

WILTSHIRE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 2006/07 – 2010/11

TIDWORTH 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 Tidworth Community Area consultation event took place at the Church Rooms, St James Street, Ludgershall on 23rd September 2004. A total of ? 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 Tidworth 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.

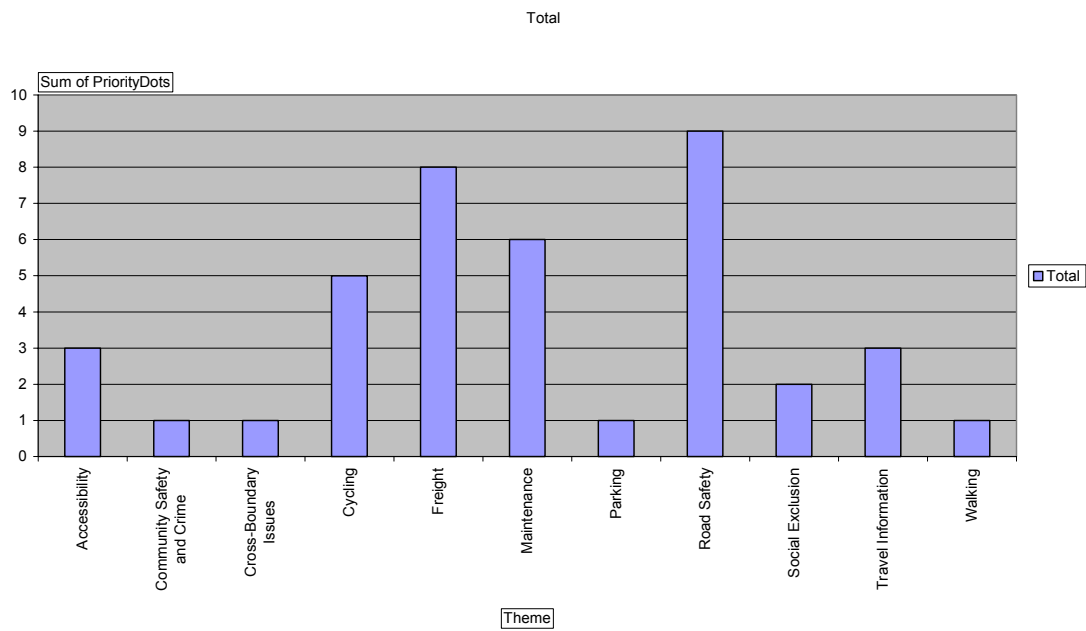
The event also provided the opportunity for County Council officers to explain more fully the current national and regional transport policy and funding context, and set-out what has been achieved by the first Wiltshire LTP.

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 below:



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, including cycling and accessibility.

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:

- levels of through traffic HGVs on the A338 and A346 are causing structural damage and safety risks to pedestrians;
- difficulties for pedestrians needing to cross roads, particularly in Ludgershall;
- public transport services inadequate, particularly in the evening.

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

Appendix B

Theme	Comment	Priority Dots
Accessibility	Poor evening public transport service reducing accessibility to services. Poor integration of services too.	1
Accessibility	Poor access from villages to local facilities and services in Tidworth / Ludgershall if relying on public transport.	1
Accessibility	Lack of bus service direct to Ludgershall for medical provision	0
Accessibility	Accessibility of council services in Devizes and Trowbridge (District and County) required.	1
Accessibility	Lack of weekend public transport for families without cars	0
Accessibility	Bus provision to health services is fragmented so accessibility is difficult and can lead to long waits.	0
Accessibility	Poor bus service to essential services. Link Scheme is one possible solution.	0
Air Quality	Air quality/pollution concerns at Burbage Road alignment.	0
Community Safety and Crime	Footpath across railway to the rear of Somerfield car park, Ludgershall. Unattractive to pedestrians particularly in the dark. Lack of light, poor clearance of vegetation at sides and fencing is poor. Improvement of this area would encourage walking.	1
Cross-Boundary Issues	Large out commuting to Andover from this community area, require better public transport provision would help	0
Cross-Boundary Issues	Accessibility to medical services in Hampshire is difficult. No direct route from the villages.	1
Cycling	Poor maintenance of the shared use cycle path between Collingbourne Ducis and Collingbourne Kingston. Currently in poor condition.	2
Cycling	Cycle path between Collingbourne Ducis and Collingbourne Kingston is narrow and dangerous	2
Cycling	Lack of segregation from traffic for cyclists	1
Cycling	Too dangerous to cycle on roads. Cyclists now use pavements.	0
Cycling	Cycleway between Tidworth and Ludgershall is too narrow and dangerous	0
Freight	HGVs breaking weight restriction in Cadley	2
Freight	Collingbourne Ducis - high levels of through traffic HGVs on A338 and A346 causing structural damage and safety risks to pedestrians. The freight "box" (M4/A303/A34/A350) is ineffective and ignored by HGV drivers.	2
Freight	Noise and vibration caused by HGVs through Tidworth and Collingbourne Ducis	0
Freight	HGVs difficulty in negotiating roads e.g. Ludgershall High Street and A338 Collingbourne Ducis.	1
Freight	Large HGVs (40 tonne +) seven days a week	2
Freight	Size of HGVs inappropriate for roads	1
Freight	Roads not suitable for HGV volumes	0

