

13th October 2020

AGENDA

Dear Councillor

You are invited to a meeting of the:

Town Development Committee
on Monday 19th October 2020 at 7pm
to be held online

Membership:

Cllr Brett (East)	Cllr Pitcher (East) Vice Chairman
Cllr Davis (East)	Cllr Ridout (West)
Cllr Fraser (West)	Cllr Nicklin (ex officio, Chairman of SPRWG) Vice Chair
Cllr Fryer (Broadway)	Bill Parks (external representative)
Cllr Macfarlane (West) Chairman	Len Turner (external representative)

Copied to all other members for information.

Normally, the committee would meet in person and provide an opportunity for members of the public to attend. However, during the current emergency, this is not possible, and the Government have put in place Regulations that allow 'Virtual' committees to be convened and held to conduct local authority business.

The Council has adopted appropriate procedures to ensure the smooth administration of such virtual meetings.

If you wish to address members in public participation please contact admin@warminster-tc.gov.uk at least a day prior to the meeting to enable this to be facilitated. If you wish to view the meeting please see the link on the Warminster Town Council website www.warminster-tc.gov.uk in the meetings diary.

Yours sincerely



Fiona Fox BA (Hons) MCIPD FSLCC
Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

1. **Apologies for Absence**

To receive and accept apologies, including reason for absence, from those unable to attend.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

To receive any declarations of interest under Warminster Town Council's Code of Conduct issued in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.

3. **Minutes**

3.1 To approve and sign as a correct record, the minutes of the Town Development Committee meeting held on Monday 1st June 2020; copies of these minutes have been circulated and Standing Order 12.1 provides that they may therefore be taken as read.

3.2 To note any matters arising from the minutes of the Town Development Committee meeting held on Monday 1st June 2020.

4. **Chairman's Announcements**

To note any announcements made by the Chairman.

5. **Questions**

To receive questions from members of the committee submitted in advance to the Clerk.

***Standing Orders will be suspended
to allow for public participation.***

6. **Public Participation**

To enable members of the public to address the Council with an allowance of three minutes per person regarding any item on the agenda and **to receive** any petitions and deputations. The Chairman may read any statements submitted.

A Petition has been received regarding Silver Street. The petition is addressed to Wiltshire Council, however, it is also sent to Warminster Town Council on behalf of the residents of Silver Street and Obelisk Terrace (also known as 19 to 30 Silver Street.)

The petition requests Wiltshire Council to implement without delay of the following measures for Silver Street, Warminster:

1. Traffic Speed Restriction (20 mph speed limit)
2. Traffic Calming Measures (curb extensions and planting)
3. Footpath Widening, pavement posts, and /or other measures for the protection of pedestrians
4. Heavy Weight Vehicle signage and regulation

The petition contains 68 signatures

Members to receive the petition and to resolve on any further action.

***Standing Orders will be reinstated
following public participation.***

7. **Reports from Unitary Authority Members**

To note reports provided which are relevant to this committee.

8. Community Area Transport Group (CATG)

Members to receive and note the latest update from CATG. **(Attached.)**

17-20-3 (29/01/20) Junction Portway & High Street Warminster

18/06/20 Approximately 8 pole cones required. Cost estimate including removal of old bollards, footway reinstatement and traffic management. £3000. This item is awaiting Area Board (AB) approval. **Contribution from WTC if approved by AB: £750. Recommendation: Members to agree.**

The next meeting of CATG is scheduled to be on Thursday 12th November 2020

9. New Issues

9.1 Corden's Shop Front

The owner of S L Corden & Sons requests that the Bollards outside the Café Journal are extended up to the entrance to North Row to prevent delivery vans from driving onto the pavement to park. These vans are not only delivering to S L Corden's shop but to other premises in the area and on three occasions S L Corden's blinds have been hit causing the arms to be bent and damage that on one occasion was so bad that it resulted in having to replace a whole blind. The owner of S L Corden's concludes that it is only a matter of time before that happens again and they also cause damage to the pavement. **(Photograph attached.)**

Members to consider and resolve.

9.2 Vehicles accessing Pound Street from West Parade

A resident has requested that something is put in place to stop larger vehicles accessing Pound Street from West Parade. They are happy to have bollards put on corners of the external wall as a deterrent and to protect their wall a bit as suggested by Wiltshire Highways nearly 10 years ago. **(See attached Highways improvement form and photographs.)**

Members to consider and resolve.

9.3 Smallbrook Road Warminster (from junction with Southleigh View to junction with Upper Marsh Road)

Requests from Smallbrook Toad Patrol:

A Temporary Traffic Management Order to close Smallbrook Road for the amphibian breeding migration for 12 weeks from 1st February 2021. A TTMO was made by Richmond Council for this purpose in Spring 2020. **(Copy attached).**

Reduce Smallbrook Road speed limit to 20mph between Turnpike Cottage and the junction with Southleigh View.

Add speed bumps to the double-blind corner on Smallbrook Road and on the straight section between Turnpike Cottage and the Calves Mead Sewage station. **(See attached.)**

Members to consider and resolve.

9.4. Woodcock Road speed restrictions signs

A resident has contacted the council to say they live in Woodcock Road and it is becoming like a 'Grand Prix circuit.' They asked if there any possibility that speed

restriction signs could be erected at either end of the road to slow drivers to ensure the safety of other road users, pedestrians and elderly residents. This issue was raised by WTC with the local police who responded: that the resident explores Community Speed Watch and the CATG for long term solutions. The police are aware of several residents of Woodcock Road raising this issue, but there has been little co-ordination within the community itself. In order to draw this matter together it is suggested that it could go forward to the next Area Board as a platform to inform residents of their options, to enable community networking and to provide an opportunity for them to express their views.

Members to consider and resolve.

9.5 Request for a sign in Market Place

A resident has contacted the council to say they live in Market Place, but access to their and a number of other properties is not on the main street but up the lane between the Co op Travel Agent and Gibbs Dry Cleaners. However, there is no sign at the beginning of the lane to say that the access to these Market Place addresses is up there. This causes huge problems with deliveries. Please could a road sign be mounted on the wall at the beginning of the lane to say which house numbers can be found up there?

Members to consider and resolve.

9.6 Smallbrook Road Access Only Section

Residents in Smallbrook Road have requested that improvement be made to signage and also if "Access Only" could be written on the road at the various entrances.

Members to consider and resolve.

9.7 Portway: Crossing from Bartholomew Lane/Path

Several members of the public who use wheelchairs/mobility scooters are experiencing difficulties crossing Portway at the exit of Bartholomew Lane/path at the crossing refuge point. Owing to the parked cars and the low-level visibility from a wheelchair/mobility scooter they are unable to see cars coming from the right. Can something be done to improve visibility, for example a mirror? **(See attached photograph.)**

Members to consider and resolve.

10. CCTV Working Group

CCTV currently meets as a working group. Working Groups are formed to meet a couple of times on a task and finish basis. CCTV does not fall into this category and it should therefore be reclassified as a sub-committee of the Town Development Committee. Sub-committees can be open or closed to the public. This issue was discussed by members of the working group who recommend that the meetings should remain closed owing to the sensitive nature of the business discussed.

Members to receive the recommendation from the working group, that it be reclassified as a sub-committee of the Town Development Committee and that the meetings be closed.

11. Cycle Route Improvements

A group of residents led by Nigel Linge have been working on proposals to improve the cycle route network in and around Warminster. **(Attached.)**

Members to consider which if any proposals they wish to support immediately and to set up a working group to consider the other proposals.

12. The Future of Neighbourhood Planning in Wiltshire

To receive an update from Cllr Nicklin.

Members to note.

13. Re-establishment of Chamber of Commerce

The Strategic Plan 2016 – 2021 states that the WTC will work with partners to support the re-establishment of a Chamber of Commerce.

Members to decide how this wish to proceed to achieve this aim.

14. Communications

The members to decide on items requiring a press release and **to nominate** a speaker for any item on the agenda if required.

Minutes from this meeting will be available to all members of the public either from our website www.warminster-tc.gov.uk or by contacting us at Warminster Civic Centre.

Date of next meeting: Monday 7th December 2020

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08th October 2020

Councillor Philip Whitehead
Leader of Wiltshire Council
Cabinet Office, County Hall
Blythsea Road
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Wiltshire
BA14 8JN
United Kingdom

Dear Councillor Whitehead,

Re: Silver Street Highways Petition - 20mph Speed Limit, Traffic Calming, Pavement Protection Measures and Heavy Vehicle Weight Signage and Regulation

I am attaching herewith a 19 page petition to Wiltshire Council and Warminster Town Council on behalf of the residents of Silver Street and Obelisk Terrace (also known as 19 to 30 Silver Street).

