	School travel - discourage car use	2
Maintenance	Worn out lines / signs	0
Maintenance	Clean and repair signs	0
Maintenance	Lack of road maintenance - potholes	0
Noise	Noise from M4 increasing for local residents	0

Theme	Comment	Priority Dots
Other Transport Issues	Links with long term building	1
Other Transport Issues	Move Travis Perkins off Sheldon Rd to edge of town	1
Other Transport Issues	New developments need travel plans	0
Parking	Lack of parking in town centre	3
Parking	Growing parking facilities	0
Parking	Parking enforcement in town centre	2
Parking	Commuters parking in residential areas - Malmesbury Rd	0
Public Transport	Lack of rail stations - Wootton Bassett, Corsham	4
Public Transport	Rail services, lack of frequency provision	0
Public Transport	Too many empty buses	0
Public Transport	No station at Acton Turville for access to S.Wales	1
Public Transport	Better public transport to and from villages especially evenings	1
Public Transport	Bus tickets should be interchangeable	1
Public Transport	Lack of courtesy of bus drivers	0
Public Transport	Bus station too small and out of the way	0
Public Transport	More bus shelters needed	1
Public Transport	Vandalism / maintenance of bus shelters	0
Public Transport	Buses not on time	0
Public Transport	Poor perception of public transport. - dirty - late - inconvenient	2
Quality of Public Spaces	Street scene - lorries on pavements	1
Road Safety	Cars parking on pavements	0
Road Safety	Closing gaps on dual carriageway A429	1
Road Safety	Prevent 'U' turns on A429	1
Road Safety	J17 to Malmesbury - Kingsway Bridge too low. Lorries always getting stuck underneath.	1
Road Safety	Lay-bys north of J17 always full of parked cars - vision obscured	1
Road Safety	Highway maintenance back up in many areas	1
Road Safety	Enforcement of speeding	3
Road Safety	Speeding through Sutton Benger / Christian Malford / Foxham	0
Road Safety	Pedestrian / cycling conflicts on pavements	0
Social Exclusion	Elderly provision - inability to drive, lack of suitable public transport	1
Social Exclusion	Improving evening bus services, to/from villages into town	1
Social Exclusion	Bus services to health locations	1
Social Exclusion	Lack of Corsham Station	0
Social Exclusion	Lack of drivers to support Link scheme	0
Social Exclusion	Disadvantaged households have to take taxis because of lack of integration.	1
Walking	Railway station footbridge improvements needed	0
Walking	Illegal cycling on footways	0