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Freight	High cost for HGV operators means they have to take the shortest route along inappropriate/residential streets	0
Healthy Communities	Quality of life in rural areas needs to be safeguarded	0
Maintenance	Poor maintenance of road surface on A3026 Ludgershall Road in Tidworth.	0
Maintenance	Road maintenance poor throughout the community area	1
Maintenance	Poor maintenance of cycle track between Collingbourne Ducis and Collingbourne Kinston	1
Maintenance	Technique of filling in potholes is ineffective and doesn't last long enough.	2
Maintenance	Poor maintenance of road signs.	1
Maintenance	Maintenance priorities are right, just need more resources.	1
Maintenance	A3026 has turned into a "wash board" surface by heavy construction traffic at western end at junction with A338.	0
Maintenance	Lengthsman's working OK in Tidworth but coordination on routes between parishes is required.	0
Neighbourhood Renewal	If Tidworth continues to grow - pedestrianisation of Station Road would be a nice idea.	0
Neighbourhood Renewal	Tidworth - Removal of Iron bridge and replace with a pedestrian crossing.	0
Other Transport Issues	A338 flooding problems lead to dangerous road conditions	0
Other Transport Issues	Everleigh 50mph limit is working and addressing the issue	0
Parking	Station Road, Tidworth - parking on double yellow lines at bank and f/food centre.	1
Parking	Lack of parking enforcement on A338 junction with Cadley Road, Collingbourne Ducis and Tidworth in general	0
Parking	Ludgershall Road, Tidworth - heading out of town towards Castledown, on street parking - will increase with new business park.	0
Parking	Currently parking in Tidworth is on private land. If this land was to be developed where would cars park? Would there be more illegal on-road parking?	0
Public Transport	Lack of public transport service from villages to Tidworth and from Tidworth to Salisbury/Andover.	0
Public Transport	No Wigglybus service at the weekends	0
Public Transport	Bus fares are expensive and do not take a direct route and therefore don't cater for commuter journeys.	0
Public Transport	Public transport is not convenient/feasible for teenagers/children to use.	0
Road Safety	Butt Street / Castle Street, Ludgershall can't cope with HGVs. Causing damage and the road is not wide enough. Traffic movements are difficult/confusing. HGVs cause delays.	4
Road Safety	War Memorial junction (Tidworth Road / High Street) - wide road crossing from shops to war memorial. Poor visibility for pedestrians crossing.	4

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Road Safety	Safety concerns for children walking to Castle Down School, Ludgershall on Somme Road from Perham Down	0
Road Safety	Burbage Wharf road alignment is dangerous	0
Road Safety	Large HGVs increasing accident risk	0
Road Safety	Pedestrian/Cyclist conflict. There is a need to maintain free and safe access for pedestrians	1
Road Safety	Collingbourne Kingston - The footpath near the church is less than 2m in width as is dangerous for pedestrians	0
Road Safety	Roads not suitable for heavy volume of traffic. Many older buildings on the road side.	0
Social Exclusion	Cost of public transport fares from villages to Tidworth, Ludgershall, Salisbury and Andover is preventing access. Poor integration between services to Tidworth/Ludgershall on to Andover/Salisbury.	1
Social Exclusion	Dependants (wives/children) of the troops in Tidworth are socially excluded when the troops are on military duty.	1
Travel Information	Lack of texting opportunity for bus information	2
Travel Information	Timetables are too complicated for non-bus users. Car users are likely to be put off.	1
Walking	Physical condition (at a higher level than the road) of the kerbs at crossing near Somerfield. Safety issue for pedestrians.	0
Walking	Kennet Road, Tidworth. No footpath between Beech Hill Road and Ludgershall Road and from Wyllye Road.	0
Walking	No footpath at Cadley Road, Collingbourne Ducis.	1
Walking	No footway in Collingbourne Ducis - dangerous for pedestrians	0
Walking	No footpath to cemetery in Tidworth is a barrier to walking.	0