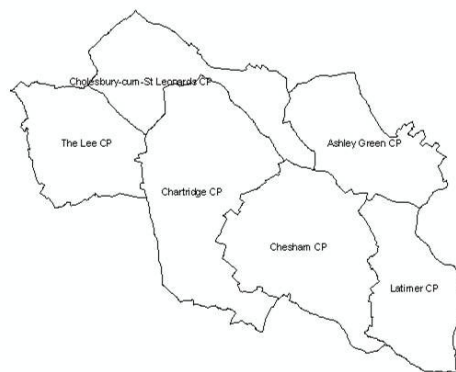


CHESHAM AND CHILTERN VILLAGES LOCAL AREA FORUM



DATE:	3 March 2010
TIME:	7.30 pm
LOCATION:	Chartridge Village Hall

**TRANSPORTATION DROP-IN SESSION WITH THE LOCAL AREA TECHNICIAN
FROM 7:00 PM**

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	December 2009 meeting.	
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Agencies : Buckinghamshire County Council, Chiltern District Council, Ashley Green Parish Council, Chartridge Parish Council, Chesham Town Council, Cholesbury cum St Leonards Parish Council, Latimer Parish Council, The Lee Parish Council

ACTION NOTES

MEETING:	Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum
DATE:	2 December 2009 7.33 pm to 9.15 pm
LOCATION	Bellingdon and Asheridge Village Hall

Present:	John Axon (Ashley Green Parish Council), Jane Bramwell (Chiltern District Council), Chris Brown (Cholesbury-cum-St Leonards Parish Council), Noel Brown (Buckinghamshire County Council) (Chairman), John Ford (The Lee Parish Council), Peter Jones (Chiltern District Council), Joan Lherbier (Chartridge Parish Council), David Natali (Ashley Green Parish Council) and Keith Platt (Latimer Parish Council)
In Attendance:	Carole Burslem, Rebecca Carley, Chris Schwier, Kerry Stevens, Helen Wailing and Mike Walker
Apologies:	Alan Bacon, Elaine Bamford, Mohammad Bhatti, Patricia Birchley, Michael Brand, Justine Fulford, Merrin Molesworth and Nick Rose

Item	ISSUES RAISED
1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP See above.
2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Jane Bramwell declared an interest in Item 11 as she was a Member of the Board of Buckinghamshire Hospitals Trust.
3	ACTION NOTES The notes of the meetings held on 16 September 2009 and on 13 October 2009 were both agreed and signed as a correct record.
4	QUESTION TIME A question had been submitted by e-mail by Chris Brown (Cholesbury-cum-St Leonards Parish Council) regarding Country Parks and Green Spaces: <i>Please could we have a statement from Bucks CC concerning their announcement in the Press this week (25 November) that they are considering the sale or outsourcing of the management of Green Spaces and Country Parks current owned by the Council.</i> <i>There appears to be confusion, following comments from at least one Cabinet Member in the Press, as to whether these sites would be sold or only their management transferred to other public or not for profit organisations / partnerships. Please could the County Council make the situation clear?</i>

	<p><i>It is understood that Parish Councils that have one or more of these Country Parks or Green Spaces in their area have been written to seeking their interest in taking over the management or the sites on the grounds that the current financial situation the Country Council finds itself in has driven this policy decision. What would be the nature of any financial support if any would also be attached to such a transfer?</i></p> <p><i>Please could we have clarification as to what the policy and proposals are, including what types of organisation apart from Parish Councils have been approached to date, and an explanation as to how such arrangements will be financed where a transfer occurs?</i></p> <p><i>Given that this policy is justified on financial grounds and to reduce the burden on the Council Tax payer how does Bucks County Council envisage that real savings will be realised if the transfer of responsibility was from BucksCC to say either a Parish Council or other Public Sector or 'Not For Profit' organisation requiring public funds to look after the Park of Open Space?</i></p> <p><i>How will locations which happen to be also SSSIs or comprise Scheduled Ancient Monuments etc be treated?</i></p> <p>Kerry Stevens, Lead Officer, said that the Head of Service would be asked to supply a written response to the question, which would be brought to the next meeting – Action: KS</p> <p>A Member said that meetings of the Local Area Forum should be advertised more, to encourage members of the public to attend. Carole Burslem, Locality Services Co-ordinator, said that this would be looked into – Action: CB</p>
5	<p>PETITIONS</p> <p>There were no petitions.</p>
6	<p>POSSIBLE CHANGE OF NAME FOR CHESHAM LOCAL AREA FORUM</p> <p>The Local Area Forum received the Report of Alison Derrick, Locality Services Co-ordinator.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>To change the name of the Forum to the Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum</p>
7	<p>DISCUSSION OF RIGHTS OF WAY CURRENT INITIATIVES</p> <p>Mike Walker (Group Manager, Rights of Way and Access) spoke to members about current Rights of Way initiatives.</p> <p>'Walk your Local Paths' Initiative</p> <p>A letter had been sent to Parish Councils, encouraging residents to walk the local path network and to let Mike Walker's team know if there were any problems with paths.</p>

Byways open to all traffic

A public inquiry had been held in the previous year regarding applications to upgrade routes to byways open to all traffic. The law had now changed, and applications of the same kind could no longer be made.

A Member congratulated Mike Walker on the outcome of the Public Inquiry looking into three Byway applications at Chesham.

Village Green applications

This was a growing issue, and many applications were being made as a way of preventing development. An application had been made in Bellingdon and a public inquiry would be held in February 2010. Each public inquiry could cost between £10 000 and £20 000.

A Member said that the application in Bellingdon was delaying an application by the Parish Council for affordable homes.

'Simply Walk' Initiative

This had been running for six years and was growing very large. Some funding (£25 000) for Simply Walk came from the District Councils, Adult Social Care, and the PCT. However the Programme costed £40 000 annually, and was therefore currently running at a loss. Volunteer Leaders were trained for the walks, and five walks were held in Chesham. There were c. 1200 volunteer leaders, and the response had been very good. However resources were necessary to keep the walks running.

The walks were run in conjunction with Social Care as they helped to achieve the mental health targets. The benefits of walking were social as well as physical health. The Programme was currently celebrating its third wedding of people who had met on the walks!

Rights of Way Strategy

This was linked to the Local Transport Plan. Work on accessibility had been successful, and kissing gates were now being fitted on routes instead of stiles. The 'Donate a Gate' Programme run by the Chiltern Society was also going well and was up to its 200th donor. BCC had promised to match every gate donated. The donor of the gate could have their name put on the gate and choose its location.

In addition to the above, the Rights of Way Team also produced Parish newsletters.

A Member said that they were concerned that the wider gates which had been put in place for wheelchair users had meant that if the gates were left open, livestock could escape more easily. It had also made theft of livestock and horses easier.

Mike Walker said that they wanted to work with farmers on this issue. The gate described sounded like a gate for mobility scooters, and the gate should be operated by radar from the scooter. Mike Walker said that he would look into this.

A Member asked which other local groups had been contacted about 'Walk your Local Paths.' Mike Walker said that the Parish Councils had been the first organisations contacted, but that this could be spread further. The Member suggested the Ramblers Association.

A Member asked whether the policy was to replace all stiles with metal kissing gates. Mike Walker said that timber gates caused many more problems in installation and maintenance.

A Member asked about the remit regarding registered land. Mike Walker said that there would be a new Commons Registration Act in 2010 which would in theory make it easier to register land. There was no intention to review all registered land in the County, as had been done in the early 1960s.

A Member referred to Bridleway 51, and said that there was an issue with the maintenance of the surface and who was responsible for this. Mike Walker said he would look into this, and said that he was aware of the problem of flooding and water erosion on the Bridleway and the concerns of a neighbouring householder.

A Member asked who was responsible for clearing hedges from Rights of way. Mike Walker said that anything that grew naturally (i.e. weeds and nettles) was the responsibility of the County Council as highway authority. If adjoining hedgerows overgrew a path, this was the responsibility of the landowner/ owner of the hedge. BCC did have a regular path clearance programme. Much of this work was now done proactively on routes susceptible to undergrowth, before the routes became very overgrown. The Chiltern Society helped with clearance, with 50-60 of their members meeting to carry out works on rights of way. BCC provided resources for this, and ensured health and safety checks and risk management were carried out.

Kerry Stevens asked whether people on the Simply Walk programme could help with maintenance of the routes. Mike Walker said that the people on the walks were often elderly or less agile, so this would not be possible, especially given the level of health and safety obligations that apply.

8 DELEGATED BUDGET DECISIONS - POSITIVE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 2009/10

The Local Area Forum received the report of Maureen Bruce (Senior Practitioner).

Carole Burslem said that the Report came to the Local Area Forum for the Forum to decide whether to support the recommended schemes. The funding had to be spent in the current financial year (by 31 March 2010)

A member referred to the bid by Nexus/Chiltern District Council and asked where the activities would take place. Carole Burslem said that Nexus worked through schools and through neighbourhood action groups (NAGs).