The petition requests Wiltshire Council to implement without delay the following measures in respect of Silver Street:

1. Traffic speed restriction (20 mph speed limit).
2. Traffic calming measures (curb extensions and planting).
3. Footpath widening, pavement posts and / or other measures for the protection of pedestrians.
4. Heavy vehicle weight limit signage and regulation.

The petition incorporates a total of 68 signatures that cover property owners and tenants of all 60 occupied residential and commercial property addresses in Silver Street and Obelisk Terrace. The petition has been signed by 50 residents and by 18 owners and tenants representing all 15 businesses that currently operate from retail shop, professional services and hospitality related premises in Silver Street. A total of 35 residents and business owners and tenants have also added comments outlining their personal views in addition to providing their signatures.

We trust that you will now acknowledge the universal concern of Silver Street residents with regard to the need for urgent action on the part of Wiltshire Council. Accordingly, we look forward to receiving your timely response together with proposals for implementing these much needed highway improvements.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony Shoult', with a horizontal line underneath.

Anthony Shoult

cc.

Councillor Chris Robbins

Councillor Andrew Davis

Councillor Pip Ridout

Mr Steven Wootton, 47 Silver Street

Mr Nick Gardham, Community Organisers

The Editor, Warminster Journal

**PETITION TO WILTSHIRE COUNCIL AND WARMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL
BY THE RESIDENTS OF SILVER STREET, WARMINSTER – July-September 2020**

The undersigned residents urgently request Wiltshire Council to immediately implement the following:

- 1. Traffic Speed Restriction (20 mph speed limit)**
- 2. Traffic Calming Measures (Curb Extensions / Planting)**
- 3. Footpath Widening, Pavement Posts and / or other Measures for the Protection of Pedestrians**
- 4. Heavy Vehicle Weight Limit Signage and Regulation**

in Silver Street, Warminster.

13th August 2020 Meeting - Notes from virtual meeting (Microsoft Teams)

	Item	Update from previous meeting	Actions & Recommendations	Priority 1 – High 2 - Low	Who
1.	Attendees, Apologies & Introductions				
	Present	Cllr Andrew Davis, (Chair), Cllr Fleur De Rhe-Philippe, Cllr Tony Jackson, Martin Rose (WC), Bill Parks (WC), Denise Nott (WC), Caroline Sawyer, Kate Plastow, Nikki Spreadbury-Clews, Heather Parks, Fiona Fox, Tom Dommett, Len Turner, Simon Jasper, Simon Wagner			
	Apologies	Spencer Drinkwater, Andrew Cummings, Phil Hollilhead, Ian Ferguson, Mike Perry			
	Observers	None			
2.	Notes of the last meeting (6 th February 2020)				
		The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 6 th February 2020 were agreed at the Warminster Area Board on 5 th March 2020	13/08/20 Minutes from previous meeting 6 th February (2020) were agreed.		
	The link can be found at: Warminster Area Board Minutes 5th March 2020				
3.	Finance				


Item	Update from previous meeting	Actions & Recommendations	Priority 1 – High 2 – Low	Who
	<p><u>Financial position at 10th August 2020</u></p> <p>(a) 2020-21 allocation = £15,226.00 (b) 2019-20 underspend = £6,512.84 (c) 2020 -21 3rd party Contributions £5,650.00 (d) Total Budget for 2020-21 = £27,388.84 (a+b+c) (e) Scheme commitments to date 2020/21 = £15,496.81 * (f) Current Balance = £11,892.03 (d-e) <i>See Appendix 1</i></p> <p>* Note – Commitment for A362 Corsley Heath (£10,000) and Smallbrook Road Warmminster (£3000) carried forward to 2020/21</p>	<p>13/08/20</p> <p>The current financial position was agreed</p>		
4.	Update on top 5 Priority Schemes			
<p>CATG agreed that once work orders have been placed for Priority One schemes a full entry is not required on Action Tracker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A summary will be retained • The entry will be "greyed out" to indicate that it is in progress and no further discussion is required at the CATG meeting unless otherwise indicated. • MR will provide updates • The item will be removed once the scheme has been implemented. <p>Please note all works relating to CATG design / investigation have been suspended since the 1st March 2020</p>				
a)	<p>6253 A362 Corsley Heath (by bus stop)</p>	<p>06/02/20</p> <p>MR to complete design work for approval of PC. Order likely April 20 onwards. SJ confirmed that Corsley PC will contribute up to £5000 or 50% of the cost, whichever is the lesser.</p>	<p>10/08/20</p> <p>Works complete. Note overspend on project to £12,896.81. Due to TTRO, and issues with tree roots. Further costs of £1,500 expected for road markings. Corsley PC invoiced for contribution of £5,000. To be greyed out on next tacker</p>	<p>1</p> <p>MR</p>

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c)	6024 Heytesbury High Street	06/02/20 MR explained the use of 'unsuitable for HGV's' signs at the junction with the A36 would not be correct. Agreed that existing sign be relocated from Park Lane to Park St. / High St junction. MR and DN to discuss and arrange.	13/08/20 Meeting took place 14/02/20 with DN. MR to provide sign design to DN. Local highways to deliver this scheme. Remove from next tracker.	1.	MR
f)	6661 Codford High Street. Signs to Lyons Seafood	18/06/20 Sign proposals to be submitted to HE for approval and agreement	13/08/20 Awaiting response from HE. MR to chase. On hold.	1.	MR
g)	17-20-3 (29/01/20) Junction Portway & High Street, Warminster	06/02/20 Concern raised that increased kerb height i.e. containment kerb would result in potential flooding issues for adjacent to shop front. Existing bollards to be removed and replaced with Rediweid 'Jision' Pole cones. MR to investigate likely cost and report back to next meeting. Agreed as priority 1 but no monetary allocation at this stage. 18/06/20 Approximately 8 pole cones required. Cost estimate including removal of old bollards, footway reinstatement and traffic management. £3000. TBA	13/08/20 Members agreed to allocate £3,000 for the provision of new pole cones to replace the existing surface mounted bollards.	1.	MR
h)	17-20-7 (03/02/20) High Street, Maiden Bradley.	06/02/20 - 20mph assessment would be required. Total Cost in the region of £6500 - £8500. Agreed as Priority 1. but no monetary allocation at this stage 18/06/20 SDR undertaken at two locations on high Street Feb 20. Site 1 West Mean = 24mph 85 th percentile – 31mph Site 2 - East Mean speed 32mph. 85 th percentile – 39mph	13/08/20 Repeat SDR to be undertaken in early September when schools return. MR to speak to Simon Wagner to agree way forward once results are known.	1.	MR

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	Count at site 2 to be repeated to confirm and rule out device error. Current speed at eastern end would rule out provision of both a 20mph limit and on-carriageway footway			
17-20-9 (21/07/20) A362 Corsley Heath	Request by Corsley PC for 40mph speed limit to be re-assessed with a view to implementing a 30mph limit. https://www.google.co.uk/maps	13/08/20 Members agree to move to priority 1 and allocate £2500	1.	MR
5. Priority Two / Pending Schemes				
5.1 6146 Woodcock Road	26/09/19 Town councillors to press Kingdown School to update their travel plan. 08/06/20 No update to report. Item to remain on tracker as low priority 2.	13/08/20 No progress to report. Further attempt to be made to encourage submission of updated school. MR to speak to Ruth Durrant (school travel plan advisor)	2	
5.4 7051 Ash Walk Warmminster	26/09/19 - Residents in Ash Walk have contacted the Town Council about speeding traffic and thoughtless and hazardous parking. MR to investigate further and report back to next meeting. 18/06/20 Typical 70's housing estate, with long straights lengths but no real evidence of hazardous parking or excessive speed. Suggestion confirmation of speed with several metro-counts. TBA.	13/08/20 Members do not support this request as parking problems largely addressed by new road markings at Minster Church end of Ash Walk. Remove from next tracker.	2	MR
5.5 7058 King Street Warmminster	26/09/19 Speeding complaint. Request for Traffic Calming. MR recommends metro-count to establish extent of problem. Issue to be discussed at WTC TDC first	13/08/20 WTC have resubmitted metro-count request. Report data to next meeting.	2	WTC

