


Overview and Scrutiny

Review of Developments in Traffic Management in Environmentally Sensitive Areas within Buckinghamshire


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Overview and Scrutiny



- Review since 2004
- Projects: Central Chilterns Tranquil Three Counties
- National Guidance/Quiet Lanes
- Environmental Guidelines
- Questions



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Central Chilterns



- Speed Limits
- Area 2 (Central Chilterns)
- Authorisation from DfT for on carriageway roundels Area 2 only
- Minimise effect on AONB
- Implementation July/August 2005

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- Speed limits
- Traffic Monitoring will take within 1 year
- Public Feedback on measures
- Report to cabinet member on outcome

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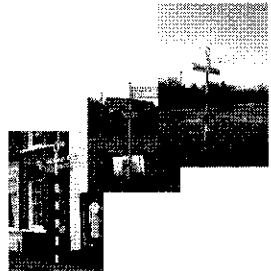

- Village Entry Signs Trials
- Local Timber
- Can accommodate speed limits if required

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- Directional Signs
- Traditional Style on C and Unclassified Routes
- Signs incorporate cycle routes to sign reduce clutter
- Removed inappropriate routes from periphery (Chesham 9 Miles)
- Renovation of two old style cast fingerpost signs

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- Warning signs
- Co location where appropriate and removal of redundant signs and posts
- Replacement of those in poor condition
- Renewing Bollards and Chevron Boards where required
- Future Asset Management by Maintenance



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Quiet Lanes

- Department for Transport due to approve guidance summer 2005
- Sign will be similar to that promoted by BCC but without advisory speed limit
- Process to designate will be similar to Traffic Regulation Order

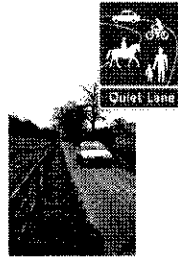


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Quiet Lanes

- Once designated as Quiet Lane
- "Speed Order" and or "Use Order" can be made
- "Speed Order" will not be signed or enforceable but can be promoted locally ?
- If 20mph Order or Speed limit were used, likely to require physical calming measures (Unacceptable on rural routes)



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Quiet Lanes

- Trial of surface treatment at Pednor
- Formal and Public consultation to be undertaken July/August
- Considering other areas within pilot



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Tranquil

- Partnership with Wycombe District Council and funded by them
- Speed limits area 5 expected end of 2005, portfolio of measures
- Improved crossing points where ROW cross busy roads
- Network map similar to Cycle Ride Walk Central Chilterns Being developed



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Three Counties

- Partnership of Beds, Bucks and Herts
- Improved signing and redirecting HGVs
- Speed Limits exploring lower limit across National Trust Ashridge Estate (area13)
- Working on reducing number of deer collisions, Herts have agreed to fund research to be undertaken by Deer Collisions Project



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Three Counties

- Study to improve link between Ivinghoe Beacon and Dunstable (Planned New Visitors Centre)
- Cycling strategy to better manage cycling to and within NT Ashridge estate (SSSI / Candidate SAC)

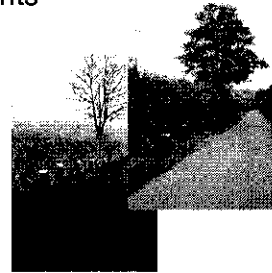


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National Developments

- Countryside Agency have appointed consultant to undertake review of best practice on rural road safety and we are awaiting publication of this
- Projects in Aldbury Lane on verge erosion and on timber signs, may be used in review by Countryside Agency



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Environmental Guidelines

- Anticipate draft ready by End 2005
- Will look at best practice developed as part of three local projects and UK wide
- Networking with AONBs and NPs working on traffic issues
- Similar in format but wider scope including design
- Changes in staff at Jacobs Babbie



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Outlook

- Issues are complex and often emotive
- Achieving balance and appropriate measures not simple everyone has a view
- Addressing the issues by better partnership working with Chilterns Conservation Board, National Trust and Corporation of London and Public
- Monitoring outcomes to steer future work



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Questions ?

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Thank You

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