

WILTSHIRE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 2006/07 – 2010/11

WOOTTON BASSETT 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 Wootton Bassett Community Area consultation event took place at the Civic Hall, Wootton Bassett on 17th September 2004. A total of 10 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.

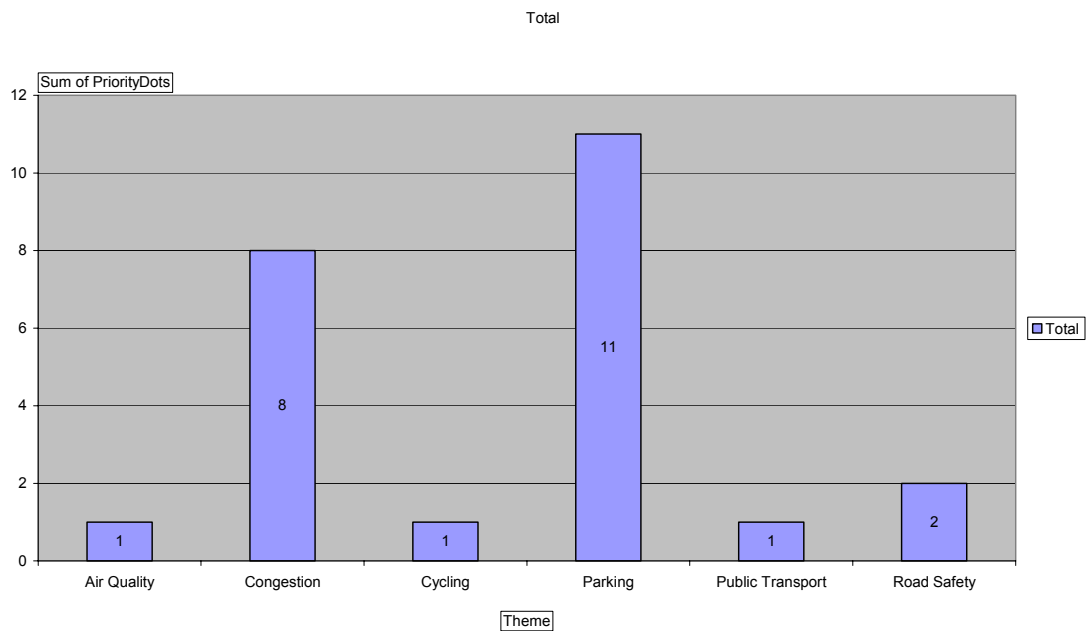
The event also provided the opportunity for County Council officers to explain more fully the current national and regional transport policy and funding context, and set-out what has been achieved by the first Wiltshire LTP.

Format of Event

Following a short introductory presentation, participants discussed and recorded their local transport issues and concerns in one group with County Council officers acting as facilitators. The issues and concerns raised were then categorised 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:

- Congestion;
- Parking; and,
- Road safety.

A number 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:

- Free parking should be preserved, although it should be made time limited.
- Long stay car parking along Tinkers Field.
- Development of Wootton Bassett has caused traffic to increase that cannot be accommodated.

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
	Bridgett	Tubb	Resident
	Slyvia	Bailey	
Mr	Paul	Fox	County Councillor
Mr	Maurice	Hill	Resident
	E	Thompson	Resident
Mr	Brian	Taylor	President of Chamber of Commerce
Mr	Jonathan	Loader	Railston
	Ayhan	Keyoglan	Pizzare
Mr	Rod	Ogden	Resident
Mr	Alan	Seymore	Resident

Appendix B

Theme	Comment	Priority Dots
Air Quality	Volume of traffic causes air quality problems	1
Congestion	Heavy volume of traffic along High St. causing problems for residents	1
Congestion	Additional traffic generated by SDA road under motorway affecting junction 16 and A3102	2
Congestion	Double parking by delivery lorries causes congestion during the morning in particular, but also throughout the rest of the day.	0
Congestion	Commuter journeys into Swindon or M4 mean unacceptable journey times/congestion at junction 16	1
Congestion	Development of Wootton Bassett has caused traffic increases that cannot be accommodated in Wootton Bassett.	4
Cycling	Cycling is dangerous because there is no segregation from heavy traffic	0
Cycling	Cycling is dangerous between Swindon and Wootton Bassett	1
Freight	Lack of signage to the industrial estate for freight	0
Maintenance	Lack of repainting of double yellow lines on Glebe road – consequently drivers are parking there.	0
Parking	Lack of parking is affecting trade competition with other towns	0
Parking	Long stay parkers preventing parking for trade	2
Parking	Lack of control over the car park near Iceland	0
Parking	Long stay car parking in Tinkers Field	3
Parking	Preserve free parking, but make it time limited.	3
Parking	Commuters are filling up the spaces in the park and ride to Swindon	1
Parking	Surgery parking is not sufficient for the demand so parking in Tinkers Field which is difficult for elderly residents/visitors to park.	1
Parking	Lack of short stay parking	1
Public Transport	Lack of public transport discourages tourism	0
Public Transport	Buses sit in traffic jams on A3102- the journey is too slow to compete with the car	1
Public Transport	Lack of buses in peak periods	0
Road Safety	New Development leading onto Tinkers field- there is a problem with speed and lack of space.	1
Road Safety	New Road to Main Road and trading estate at Whitehill needs an upgrade as the current junction is dangerous.	0
Road Safety	St. Ivel development concern- junctions are inadequate at Noremars Rd/ Station Road and New Rd/ Station Rd	1