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	<p>Action with Warminster TC. Speed survey request to be submitted.</p> <p>06/02/20 Warminster TC to Check status of metro count and report to next meeting.</p> <p>18/06/20 No receipt of metro count request being received</p>			
17-19-2 (23/09/19) A36 / B390 Chitterne	<p>Heytesbury PC request measures to improve safety at the junction of A36 / B390 Knook</p> <p>18/06/20 MR has liaised with HE re. possible future work programmes is awaiting a response</p>	<p>13/08/20 No update to report. MR to chase Highway England.</p>	2.	MR
17-20-02 (17/01/20) A350 Longbridge Deverill	<p>Lorries are parking on the pavement and verge whilst they visit the shop/VWC at the petrol station. This causes a traffic hazard as well as churning up the verge. We would like Plastic reflective bollards installed (like the ones on A350 south bound in Crocketon at turning to Potters Hill).</p> <p>18/06/20. Site visited. Footway and verge of restricted width along length in question. Bollards or low-level fencing likely to restrict maintenance of verge. Speak to local highways and Parish council.</p> <p>Item submitted prior to Feb meeting but was missed. To be considered at June meeting. https://www.google.co.uk/maps</p>	<p>13/08/20 Restricted verge width rule out the use of bollards at the rear of the footway. MR to local at possible alternatives including the use of a designated clearway along the A350.</p>	2	
6.	New Requests submitted since last meeting			

	Item	Update from previous meeting	Actions & Recommendations	Priority 1 – High 2 – Low	Who
6.1	17-20-5 A36 Upton Lovell	<p>There is no shelter at the westbound bus stop on A36 at the village of Upton Lovell. Passengers have to stand, exposed to the elements and spray from traffic on a very busy road. Parish Council and villagers desperately need a bus shelter. There is on opposite, on the eastbound side. We would like a simple bus shelter with front and side panels</p> <p>https://www.google.co.uk/maps/</p> <p>18/06/20 Narrow footway and verge on this side limiting shelter options. Shelter 0.9m wide with no end panels possible. Shelter would be on the A36 and would need HE approval. Cost to supply & install shelter approx. £4000 but associated TM costs may be prohibitive due to proximity of TS. Final cost could be in region of £5,750 - £6,250+</p>	<p>13/08/20 Restricted footway width (1.1m) rules out shelter with ½ side panels. Members were concerned about the possibility of prohibitive costs associated with this scheme due to the likely TM required by the Highways England (HE) to install shelter including switch off / switch on traffic signals. Concerns was also expressed re. future maintenance of the shelter. Members felt that given the limited budget available they were unable to support this proposal. MR to speak to Upton Lovell PC.</p>		
6.2	17-20-6 B390 Chitterne	<p>Volume of traffic in general using the B390 as a rat run to avoid the A303/A36, particularly the tour buses/coaches travelling from Stonehenge to Bath and vice versa.</p> <p>Request for Coach Ban on B390 with exemption for local buses.</p> <p>This is on ongoing issue with residents, in places there are no pavements and the road narrows, therefore making it difficult for resident to safely walk in their own village.</p> <p>18/06/20 MR to investigate further and report to next CATG. Coach survey on B390 likely to be required to establish numbers.</p>	<p>13/08/20 1-week coach survey estimated cost £1350. Members agreed that a survey was unlikely to achieve meaningful data at present time due to Covid-19 and would be better considered next Spring (2021) Virginia Neal expressed ongoing concerns relating to B390, traffic volumes, speed etc and asked for joined up approach to look at these issues, particularly in light of planned improvements to the A303.</p>	2.	

	Item	Update from previous meeting	Actions & Recommendations	Priority 1 – High 2 - Low	Who
6.3	17-20-8 (08/06/20) C10 Sutton Veny High Street	Traffic safety issues in High Street where there is reduced visibility due to parked vehicles and no pavement. Request for 20mph limit. https://www.google.co.uk/maps	13/08/20 Metrocounts required to establish speed data through village. MR to arrange and report back to group.	2.	
6.5	17-20-10 (16/7/20) Sand Street, Longbridge Deverill	Vehicles are mounting the pavement, damaging the pavements, causing stones to hit windows, vehicles reversing and hitting property number 83. Highways were called to an incident in early June, whereby a van had reversed and hit the corner of property 83, causing damage. https://www.google.co.uk/maps	13/08/20 MR to look at bollard options and report back to group.	2.	
6.6	17/20/11(24/07/20) Victoria Road, Warmminster	Request to extend the pavement from its end in Victoria Road to Bugley Cottages, Victoria Road . WTC Members debated this issue and understood the residents' concerns and felt that this route would only get busier going forward when the Western Urban extension is completed. This would be a very expensive project and its integration with forthcoming development was crucial. https://www.google.co.uk/maps	13/08/20 Members agreed this issue needs to be considered as part of West Urban Development. MR to speak to Development Control re. possible section 106 monies.	2	
6.7	17/20/12 (27/07/20) Willow Crescent / Smallbrook Road Warmminster.	Request for construction of a ramp alongside existing steps to link willow Grove to Smallbrook Road to enable access by mobility scooters, wheelchairs etc. https://www.google.co.uk/maps  Proposed Diversion for Cyclists and Mob	13/08/20 Members agreed the cost of providing a ramp alongside the existing steps between Willow Crescent and Smallbrook road would require significant design and require extensive ground retention works, the cost of which far exceeds the funds availed to the CATG. Requester to be informed and removed from next tracker.		
6.8	17/20/13 (04/08/20)	The section of Smallbrook Road which is 'Access Only' but continues to be used by Prestbury Drive. Southleigh view residents and other drivers to cut through to the	13/08/20 Members agreed that restricting vehicular access to Smallbrook road		

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Smallbrook Road, Warmminster	other side of town to bypass town traffic. It is a single-track road with a number of drives and concealed entrances which makes it particularly dangerous when cars accelerate to get through the section before meeting another car coming the other way. The area is heavily populated by elderly residents and it is really dangerous for a number of them who travel on mobility scooters or walk into town, children on bicycles. Councillors we dealt with a few years ago advised us of the plans for the barrier at the junction with Southleigh View. https://www.google.co.uk/maps	by means of physical barriers would be detrimental to residents with regards to refuse lorries, emergency services etc and do not support this request. It was accepted that some drivers do contravene the current 'prohibition of motor vehicles' restriction but this was largely due to a lack of enforcement. MR to inform requester and remove from next tracker.		
7 AOB				
7.1	Nothing to report.			
11.	<p>Agreement of Priority 1 schemes (Max 5 to be progressed at any one time) Note: Issues which are 'Greyed out' indicate schemes where orders have been issued but are awaiting implementation.</p> <p>Issues highlighted in Yellow are awaiting approval from the Area board</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 17-20-7 High Street, Maiden Bradley. 20mph limit and virtual footway 2. 6661 Codford High Street. HGV Signs to Lyons Seafood 3. 17-20-3 Junction of Portway & High Street, Warmminster – Pole Cones £3000 (CATG £2250, Warmminster TC £750) 4. 17-20-9 A362 Corsley Heath – Speed Limit Review - £2500 (CATG £1875.00, Corsley PC £625.00) 5. 			
12.	Date of Next Meeting - 12th November 2020 – 10am Venue TBC			

Highways Officer – Martin Rose

1. Environmental & Community Implications

- 1.1. Environmental and community implications were considered by the CATG during their deliberations. The funding of projects will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of environmental, social and community wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

2. Financial Implications

- 2.1. All decisions must fall within the Highways funding allocated to Warminster Area Board.
- 2.2. If funding is allocated in line with CATG recommendations outlined in this report, and all relevant 3rd party contributions are confirmed, Warminster Area Board will have a Highways funding balance of **£7767.03**

3. Legal Implications

- 3.1. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

4. HR Implications

- 4.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

5. Equality and Inclusion Implications

- 5.1 The schemes recommended to the Area Board will improve road safety for all users of the highway.

6. Safeguarding implications – none

APPENDIX 1

Warminster CATG		As at 10th August 2021
BUDGET 2020-21	£15,226.00	CATG ALLOCATION 2020-21
	£6,512.84	2019-20 underspend
Contributions		
	£5,000.00	Corsley Heath - Ped improvements by bus stop (£5000 20/21)
	£650.00	Warminster TC - 30mph limit Smallbrook Rd (£750 20/21)
Total Budget	£27,388.84	
Commitments carried forward previous years		
A562 Corsley Heath - Improvements by bus stop	£12,896.81	Road markings cost to be established
Upper Marsh Road / Lower Marsh Rd / Smallbrook Road speed limit	£2,500.00	
New Schemes 2020/21		
A56 Codford High Street - Lorry Route Signs	£0.00	
Maiden Bradley - High Street On carriageway footway & 20mph limit	£0.00	
Junction of Portway and High Street Warminster - J150n City Pole cones	£0.00	
Total commitment	£15,496.81	
Remaining Budget	£11,892.03	





