

WILTSHIRE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 2006/07 – 2010/11

DEVIZES 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 Devizes Community Area consultation event took place at the Corn Exchange, Devizes on 10th September 2004. A total of 17 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.

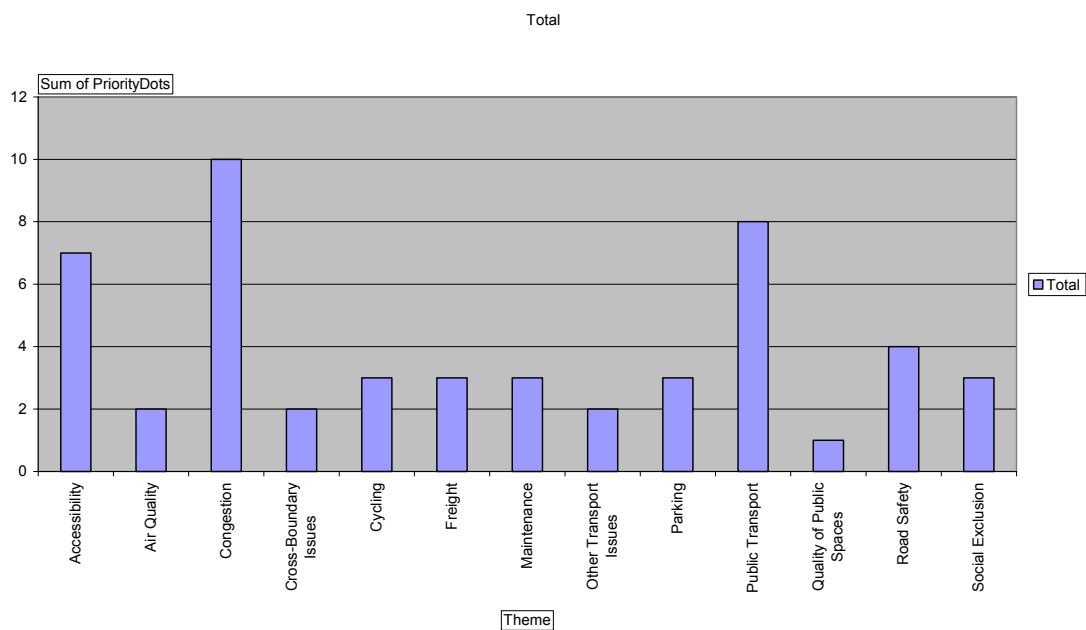
The event also provided the opportunity for County Council officers to explain more fully the current national and regional transport policy and funding context, and set-out what has been achieved by the first Wiltshire LTP.

Format of Event

Following a short introductory presentation, participants discussed and recorded their local transport issues and concerns in three 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:

- Congestion;
- Public Transport; 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:

- Congestion problems on Caen Hill and the A361 into Devizes, which is particularly noticed during school term times.
- Access to work and health services have been highlighted as poor, particularly the public transport services to main areas of employment before 9am.
- Problems occur with connecting bus services and ticketing between different service providers.

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	Tony	Adamson	Bishop's Canning PC.
Mr	Jim	Batt	Urchfont PC
	Pat	Rugg	Wilts CC
Mr	Tony	Molland	Wilts CC
	Jill	Crooks	Gazette and Herald
Mr	Jeff	Ody	Kennet DC
	Clare	Cowdrey	Kennet DC
Mrs	Margaret	Taylor	Wilts CC, Kennet DC
Mr	Ray	Taylor	Devizes TC
Mr	Chris	Carver	Drm FOE
	Val	Powley	Kennet DC
	Ruth	Howard	Wilts CC
Mr	Oliver	Glcey	British Waterways
Mr	J	Duffield	Devizes Dev. Partnership
Mr	Jon	Jackson	South and West Transport Action Group
	Peggy	Jones	Market Lavington PC
Mr	Nigel	Carter	Kennet DC Councillor

Appendix B

Theme	Comment	Priority Dots
Accessibility	Access to health provision poor	1
Accessibility	Mothers and pushchairs struggle to alight public buses	0
Accessibility	There are no compulsory school travel plans	2
Accessibility	From Market Lavington it is difficult to get to Pewsey public transport to join up with trains	2
Accessibility	Alternatives needed to private car - current demand response transport planning not dealing with commuter problems	2
Accessibility	Lack of transport in the evenings for young people to access activities in nearby towns	0
Accessibility	More links to Salisbury required e.g. by bus to ensure connections to be made especially to the hospital	0
Accessibility	Need to ensure continued funding for the Wigglybus after 2007. As DRT meets the needs of rural communities, worried Wigglybus may stop due to lack of funding	0
Air Quality	Queuing due to congestion leads to poor air quality	0
Air Quality	Park Street in peak hours has air quality problems	0
Air Quality	Air quality problems on New Park Street on Friday PM	0
Air Quality	Air quality deteriorating due to increased location of pedestrian crossings	2
Community Safety and Crime	Night time parking in Market Place more secure than Station Road	0
Community Safety and Crime	Skateboards are on the pavements and pedestrian precincts e.g. in the market place	0
Community Safety and Crime	Both Brickley Lane and Nursteed Village need more Street lighting	0
Congestion	Problems on Caen Hill and A361 to Devizes particularly in school term time	4
Congestion	Congestion increases journey time, air pollution, reliability of roads and raises quality of life issues in those areas.	0
Congestion	New Park Street has a pedestrian crossing which is too frequent, causing slow traffic along the route (near Chivers Coal Yard)	1
Congestion	School transport causes congestion	2
Congestion	Congestion on Bath Road	1
Congestion	Congestion on London Road	1
Congestion	Traffic, outside as well as within peak time, is congested from the Rising Sun Roundabout all the way to Brewery Roundabout	1
Congestion	Commuting times have stretched and too many parked cars cause congestion.	0

