

Minutes of meeting on 31st May 2012
Civic Centre, Trowbridge

Chair:	Kingsley Hampton (KH)	Wiltshire Council
Present:	Mike Moore (MM) Caroline Lightfoot (CL) Barnaby Appleton (BA) Anne Lock (AL) Laura Gosling (LG) Simon Lymn (SL) Suzanne Coles (SC) Graham Francis (GF)	Road Haulage Association Wiltshire Council Wiltshire Police Campaign for Better Transport Wiltshire Council Swindon Borough Council Swindon Borough Council Wiltshire Assoc. of Local Councils
Apologies:	Geoff Bourner Ian Gallagher Stephen Hall Gaye Fairfield Rob Murphy Thomas Hutchinson Ray Conneely	Lenham Storage Ltd Freight Transport Association Lenham Storage Ltd Highways Agency Wiltshire Council Wiltshire Council Massey Wilcox Transport Ltd

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1. Apologies

As above

2. Minutes of meeting on 9th of February 2012

The minutes of the meeting dated 9th of February were agreed.

3. Matters Arising

GF asked if there had been any progress with the A346 Herd Street to Barn Street freight study. **LG** said that take up of the proposed voluntary agreement had been very poor, despite officers' repeated attempts to engage with hauliers that regularly use the route.

4. Freight studies

- **B4069 update**

LG explained that she and Parvis Khansari, Service Director for Transport and Highways, met with local Parish Councils and residents at the end of March to discuss their ongoing concerns about freight on the B4069. It was agreed that the voluntary agreement should continue to be in place until the end of 2012 at least as traffic count data has so far shown a reduction in HGV numbers since its introduction. Officers have also agreed to look into additional measures such as

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the introduction of gateways features into the villages along the route and additional road signage at Lyneham Banks.

- **Cricklade**

LG explained that there are concerns from the Town Council and local councillors regarding the amount of HGV traffic travelling through Cricklade. They claim that HGV traffic is increasing and will continue to do so with growth in development in Swindon and the proposed new minerals/waste sites in the Cricklade area. Local residents recently undertook a HGV survey in the town, as yet Wiltshire Council officers have not seen the full results. **SL** said that Swindon BC have recently received a letter from Cricklade Town Council regarding the same issue.

5. Update of Freight Gateway

KH delivered a demonstration of the Wiltshire Freight Gateway online mapping service. The service was generally well received and comments were noted to be included within the beta testing stage. The service is due to be launched in August of 2012. **KH** to email web link to FQP members.

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MM suggested that a reporting mechanism should be incorporated into the site for when it goes live. He also suggested Wiltshire Council contact individual navigation companies with the data used in the Freight Portal.

KH suggested that the portal could be trialled with local distribution companies. This is currently in action with hauliers using the B4069 as part of that freight study.

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MM suggested that an 'Abnormal Loads' contact should be provided. **MM** said he would be happy to send out an email/article in via the RHA regarding the portal.

CL suggested that the portal and/or Wiltshire's freight pages could be added to the Connecting Wiltshire (LEP) website.

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6. Freight Parking Review

SL gave an update on the Freight parking review. The recommendations of the report propose safeguarding the existing location at Gablecross. If the site is subject to sale and/or redevelopment, a location within close proximity of the A419 (Commonhead or Highworth Road) were prioritised as suitable alternatives.

7. Tadpole Bridge Road Closure

SL outlined that works have started and despite some initial bad weather the project is on schedule. The closure is for 32 weeks and started on 14th May 12. The completion date is currently 21st Dec 12.

The diversion route is via Oakhurst Way, Thames Down Drive and then via the Pry back up to Tadpole Lane (following signs for Purton from Thamesdown Drive).

The river bridge is closed first and then in late Aug the rail bridge will be closed once the river bridge is open.



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The river bridge is being widened to two lane traffic and the rail bridge is having the embankment stabilised and major maintenance works on the Grade II listed bridge. Access to Swindon and Cricklade Railway is maintained throughout. The Railway is also open throughout.

8. Road Network Policy Consultation update / Sat Nav summit

KH to supply note from the SatNav summit to FQP members at next meeting.

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9. Update on B&NES HGV Restrictions

KH gave a brief update on the proposed HGV restrictions on the A36 in Bath. Since this meeting a formal appeal between Wiltshire Council, Somerset Council and the Highways Agency has been lodged and is currently with the DfT for processing.

10. Lorry Watch Update

KH delivered an update on behalf of Thomas Hutchinson regarding the Lorry Watch schemes currently operating within the county. A question was raised about whether offenders are going somewhere in Bradford on Avon or using it as a through route to further destinations. It was suggested that officers should talk to local businesses about this. **KH** to speak to Thomas Hutchinson.

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11. Update on the management of sub-standard bridges (Note)

Circulated

12. Minerals and Waste information (Note)

Circulated

13. Any other business

KH made the members aware of the issue of lorry parking on Hampton Park West, Melksham. Parish councils and local businesses have complained about overnight parking on the industrial park by HGVs. Complaints are based upon the amount of waste left outside the highway and safety concerns.

Current Roadwork's in Wiltshire & Swindon:

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwayspavements/roadworks.htm>

See below link for roadwork's in Swindon:

<http://www.swindon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport-roadworksrepairslist>

Date and venue of next meeting

10.30 a.m. Thursday 1st of November 2012.



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