

**Report from Local Highway & Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG) of 29th April 2022**

**1. Changes from CATG to LHFIG**

The groups name has changed along with some widening of its role to include some maintenance/improvements to cycleways, footway and footpaths. The annual budget for 2022/23 has been doubled which along with a carry forward of uncommitted funding from last year gives a potential spend of £50,810 for this financial year.

**2. Derry Hill / Studley CALW65 shared use Cycleway/ Footpath**

Officers and Councillors reported back on a very positive site meeting and Mark Stansby indicated that his 'guesstimate' of £50k for construction was a guide but would need more detailed design to firm up. But there would also be need for a further £7500 to cover direction signs, alterations to pedestrian barriers, potential legal fees and a topographical survey.

The group were made aware of the opportunity to submit a 'Substantive Bid' in November to access additional Wiltshire funding for schemes of this nature which may not be capable of being fully funded by Parish and LHFIG.

It was agreed to fund a topographic (land) survey at a cost of £2000 (subject to a 30% contribution from CWPC) to enable more detailed design and costing to be undertaken to with a view to submitting a Substantive bid supplement LHFIG & Parish funding.

**3. C50 South of Blacklands Crossroads - CALW38 Horse Warning Signs**

There was agreement that Wiltshire Traffic Engineers would visit the site to assess the problems and consider warning signs and any other relevant improvements to safety.

**4. A3102. Mike Elm - Safety Measures & Review of Speed Limit**

Full details of the recent road accident were not available yet. Officers agreed to examine any potential improvements including further chevron signing and skid resistance tests. The advice was that changes to the speed limit at this point would hard to justify and were not likely to be effective.

**5. CALW56 Abbard Lane - Request for lower Speed Limit**

The group agreed that it would be more productive for officers and a Parish representative to meet with Hills to address the issues arising from the speed of HGVs on a Bridleway. Ioan Rees offered to join the next Hills liaison meeting for an item to seek Hills assistance in providing more appropriate signing and instructions to HGV drivers

**Recommendation -**

**that the Parish Council consider the request from Wiltshire Council for 30% contribution (£600) towards the cost of a topographical survey in relation to the proposed improvements to CALW65.**