

# **WILTSHIRE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 2006/07 – 2010/11**

## **MERE 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 Mere Community Area consultation event took place at the Grove Building, Mere on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 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.

#### **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.

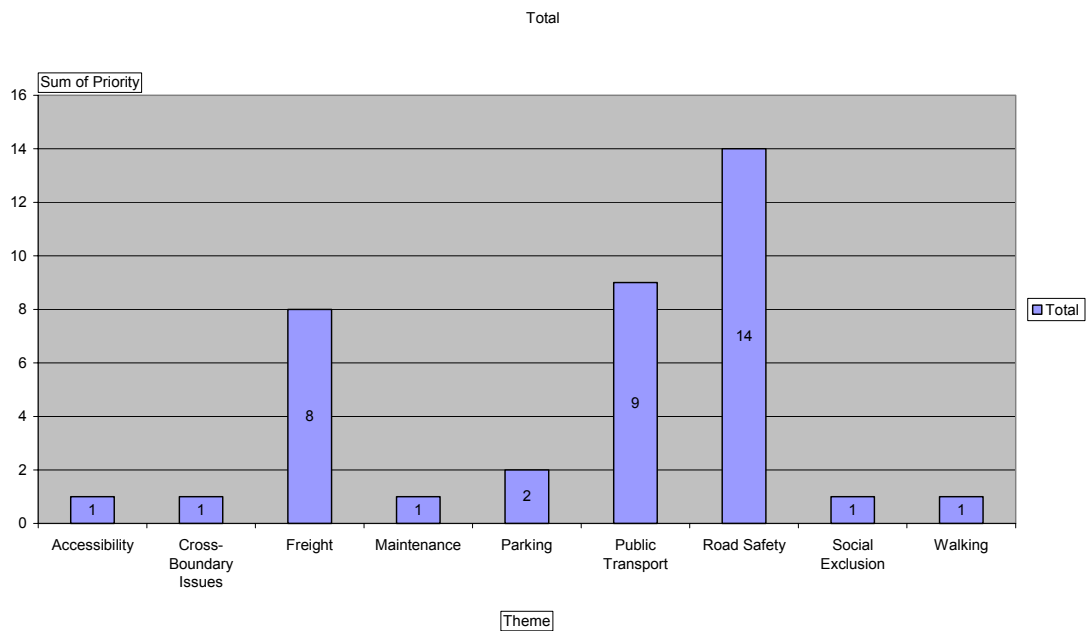
The event also provided the opportunity for County Council officers to explain more fully the current national and regional transport policy and funding context, and set-out what has been achieved by the first Wiltshire LTP.

#### **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 public transport and road safety were the clearly expressed top priorities with freight also registering as a significant priority. 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:

- A general lack of adequate public transport provision and a particular issue with the need for better integration between normal bus services and the Wigglybus, and with train services at Gillingham station.
- Accidents on the A303 which also lead to traffic diversions through local communities. Dangerous A303 slip roads.
- HGVs on the B3092 through Maiden Bradley which lead to speed, safety, noise and vibration concerns.

### 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	Dennis	Flexney-Briscoe	Mere and District Link Scheme
Rev.	Hazel	Barkham	Churches Together in Mere & District
Mrs	Margaret	Thompson	Churches Together in Mere & District
Mr	Don	Sturrock	
Mrs	Lindsay	Wood	Clerk - Mere PC & West Knoyle PC
Mrs	Catherine	Spencer	Western Wood - SDC, Stourton - PC
Mr	Roy	Sims	Transport Rep. Mere & District
Mr	D.G	Goddard	
Mr	Giles	de Mare	Maiden Bradley Traffic Action Group
Mr	Carol	Munt	Maiden Bradley Parish Council
Mr		Read	WCC

## Appendix B

Theme	Comment	Priority Dots
Accessibility	In funding of link schemes when they cater for elderly etc to visit hospitals.	1
Accessibility	Lack of evening transport for younger people to go to Gillingham.	0
Community Safety and Crime	Lack of security at Willoughby Hedge service station and Alfred's Tower.	0
Congestion	School bus to Mere primary school blocked by parked cars due to lack of off-street parking	0
Cross-Boundary Issues	Lack of car parking in Shaftesbury makes shopping difficult especially from Mere.	1
Cross-Boundary Issues	New development in Dorsey lanes, more traffic on the B3092 but District Council didn't inform Mere Town Council.	0
Cycling	Lack of room on Wessex trains for cyclists.	0
Cycling	Burton to Mere footpath could be widened to allow cycleway.	0
Freight	HGV's through Maiden Bradley causing noise, vibration.	1
Freight	Lorries westbound on A303 exit early and drive through Mere to access B3092.	1
Freight	Heavy lorries B3092.	1
Freight	Weight restriction on B3092 from Frome bypass to prevent HGV traffic through Maiden Bradley	3
Freight	Lack of 'lorry preferred' signs on A303 which causes HGV traffic through Maiden Bradley.	1
Freight	B3092 road HGV restriction.	1
Healthy Communities	Fresh food accessibility.	0
Maintenance	Clarence - Lack of publicity.	1
Parking	Parking near Mere village shop.	1
Parking	Inadequate off street parking.	1
Public Transport	Commercial bus services running too close to Wigglybus (time).	0
Public Transport	Train bus co-ordination at Gillingham Station does not exist.	1
Public Transport	School needs for Dorset means worse service for Mere.	1
Public Transport	Wigglybus booking form too complex.	0
Public Transport	Lack of contact between wigglybus and standard services.	1
Public Transport	Hourly service to Shaftesbury, Gillingham. 3 times daily, Salisbury Wiggly the rest.	1
Public Transport	Lack of contact between Wigglybus and standard services.	1
Public Transport	Lack of public transport.	1
Public Transport	Wigglybus to outlying villages.	1
Public	Integration of bus and train time table.	1

<b>Theme</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Priority Dots</b>
Transport		
Public Transport	London bus to pick up in Mere, currently in Wincanton.	0
Public Transport	Lack of parking at Gillingham station.	1
Road Safety	Visibility of cyclists on rural roads.	1
Road Safety	A303 in single carriageway.	2
Road Safety	Speed of vehicles country lanes.	0
Road Safety	Speed through Maiden Bradley.	1
Road Safety	Norton Ferris, two dangerous points because alignment or camber - B3092.	0
Road Safety	HGV's through Maiden Bradley.	2
Road Safety	Priory Farm narrowness / speed of vehicles.	1
Road Safety	Short sliproads onto A303 at the eastern end of Mere.	1
Road Safety	Diverted traffic through rural lanes in West Knoyle when accident or blockage on A303.	2
Road Safety	Dangerous short slip roads onto A303.	3
Road Safety	Accidents on A303.	1
Road Safety	Hedges overgrow road signs.	0
Social Exclusion	General lack of public transport for single parents.	1
Social Exclusion	Disabled access onto buses.	0
Travel Information	Lack of directional location signs on minor roads.	0
Travel Information	Bus times need to co-ordinate with train times at Gillingham station.	0
Walking	Enforcement of right of way blockages.	0
Walking	Rebuilding of Barton to Mere footpath as safe and secure.	1