

WILTSHIRE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 2006/07 – 2010/11

MALMESBURY 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 Malmesbury Community Area consultation event took place at the Village Hall, Oaksey on 15th October 2004. A total of 11 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 (www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mainindex/transport). The key contacts and organisations originally invited to attend the event by the Malmesbury Community Planner have also been advised of this website address.

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.

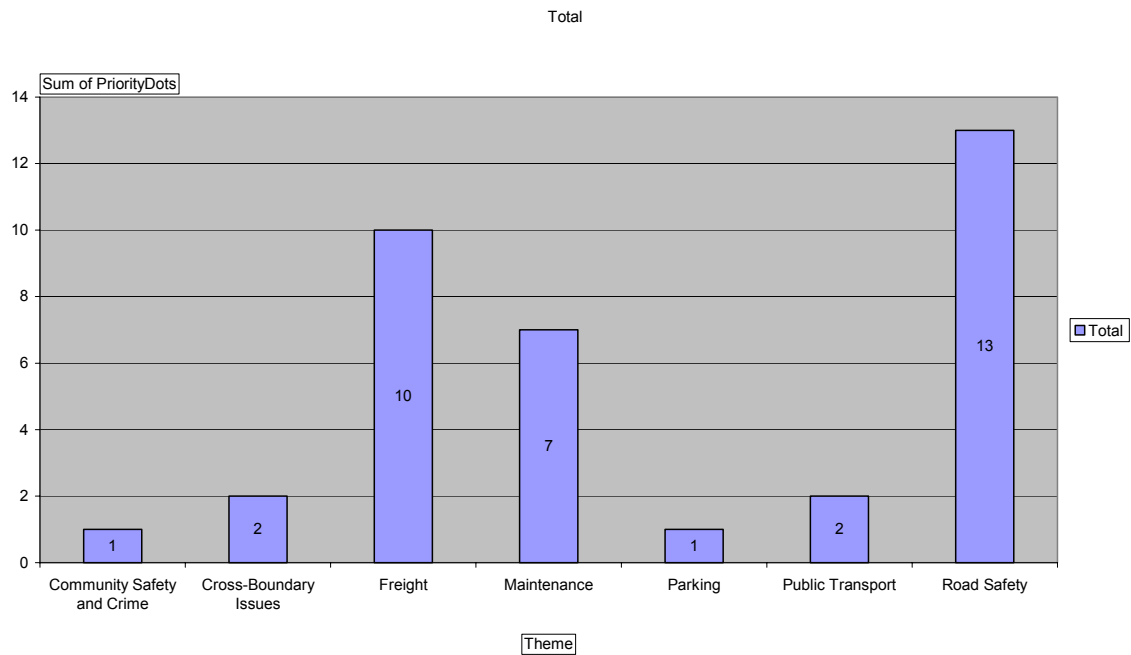
The event also provided the opportunity for County Council officers to explain more fully the current national and regional transport policy and funding context, and set-out what has been achieved by the first Wiltshire LTP.

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 overleaf:



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

- Road safety;
- Freight; and,
- Maintenance.

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:

- Road safety concerns linked to the lack of adequate pavements and signs
- Current public transport is not frequent enough, direct or cheap enough to compete with car
- HGVs causing damage to the built environment
- Poor road maintenance and co-ordination of works

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
	R.	Tilney	Malmesbury R.B.L.
Mr	Martyn	Snell	Malmesbury TC
	Julie	Martin	WCC
Mr	Bill	Blake	People's Voice
Mr	Tim	Wadworth	People's Voice
	Ross	Mackie	Malmesbury and St Paul Residents Association
	Fiona	Fry	
Mr	Simon	Ryan	St Pauls Malmesbury Without PC
	Lisa	Ryan	
	Judith	Jackson	The Cotswold Water Parks Society
Cllr	Carole	Soden	WCC