A member asked about the origin of the PAYP funding. Rebecca Carley (Locality Services Manager) said that the funding came to BCC as a grant from central Government, with criteria attached to it. Repeat funding for the next financial year was anticipated.

RESOLVED

The Chesham (Chesham and Chiltern Villages) Local Area Forum approved the eligible applications received for the PAYP budget within its area.

A member said that it would be helpful if the PAYP funding process for 2010/11 was started earlier in the year, and if members were given an overview of bids which could be made.

9	<p>DELEGATED BUDGET DECISIONS - LOCAL PRIORITIES BUDGET</p> <p>The Local Area Forum received the report of Alison Derrick (Locality Services Co-ordinator).</p> <p>Carole Burslem said that the Report came to the Local Area Forum for the Forum to decide whether to support the recommended schemes. The funding had to be spent in the current financial year (by 31 March 2010). Each Local Area had £8000 to spend on Local Priorities. In areas where Local Plans were already in place, the funding had been spent on priorities identified in the Plans. However the Local Plan for the Chesham Local Area was not yet in place. The Local Plan would be in place for the funding round in the next year.</p> <p>A member noted that there was £1975 that had not yet been bid for, and asked if bids could still be submitted for this. Rebecca Carley (Locality Services Manager) said that Alison Derrick was working on some additional proposals, including a playground for the Bellingdon and Asheridge Village Hall. However other bids would be welcomed.</p> <p>A member asked if the funding could be used for playground equipment, and said that Chesham Town Council had proposed schemes for this. Rebecca Carley said that Alison Derrick would look into this.</p> <p>The Chairman said that any bids for the remaining funding would be looked at by officers and the Chairman, as timing would not allow for the bids to come to the full Local Area Forum.</p> <p>A member asked what the criteria were for the Local Priorities funding. Rebecca Carley said that the bids had to fit legally with the strategic objectives of BCC. Schemes were evaluated on the basis of value for money. Other sources of funding were also investigated. The Locality Services Co-ordinator would obtain professional advice where necessary on this.</p> <p>A member asked if the funding requested by the Good Neighbour Scheme would be spent in the Chesham Local Area.</p> <p>Kerry Stevens (Lead Officer) said that it would be used for a specific focus on the Chesham area, and would be spent on measures to prevent social isolation. The funding would be 'pump priming' for Age Concern to develop the scheme and to make contacts in the local community.</p> <p>Members agreed that the funding should only be given for the Good Neighbour Scheme if it was specifically going to be spent in the Chesham Local Area.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>The Chesham (Chesham and Chiltern Villages) Local Area Forum agreed funding for the eligible and recommended schemes within its area.</p> <p>Agreement for funding for the Good Neighbour Scheme was subject to the funding being used within and across the Chesham Local Area.</p> <p>Any bids for the remaining funding to be considered and agreed by the Chairman</p>

	<p>and BCC Officers.</p>
10	<p>DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL AREA PLANS</p> <p>Carole Burslem told members that a Local Planning event was being organised. Each Parish Council would be sent a template with five headings. Responses to the template would be collated and a workshop held to set local priorities. These priorities would set future agendas and budgets.</p> <p>Priorities already identified (e.g. in Parish Plans) would be taken into account.</p> <p>The Chairman urged all members to attend the Planning Workshop.</p>
11	<p>VERBAL UPDATE ON AMERSHAM HOSPITAL (IF AVAILABLE)</p> <p>The Chairman gave a verbal update on planned changes to Amersham Hospital, and said the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately half of the clinics would close, some as soon as December 2009. The closure would affect 40% of patients who attended the hospital clinics. • The changes were part of making services more local. Chesham Healthzone was still awaited, and there was local pressure for the clinics to be held less often, but at Amersham. This would require 18 specialists moving to the hospital, rather than over 50,000 additional journeys of patients to Wycombe and Aylesbury. • A press release about the changes was planned by the Hospitals Trust. <i>[Post-meeting note – here is the link to the press release:</i> http://www.buckinghamshirehospitals.nhs.uk/change-to-clinics-at-buckinghamshire-hospitals.htm] <p>Members expressed concern about the changes and the potential affect on local residents, especially elderly residents who lived in rural areas.</p>
12	<p>FORMAL MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING ARRANGEMENTS</p> <p>The Local Area Forum received the Report of Alison Derrick, Locality Services Co-ordinator.</p> <p>Members discussed the suggestions in the Report, and the following main points were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Councils would prefer equality of votes (i.e. the Town Council to have the same number of votes as a Parish Council). • Chesham Town Council had previously asked for five votes, but had now reduced this to three votes. • The Parish Councils were apolitical and would not be happy if party politics was brought into the Local Area Forum. <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>The following three voting options to be taken back to Parish/Town Councils for comment and brought back to next LAF meeting:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amersham Model • Revised Amersham Model (Chesham TC to have 3 votes) • Revised Amersham Model (BCC to have more than 1 vote)
13	<p>BRIEFING NOTE RE: SWINE FLU PREPARATIONS</p> <p>Members noted the briefing note regarding swine flu preparations.</p>
14	<p>FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS</p>
15	<p>DATE OF NEXT AND FUTURE MEETINGS</p> <p>3 March 2010, 7:30pm, Chartridge Village Hall 17 March 2010, 3:30pm, Local Planning Meeting, Chesham Town Council 23 June 2010, 7:30pm 29 September 2010, 7:30pm</p>

Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum

Title:	Petition Request for Pound Lane, Stoney Lane and Heath End, Hawridge to be added to the precautionary salting network
Date:	15 February 2010
Author:	Bob Ayres, Engineer – Maintenance (Amersham)
Contact officer:	Bob Ayres, Engineer – Maintenance (Amersham)

Recommendation

Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum is recommended **to note** that:

Buckinghamshire County Council does not have the resource available to carry out precautionary salting over its entire network, and therefore it has to prioritise to establish the levels of treatment appropriate for particular roads on the basis of route importance and risk assessment.

A risk assessment has been carried out for Pound Lane, Stoney Lane and Heath End, Hawridge and they do not meet the necessary criteria for inclusion on the Priority 1 (precautionary) salting network.

Introduction

A petition was received on 1st January 2010 requesting the inclusion of Pound Lane, Stoney Lane and Heath End, Hawridge in the precautionary salting network. *Ref appendix 1.*

Background

Subject to weather forecast and prevailing conditions, the Priority 1 salting network is treated prior to the formation of ice or fall of snow. This is in accordance with the County Councils' Winter Maintenance Policy and Operational Plan 2009/10



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The **Priority 1 (precautionary) salting network** is comprised of the following:-

Core network

The core network includes roads that are classified within network maintenance hierarchy Category 2 & 3a. This includes all A and B classified roads throughout the county.

Risk Assessed network

The risk assessed element prioritises roads taking into account the following factors:-

- Traffic Flows
- Gradients
- Bends not subject to a speed limit
- Community link.
- Historically salted route
- Public and School Bus Routes
- Adjacent key facilities
- Route practicality and efficiency

It is considered that these factors increase the likelihood of collision or place highway users at greater risk where frost or ice has potential to form. A risk assessment matrix is scored and roads ranked in an order of priority for salting. The extent of roads to be included in the priority 1 salting network is subject to available resources and an appropriate cut off point is determined. The cut off is currently 28 points. Roads which do not meet the required risk assessment rating are included in either the priority 2 or priority 3 salting network.

Conclusion

It has been confirmed by our Passenger Transport team that none of these roads included in this petition are currently on a dedicated school bus route and therefore do not score under this criteria. In addition we have no record of their inclusion on a precautionary salting route within the last 5 years.

Pound Lane (10 points), Stoney Lane (10 Points) and Heath End (14 points) have been risk assessed in line with the current assessment criteria and do not meet the required 28 points for inclusion in the Priority 1 (precautionary) salting network.

Since these roads do however have gradients in excess of 10% they been added to the priority 2 salting network, which the County Council will endeavour to treat during prolonged periods of ice or snow, within 48 hours.

- Report ends -

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED RESIDENTS ARE ASKING FOR THE FOLLOWING ROADS:

POUND LANE, STONEY LANE, HEATH END

(ALSO KNOWN AS RECTORY HILL) IN THE HP5 2UG and HP4 3UE AREA

TO BE GRITTED AS PRIORITY 1 ROADS

WE QUALIFY WITHIN YOUR DECLARED ASSESSMENT RISK RATING SCORE SYSTEM ON THE FOLLOWING COUNTS;

- 1) These three roads converging each with a gradient of more than 10 per cent.
- 2) There are sharp blind sloping bends
- 3) It is a frost hollow in which the thick ice has persisted for 16 days in December 2009
- 4) It is on a school bus route
- 5) It is historically a gritted route (our knowledge goes back over 25 years residency)

ADDED TO THIS IS THE EXPERIENCE OF 2009 WHEN FOR A TOTAL OF 24 DAYS IN THREE SEPARATE EPISODES IN JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND DECEMBER, THIS COMMUNITY HAS BEEN CUT OFF FOR NON-4X4 VEHICLES, AND HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO LEAVE THEIR PROPERTIES. THIS HAS CAUSED A HIGH DEGREE OF DISTRESS PARTICULARLY AMONG OLDER RESIDENTS AND PREVENTS KEY WORKERS – WE HAVE A TEACHER, LAWYER, BUSINESSMEN AND BUSINESSWOMEN AMONGST OUR RESIDENTS – FROM GOING ABOUT THEIR LAWFUL BUSINESS.

