

WILTSHIRE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 2006/07 – 2010/11

DOWNTON 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 Downton Community Area consultation event took place at the Memorial Hall, Downton on 15th September 2004. A total of 10 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.

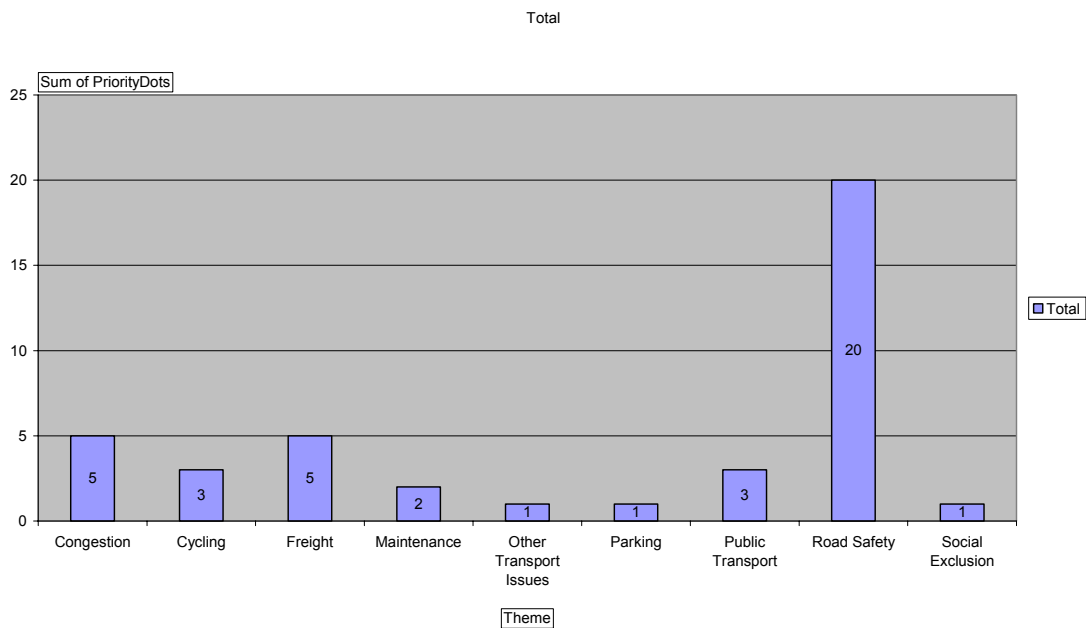
The event also provided the opportunity for County Council officers to explain more fully the current national and regional transport policy and funding context, and set-out what has been achieved by the first Wiltshire LTP.

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:

- Road Safety;
- Freight; and,
- Congestion.

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:

- Drivers are speeding at Petersfinger bend to Laverstock Rd on the Southampton Road (A36).
- There is heavy traffic in Downton creating difficulties parking and getting about.
- The Harnham Relief Road will divert traffic towards Downton, increasing traffic through the village.

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	David	Bunting	Downton Community Planner
Mr	Michael	Chandler	Downton Parish Council
	Kate	Davey	Downton Society and DRAT
Mr	Jon	Frankfort	Downton Society Planning
Mr	John	Bundy	Redlynch Parish Council
PC	S	Holland	Community Police Station
PC	A	Poole	Alderbury Police Station
Mr	Dennis	Johnson	Downton Resident
	S	Adlam	
	R	Yeates	

Appendix B

Theme	Comment	Priority Dots
Air Quality	Air quality is poor, suggest testing	0
Community Safety and Crime	There is an unmanned station at West Dean Railway station	0
Community Safety and Crime	There is trespassing on the railway line at West Dean	0
Congestion	Traffic on A338 and A36 increasing journey times and pollution	0
Congestion	Long queues from Salisbury to Downton result in cut throughs being made from Barford Lane to Lower Alderbury making queues in Southampton Rd longer, also leading to the break up of this road.	1
Congestion	Particularly on the A36 Southampton Rd	0
Congestion	The Harnham bypass has had an adverse effect on Downton Traffic	1
Congestion	On Downton High Street congestion is caused by parking lorries	0
Congestion	There is heavy traffic in the village creating a difficulty to park and move about.	3
Cycling	End of cycle way is at Downton - there is no link to Salisbury North of Bodenham Dual Carriageway	2
Cycling	Inadequate cycleway as it is narrow and unkempt and therefore dangerous	1
Freight	On B3080 reduction in HGVs is required and a 7.5 ton weight limit as this causes safety problems, congestion, noise and is not helped by expansion of the industrial estate and Harnham relief road	2
Freight	Harnham Bypass will divert traffic towards Downton, increasing traffic through the village	3
Maintenance	On B3080 at Woodfalls cross Road Markings have faded at the junction of Hale Road	1
Maintenance	A338 Salisbury to Downton shared use footpath/ cycleway has a poor surface	1
Other Transport Issues	4 wheel drive vehicles are using tracks in Hampworth/ Nomansland	1
Other Transport Issues	Harnham Relief road will not remove traffic from Britford, the problems being narrow roads, bends in road, primary school and pollution	0
Parking	There is no parking in the village centre, reducing the access for people in surrounding villages	1
Public Transport	Lack of integration between buses and train services at Dean	1
Public Transport	At Alderbury there is a problem with access to buses as Wilts & Dorset buses (34, 36, X7, X70) aren't low floor, causing a problem for pushchairs etc.	1
Public Transport	Buses are affected by congestion from Bournemouth/ Salisbury and there is a lack of drivers	0

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Public Transport	In Charlton All Saints there are hardly any buses into the village for shoppers and children are required to walk to the A338 through deep puddles in the winter to get to the bus stop	1
Public Transport	Buses are inadequate	0
Public Transport	Buses are under utilised - Harnham buses are too frequent in daytime.	0
Road Safety	B3080 Woodfalls post office needs to have a reduced speed limit.	1
Road Safety	Drivers are speeding at Petersfinger bend to Laverstock Rd on Southampton Rd (A36)	3
Road Safety	Crossing the A36 at Petersfinger bend is difficult	1
Road Safety	At the junction with A338 and Charlton All Saints there are safety concerns as drivers overtake through solid white lines	1
Road Safety	Through Whiteparish there are people speeding through the village causing problems for other drivers and pedestrians particularly in the centre	1
Road Safety	There are parking and safety issues at Lode Hill and the High Street in Downton as drivers park in width restricted areas, causing problems for shoppers/ residents	2
Road Safety	A338 at Britford experiences speeding suggests a 30mph flash sign is required	2
Road Safety	B3080 and Lode Hill needs a 30mph limit on Redlynch boundary	2
Road Safety	The noise of speeding motorcycles on the A338 at Charlton on the weekends can be heard at Alderbury, so there is a problem with noise pollution	1
Road Safety	Problem with speeding motorcycles on the B3080	1
Road Safety	Problem with speeding North of the Downton Roundabout, suggests getting a 30 mph limit	1
Road Safety	Problems with bus shelters in Alderbury, as there isn't enough room for all the school children catching the bus, so have to go over the road and run to the other side when the bus arrives	0
Road Safety	Traffic is too fast near to industrial estate in Downton on A338 as the industrial estate is growing	0
Road Safety	There are no formal crossings (especially for school children) at the Co-op in the High Street in Downton	2
Road Safety	Suggests a zebra crossing is needed in Downton	1
Road Safety	Access on A338 poor to Churchhouse/ Warrenhouse as the traffic goes too fast, people ignore double yellow lines and drivers are waiting to turn. Suggests 50 mph limit is required.	1
Social Exclusion	Cost of buses to Salisbury are beyond the resources of OAPs	1