Appendix B

Theme	Comment	Priority Dots
Accessibility	Access to essential services eg: food, health etc. is difficult by any other mode than car.	0
Accessibility	People have to go to Chippenham hospital now Malmesbury is closed	0
Air Quality	Malmesbury traffic calming area - volume of traffic creates poor air quality	0
Community Safety and Crime	B4040 speed limit of 50mph is ignored and disregarded from Charlton to Minety	1
Congestion	Increased development and separate housing leads to increased car use and congestion	0
Congestion	Lack of parking leads to congestion from cars circling the town centre	0
Cross-Boundary Issues	Commuting from Malmesbury to Swindon area - extra volumes through villages eg Brinkworth B4042	0
Cross-Boundary Issues	M4 emergency close down – traffic rerouted through Brinkworth, Corston	0
Cross-Boundary Issues	B4696 around Ashton Keynes - gravel lorries rat run	1
Cross-Boundary Issues	B4696 Spine Rd Somerford Keynes crossroads. Safety! Accidents!	1
Cross-Boundary Issues	28 signs on Spine Rd crossroads. Why?	0
Cycling	Corston - Malmesbury - no cycle route	0
Freight	Kingsway Bridge - HGV's still causing blockages when hitting bridge / ignoring weight restrictions.	2
Freight	A429 used as freight route. Not appropriate for HGV's eg at Corston.	1
Freight	Corston traffic congestion when two HGV's meet in narrow streets.	0
Freight	HGV's B4042 - no weight restriction	1
Freight	B4040 - HGV 50 mph limit not adhered to	1
Freight	Rat running by HGV's through Minety and Malmesbury on B4040	1
Freight	Size of agricultural HGV's getting bigger - problem accessing grain facility through Malmesbury	2
Freight	Bristol Rd - HGVs damage to buildings and war memorial	2
Maintenance	Dirty, unclean signage throughout area.	0
Maintenance	Rodbourne: road from Malmesbury to Startley nr waterworks. Water leaks onto road and causes ice in winter	0
Maintenance	Road surface uneven / potholes - the Common B4042	1
Maintenance	Rural road maintenance is totally inadequate	1
Maintenance	Blocked drains in Corston, flooding, road degradation	1
Maintenance	Suffolk Arms bus stop in ill repair B4042	0
Maintenance	Bus stop near Fox's nursery - poor maintenance	0
Maintenance	Signage on Dog Track Lane nr Minety - dirty /	1

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	overgrown	
Maintenance	Ringway Parkman does not give VFM in terms of maintenance	1
Maintenance	Road through Brokenborough needs resurfacing	0
Maintenance	Stonehill - Minety, road surface very poor	0
Maintenance	Birch speed bumps are destroyed by HGV's	0
Maintenance	Standard of traffic calming installation is perceived as poor	0
Maintenance	Initial pothole response should provide a longer term repair	0
Maintenance	Better co-ordination of utilities works and County Council	2
Noise	HGV's B4042 noise issue	0
Noise	Malmesbury traffic calming causing unacceptable noise	0
Other Transport Issues	Closing of Malmesbury hospital would mean extra journeys	0
Other Transport Issues	Incorrect road sign B4042 'Callow Hill' sign on the common, not at Callow Hill	0
Parking	Need to resolve the lack of parking	1
Parking	Keynes Park tourist attraction - lack of parking results in on-carriageway parking blocking the road	0
Public Transport	Train service London-Chippenham-Bath-Bristol. First train at 8.30, next one not until 9.30. Too long in between.	0
Public Transport	Buses do not start until 9.00am Corston	0
Public Transport	Need for better PT services. General lack of integration between rail and bus services	0
Public Transport	Current PT not frequent enough, direct or cheap enough to compete with car	2
Public Transport	Andy Bus takes too long going via small village, need a more direct service	0
Quality of Public Spaces	The lack of public space provision in new developments results in children playing in the streets	0
Quality of Public Spaces	Speed bumps unsightly, don't achieve aims of slowing traffic and fitting in with street scene	0
Road Safety	Common Rd between Corston and Malmesbury - single track road, no passing points. Particularly at blind bend nr. Corston	0
Road Safety	Improve sight lines on dangerous junctions and right turning situations. Cut back vegetation etc.	1
Road Safety	B4042 lack of pavement. Children have to catch a taxi to reach Bus stop. WCC currently pay for taxi	1
Road Safety	B4042 speed excessive (50mph)	1
Road Safety	Corston, Burton Hill, Poor signage to alert to speed limits	0
Road Safety	Poor visibility. Excessive speeds B4042, rise in road from Wootton Bassett	0
Road Safety	Corston and throughout parish, continual resurfacing over the years has led to pavements being 1" above road surface	2

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Road Safety	Between A429 and Tetbury Hill. Speed excessive	0
Road Safety	Lack of signs on roads eg 'Please slow down through our village'	2
Road Safety	Ashton Keynes B4696 HGV traffic compromising pedestrian safety through HGV traffic	1
Road Safety	Lines covered from dirt from HGV's Eastern Spine Rd	0
Road Safety	Lack of safe route to primary school because of lack of continuous footpath, Park Rd	1
Road Safety	Kingsway Bridge signing still inadequate, bridge still being hit causing congestion	1
Road Safety	Tetbury Hill / B4040 needs new markings	0
Road Safety	Crossing for pedestrians remains difficult at the Triangle	2
Road Safety	Enforcement of bridge height restrictions should be promoted by County Council	0
Road Safety	Signage for HGV's inappropriate as encourages use - Kingsway bridge alternative	1
Road Safety	Road safety issue Thames Trail crossing B4696	0
Travel Information	Lack of publicity for Clarence GIS website	0
Walking	Corston - Malmesbury footpath not cleared.	0