ALSO THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL MINOR ACCIDENTS, INCIDENTS, FALLS, DELIVERY VAN STRANDED FOR FIVE HOURS, ROAD BLOCKED, PEOPLE TO BE AIDED WITH MATS, PUSHING ETC. IT IS A DANGEROUS SITUATION AND THEREFORE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY ASPECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED. SEVERAL HOUSES IN HEATH END AND HAWRIDGE VALE ARE LESS THAN A METRE FROM THE ROAD WITH NO PROTECTION – ie WALL OR FENCE – SO PROPERTY IS AT RISK FROM SKIDDING VEHICLES.

THE MISERY OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD WE HAVE EXPERIENCED HERE WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED BY GRITTING AT THE START IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.

WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL IN YOUR REVIEW IF YOU WOULD ENSURE WE ARE INCLUDED IN THE PRIORITY 1 ROUTE, WHICH WILL ADD PERHAPS TEN MINUTES FOR THE GRITTERS AND NEGLIGIBLE EXTRA COST TO COUNCIL

PETITION TO “TRANSPORT for BUCKINGHAMSHIRE”

1st January 2010

Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum

Title: Local Priorities Funding update

Date: 3 March 2010

Author: Alison Derrick, Locality Services Coordinator

Contact officer: Alison Derrick, Locality Services Coordinator,
Tel: 01494 586635

Recommendation

Members of the Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum are invited **to note** the progress made on the bids for funding from the Local Priorities budget that were agreed at the 2 December 2009 meeting .

Summary

1. This report relates to the bids that were agreed for the Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local priorities devolved budget of £8,000 for 2009/10.

Local Priorities budget

2. This budget can be used for any purpose which supports local community priorities and the well-being of the area identified by the Local Area Forum (LAF) through its local area planning process. As Chesham and Chiltern Villages LAF had not drawn up its Local Area Plan, it had to rely upon the common priorities in parish plans and other forms of consultation.
3. The budget must be spent on expenditure relating to this financial year.

Update on successful bids

- **Hiving Church Hall Youth Project**



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4. The Hivings Free Church in Pond Park has a new pastor, Reverend Samuel Owoo who has begun the process of engaging with young people and wished to provide a weekly youth club in the church hall for them. The BCC youth service outreach worker was invited to support the project. CDC, Nexus, the police, Paradigm Housing, and specialist agencies such as Addaction, who deal with young people and substance abuse, are supportive. Many of the activities being planned are leisure pursuits, and some will offer learning outcomes. Participants will be expected to adhere to a good behaviour code at the club. Club members will be required to contribute to transport costs incurred for trips to the leisure centre, etc for activities which cannot be provided in the church hall.
5. Approximately £800 has been spent so far on outside lighting and equipment for the club e.g. Wii console; Dance mats, football kits and equipment; etc. enabling the club to open weekly on Fridays after school. Police and partner organisations are now also linking with the Club.

○ **Leisure cards**

6. The Community Activities co-ordinator at Nexus Community made an application for funding to the Chesham LAF to cover the cost of up to 50 annual leisure cards for targeted young people living in Chesham and the surrounding rural villages, who are especially vulnerable or “at risk”. The total funding granted was **£500**.
7. The young people being encouraged to participate in diversionary activities, had initially expressed their interest in the Nexus leisure card and were all issued with the relevant forms and instructions on completing the form and who to submit to. However by mid January there was no evidence of any take up of the offer, even when officers offered to complete the forms. Therefore, as the Leisure Card offer was a reward for good behaviour (which could be withdrawn for bad behaviour) officers suggested alternative rewards be agreed with the young people. Consultations identified a preference to have subsidised trips to youth culture events at local theatres, cinema visits, sporting trips outside the area, and a party which they have to organise themselves. The funding allocated is therefore being spent in this way.

○ **Good Neighbour scheme**

8. Buckinghamshire County Council Adult Social Care & Age Concern want to develop the idea of Good Neighbour Schemes in the county. Good Neighbour Schemes are local voluntary groups which offer a service in their community to those in need of help & support
9. The scheme is targeted at those people who may need extra support - maybe older people, people with disabilities, those in temporarily need through illness or anyone isolated in the community.
10. The intention behind these schemes is to reduce isolation/ exclusion/ loneliness / anxiety; to provide a link / social bond between younger & older community members and to allow individuals to remain independent.
11. In order to take account of issues around rural isolation, the Locality Services team has asked that every effort be made to develop the scheme outside as well as within the urban area. In previous discussions Kerry Stevens, the Lead Area Officer for Chesham area, has extremely supportive of projects that develop work begun as part of the Building Community Capacity project, outside the urban area.
12. Adult Social Care sought and were allocated pump priming funds of **£4,000** from the LAF. This money has been passed over to Adult Social Care for use on this project.

13. A GSN Facilitator, Simon Beales, has been recruited, and has working on the project since mid January for 10 hours per week to cover Chesham Town and Chesham Rural. Simon has been making contact with individuals and organisations to explain what the Good Neighbour Scheme is about and organising the distribution and collection of GNS questionnaire to households in the catchment area.
14. For Chesham Town 1700 questionnaires will be distributed as a loose insert in the Bucks Free Press w/c 29th February. Completed questionnaires are to be returned to Chesham Town Hall or posted directly to Age Concern Bucks.
15. For rural villages, 320 questionnaires are being delivered to households in Ashley Green and Whelpley Hill by the Community Association. The questionnaire is being included in the Hilltop News to cover Chartridge and Cholesbury-cum-St Leonards. Latimer Parish and The Lee are still being worked on. Publicity about the Good Neighbour Scheme will be a separate article in each newspaper. Once questionnaires have been returned Simon will be evaluating the feedback, to show the need for services, and recruiting volunteers. Simon does have some volunteers already, who were recruited via an earlier questionnaire to the Age Concern Bucks Befriending volunteers.
16. So far £1248 of the allocated £4000 has been spent. The cost of the questionnaires has not yet been included in this amount and not all the expense claims have been received yet. Further expenses for coordinator time, community / volunteer meetings and additional publicity meetings are budgeted within the full allocation and are expected to be spent by 31st March 10.

○ **Contribution towards marketing of PAYP activities**

17. Nexus/ CDC made a bid for PAYP funding to provide youth activities. The Community and Youth Engagement service agreed to support specific schemes from PAYP, however no funds were allocated by Community and Youth Engagement for marketing/ promotion of these activities from the PAYP budget.
18. LAF agreed an allocation for £325 from the Local Priorities budget to promote PAYP activities. In consultation with the Chairman of the LAF and the budget holder this was subsequently increased to the sum of £825.
19. Activities have been running since the start of February and invoices are expected imminently

○ **Additional bid from Shed@ThePark**

20. The report on Local Priorities funding brought to the LAF meeting on 2 December highlighted the fact that £1975 of the budget remained unallocated but that the Locality Services Co-ordinator was actively working on other projects which might be suitable for funding. Of this money £500 was subsequently allocated to additional publicity and marketing for PAYP activities, reducing the underspend to £1475
21. A proposal to undertake preparatory work for the installation of a play area outside Bellingdon and Asheridge Village Hall proved not to be practical in the time available but will almost certainly be pursued in the new financial year though the LAF and other funding providers.
22. At the beginning of February it appeared that there were no appropriate projects in the Chesham and Chiltern Villages LAF area to which money could be allocated and that it must therefore be re-allocated to other areas which did have suitable projects.

23. However the Locality Services Co-ordinator became aware of a bid from Shed@ThePark to the Chesham Action Partnership, which would benefit from additional funding and could make use of the money before the end for 2009/10.
24. Over the last year Shed@ThePark has extended its outreach programme to include a variety of ages and organisations from Old People’s Homes to Arts Centres and Schools. Through this work they have identified a role in the organisation that they wish to develop - that of a Music Therapist. The role of a Music Therapist is seen as key to creating a truly creative, nurturing environment for all community partners. The organisation wants to enable all to participate fully and in ways that are beneficial to them.
25. Shed@ThePark were seeking funding from ChAP to purchase some essential musical equipment to enable the Music Therapist to engage with local children, families and the elderly.

With this musical equipment they aim:

- To work with individual or small groups of children/adults with learning disabilities, behavioural or emotional problems and those needing extra support, for any reason.
- To work on family intervention by providing support, space and time to explore relationships and any issues within the family unit.
- To enhance and provide opportunities for parent and child to play together, building a stronger relationship, within a therapeutic environment.