Highways Improvement Request Form

Contact Details

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Issue Details

Location of Issue:	Ba12 8nr
Community Area:	Warminster
Parish or Town Council:	warminster
Nature of Issue:	
<p>Ongoing issue with damage being caused continuously to my property (external) wall – being hit by vehicles – in particular lorries and large vans – I was in contact with Bill Parks nearly 10 years ago, he visited the property and looked into the signage that says no access to pound street for lorries – then forwarding the complaint on to a Graeme Hay suggesting possible installation of bollards. (junction of Pound Street, West Parade and Factory Lane)</p> <p>We then had a few quiet years without any significant damage – only for it to start again in December last year – since then, we have had the wall rebuilt only for it to be damaged a further 3 times – most recently earlier today. Unfortunately vehicles are cutting the corner, thereby knocking down the wall – this is at a huge cost to us – having used the insurance previously after the wall was damaged – we now have an increased premium – if we don't use the insurance we then foot the bill for the repairs as it seems to be the norm for the drivers to inspect the damage and drive on – failing to give details – we have a neighbour who has a camera set up now on this junction meaning that details can be passed onto the police – however this does not stop the issue occurring.</p>	
How long has it been an issue?	Since we bought the property in 2009 and before as neighbours have informed us
What would you like done to resolve this issue?	
<p>Something put in place to stop larger vehicles accessing pound street from west parade – happy to have bollards put on corners of external wall as a deterrent and to protect my wall a bit as suggested by Wiltshire Highways nearly 10 years</p>	
Have you been in touch with your local Wiltshire Councillor? (Yes/No)	No

*This form needs to be completed and e-mailed or sent to your local Town or Parish Council.
Town and Parish contact details are available via the link below:*

<https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/mgParishCouncilDetails.aspx>

Town or Parish Council Comments: (To be completed by Town or Parish Council only)

Camera placed on fence belonging to Turnpike Cottage next to derestriction signs on Smallbrook Road, Warminster
 Records of night time and day time traffic movements during Spring amphibian migration 2020
 Pedestrian numbers exclude toad patrolers at night
 Camera: Browning Strike Force Pro PIR wildlife camera - photos have been stored on a hard disk
 Amphibians cross roads at night only

Map ref: ST877440

		Time	Pedestrians/joggers	Dogs	Cyclists	Cars	Vans	Lorries	extras
Thursday	20/02/2020	Dusk to							
Overnight									
Friday	21/02/2020	Dawn	7	1		3	20		1 fox
Friday	21/02/2020	Dawn to							
Daytime									
Friday	21/02/2020	Dusk	78	17		10	146	57	4
Friday	21/02/2020	Dusk to							
Overnight									
Saturday	22/02/2020	Dawn	7	1	motorcycle 1		35	5	1 fox
Saturday	22/02/2020	Dawn to							
Daytime									
Saturday	22/02/2020	Dusk	87	22		5	54	10	1 horse
Saturday	22/02/2020	Dusk to			motorcycle 1				
Overnight									
Sunday	23/02/2020	Dawn	4	1		1	13	2	1 fox
Sunday	23/02/2020	Dawn to							
Daytime									
Sunday	23/02/2020	Dusk	148	25		1	29	2	
Sunday	23/02/2020	Dusk to							
Overnight									
Monday	24/02/2020	Dawn	10	2			6	1	1 fox
Monday daytime not recorded									
Monday	24/02/2020	Dusk to							
Overnight									
Tuesday	25/02/2020	Dawn				3			
Tuesday	25/02/2020	Dawn to							
Daytime									
Tuesday	25/02/2020	Dusk	87	12		14	83	32	2
Tuesday	25/02/2020	Dusk to							
Overnight									
Wednesday	26/02/2020	Dawn	1			1	10		
Wednesday	26/02/2020	Dawn to							
Daytime									
Wednesday	26/02/2020	Dusk	74	8		17	170	34	4
Wednesday	26/02/2020	Dusk to			motorcycle 1	plus 5 taxis			
Overnight									
Thursday	27/02/2020	Dawn	5				15		
Thursday	27/02/2020	Dawn to							
Daytime									
Thursday	27/02/2020	Dusk	57	13		12	195	33	4
Thursday	27/02/2020	Dusk to				plus 5 taxis			
Overnight									
Friday	28/02/2020	Dawn	1			3	34		1
Friday	28/02/2020	Dawn to							
Daytime									
Friday	28/02/2020	Dusk	43	7		11	61	17	2
Friday	28/02/2020	Dusk to							
Overnight									
Saturday	29/02/2020	Dawn					5		

			Pedestrians/joggers	Dogs	Cyclists	Cars	Vans	Lorries	extras
			7	1		3	20		1 fox
			7	1	motorcycle 1		35	5	1 fox
			4	1		1	13	2	1 fox
			10	2			6	1	1 fox
						3			
			1			1	10		
			5				15		
			1			3	34		1
							5		
9 nights	Overnight totals		35	5	11	138	8	1	
	Average per night		3.8	<1	1.2	15.3	<1	<1	
			78	17		10	146	57	4
			87	22		5	54	10	1 horse
			148	25		1	29	2	
			87	12		14	83	32	2
			74	8		17	170	34	4
			57	13		12	195	33	4
			43	7		11	61	17	2
7 days	Daytime totals		574	104	70	738	185	16	
	Average per day		82	14.8	10	105	26.4	2.2	
	Totals		609 pedestrians and 81 cyclists		1086 motorists				
					63% pedestrians and cyclists				

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 Daytime closure to vehicles would impact average of 105 car drivers, 26 van drivers and 2 lorry drivers.

Night time closure to vehicles would benefit amphibians, other wildlife, average 4 pedestrians, 1 cyclist
 Daytime closure to vehicles would benefit average 82 pedestrians, 15 dogs, 10 cyclists.

Camera placed on fence belonging to Turnpike Cottage next to 30mph signs on Smallbrook Road, Warminster
 Records of night time and day time traffic movements during pre-hibernation amphibian dispersal 2020
 Pedestrian numbers exclude toad patrollers at night
 Camera: Browning Strike Force Pro PIR wildlife camera - photos have been stored on a hard disk
 Amphibians cross roads at night only

Map ref: ST877440

3 days
 3 nights

Amphibiens cross roads at night only		Time	Pedestrians/joggers	Dogs	Cyclists	Cars	Vans	Lorries	extras
Sunday	20/09/2020	20:15							
Overnight		to							
Monday	21/09/2020	Dawn		7	3	3	9		
Monday	21/09/2020	Dawn							
Daytime		to							
Monday	21/09/2020	Dusk	141	28	44	237	36	1 tractor x 1	
			inc. 21 school children		inc 3 school children				
Monday	21/09/2020	Dusk							
Overnight		to							
Tuesday	22/09/2020	Dawn	20	5	4	15	3	1 badger	
Tuesday	22/09/2020	Dawn							
Daytime		to			motorcycle 1				
Tuesday	22/09/2020	Dusk	112	25	43	141	28	tractor x 1	
			inc 15 school children		inc 4 school children				
Tuesday	22/09/2020	Dusk							
Overnight		to							
Wednesday	23/0/2020	Dawn	17	2	3	11	4		
Wednesday	23/09/2020	Dawn							
Daytime		to							
Wednesday	23/09/2020	Dusk	52	7	10	34	7	7	
			inc 3 school children		inc 2 school children				
			Pedestrians/joggers	Dogs	Cyclists	Cars	Vans	Lorries	extras
		Night	7	3	3	9	0		1
		Day	141	28	44	237	36	1	
		Night	20	5	4	15	3		
		Day	112	25	44	141	28		1
		Night	17	2	3	11	4		
		Day	52	7	10	34	7	7	
		Totals	349	70	108	447	78	8	2

349 pedestrians and 108 cyclists + 70 dogs
 535 motorists

	Pedestrians/joggers	Dogs	Cyclists	Cars	Vans	Lorries	extras
3 nights	7	3	3	9	0	0	
	20	5	4	15	3	0 1 badger	
	17	2	3	11	4	0	
Overnight totals	44	10	10	35	7	0	
Average per night	14.6	3.3	3.3	11.6	2.3	0	
3 days	141	28	44	237	36	1 1 tractor	
	112	25	44	141	28	0 1 tractor	
	52	7	10	34	7	0	0
Daytime totals	305	60	98	412	71	1	2
Average per day	101.6	20	32.6	137.3	23.6	0.3	0.6

Night time closure to vehicles would impact average of 12 car drivers and three van drivers.
 Daytime closure to vehicles would impact average of 137 car drivers, 24 van drivers and 1 lorry driver.

Night time closure to vehicles would benefit 3000+ amphibians, other wildlife (otters, badgers, owls), average 15 pedestrians, 3 dogs, 3 cyclists.
 Daytime traffic calming would benefit average 102 pedestrians including school children, 20 dogs, and 33 cyclists including school children.

Shows increase in cyclists and pedestrians since February.
 In Feb average was 82 pedestrians and 10 cyclists during the day
 In September the average was 102 pedestrians and 33 cyclists.

