

Minutes of meeting on 30th June 2011
Monkton Park, Chippenham

Chair:	Ray Conneely (RC)	Massey Wilcox Transport Ltd
Present:	Matthew Croston (MC) Peter Moore (PM) Simon Lymn (SL) Nick Payne (NP) Mike Moore (MM) Anne Lock (AL) Graham Francis (GF) John Madge (JM) Suzanne Coles (SZC) Steve Colwill (SC) Laura Gosling (LG) Kingsley Hampton (KH) Colin Davies (CD)	Wiltshire Council Hills Group Swindon Borough Council Road Haulage Association Road Haulage Association Campaign for Better Transport Wiltshire Assoc. of Local Councils Swindon Borough Council Swindon Borough Council Wiltshire Police Wiltshire Council Wiltshire Council Aggregate Industries & M.Q.P
Apologies:	Robert Murphy Steven Hall Ian Gallagher Peter Crane	Wiltshire Council Lenham Storage Freight Transport Association CPRE

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1. Apologies

As above

2. Minutes of meeting on 24th of March 2011

The minutes of the meeting dated 24th of March were agreed.

3. Matters Arising

RC noted that ANPR cameras are now installed and operational on the Upper Bristol Rd in Bath to enforce the 7.5t weight limit. It was noted that this route is suggested by B&NES council as one of the preferred alternative routes to the possible Cleveland bridge restrictions.

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AL commented that she was pleased to see that freight parking at new developments has been included within the [Wiltshire Core Strategy](#). Although it was questioned if this was reinforced enough and whether the specific planning decision for freight vehicles was enforced at a later date to ensure its correct use.

4. Freight studies

A346, Barn Street / Herd Street Voluntary Agreement

LG distributed draft code of conduct for the voluntary agreement to the members for comment. PM questioned if prior to the code, had the owners of parked vehicles on Barn Street been approached. MM agreed that this should be further considered. SC stated that some of the text within the code should use more positive verbs to reinforce compliance. LG will adjust and report back at next meeting.

LG

B4069, Draycot Cerne to Lyneham Banks Update

LG reported that Wiltshire Council are about to begin pursuing a voluntary agreement with operators that use the B4069 as a through route and will also be installing some new directional signing shortly. There has recently been an HGV accident on the route which has created renewed interest from local residents to do something about the freight traffic. As highlighted at previous FQP meetings, it is felt that a weight limit would not work well on this route as approximately 50% of the freight traffic has to stop somewhere along the route which would also make it difficult for the Police to enforce..

5. Freight Parking Review

SL outlined progress with regards to the Freight parking review for Swindon. It was outlined that the overall aim of the work was to establish current levels of lorry parking and to identify any alternatives/ additions to the current Freight Truck Stop at Gablecross. The majority of the existing lorry stops have been identified and spot surveys have commenced. Data has been collated and final recommendations will be ready in advance of the next FQP in October for comment and consideration by the FQP

SL

RC asked for recourse on HGV parking being used for private/public spaces if not used by HGV's. JM responded that compliance is difficult through lack of resource and wouldn't normally occur as a matter of course. Enforcement would however take place if a specific issue was raised. AL requested, in light of the emerging Core Strategy, if the B&Q planning decision could be re-visited with reference to parking allowance. MM suggested an FQP letter to SBC to review B&Q planning /parking. SL to draft note on FQP behalf.

SL

6. Freight Action Plan

KH requested comments on and distributed copies of the Wiltshire Freight Action Plan for the current Wiltshire Freight Strategy. SL suggested that whilst he was



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reasonably confident that the action plan was in balance with Swindon's, further talks should take place to ensure conformity. It was suggested that FP6 should refer to third party operators as well.	KH / SL
KH requested that suggested changes or issues be raised by email and that agreement be sought at the next FQP meeting. kingsley.hampton@wiltshire.gov.uk	KH

7. B&NES HGV Management

KH briefed members on the latest developments concerning the proposed restrictions that Bath & North East Somerset Council wish to place upon the A36 Bathwick Street in Bath. The notes include:

- Wiltshire's request for further clarification of evidence base
- Wiltshire delivering a Freedom Of Information (FOI) request for information
- B&NES refusing FOI on grounds that information regarding the proposed weight limit is 'legally privileged'
- Wiltshire Council currently seeking legal advice on this matter

RC informed FQP that himself and other members had attended a meeting with B&NES to discuss this issue and that their concerns had been shared with B&NES officers. It is understood that the weight limit is being proposed in order to deal with the poor air quality levels on the London Road in Bath. It was reported that B&NES officers' decision to continue with this course of action is based upon the belief that 'A' roads within the City's jurisdiction can have restrictions placed upon them regardless of primary function or ownership. Members suggested that because the A36 is a trunk road Wiltshire Council should write to the Highways Agency to request their opinion on this issue.

