

**Minutes of meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2011**  
**Monkton Park, Chippenham**

<b>Chair:</b>	Ray Conneely (RC)	Massey Wilcox Transport Ltd
<b>Present:</b>	Suzanne Vigus Steve Colwill (SC) Simon Lymn (SL) Colin Davies (CD) Anne Lock (AL) Robert Murphy (RM) John Swainson (JS) Steven Hall (SH) Ian Gallagher (IG) Alissa Davies (AD) Kingsley Hampton (KH) Graham Francis (GF)	Wiltshire Council Wiltshire Police Swindon Borough Council Aggregate Industries & M.Q.P Campaign for Better Transport Wiltshire Council CPRE Lenham Storage Freight Transport Association Wiltshire Council Wiltshire Council Wiltshire Assoc. of Local Councils
<b>Apologies:</b>	Geoff Bourner Mike Moore Suzanne Montgomery John Madge Roger Blythin Peter Crane	Lenham Storage Road Haulage Association Swindon Borough Council Swindon Borough Council Wiltshire Police CPRE

<u>Item</u>	<u>Action</u>
<b>1. Apologies</b>  As above	
<b>2. Minutes of meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> of December 2010</b>  The minutes of the meeting dated 2 <sup>nd</sup> of December were agreed.	
<b>3. Matters Arising</b>  IG asked for progress update on the Barn St / Herd St, Marlborough freight study. RM responded that due to extended officer absence the study has been delayed slightly but that work is still ongoing and is in the hands of our term consultants. GF commented that the area board had heard nothing on its progress. The study will be returned to the Agenda for the next meeting.	<b>KH</b>
<b>4. Freight studies</b>	

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**Corsley Heath / Maiden Bradley / Chapmanslade**

RM reported that the TRO's for this scheme had now been made but the implementation will be deferred until the Highways Agency's preferred road safety scheme at the A303/A350 junction at Furze Hedge has been implemented.

Implementation of the TRO's would also be subject to the availability of funding.

IG asked about the time frame in which these TRO's can remain applicable. RM commented that Wiltshire Council would use a 'common sense' approach to re-evaluating the order if it remains unimplemented over an extended period of time.

SH questioned Somerset County Council's (SCC) thoughts on this and how future turning points and advanced signage would be considered by SCC if the order was implemented. RM responded that SCC has a responsibility to provide appropriate advanced signs.

The report approved by Cllr Tonge (Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport) is available from: <http://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=288>

**A338 / A346 Joint Community Area Working Group**

KH reported on the continued aspiration of the working group to de-prime the A338 / A346 and that the DfT's road networks policy consultation on network classification had raised the expectations of the group somewhat in achieving this goal. KH indicated that the group would respond to the DfT's consultation and that they are seeking funding to progress their de-priming aspiration, with relevant area boards, parish councils and others.

**5. Roads Network Policy Consultation**

KH gave an overview of the current DfT consultation that considers the requirement of the Secretary of State in decisions on the classifications of local road networks. IG stated that the FTA have concerns with regards to this consultation particularly with regards to the disconnect that can happen between LHA's in agreeing classifications across boundaries. IG indicated that the FTA will provide a consultation response and is happy to circulate to members.

**IG**

**6. Street Trading Consultation**

AD delivered an overview of the Street Trading harmonisation project and offered members the opportunity to comment on the consultation beyond the stated close date. SH commented that the attitude to lorry parking around the table was encouraging. AD suggested that any comments be forwarded to KH so that they may be included in the consultation responses.

**KH**

RC invited AD or a colleague to return to the FQP to report back on the findings of the consultation.

**AD**

The consultation can still be found at:  
<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/consultations/consultationonproposedstreettradingscheme.htm>



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**7. B&NES HGV Management**

KH described the proposed weight restriction that B&NES council wish to implement through an experimental TRO. The proposal was discussed around the table and the main points of the discussion were:

- That the A350 is not suitable as an alternative route
- The methodology in choosing alternative routes is far too simplistic
- Restriction will not address the air quality issue as vast majority of traffic is the private car
- Questions as to if this is a political tool in light of the forthcoming elections
- The level of traffic suggested by the report that will use the A350 is considered unrealistic given the evidence of the A36 closure at Limpley Stoke in 2008.

IG suggests that the FQP drafts a letter to B&NES Council to show its opposition to the proposed restriction.

**KH**

**8. Freight Supplementary Document**

SL outlined that the Freight Supplementary Document and associated LTP3 had now been adopted. The strategy builds on the principles of the DaSTS goals and the freight Policies have been developed to complement other policies such as the Network Management Plan. SL outlined that the LTP3 and related Supplementary documents will be refreshed and updated on a regular basis, which differed from the previous LTP2. SL to ensure that as comments recommendations arise from the FQP they are reflected in Swindon's Freight Policy.

**SL**

**9. Honda Lay-by Closure**

SL gave a brief up date that there are continuing negotiations taking place with regards to re-opening the lay-by along with associated cycling infrastructure improvements.

JS highlighted the need for Swindon to look at locations to the west for any future HGV parking facilities and believes the report does not highlight this strongly enough. JS indicated that joined up thinking with Wiltshire Council was required. SL and RM/KH agreed to work together to ensure there is continuity between Wiltshire existing freight parking Strategy and Swindon's emerging strategy.

**SL/KH**

SC asked for an update on the situation with the Cheps storage facility parking issues at Blagrove Industrial Estate. SL to report back at or before the next FQP.

**SL**

**10. Local Transport Plan**

RM gave a brief update on the Wiltshire LTP3 stating that the document was approved by cabinet and full council in February and that the published version is to be available in April.

SL gave a brief update on the Swindon LTP3. The document was approved by Swindon's Cabinet on 8<sup>th</sup> March. An electronically published version will be available by the end of April along with limited hard copies, also available.





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On the 30<sup>th</sup> of March DfT released the following consultation: Consultation on the possibility of allowing an increase in the length of articulated lorries. The consultation can be found at: <http://dft.gov.uk/consultations/open/2011-06/>

**15. Date and venue of next meeting**

10.30 a.m. Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011. Chippenham