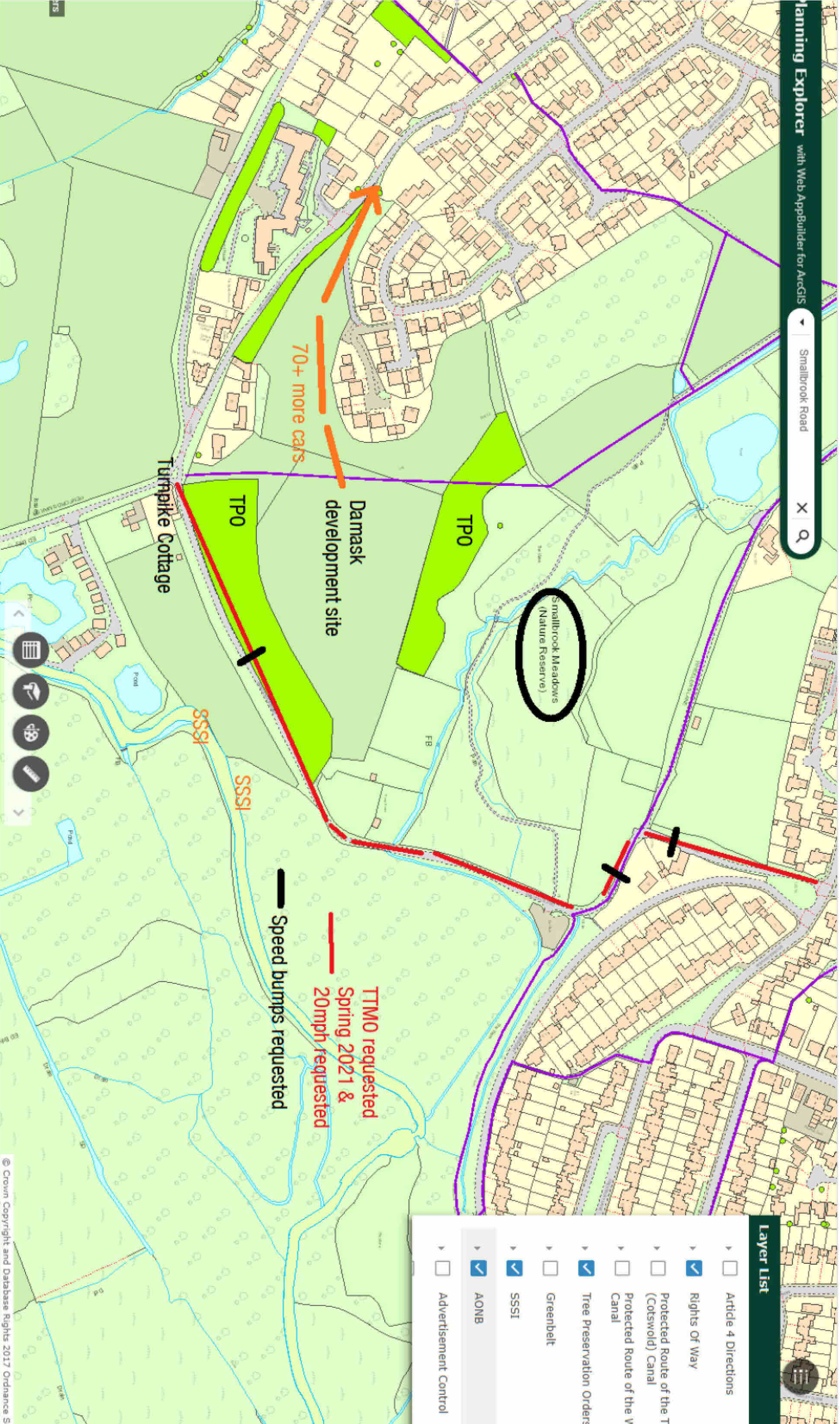
Average cars per 24 hours in Feb 105
 Average cars per 24 hours in Sept 149

It has not been possible to analyse whether some of these are return journeys
 The recorded stats are for both directions

Based on this survey, the proportion of pedestrians and cyclists compared to motorists has risen from 63% to 85% since February

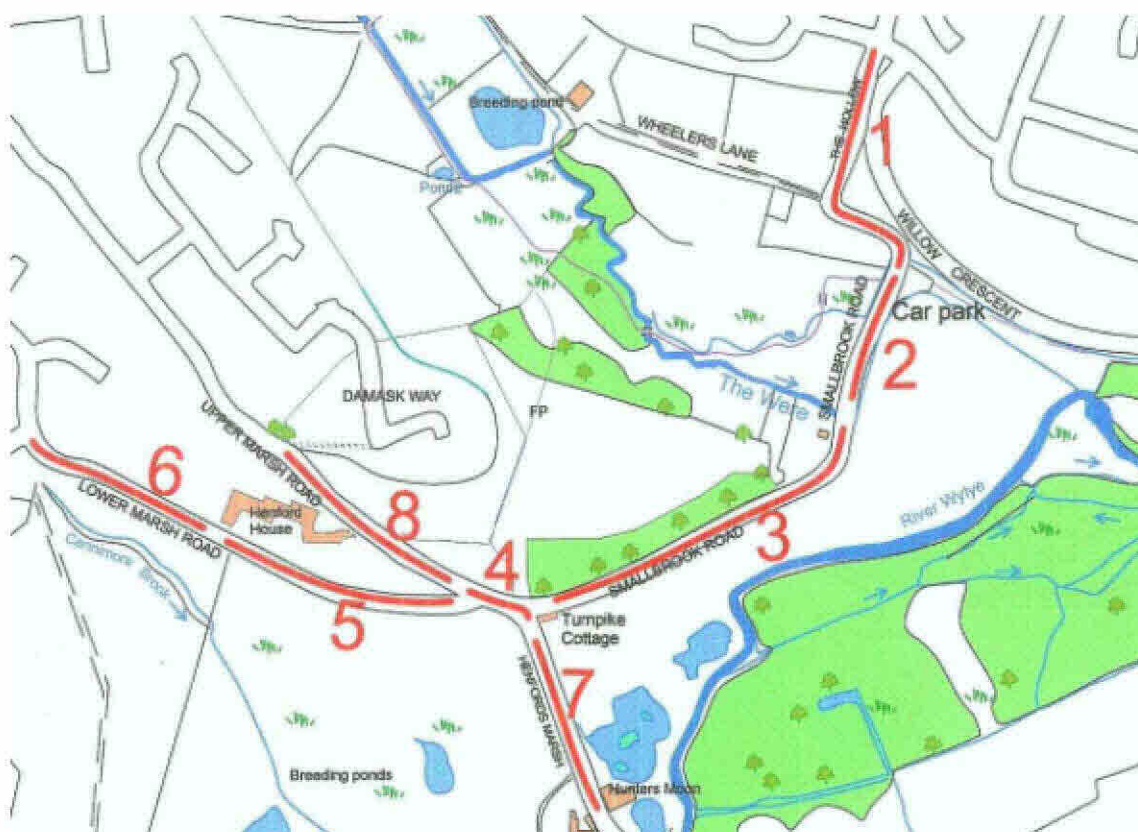
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- ☐ Protected Route of the T (Cotswold) Canal
- ☐ Protected Route of the W Canal
- ☒ Tree Preservation Orders
- ☐ Greenbelt
- ☒ SSSI
- ☒ AONB
- ☐ Advertisement Control



2020 Records showing locations and movement density

Note: Dispersal is still taking place and this does not include data from iRecord.



TEMPORARY TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ORDER

THE LONDON BOROUGH OF RICHMOND UPON THAMES (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) (CHURCH ROAD, HAM) ORDER 2020

Made: 4 March 2020

Comes into operation: 9 March 2020

WHEREAS the Council of the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames (hereinafter referred to as "The Council") being the Highway Authority for all streets within the said London borough, with the exception of those streets which are part of the Transport for London Road Network, (hereinafter referred to as "the borough roads") are satisfied that, because of the likelihood of danger to the public, vehicular traffic should be prohibited in a part of Church Road, Ham:

NOW THEREFORE the Council in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a) and of all other enabling powers hereby make the following Order:-

Commencement and citation

1. This Order shall come into operation on 9 March 2020 at 8am and may be cited as the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) (Church Road, Ham) Order 2020 and shall remain in force until 4pm on 2 April 2020

Prohibition or restriction of vehicular traffic

2. Whilst the season of toads crossing takes place, no person may cause any vehicle to:
 - (a) proceed in Church Road, Ham, from its junction with Ham Gate Avenue to its junction with Latchmere Lane;
 - (b) wait or stand at any time in Church Road, Ham where, at the time, vehicular parking is restricted to facilitate the migration of the toads.
3. Nothing in Article 2 of this Order shall apply to any vehicle connected with the execution of the said works or to any public service or utility vehicle.
4. Nothing in this Order shall apply: -
 - (a) to anything done with the permission or at the direction of a police officer in uniform or a traffic warden; or
 - (b) to any vehicle on an occasion when it is being used for fire brigade, ambulance or police purposes, if the observance of that provision would be

likely to hinder the use of the vehicle for the purpose for which it is being used on that occasion, provided that conditions which prevail on site at any one time do not render it unsafe or impossible for such a vehicle or vehicles to use any part of the public highway for the time being.