KH

A number of questions/concerns were raised by members including:

KH

- What will the likely impact be on roads in Wiltshire?
- If goods need to be taken to RDC's and then taken into Bath in vans, will this not create more traffic and further air quality problems
- Significant mileage/fuel increases for operators that are based in Radstock and need to travel to Avonmouth for example.
- Will there be any exemptions to the weight limit?
- What is the HA's opinion on the advance signing that will be required?

Members suggest and agree that a letter from the FQP is drafted to oppose these restrictions KH to draft.

8. Honda Lay-by Update

SL outlined that the proposals to re-open the closed Highworth Road lay-by, adjacent to the New B+Q distribution depot had stalled. Ongoing negotiations with the developer Gazeley are underway to obtain a piece of land allowing the re-

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opening of the lay-by to full DfT standard. The lay-by, as existing has a temporary closure order in place until February 2012.	
Two outcomes are currently possible; one is to come to an agreement with Gazeley, which will enable the associated cycle link and lay-by to be constructed. The alternative outcome is that the temporary closure order lapses and the lay-by is re-opened as previously, without the associated highway improvements. SL to prepare a letter of support to propose the Highworth Road lay-by is re-opened as an improvement scheme.	SL
9. Cross boundary FQP's	
SL stated that the Oxfordshire FQP has ceased to exist and at a meeting he recently attended there was a proposal to revive the Oxfordshire FQP in the form of a wider reaching FQP, which covered a sub-regional area including Swindon and Wiltshire. The majority of FQP members stated that the existing joint Wilts and Swindon FQP along with the South West Freight Forum meets the purposes and needs of the area. It was suggested that Oxfordshire might more usefully meet with FQPs in Berkshire or Reading.	SL
11. Traffic Management Act	
KH explained that this was a regular item to allow for the flow of highway network information between the Council and FQP members.	
KH indicated that previous minutes had suggested that David Bullock attend this FQP. This action had been placed on hold due to the anticipated full agenda. KH to reschedule.	KH
Update on the management of sub-standard bridges (Note)	
12. Circulated	
13. Minerals and Waste Information Note	
Circulated	
14. Any other business	
SL highlighted the DfT's Quiet Deliveries Demonstration Scheme that has just been published. http://www.dft.gov.uk/publications/quiet-deliveries-demonstration-scheme	
SL made the members aware of the forthcoming consultation (July 2011) with regards to the Great Western Way, one of Swindon's major roads. More details can be found at: http://www.swindon.gov.uk/cd/cd-consultations/cd-consultations-current/Pages/cd-consultations-current-greatwesternway.aspx	
SL tabled hard copies of Swindon's third Local Transport Plan. electronic copies can be found at the following web address: http://www.swindon.gov.uk/cd/foi/cd-foi-publicationscheme/Pages/cd-foi-	



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publicationscheme.aspx?SectionName=Our%20Policies%20and%20Procedures&SubSectionName=Transport

SC informed members that the A303 had been identified as an alternative Olympic route for next year and that a road works embargo has been put in place.

GF requested an update on the A338/A346 working group. KH responded that he was aware that the group had responded to the DfT consultation on road network policy however officers had received no update on the group's current actions.

KH drew attention to a recent report submitted by the Trading Standards team with regards to the 'Lorry Watch' pilot in the north of the County. KH to arrange for Trading Standards to present findings at the next FQP.

KH

As part of agreed minutes from the March meeting please find list of current road works:

Wiltshire: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwayspace/roadworks.htm>

Swindon: <http://www.swindon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport-roadworksrepairslist>

15. Date and venue of next meeting

10.30 a.m. Thursday 13th October 2011. Swindon (Venue TBA)