26. Having consulted the budget holder and LAF Chairman the Local Services Co-ordinator made an offer of the remaining £1475 to the bidder, to be spent before the end of the financial year 2009/10. This has meant that the Local Priorities budget has now been fully committed.

○ **Summary of successful bids**

Pond Park – Hivings Church Hall Youth project	£1200
Contribution to leisure passes for vulnerable young people	£500
Good Neighbour scheme	£4000
Contribution for activities towards marketing for Nexus/ CDC youth activities	£825
Shed@ThePark - purchase of musical equipment to support role of Music Therapist	£1475
Total	£8000

○ **Future applications**

27. In 2010/11 and for future years, proposals will be evaluated against the priorities agreed by the Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum in its planning process. The Local prioritisation workshop for Chesham and Chiltern Villages will be held on 17 March at Chesham Town Hall.

- Report ends -

Chesham and Chiltern Villages

Title: PAYP Funding update

Date: 3 March 2010

Author: Alison Derrick, Locality Services Coordinator

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Recommendation

Members of the Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum are invited **to note** the progress made on projects that were agreed at the meeting on 2 December 2009.

Summary

1. This report relates to the bids agreed for funding from the PAYP budget of £5000 devolved to Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum for allocation in 2009/10.

Positive Activities for Young People budget

2. PAYP funding is received by Buckinghamshire County Council as a direct grant with clear objects attached. The PAYP budget can only be used for activities, staffing, an event/activity or small items of equipment relevant to young people aged 13-19.
3. The budget must be spent on expenditure relating to this financial 2009/10.

Update on successful bids

4. Bid for Street football, moped maintenance (Nexus/ CDC)
5. At their December 2009 meeting members of the LAF agreed with the recommendations from the youth service in terms of funding the following activities

Street Football for 30 participants for 1.5 hrs per week for 10 weeks



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£350 for the hire of facilities plus **£200** be given for transport costs for those young people coming from the Pond Park area and **£300** for those young people coming from the Waterside area. **Total: £850.00**

6. Street Football is progressing well

Weekly numbers are very good with a regular attendance of around the 25 - 30 young people.

Partners and the Police are developing links with Revd Sam Owoo's Hivings Free Church Youth Club; PCSOs have agreed to attend and support the activities and local professional footballer Wycombe Wanderers FC coach Akeel Akwa provides a positive role model for the young Asian men.

7. Future Actions include:

- Consulting specifically with girls who could also be catered for in the area.
- Working closely with Revd Sam and supporting his Youth Club
- Organising a trip to reward positive behaviour change, again include the girls in decision making.
- Consideration of running these activities again if funding available.
- Identifying leaders in the group to participate in Chesham Youth Council
- Consideration of Summer youth football tournament amongst all the LAF funded football teams

8. Funding for a Moped Maintenance course (**£400**) was also agreed at the December meeting. Progress has been slower on this project. CDC/Nexus officers have asked for LAF approval that, if necessary, this £400 to be used on other positive activities for young people, designed to achieve the same outcomes.

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9. The Air Training Corp was granted £375 to broaden their training programme to include First Aid, Radio Communications, Flight Stimulator, DoE. A similar sum was granted by Amersham LAF.

10. No update on progress has been received yet but it is hoped that this will be available before the meeting on 3rd March

Chesham Youth Council and Chesham Town Council Anti Graffiti Project within the Skate Park

11. Chesham Youth Council/ CTC were allocated £1000 for an anti-graffiti project on Chesham Lowndes Park skate-park. Artists and young people will create a mural to tackle defacement of skate park. The work involves 10 – 20 young people during February.

12. Contact has been made with a team of graffiti artists who are very interested in working with the Youth Council to paint the ramps at the skate park. The Youth Council will be meeting during week commencing 22 February.

Midnight Ice Skating Trip (Chesham Youth Club members) at Alexandra Palace in December 2009

13. The senior group at Chesham Youth Club wanted to include the annual Midnight Skating event at Alexandra Palace in their winter programme this year. This event on 4 December 2009 was just for Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire and Bucks young people

encouraging social interaction of different youth groups as well as physical activity. The amount of £456 was agreed by the Head of Youth and Community.

14. The midnight ice-skating trip to Alexandra Palace was extremely successful, with Bucks young people being the first people on the ice – and in the opinion of the youth service, the most talented! 40 young people participated, 14 of whom were from Chesham, the rest being from North Bucks.

Sound studio Sessions @ Chiltern View Children's Home in Chesham

- 15 "Sound Out" is a project focused in developing self esteem, expression and confidence in young people through music production and recording. Working towards a CD outcome participants learn how to create and produce music, write lyrics, and about recording techniques. The project started in November and is taking place over 4 months at the Chiltern View Children's Home and the Sound Studio in High Wycombe. It is anticipated that Sound Studio will work with 16 young people over 4 months (approx 10 sessions per young person lasting about 3 hours)

Approval for £2000 was given by the Head of Youth and Community due time constraints.

16. Two thirds of the sessions at Chiltern View have now been held. The work done so far has been extremely positive, the response has been excellent and although numbers at the home change during the sessions the integration with the activity has been strong. Recently the group had their first visit to the Studios in High Wycombe and were extremely keen to get involved with learning the basics of studio recording. Linkages are also being made with a past participant who has left the home but moved to Aylesbury allowing for continuation to occur and a regular activity for the young person which is really beneficial for their development and progression. Having had such a good response, Sound Studio are hoping to keep regular links with Chiltern View once the booked sessions come to an end.

- Report ends -



Title: Early Years and Childcare Grant - Small Capital Grants Programme and LAF Devolved Budget 2009/10

To: Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum

Date: 27 January 2010

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Purpose of report

The purpose of this report is to advise the Chesham and Chiltern Villages LAF with an update on the deployment of the grant in the local area.

Introduction

1. A key element of the Locality Strategy vision is “Genuine and increased influence by residents over local decisions and budgets”. LAFs are central to achieving this through greater devolved decision making.
2. In response to this, £95,000 (£5000 per LAF) of Early Years Capital Grant administered by the Early Years & Childcare Service (EYCS) has been devolved to Local Area Forums in 2009/10.

Background

4. The Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) has provided capital funding to all local authorities that includes specific funding aimed at:
 - Improving the quality of the learning environment in early years settings to support delivery of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), with a particular emphasis on improving play and physical activities and ICT resources
 - Ensuring all children, including disabled children, are able to access provision
 - Enabling private, voluntary and independent (PVI) providers to deliver the extension to the free offer and to do so flexibly (see footnote¹)
5. The grant is governed by a Memorandum of Grant document and statutory guidance. It is prioritised for use within the Private, Voluntary, Independent (PVI) sector although can be used in the Maintained sector (i.e. schools) if there is adequate evidence of need.

¹ The DCSF will also be providing funding to extend the early education provision for 3 and 4 year olds from the current entitlement of 12.5 hours to 15 hours per week, for 38 weeks per year, from September 2010. There is also funding provided for some 2 year old children, who are disadvantaged, to access free early years provision. The grants can be used to enable providers of services to develop premises and resources to meet these changes.

6. A high proportion of provision delivering childcare and early education for eligible 3 and 4 year olds (i.e. free nursery education places), in Buckinghamshire, is within the PVI sector. Many operate services from community buildings such as village and church halls. These premises were not built for the purpose of delivering early education and present challenges for the providers in meeting the needs of children. The grants are specifically provided to enable providers to develop their premises and meet those needs as well as the requirements of the EYFS. This includes access to positive outdoor play opportunities and quality indoor environments for their play, learning and development.

Grant Management

7. In Buckinghamshire, the grant is managed within the EYCS, supported by other local authority (LA) and partner agencies. Grants can be for up to £10,000 (£15,000 for provision of canopies over outdoor play spaces due to the average cost of installation). Any grants for built structures (e.g. canopies, fixed play equipment) require approval by a LA project officer and surveyor.
8. Information on the availability of the grant has been sent to all providers in Buckinghamshire. Priority is given to those service providers who have a high level of need due to the condition of the building they operate from or in order to ensure there is sufficient childcare places to meet the needs of parents. There is provision for larger grants to be applied for if need is evidenced.
9. Applications are submitted, usually following discussions with a Childcare Development Officer, to the EYCS for consideration. They are looked at on a first come first served basis to ensure that there is the minimum of delay in the decision-making process to enable projects to proceed quickly.

Summary of spend/grant allocation

10. Below is a summary of all the applications that have been approved up to October 2009 across the county. From this you will note that all LAF areas will have had at least one application supported from a provider in their area. The average level of grant awarded is approximately £6500.