5. The provisions of this Order will only apply during such times when it is necessary or expedient to prohibit or restrict vehicular traffic in that road or length of road and to such extent as is at the time indicated by traffic signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016**(b)**.

Contravention

6. If a vehicle is left during the restricted time without complying with the requirements of this Order, a contravention shall have occurred and a penalty charge shall be payable. A penalty charge notice showing the information required by the Traffic Management Act 2004**(c)** may then be issued by a civil enforcement officer in accordance with the requirements of that Act.

Manner of payment of the penalty charge

7. The penalty charge shall be paid to the Council as set out in Schedule 2 to the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames (Manner of Payment of Penalty Charges) Order 2011**(d)**.

Alteration of position or removal of vehicles

8. Where any vehicle is standing in contravention of the provisions of this Order, a civil enforcement officer may alter or cause to be altered the position of the vehicle in order that its position shall comply with those provisions or he may, under the provisions of the Removal and Disposal of Vehicles Regulations 1986**(e)**, as amended, remove or cause to be removed the vehicle and, where it is so removed, shall provide for the safe custody of the vehicle.

Dated 4 March 2020



Assistant Director, Traffic and Engineering
(The officer appointed for this purpose)

(a) 1984 c. 27.
(d) 2011/11

(b) S. I. 2016 No. 362.
(e) S. I. 1986 No. 183.

(c) 2004 c. 18.

Warminster Town Council Town Development Committee, 19th October 2020

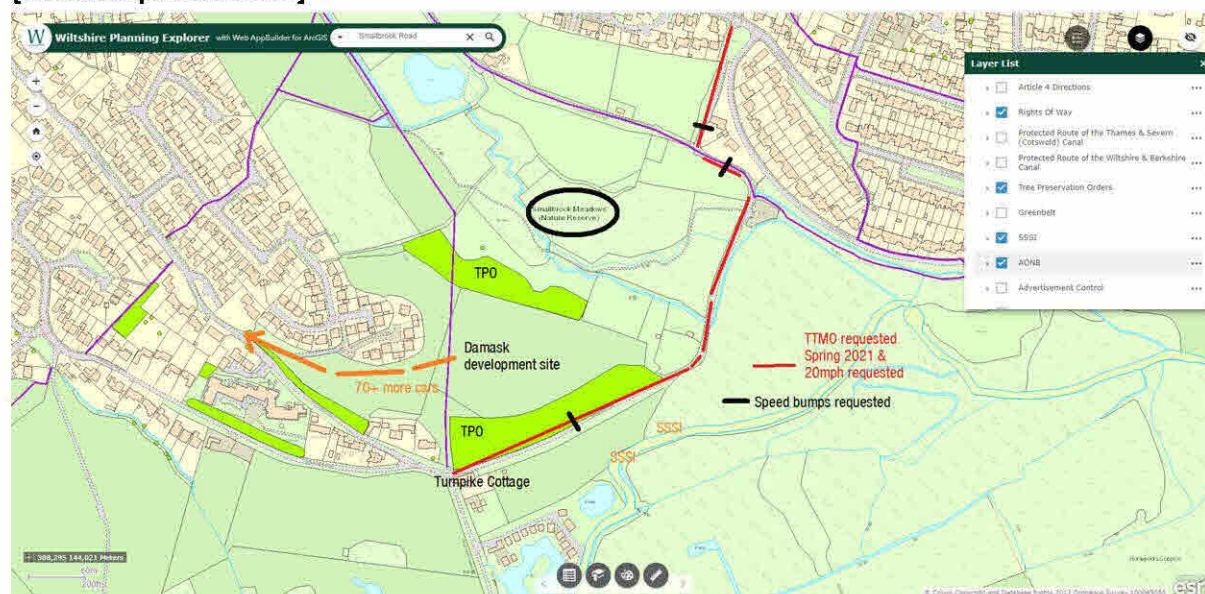
Public participation from Smallbrook Road Toad Patrol

Ref: Highways Improvement Request for Smallbrook Road

Dear Councillors,

As you know, Smallbrook Road is a popular recreational route for walkers, runners, cyclists and horse riders. It's a great benefit for people's health and was invaluable for daily exercise during lockdown.

[Share Map A onscreen]



Map A Site of TTMO, speedbump and 20mph request

Some children walk or cycle to school along the road. At the same time it is increasingly used as a 'rat run' for motorists cutting across town, and by a few irresponsible joyriders at night.

There is no traffic calming on the road. In spite of the 30mph limit, people are tempted to speed along the straight stretch. We have witnessed this when we are out at night rescuing thousands of toads, frogs and newts from being killed by traffic.

Based on our traffic surveys in February and October, the proportion of pedestrians and cyclists compared to motorists seems to have risen from 63% in February to 85% in September (spreadsheets of data supplied).

We feel the risk of an accident is increasing. The Damask Way development would add approximately 73 more residents' cars onto Upper Marsh Road plus visitors, delivery vehicles and bin lorries etc. amounting to at least an extra 150 movements a day which would have a knock-on effect on Smallbrook Road.

We have four requests:

- Request 1. Speed bumps on the two blind corners between Smallbrook Car Park and the junction with Southleigh View. Making these corners safer would greatly improve the town's walking and cycling infrastructure. Footpath WARM 46, Willow Crescent steps and Wheeler's Lane (WARM 50) emerge onto Smallbrook Road on those corners. Also, people cross the road there from Smallbrook Car Park into the nature reserve. National Cycle Route 24 signs direct cyclists to Warminster station along Smallbrook Road to these bends. [see Map A]
- Request 2. A speed bump on the straight section of Smallbrook Road between Turnpike Cottage and the corner by Calves' Mead Sewage station.
- Request 3. A speed limit reduction from 30mph to 20mph between Turnpike Cottage and the junction with Southleigh View.
- Request 4. A Temporary Traffic Management Order to close Smallbrook Road for the amphibian breeding migration for 12 weeks from 1st February 2021. A TTMO was made by Richmond Council for this purpose in Spring 2020. (Copy supplied).

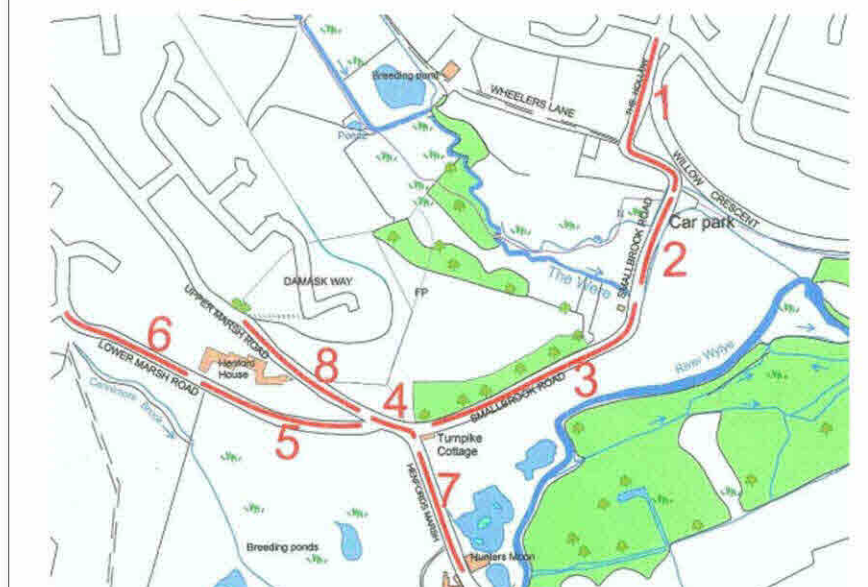
[share Map and Table B on screen]

Smallbrook Road Toad Patrol

2020 Records showing locations and movement density

Breeding Migration totals 31 Jan-30 Apr 2020			Dispersal/Foraging/Hibernating totals 1 May-2 Oct 2020		
	Toads	All Amphibians (Toads/Frogs/Newts)		Toads	All Amphibians (Toads/Frogs/Newts)
Section 1	16	17	Section 1	24	32
Section 2	111	116	Section 2	28	32
Section 3	48	51	Section 3	469	571
Section 4	52	59	Section 4	578	700
Section 5	60	68	Section 5	1084	1310
Section 6	18	22	Section 6	247	256
Section 7	24	31	Section 7	154	175
Section 8	6	6	Section 8	32	37

Note: Dispersal is still taking place and this does not include data from iRecord.