Theme	Comment	Priority Dots
Cross-Boundary Issues	Suggests Old Devizes Branch Railway becomes a cycleway between Bath and Stonehenge, integrating with the existing Bath to Avebury cycleway.	1
Cross-Boundary Issues	Compile a document integrating a number of counties/districts to similarly integrate Stonehenge/Avebury/Bath/New Forest etc	0
Cross-Boundary Issues	Lack of railway station for Devizes which would improve accessibility and reduce congestion	0
Cross-Boundary Issues	There are problems with road conditions, road design and maintenance of Country roads	1
Cycling	Cycleway is combined with the pavement (particularly between Brickley Lane/London Road Junction and Canal Bridge) where roads are narrow there is a risk to cyclists from cars and risk to pedestrians from cyclists	0
Cycling	There is a conflict with other road users	0
Cycling	The current cycle lane is being under used.	2
Cycling	London Road cycle lanes need more signs and education about them	0
Cycling	Some cyclists are going the wrong way in cycle lanes	0
Cycling	Education is required for cyclists, as they have a lack of understanding	0
Cycling	When putting down cycle measures, not just the difficult points should be tackled, e.g. London Road and Canal Bridge. Need more joined up cycle routes in town	1
Freight	Lorries ignoring weight limit	1
Freight	Greater amount of 'just in time' deliveries hence extra HGV movements causing problems with safety, congestion and pollution	0
Freight	Pollution	0
Freight	Congestion	0
Freight	Freight seems to be increasing through the town centre	0
Freight	Suggest a freight strategy to keep HGVs out of the centre	2
Freight	Easterton used by lorries and cause congestion	0
Freight	County recommended freight routes are not working	0
Freight	Large lorries are using narrow roads and damaging lanes	0
Maintenance	Pot holes in road dangerous for cyclists and damaging to cars	1
Maintenance	Uneven pavements and broken kerb stones are dangerous for pedestrians especially the elderly	0
Maintenance	Weeds and overgrown pavements throughout town are a problem	0
Maintenance	Poor road maintenance - patching doesn't stop overall deterioration	2
Noise	Volume of traffic in Devizes causes unacceptable noise	0
Other Transport Issues	Imbalance between new housing and new employment as it encourages out commuting to neighbouring towns	1

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Other Transport Issues	Families with 2 working parents have less time to walk/cycle	0
Other Transport Issues	Centralisation concentrates employment but increases traffic movements and length of journeys	0
Other Transport Issues	Right to roam land has transport implications especially car parking	1
Parking	No bus park for tourist coaches in an obvious central position and refreshments required for drivers	1
Parking	Parking in residential streets causes conflicts	0
Parking	Lack of parking enforcement	1
Parking	Suggests parking at weekends should be free	0
Parking	Enforcement of disabled parking bays on street is required	0
Parking	Car park provision is insufficient in areas of "right to roam" countryside	1
Public Transport	Access to work/school in market towns between Devizes and Swindon before 9am	2
Public Transport	Access to work and school within Devizes is hard as buses only run 9-5.	0
Public Transport	Suggests accessibility to services be improved by taxis having multi-pick ups possibly as well or in places of buses	1
Public Transport	Lack of forward planning on buses - no time to plan times, routes, fares, multi-tickets	0
Public Transport	No joined up bus service - there are problems with acceptance of tickets between companies and poor times of connection	2
Public Transport	Public transport is required for the school run	0
Public Transport	Cost of public transport is high	0
Public Transport	Bus times do not coincide with school times	0
Public Transport	The timings of buses to/from the town centre are poor and there are no weekend services	2
Public Transport	Increased leisure uses in the countryside is not catered for with public transport - none on the weekends	0
Public Transport	Lack of public transport to serve the Kennet and Avon Canal	1
Public Transport	Canal access points need public transport	0
Quality of Public Spaces	Intimidation, noise and high speeds particularly late at night from 'boy racers'	1
Quality of Public Spaces	Urbanised look of kerbside in the countryside	0
Quality of Public Spaces	Air quality and safety and quality of local environment in Market Place poor due to car park area.	0
Road Safety	Lydney Bridge has a narrow carriageway so has become a pinch point, causing particular problems regarding conflict between motorists and HGVs	1
Road Safety	Children on bikes and skateboards do not obey the highway code causing safety issues	0

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Road Safety	Lack of white line on the London Road makes driving confusing	0
Road Safety	Road markings need regular repainting	0
Road Safety	Junction at Wyndhams-St Joseph's school is difficult to exit, there could be accidents here	0
Road Safety	A342, the new 50mph speed limit is not enforced very well	0
Road Safety	Children crossing at Nursteed Road have no where to cross - they want to cross at Moonrakers rather than close to the Green/Southbrook where the lollypop lady is.	3
Road Safety	Speed of lorries is dangerous	0
Road Safety	Bath Road - problem for children going to/ from school	0
Social Exclusion	Public transport inaccessible to mothers with pushchairs and young children and elderly and disabled. Journeys requiring several bus changes cause particularly difficulties for this group.	2
Social Exclusion	Expensive public transport makes it difficult for the elderly to travel	1
Travel Information	Lack of travel information out of hours for buses	0
Travel Information	Majority of bus stops have little information, suggests a more holistic approach	0
Travel Information	Information access for buses is poor	0
Travel Information	Promotion of Hail and Ride required	0
Travel Information	There is poor travel information on public transport and at bus stops. Suggests a circulation of bus timetables in community.	0
Walking	Cyclists using the pavement is a safety hazard	0