Local Community Area	No. of applications	Value
Amersham	4	£31,196
Greater Aylesbury	6	£42,019
Beaconsfield	5	£39,916
Beeches	1	£5,239
Chepping Wye Valley	3	£20,790
Buckingham	10	£87,295
The Chalfonts	4	£34,975
Chesham	5	£23,673
Gerrards Cross	2	£10,000
Great Brickhill, Wing & Ivinghoe	3	£26,775
Haddenham and Long Crendon	6	£38,238
High Wycombe	9	£42,997
The Ivers	1	£10,000
The Missendens	1	£10,000
Princes Risborough	3	£32,592

S.W. Chilterns and Marlow	5	£25,164
Waddesdon	1	£10,000
Wendover	2	£14,807
Winslow	3	£20,686
Totals	73	£485,511

11. Applications have included the following projects:

- Development of outside areas
- Resources and equipment including sensory resources
- Security and safety items
- Access improvements
- Storage

12. Additional larger grant Applications:

Wendover (1)	£22,600
Greater Aylesbury (2)	£60,500

13. Details of the Early Years providers that have received funding in the Chesham and Chiltern Villages LAF area are given below.

Setting Name	Post Code	Application Detail
Elmtree School	HP5 2PA	Alternations + additional nursery toilets. Extension to outside play
Stepping Stones P/S	HP5 1SS	fixed play equipment
St Mary's PS Chesham	HP27 9AM	Equipment
Whitehill Community Pre-School	HP5 1AG	Develop outside area

Total Value of grants awarded/to be awarded:

£23,673

Involvement of the LAFs

14. The intention had been that, advised by recommendations from the EYCS, each LAF would have been invited to prioritise schemes. The schemes would then be funded in that rank order from the LAF's £5k delegated budget. However since there has been sufficient funding to enable all eligible applications to be supported from within the total grant budget this has not been necessary. Also, as noted above, the average allocation to each scheme has been in excess of the £5k devolved to each LAF.

15. In the light of this there is a need to review the extent to which the LAFs can influence the decision-making process in respect of this capital grant. Even should there be a circumstance whereby there was only a limited amount of grant still available any prioritisation of applications would need to have regard to the duty on the LA to secure sufficiency of provision and to meet the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage across the county.
16. There is a need to consider more effective alternative ways in which the LAFs can engage in supporting the development of early years and childcare provision in the future. A proposal for achieving this will be developed and reported to the LAFs during spring next year. In the meantime the Early Years and Childcare team will welcome any information or views about provision in each LAF area and will ensure that they are given opportunities to comment on consultations, where appropriate.

- Report ends -

CHESHAM AND CHILTERN VILLAGES LOCAL AREA FORUM

Title: Highways Delegated Budget Progress 2009/10

Date: 3 March 2010

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Electoral divisions affected: Chiltern Ridges
Chesham North West
Chesham East
Chess Valley.

Summary

The current position of the 2009/10 delegated budget schemes are as shown later in this report.

Recommendation

That the members of the forum note the report.

Supporting information to include the following if a decision is being requested:

ASHLEY GREEN

Two Dells Lane, re construct entrance to car park to prevent water run off from the highway – Work completed.

White Hill, Whelpley Hill, install new salt bin- Work completed.

CHARTRIDGE

The Warren, install new salt bin – Work completed.

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Moor Road, install new street lighting – Work completed.



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Buckland Common, refurbish verge and kerb – Work completed.

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Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum

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Electoral divisions affected: Chiltern Ridges
Chesham North West
Chesham East
Chess Valley

Summary

Delegated budget applications have been received from all Parishes in the Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area. These applications have not been evaluated by Council Officers to date but will be presented as a list suitable for decision by the forum, at the following meeting.

Recommendation

That the members note the attached list of schemes as an information item at this time.

Background Papers

Appendix 1 to this report list of schemes received,



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PARISH	LOCATION	SCHEME	COMMENTS	COST
ASHLEY GREEN	A416/Chesham Road, Ashley Green West side Footway	Surface and improve the existing west side footway for its entire length	The condition of this stretch of footway has worsened over the last six years since first being reported (particularly from Hog Lane to the southernmost point of the footway near Flamsted Cottage). The path surface is exceptionally uneven and loose and uneven kerb stones in places which could cause a potential hazard. Residents with limited mobility find the section of Hog Lane to Curtis Cottages and the bus stop particularly uneven.	
	Hog Lane, Ashley Green 'S' bend near junction with Johns Lane		This particular issue affects local and through traffic travelling towards the village centre, Berkhamsted and the Vale, and also affects the residents who regularly walk and cycle this stretch of Hog Lane. Due to the topography of this location the surface water and silt from the surrounding area naturally flows towards this bend when medium/heavy rain occurs. This defect has worsened over time. This was originally dealt with in October 2000 by the delegated budget and the gulleys are emptied of water during the course of each year. This provides only minimal respite. The silt has built up over time and the drainage channel and ditch have become silted up preventing the water from being drawn away from the road surface. This section of road floods regularly and the road edges have become eroded due mainly by traffic attempting to avoid the flood. This also often means traffic approaching from Ashley Green has to pass on the right, on a blind bend, onto oncoming traffic. During the winter months, the flood water freezes over introducing an additional danger for all the traffic at this point.	

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	White Hill, Whelpley Hill adjoining Herts County Boundary	Structural works and the improvement of drainage at the lowest part of this road and resurfacing of the affected area	This route, even though in places a single track lane, is used regularly by local and through traffic between Whelpley Hill, Bovingdon and Berkhamsted. The drainage chanelns created by BCC during 2000 are reported to have silted up and the road surface break-up and flooding continues. The road surface along the bend at the bottom of White Hill has deteriorated severely, which is aggravated by the silt built-up and deep flooding from the surrounding area due to the valley location; when underwater the bend is even more hazardous since the underlying condition is not apparent. Despite the situation having been frequently drawn to the attention of Transportation only minor remedial works have been done, while the condition of this section of road has greatly deteriorated in the last couple of years.	
CHARTRIDGE	Speed Humps	Chesham Road, Bellingdon	Either side of Bloomfield Cottages	
	Width Restriction	Chartridge Lane	Between the Bell and Westdean Lane	
CHESHAM	Improvement of Planting Regime	St Mary's Way		
	Replacement of black Fingerpost Signs	Town Centre		

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CHESHAM	Replanting of Trees	Broadlands Avenue		
	Install Built-out	Germain Street, King Street		
CHOLESBURY-CUM-ST LEONARDS	Salt Bins/Replacement Bin	Gilberts Hill (halfway up) Little Twe outside Boot House Replacement for existing bin further up Rays Hill		
	Granite edging for grass triangles	Taylors Lane/Chapel Road Rays Hill/Cholesbury Lane	Erosion prevention	

LTP3 Local Community Engagement report

Problem and Issue clarification and Strategic Option Prioritisation

October 2009 - January 2010

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Introduction

During the autumn of 2009 the LTP3 Project Team engaged with local Members and key local and strategic stakeholders to seek their view points on the emerging Third Local Transport Plan developments.

The team engaged through Transport Symposia events held in Aylesbury, Amersham and Beaconsfield. These events were conferences where interested stakeholder groups and local Members could attend, gain an understanding of the new Local Transport Plan priorities, contribute to debate, and provide guidance on strategic option prioritisation.

The LTP3 Project Team also used the established Local Area Forums/Local Community Partnerships (LAF) to engage with local Members. These forums meet quarterly, and have representatives from Parish, Town, District and County Councils. LAF Members were invited to take an engagement pack back to their respective local meeting and hold a workshop.

The purpose of both the Transport Symposia engagement and the LAF engagement was to:

1. Allow for comment on the draft LTP3 Objectives
2. Identify any additional transport related Problems and Issues in each area
3. Allow members to prioritise strategic options in their area to address the problems and issues identified

This report will provide a 'general' 'Countywide' overview of the responses for each element of the consultation, and then group the responses by Local Transport Planning area.

1 Countywide Summary

There were 82 responses to this engagement process, with a +80% net satisfaction. This section of report summarises the responses at a countywide level.

During the LAF engagement process, members were asked to:

- Suggest if the stated objectives can be improved (See section 1.1);
- Review the Problems and Issues listed and make additions where appropriate (See section 1.2);
- Prioritise a list of 40 strategic options to address the needs of the local area. This was done by identifying the 7 options they most wanted to see delivered and the 7 options they least wanted to see delivered (See section 1.3)

1.1 Summary of Objectives Feedback:

- More clarification / definition of objectives

It has been noted that some terminology used within the objectives (and summary note) need further explanation and clarification. There is also a need for the objectives to be tightened to ensure that there is minimal ambiguity with the interpretations of the objectives meaning. It was also reported that there is risk of objectives contradicting each other, and further clarification of the objectives could resolve this.

- Suggestions / amendments in wording emphasis

In addition to the fine tuning above, it was felt that the following areas need more emphasis:

- Local Public Transport improvements
 - Emphasis on sustainable travel
 - Emphasis on younger people
 - Access for all, not solely disadvantaged groups
 - Reducing volume of traffic
 - Reducing travel by car
 - Providing realistic alternatives
 - Emphasis on sustainability
 - Better Maintenance of roads
- Additional suggestions / amendments / fine-tuning for how objectives could be rephrased have also been noted.

Groups also responded to this question by identifying problems and issues under each objective; these comments have been recorded in the Problem and Issues section.