Map and Table B Amphibian records for 2020

With the request for a TTMO we are making a special plea for wildlife and biodiversity. Otters and toads are among our rarest and most threatened species. They are listed as protected under the National Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006.

We record hundreds of toads, frogs and newts killed by traffic every year. One otter has been killed, too. Our records are from only a few hours each week, so are just a snapshot. The death toll is likely to be in the thousands.

These amphibians cross the road to reach their breeding ponds in Spring and cross again in summer to return to hibernate on higher ground. Otters cross from the river Wylfe to head for the park lake.

The annual mortality has, in our view, reached an unsustainable level with 20% of the recorded mature breeding female toads killed this Spring and 27% killed this Summer up to the end of August.

We ask that as Local Authorities, Warminster Town Council, Warminster Area Board and Wiltshire Council expedite their duty under Section 40 and 41 of the NERC Act 2006 to conserve biodiversity which may include enhancing, restoring or protecting a population or a habitat.
(<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2006/16/section/41>)

Section 22 of the Road Traffic Act 1984 also allows local authorities to take special measures to protect wildlife on roads through or near nature reserves and SSSIs (Section 22 (iv) and (v).
<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1984/27/section/22>).

Thank you,
Iain Perkins and Harriet James on behalf of Smallbrook Road Toad Patrol (37 members)

Shared documents:

- A. Map of Smallbrook Road showing requested 20mph zone, sites for speed bumps and TTMO.
- B. Map and Table showing numbers of amphibians recorded on each 150m section of the road in 2020.

Attached:

Map A
Map and Table B
Traffic survey spreadsheets from Feb and Oct 2020
Richmond TTMO

Camera placed on fence belonging to Tumble Cottage next to deersitction signs on Smallbrook Road, Warrminster

Map ref: S1877440

Records of night time and day time traffic movements during Spring amphibian migration 2020

Pedestrian numbers exclude road patrolers at night

Camera: Browning Strike Force Pro Pro wildlife camera - photos have been stored on a hard disk

Amphibians cross roads at night only

	Time	Pedestrians/loggers	Dogs	Cyclists	Cars	Vans	Lorries	extras
Thursday Overnight Friday	20/02/2020 Dusk to 21/02/2020 Dawn	7	1	3	20			1 fox
Friday DayTime Friday	21/02/2020 Dawn to 21/02/2020 Dusk	78	17	10	146	57	4	
Friday Overnight Saturday	21/02/2020 Dusk to 22/02/2020 Dawn	7	1	motorcycle 1	35	5		1 fox
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Saturday Overnight Sunday	22/02/2020 Dusk to 23/02/2020 Dawn	4	1	1	13	2		1 fox
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Tuesday Overnight Wednesday	25/02/2020 Dusk to 26/02/2020 Dawn	1		1	10			
Wednesday DayTime Wednesday	26/02/2020 Dawn to 26/02/2020 Dusk	74	8	17	170	34	4	
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	3.8 <1		1.2	15.3 <1	<1		1 fox
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Night time closure to vehicles would benefit amphibians, other wildlife, average 4 pedestrians, 1 cyclist

Daytime closure to vehicles would benefit average 82 pedestrians, 15 dogs,10 cyclists.

Highways Improvement Request Form

Contact Details

Name:	Harriet James for Smallbrook Toad Patrol	Date:	07/09/2020
Address:	35 Bradley Road Warminster BA12 8BN		
Telephone No:	07974 695899		
Email Address:	sunnydials@gmail.com		

Issue Details

Location of Issue:	Smallbrook Road Warminster (from junction with Southleigh View to junction with Upper Marsh Road)
Community Area:	Warminster
Parish or Town Council:	Warminster Town Council
Nature of Issue:	<p>Speeding, no traffic calming, wildlife deaths and impact on biodiversity, danger to pedestrians and cyclists.</p> <p>Smallbrook Road is used as a recreational route for cyclists, and walkers enjoying the Smallbrook Meadows nature reserve area. It is also used by school children to walk to school. It is increasingly used as a rat run by motorists cutting through residential streets from one side of town to the other and by joy riders at night. If approved, the Damask Way development would add 73 more cars onto Upper Marsh Road. National Cycle Route 24 joins Smallbrook Road and the Town Council is improving cycling infrastructure, but the double blind corner on Smallbrook Road is hazardous.</p> <p>Biodiversity – We ask that as Local Authorities, Warminster Town Council, Warminster Area Board and Wiltshire Council expedite their duty under Section 40 and 41 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 to conserve biodiversity which may include enhancing, restoring or protecting a population or a habitat.</p> <p>Many of our rarest and most threatened species include the Common Toad and otters which are listed under Section 41 (S41) of the NERC Act 2006. Smallbrook Road is the site of many amphibian deaths each year as they cross the road to reach their breeding ponds in spring, then cross again in summer to return to hibernation on higher ground. We have provided two years of recording data and our own (prelock down) traffic survey data. The annual mortality has, in our view, reached an unsustainable level with 22% of mature breeding female toads killed in this Spring and 25% killed this Summer to date.</p>
How long has it been an issue?	At least five years
What would you like done to resolve this issue?	

1. We request a Temporary Traffic Management Order to close Smallbrook Road for the amphibian breeding migration for 12 weeks from 1st February 2021. A TTMO was made by Richmond Council for this purpose in Spring 2020 (copy attached).

2. Reduce Smallbrook Road speed limit to 20mph between Turnpike Cottage and the junction with Southleigh View .

3. Add speed bumps to the double blind corner on Smallbrook Road and on the straight section between Turnpike Cottage and the Calves Mead Sewage station.

Have you been in touch with your local Wiltshire Councillor? (Yes/No)

Yes

This form needs to be completed and e-mailed or sent to your local Town or Parish Council.

Town and Parish contact details are available via the link below:

<https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/mgParishCouncilDetails.aspx>

Town or Parish Council Comments: (To be completed by Town or Parish Council only)

To: Martin Rose, Principal Engineer, Wiltshire Council Highways
and Louisa Kilgallen, Senior Ecologist, Wiltshire Council

Copy to Wiltshire Councillors Tony Jackson and Andrew Davis

6th September 2020

Dear Mr Rose and Mrs Kilgallen,

Request for Temporary Traffic Management Order for amphibians on Smallbrook Road, Warminster

Froglife /Department of Transport Toad Patrol site 571

Smallbrook Road is the site of multiple amphibian deaths each year. The road runs through the Smallbrook Meadows nature reserve. A large population of toads, frogs and newts crosses the road moving between breeding ponds (February - May) and foraging/hibernation sites (June - October).



On Smallbrook Road 20% of the 1687 amphibians we have recorded over 60 nights since February have been killed by cars. This is just a snapshot of the full picture of amphibian fatalities. Crucially, there are far fewer female toads than males (we observe a ratio of approx 1:5). When these are killed the entire population is severely affected.

The annual mortality has, in our view, reached an unsustainable level with 22% of mature breeding female toads killed in this Spring and 25% killed this Summer to date. A spreadsheet of our records is attached.

The roads which feed into Smallbrook Road are also the site of multiple deaths – Lower and Upper Marsh Road, Willow Crescent, Wheelers Lane and Gipsy Lane. Last year between February and October we recorded over 6000 amphibians on Smallbrook Road and its feeder roads. 24% had been killed by traffic.

Anticipating inevitable increase in traffic from 73 more cars accessing Upper Marsh Road from new housing on on Damask Way, we need to act to reverse the decline in biodiversity.

We understand that a similar situation exists in the London Borough of Richmond which closes a road for a toad migration in Spring.

I have attached a copy of the TTMO which was funded from the Council's revenue budget and is an initiative of the Ecology Policy Officer.

This is the Council's response:

"Request for Information - LBR2019/1486 - Traffic Regulation Orders

Our response:

Please see attached a copy of the Order that was used for the restrictions to allow toads to migrate safely. The Order is funded from the Council's revenue budget and is an initiative of the Ecology Policy Officer.

We trust this response satisfies your request. If you are dissatisfied with the information provided in relation to your request, you may make representations to the FOI and Complaints Manager. Any such request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days from today's date. Correspondence should be addressed to:

*FOI and Complaints Team, Ground Floor, Civic Centre, 44 York Street, Twickenham, TW1 3BZ.
Email: foir@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk*

Regards

FOI and DPA Officer

foir@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk

We are writing to request a TTMO to shut Smallbrook Road from its junction with Southleigh View to the junction with Lower and Upper Marsh Road. If the TTMO ran from early-

February to mid-April 2021 it would allow the breeding females to reach the breeding ponds and help maintain the breeding population.

