

Annual Reviews

- a) Traffic Calming Requests
 - b) Pedestrian Crossing Requests
 - c) Footway Requests
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Chiltern Local Committee

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1 Purpose of report

- a To report to the Local Committee the outcome of the annual reviews for traffic calming, pedestrian crossing and footway requests that have been received during the last year. The relevant appendices will be tabled at the meeting for reasons given in the Local Safety and Area Strategy Schemes Programme report.

2 Proposed Action

- b The Local Committee is invited to:
 - i. NOTE the outcome of the annual reviews and those schemes that are being recommended for a place in the revised Local Safety and Area Strategy Schemes Programme;
 - ii.
 - iii. REQUEST that all Local Councils inform their representative groups of the action proposed for any schemes in their area and NOTIFY the County Council (via the Local Committee Co-ordinator) of any significant problems at the earliest opportunity.

3 Supporting Information

- c The Local Committee will be aware that throughout the year, requests of a significant nature are reported via the Traffic Management Requests and Petitions report. Members will be aware that this regular report assigns priorities that dictate whether any further action is taken. Priorities are not assigned to requests for traffic calming, pedestrian crossings or footways as these are now assessed at the end of each year when the Local Safety and Area Strategy Schemes Programme is being reviewed.

- d These annual reviews are undertaken to assess each request against others received and the County Council policy prevailing at the time. This is a new approach; in previous years Local Councils only received details, by way of the draft Programme, of those schemes that have been successful in achieving a place in the Programme.
- e This year the Local Committee is receiving details of all the requests reported throughout the year to enable each Local Council to see what is being recommended for each request in their area.

Traffic Calming

- f There are currently 75 requests on the traffic calming list for the Chiltern area. In view of this high number, the full list is not being reproduced in the appendix to this report.
- g The current County Council policy for traffic calming was agreed in December 1995. It states that County Council funded traffic calming will only be considered where:

*The highway is the responsibility of the County Council and where there have been four or more injury accidents, two of which involved vulnerable road users (ie pedestrians or pedal cyclists), in a three year period; **or***

Where six or more injury accidents have occurred in a three year period, whether or not vulnerable road users have been involved.

- h Those requests that meet the current traffic calming criteria are listed in Appendix A together with an indication as to whether they are being recommended for a place in the Programme.
- i Additionally, there may be some requests that do not meet the criteria on their own merit but can be promoted in conjunction with other planned schemes, for example, Safer Routes to School or major maintenance schemes. The development of these schemes is ongoing at the time of writing this report.
- j All requests are kept on the traffic calming list and will be reassessed at least annually.

Pedestrian Crossings

- k All the requests for pedestrian crossings received during the last year are listed in Appendix B together with an indication as to whether they are being recommended for a place in the Programme.
- l The current County Council methodology for assessing Pedestrian Crossing requests was agreed in March 2000. It states that:

Future requests for formal pedestrian crossings be considered in an annual review; and

In assessing future requests, formal consideration will be given to other factors, e.g. community severance, which will help to address concerns expressed about the use of numerical criteria.

- m Additionally, there may be some requests that do not justify a crossing on their own merit but can be promoted in conjunction with other planned schemes, for example, Safer Routes to School or major development schemes.
- n All requests are kept on the pedestrian crossing list and will be reassessed at least annually or when opportunities arise.

Footways

- o All the requests for footways received during the last year are listed in Appendix C together with an indication as to whether they are being recommended for a place in the Programme.
- p There are no fixed criteria for footway schemes although priority will be given to those schemes that broadly support the aims of the Local Transport Plan and in particular, Safer Routes to School.
- q Very often, there is insufficient land available within the existing highway to construct a footway and in these cases, the scheme requested will not be progressed unless the land required is dedicated to the County Council by the adjacent landowner. The acquisition of land for previous schemes has proven to be complex, time consuming and costly.
- r Additionally, there may be some requests that cannot be recommended on their own merit but can be promoted in conjunction with other planned schemes, for example, major maintenance schemes.
- s All requests that are physically possible to construct within the existing highway are kept on the footway list and will be reassessed at least annually or when opportunities arise.

General

- t In every case, any traffic calming, pedestrian crossing or footway schemes that are successful in achieving a place in the Programme will be subject to full consultation at the appropriate time.

- Report ends -