1.2 General Additions to Problems and Issues Section

As requested most additional problems and issues were of a local nature, so reporting on individual responses at a countywide level would not be valuable.

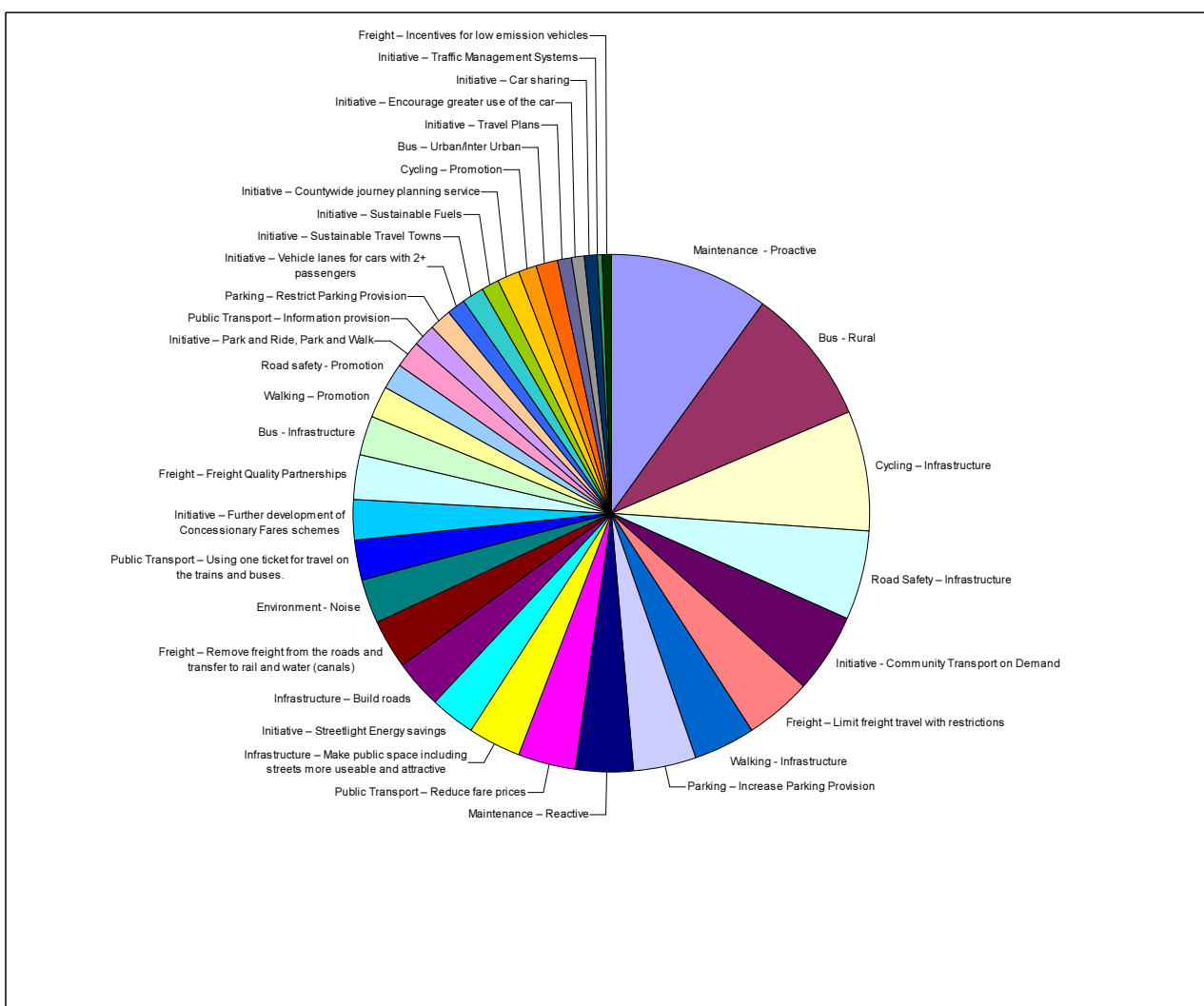
To summarise, most additional problems and issues listed were an addition, or an expansion on the problems and issues paper. There were few issues that had not been captured to some degree in the problems and issues 'engagement note'; however, because respondees wished to emphasise the problem, it does indicate that these areas need particular attention. In general the additional problems raised were of the following nature:

- Rural Bus improvements
- Access to services improvements
- Inter-urban bus improvements
- Bus information improvements
- Traffic speeds
- Local Maintenance works on drains, grass verges etc
- Maintenance of the carriageway
- Cycle infrastructure provision
- Traffic volumes and freight issues

1.3 Overall LTP3 Strategic Options summary

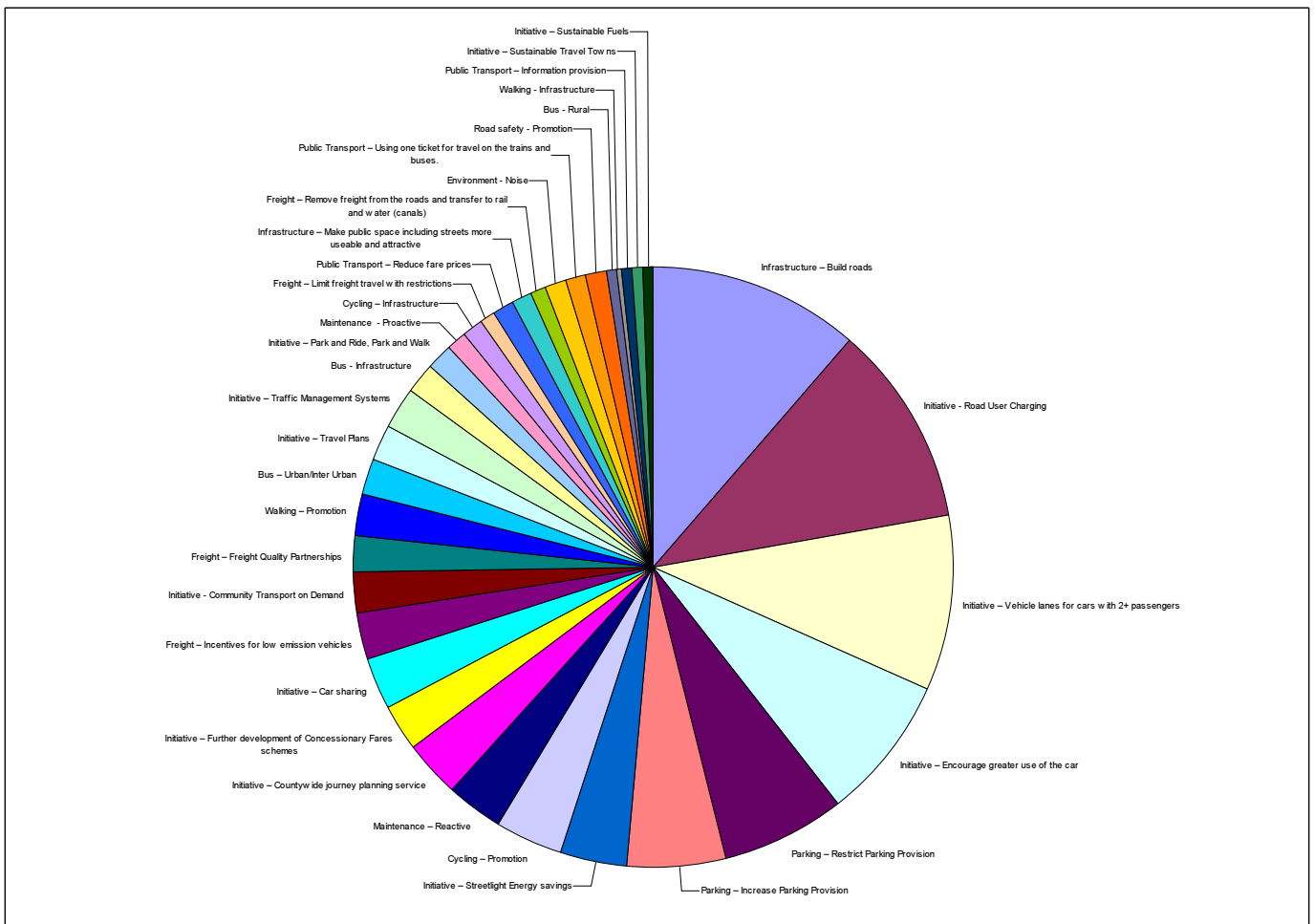
LAF 5 Most Preferred options

	Strategic Option	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents that chose this option
1	Maintenance - Proactive	19	66
2	Cycling – Infrastructure	18	62
3	Bus - Rural	17	59
4	Road Safety – Infrastructure	12	41
5=	Freight – Limit freight travel with restrictions	8	28
5=	Freight – Remove freight from the roads and transfer to rail and water (canals)	8	28
5=	Initiative - Community Transport on Demand	8	28
5=	Walking - Infrastructure	8	28