Should a TTMO be granted, we would continue to collect data so that the effect on numbers is recorded and monitored in 2021/22 and subsequent years. This year we are recording numbers on 150m sections of road to give as an accurate picture as possible.

We ask that as a Local Authority you expedite your duty under Section 40 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 to conserve biodiversity which may include enhancing, restoring or protecting a population or a habitat.

In England many of our rarest and most threatened species include the Common Toad which is listed under Section 41 (S41) of the NERC Act.

Outcome 3 of the Government's Biodiversity 2020 strategy contains an ambition to ensure that 'By 2020, we will see an overall improvement in the status of our wildlife and will have prevented further human-induced extinctions of known threatened species.' Protecting and enhancing England's S41 species is key to delivering this outcome.

<http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/conservation/biodiversity/protectandmanage/biodiversity2020.aspx>

Closure of Smallbrook Road would, in part, provide a way to prevent the loss of this important local toad population although the Damask Way development will contribute to fragmentation of migration routes and terrestrial habitat during and after construction.

Would it be also possible to use the 'better opportunities for the public to enjoy nature' and 'the study of nature' provisions 22(2) of the Road Traffic Act 1984 to this end?

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1984/27/section/22>

(2) This Act shall have effect as respects roads to which this section applies as if the list of purposes for which a traffic regulation order may be made under section 1 of this Act, as set out in [F11 paragraphs (a) to (g) of subsection (1) of that section and referred to in section 6(1)(b) of this Act], included the purpose of conserving or enhancing the natural beauty of the area, or of **affording better opportunities for the public to enjoy the amenities of the area, or recreation or the study of nature in the area.**

We recorded some traffic stats on the road before lockdown in February which may give an indication of the effect on motorists of a TTMO at that time of year (spreadsheet attached). If the road was shut at the point shown on the map above, access to Smallbrook reserve car park and to Rye Hill House (on Wheeler's Lane) could be maintained.

Wessex Water and landowners with fields either side of the road could access those by entering from one direction rather than both.

Cyclists and pedestrians – request for further traffic calming

We were grateful that the speed limit on Smallbrook Road was reduced to 30mph earlier this year. Traffic was reduced because of lockdown which allowed much greater use, safety and enjoyment for walkers and cyclists.

In addition to a TTMO we would like to request that the Smallbrook Road speed limit be further reduced to 20mph and that speed bumps are added. A speed limit reduction could also go some way to protecting otters which are being recorded on both sides of the road (on the banks of the river Wylde and on the Town Park lake), as well as increasing safety of pedestrians and cyclists.

The closure of Smallbrook Road would help towards delivering **Wiltshire Core Policy 50** on no net loss of biodiversity for Damask Way (reserved matters including 'biodiversity protection zones' are not yet approved - 20/07214/REM).

On community involvement, **Wiltshire Council's Business plan** commits to working with the voluntary sector and to continue working on policies on the environment and climate change.

"We have robust decision making in place which is:

- Open, transparent and inclusive – based on good consultation and engagement with local communities; good legal and financial advice and scrutiny; and consideration of the impact on local communities and the environment"

Please advise how we may work with the Council and proceed with these requests.

Kind regards,

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Helen Martin

Clare and Tim Hancock

Harriet James

For Smallbrook Toad Patrol DoT patrol site 571

Attachments:

Richmond Council TTMO

Spreadsheet of Smallbrook Road amphibian records for 2020 to date

Spreadsheet of traffic stats for Smallbrook Road, February 2020



78 Portway

Portway: wheelchair users exiting Barholomew Lane/path and using crossing point, cannot see traffic travelling down the road owing to parked cars. Help with visibility requested: mirror?



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Wamminster, England



Street View



Comments on Warminster Town Council Draft Climate and Ecological Emergency Strategy

Cycle Routes in the Neighbourhood Plan

Congratulations on a fine document that sets us on the right course for the future! I was very pleased to see that cycling has been addressed in the Strategy. I have submitted a number of briefs to the Town Council on the subject of cycle routes and offer the following contribution:

The Sustrans map at Annex A9 of the Neighbourhood Plan is excellent but needs to be updated and published at a greater density so that it is more easily read when expanded. It has a few errors and omissions as follows:

1. It omits 700m combined footpath and cycle track (WARM91) between Cannimore Lane and Tascroft. That is now in the process of being properly signed and cleared.
2. It refers to the Avenue as “an existing cycle route”. It is not but is a very suitable route and could become a cycle track at minimal cost i.e. by inclusion in the order mentioned below and the introduction of a few signs.
3. It does not include the permissive cycle routes, which have started to address the Sustrans proposed routes.

The Strategy does not offer a mechanism by which to provide the recommended routes other than Central Government Funding. I suggest two further methods: obtaining a cycle track order via CATG and negotiating permissive cycle routes, some of which are on existing footpaths.

Cycle Tracks

It is normally unlawful to cycle on a public footpath¹. A cycle track changes a footpath into a combined foot and cycle path. A cycle track order normally attracts a charge of £6k. However, Glover’s Lane cycle track has a number of anomalies, one of which is that footpath Warminster 18 (part of the route) was not subjected to a cycle track order. Wiltshire Council acknowledges the omission and it will be corrected at some stage. The order can cover any number of paths. The following routes have already been identified by Sustrans as potential cycle routes and could be achieved via the cycle track process:

Need only signing (i.e. a cheap win):

1. WARM18 (From Portway Lane, behind the houses & to the NW end of Arn View).
2. WARM21 (From the Avenue to the station car park ramp and thence via the tarmac path over public open space into Hillbourne Close).
3. The Avenue.

Need signing and may need some surface work (in order of likely cost):

4. WARM50 (Smallbrook Road to the Park).
5. WARM84 (Boreham Rd to Barley Close).
6. WARM16 (Dorothy Walk).

The footway from Rock Lane to Highbury Park already forms part of the Highway but it is an offence to cycle on a footway². It is unclear whether a cycle track order would cover this use but Highways can advise. There is an existing cycle track, on pavements) from Station Road to Kingdown School.

¹ It is a trespass against the land owner to cycle on a footpath (a private issue) but an offence to cycle on a footway (pavement). The maximum penalty is a £500 fine, normally the police issue a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) of £50. The maximum would only ever be imposed if the FPN is contested and taken to court.

² A footway sits beside a road, whereas a footpath normally does not. However, a number of public footpaths in Warminster run along a footway e.g. WARM22 runs beside the length of Cop Heap Lane.

Permissive Cycle Routes

A land owner can grant permission for a footpath crossing their land to become a permissive cycle track.

Warminster Town Council has already achieved part of the Sustrans recommended route between Boreham Road and Weymouth Street by making the length of Smallbrook Lane that they own and their public footpath WARM46 permissive cycle tracks. The following have potential:

1. The tarmac path in the Park between WARM50 (Rye Hill Lane) and Weymouth Street.
2. WARM39 (as far as Battlesbury Bridge) (MoD are the adjoining land owner and already under discussion)
3. WARM66 & CORSY48 (Tascroft to Cannimore Lane) (Longleat Estate).
4. WARM40 (Grange Lane) and continuing over the railway bridge to the Imber Range Perimeter Bridleway.
Requires adjoining land owner permission. Part of which is MoD.

Recommendation

I suggest that the cycling reference is changed from:

We will also look to capitalise on the funding and lead from central government in greatly extending and improving the town's cycling path infrastructure – implementing the schemes laid out in the Warminster Neighbourhood Plan (2012) improving signage of existing routes.

To:

We will also look to capitalise on the funding and lead from central government in greatly extending and improving the town's cycling path infrastructure. **We will also use existing routes such as CATG and the Path Improvement Grant Scheme (PIGS)³. This would be achieved by:**

1. **Implementing the schemes laid out in the Warminster Neighbourhood Plan (2015) and more by.**
2. **Developing cycle tracks via the CATG.**
3. **Developing suitable permissive cycle routes in discussion with land owners.**
4. **Improving signage on existing cycle routes via the CATG.**
5. **Updating the town cycle map and making it capable of being enlarged while retaining sufficient detail to make it easily read e.g. as used in the on line rights of way Definitive Map.**

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³ Path Improvement Grants usually require some form of matched funding, a considerable contribution can be made in Volunteer time (normally £10 per volunteer hour but management time can be at a higher rate). Significant preparatory work e.g. removing overhanging branches (volunteers) or scraping off detritus with a mini digger (WTC workforce) could be used as contributions in kind.