



## BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

# Report

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### AGENDA ITEM 9

<b>Date</b>	<b>9 September 2003</b>
<b>Title</b>	<b>Central Chilterns Area Traffic Management Project – Proposed Trial Area for the Rights of Way Improvement Plan</b>
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### Summary

1. To consider adopting the Chilterns Area Traffic Management Project as a trial Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP)

### Recommendation

**Members of the Forum are requested to APPROVE the concept in principle and that contact be made, on behalf of the Forum, with the Traffic Management Project Officer.**

### The Project

2. The Project area is bounded by Wendover, Tring, Berkhamsted, Chesham and Great Missenden (B4009, A41, A416, B485 and A413) and is led by Shaun Pope, an Officer based with Buckinghamshire County Council, with funding from Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire County Councils, Chiltern District Council and the Countryside Agency. The project has identified two networks of “Quiet Lanes”, one around St Leonards and the other around Pednor.
3. One of the potential objectives of a Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) for the area would be to link the Quiet Lanes with the existing rights of way network, particularly bridleways. As part of the consultation for the traffic management project, a number of potential links have already been identified and some funding may be available from the Countryside Agency.

4. The area is also crossed by a number of strategic routes, including the Ridgeway National Trail, the Chiltern Way, the Icknield Way Riders Route, National Cycle Network Route No. 57 and Regional Cycle Route No. 30. There are numerous local walks and rides, both signed and unsigned. Detailed mapping is available from Shaun Pope, significant groundwork has already been done and a ROWIP would complement the traffic management project.
5. In addition, James Littlewood, Integrated Access Officer for the Chilterns AONB, is leading on a project to sign cyclists from the railway stations at Wendover, Tring, Chesham and Great Missenden into the project area. Funding is provided by the Department for Transport's Cycling Projects Fund and the Countryside Agency.
6. With all these initiatives in place, I recommend that the Forum adopts this area for a trial Right of Way Improvement Plan, with a target reporting date in the first half of 2004. The next step would be to arrange an early meeting with Shaun Pope and James Littlewood to explore the ideas further, either at a future Forum meeting or at a separate Working Group meeting.

## **Background Papers**

None

Your questions and views

If you have any questions about the matters contained in this paper please get in touch with the Contact Officer whose name, telephone number and email address is given at the head of the paper.