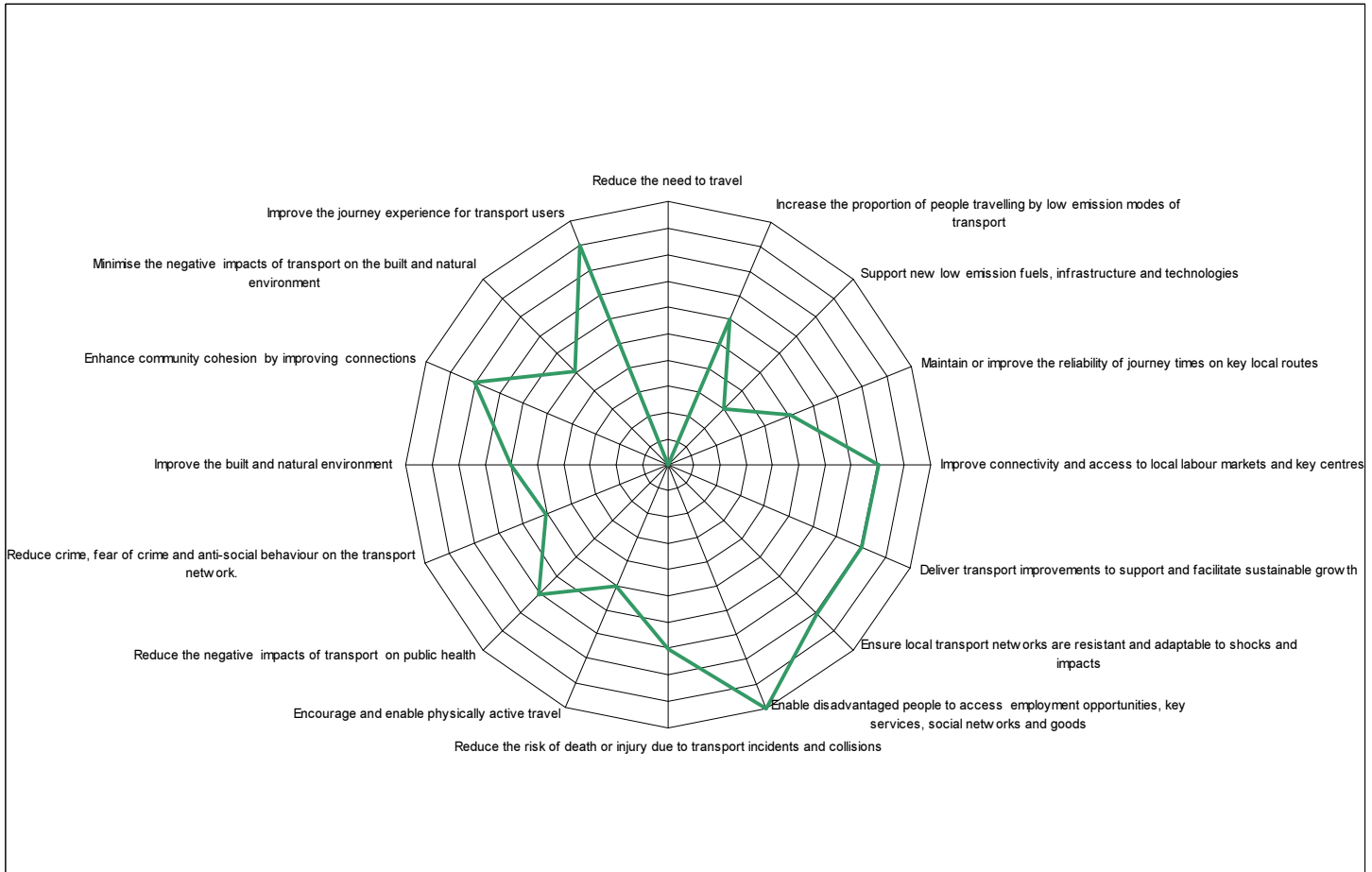
LAF 5 Least Preferred option

	Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents that chose this option
1	Infrastructure – Build roads	17	68
2	Initiative - Road User Charging	16	64
3	Initiative – Vehicle lanes for cars with 2+ passengers	15	60
4	Parking – Restrict Parking Provision	13	52
5	Initiative – Encourage greater use of the car	12	48



1.4 LAF Options Summary

We have already undertaken an appraisal of each of the strategic options presented to the consultees. This has enabled us to plot how members/stakeholders prioritised options contribute to the drafted LTP3 objectives. Taking the top 10 most preferred options the contribution to the LTP3 objectives is shown below:



This shows that Members and stakeholders have contributed to most LTP3 objectives in a positive way. However the 'reducing the need to travel' objective was not met at all and the Reducing Carbon emissions goal as a whole was contributed to the least. The 'Promoting Equality of opportunity' goal received the most contributions, while supporting economic growth was also well supported.

1.5 Transport Symposia Options Summary

Delegates at the Transport Symposia were also asked to select which options they most and least wanted to see delivered. These results are summarised below.

Transport Symposia Most Preferred Options:

Aylesbury	1	Walking – Infrastructure
	2	Initiative – Community Transport on Demand
	3	Bus – Rural
	4	Maintenance – Proactive
	5	Infrastructure – Build roads
Chiltern	1=	Maintenance - Proactive
	1=	Public Transport – Information provision
	3=	Bus - Rural
	3=	Initiative - Community Transport on Demand
	3=	Road Safety – Infrastructure
South Bucks	1=	Bus - Rural
	1=	Freight – Limit freight travel with restrictions
	1=	Initiative - Community Transport on Demand
	1=	Maintenance - Proactive
	1=	Road safety - Promotion
	1=	Walking - Infrastructure

Transport Symposia Least Preferred Options

Aylesbury	1	Initiative – Vehicle lanes for cars with 2+ passengers
	2	Initiative – Encourage greater use of the car
	3	Freight – Incentives for low emission vehicles
	4	Initiative - Road User Charging
	5	Environment - Noise
Chiltern	1=	Initiative – Encourage greater use of the car
	1=	Initiative – Vehicle lanes for cars with 2+ passengers
	3=	Infrastructure – Build roads
	3=	Initiative - Road User Charging
	5=	Environment - Noise
	5=	Freight – Incentives for low emission vehicles
South Bucks	5=	Freight – Remove freight from the roads and transfer to rail and water (canals)
	1=	Initiative – Car sharing
	1=	Initiative – Countywide journey planning service
	1=	Initiative – Encourage greater use of the car
	1=	Initiative - Road User Charging
	1=	Initiative – Vehicle lanes for cars with 2+ passengers
1=	Parking – Restrict Parking Provision	

1.6 Summary

These options have not been weighted or modified to be ‘representative’ in anyway, but instead act as a broad indication of preference across the county. It shows that similar options were chosen through the LAF engagement as through the Transport Symposia. Both times, Proactive Maintenance, Rural Bus improvements, Community Transport on demand and freight management options were seen as preferable. Similarly, Building roads, Road user charging, vehicle lanes with 2+ passengers, restricting parking provision and encouraging greater use of the car were identified as least preferred

options countywide in both the online engagement and at the Transport Symposia.

2 Amersham, Chesham, The Chalfonts and The Missendens Summary

Members of the LAFs in this area were asked to:

- Suggest if the stated objectives can be improved (See Countywide section);
- Review the Problems and Issues listed and make additions where appropriate (See section 2.1);
- Prioritise a list of 40 strategic options to address the needs of the local area. This was done by identifying the 7 options they most wanted to see delivered and the 7 options they least wanted to see delivered (See section 2.2)

2.1 Additions to Problems and Issues Section

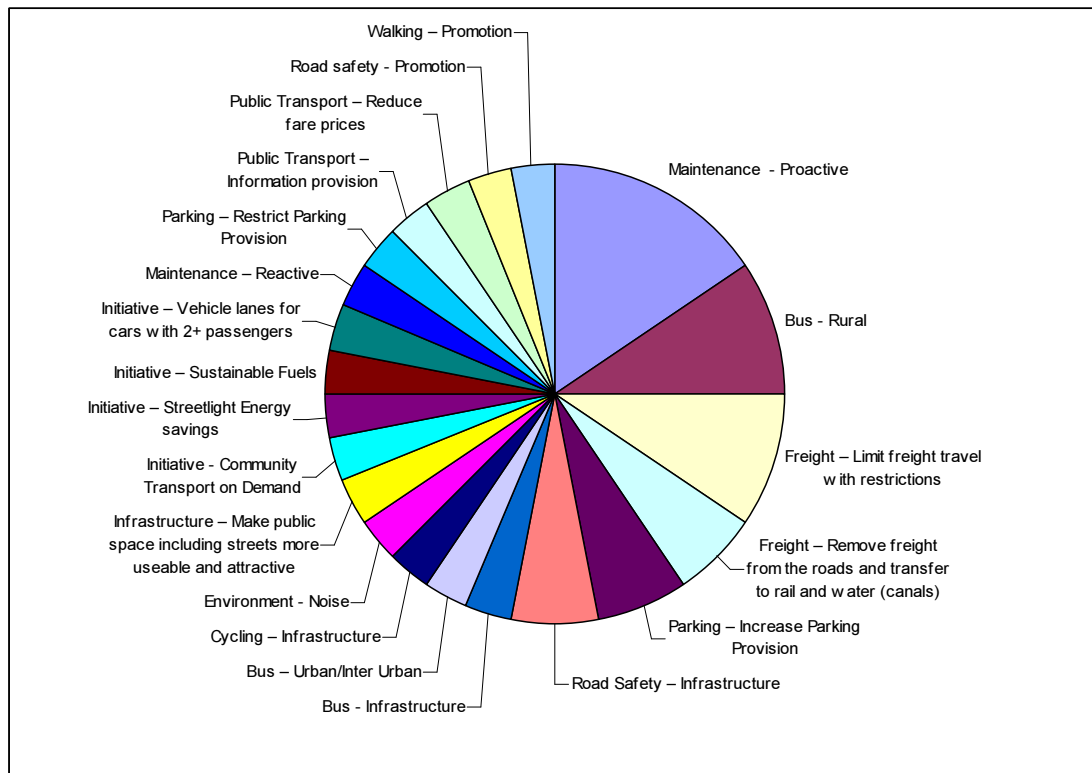
- The document refers to the high number of potholes on roads in this area, but still does not acknowledge the severity of the problem; it is not only individual holes as large stretches of road are cracked and disintegrating (e.g. the A416; Ashley Green Road between Chesham and Ashley Green). This is not only inconvenient but dangerous to drivers, cyclists and pedestrians and maintaining the roads should remain a high priority.
- Although one cannot expect such a paper to cover all local issues, our local traffic problems in Seer Green include how we can reduce cars speeding within the 30mph limits in the village, permanent repairs to roads which have suffered from floods, regular maintenance of drains/gullies and roads suffering frost and other damage, and how we should react to the proposed reduction in the 305 bus service. BCC are well aware of this and another LTP will hardly improve the situation at our level. Action not more paper (and to be fair we have had some action recently)
- There is an urgent need for effective measures to make drivers observe the speed limit in Elizabeth Avenue – a residential road, including a long straight section, used as a short cut by many vehicles.
- A new zebra crossing is needed in Cokes Lane near the junction with the A 404.
- The A30 bus service should be re-routed to include Little Chalfont. This would create an essential link between the Chalfonts.
- Lack of disabled access to Chalfont and Latimer Station northbound because of gate closure.
- Heavy articulated lorries use unsuitable small roads in our parish. For example, they keep destroying the woodland turf by driving over the verge when turning from Amersham Way into Church Grove.
- Chiltern Rail should be deterred from its policy of abolishing stops at Chalfont and Latimer Station. It is already difficult to get a seat on peak hour trains to London.
- (One member of our working group objected to Transport for London's plan to replace the Chesham Shuttle by two services per hour to and from central London all day. We did not have time to discuss this in the Parish Council before the BCC deadline for replies).
- The overriding consideration in the present economic climate is that little money will be available in the foreseeable future for most of the "Strategic Options" listed. The County Council should choose and concentrate on a few basic policies to stop deterioration of service in areas which are priorities for the public, such as road maintenance and efficient bus services on useful routes, as well as resolving existing local problems like those listed above.
- The draft LTP3 contains factual mistakes which need correction as follows:
- Page 11. Under "Key Facts" it is stated that Chiltern District Council proposes to concentrate new development in Amersham, Chesham, and Chalfont St Peter. The

text should be corrected to show that this policy also extends to Little Chalfont which became a separate parish in 2007 and is not part of Amersham.

- We also suggest correcting the second paragraph on page 10 as follows. Replace the whole paragraph with:
- “The main retail and employment centres are in Amersham, Chesham, Little Chalfont and Chalfont St Peter. There is a hospital in Amersham and GP services in all of these centres. Sixth Form and further education college campuses are located in Amersham, Chesham and Little Chalfont”.
- The above is to take account of the facts that: (i) GE Healthcare, the biggest employer in the area, is in Little Chalfont; (ii) Amersham Hospital is not a “general” hospital; (iii) There is an important sixth form facility at Dr Challoner’s High School in Little Chalfont.
- The main concern in Chenies is the loss of our bus service in the village which imposes a definite hardship on the elderly or infirm who do not drive.
- Could the District Council not make the granting of an operator’s license conditional on routing thereby providing a satisfactory service to communities such as ours?
- The other main area of concern is the terrible state of our local roads which are pitted with potholes presenting an unacceptable hazard to road users. Doing a 'Quick mend' on these is a complete waste of money - is invariably done once these holes reach such a proportion for repair to be a statutory requirement within 24 hours, after which they rapidly deteriorate to their former state. These need mending properly so that it lasts

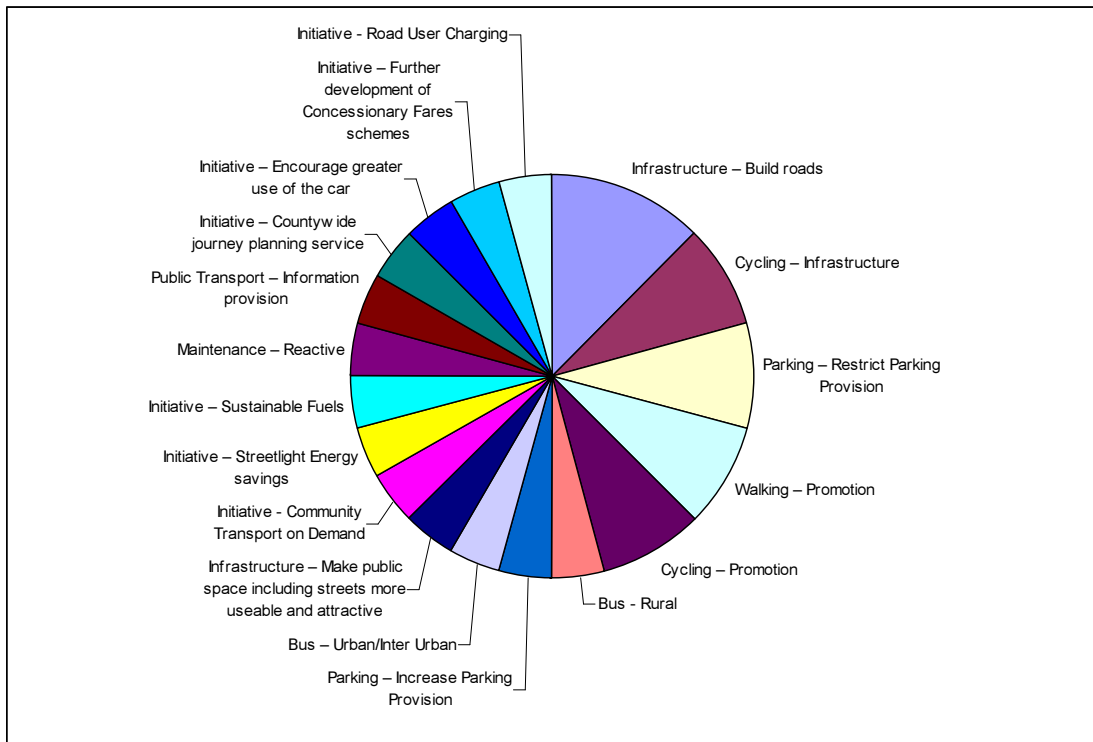
2.2 LTP3 Strategic Options summary

Preferred Options:



An additional option of “reduce parking fees” was also put forward by a resondee from this area.

Least Preferred Options:



2.3 Engagement Summary for area

The respondents in this Local Transport Planning Area have suggested a number of improvements to the problem and issue paper to ensure all issues are appropriately captured. With regards to strategic options for the area, the preferred options show synergies with the Chilterns Transport Symposium; Proactive Maintenance, rural bus Improvements and road safety featured in both the LAF and Symposium results. Managing freight, either through limiting freight travel or transferring to other modes, was also highlighted as a priority. Building roads was an unpopular option in both the LAF and Symposium, but the LAF also identified cycling infrastructure and promotion, restricting parking provision and walking promotion as least preferred options.

Conclusions and Next Steps

We hope that the participating groups found this a valuable exercise. In terms of Local Transport Plan 3 development we had the following objectives:

1. To allow local groups and members to offer comment on the LTP3 objectives
2. To 'reality check' the problems and issues in each area to ensure we were understood local concerns
3. To allow local groups to influence possible transport solutions for their local community area
4. To allow 'non-transport professionals' an opportunity to consider the wide range of options available to transport planners, but also to give an indication of the wide range challenges which we have to meet with limited resources

We would like to thank all respondees for responding to this engagement process, and we hope that this feedback has been useful. As a reminder, the flow diagram below shows that development of the LTP3 document and the opportunities that lie ahead for local members and stakeholder to feed into the development process again in the summer.

We thank you again for your participation and look forward to hearing from you in the summer during the Transport Symposia and LAF engagements.

