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Agenda item 6

For information: A report from the Chair of the committee

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Chair's report

Traffic Consultation

We had a meeting on Friday 17 February with Councillor Caroline Thomas: the new Wiltshire Council Cabinet Member for Transport.

Highways Officers from Wiltshire Council were also at the meeting.

The meeting included a walk around the town to talk about **and highlight** the traffic issues that we face in Bradford on Avon - and there was a useful discussion on future cooperation between the Town Council and Wiltshire Council. This included talking about the proposed traffic modelling for the town.

During the meeting, Wiltshire Council confirmed that:

- The Town Council will be involved in setting the parameters for the modelling; and consulted at key stages.
- The Town Council – not Wiltshire Council - will consult with residents and make recommendations on what measures to take forward.
- The first stage of the modelling work will only look at the impacts on traffic. Whilst behaviour change and active travel can be modelled, this would increase the cost of the modelling work - so this may only happen at a later stage if budgets allow.
- It is difficult to be precise on timings, but the traffic modelling could start within 1 month of an agreement between Wiltshire Council and the Town Council. This agreement would need to include a financial agreement, confirming the Town Council's contribution to the work.
- The modelling work will take approximately 6 months to complete.

E-car and E-bike surveys

The [Co Cars](#) survey on the use of electric cars and electric bikes closed on Sunday 11 December.

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A total of 277 responses were received, and the results are very encouraging. The station car park and St. Margaret's Hall car park are the most popular locations for both cars and bikes.

We await a proposal from Co-Cars for a possible scheme.

### E-bus survey

The electric bus survey closed on Sunday 8 January and drew 229 responses. The results are still being collated.

### AutoSpeedWatch camera

The AutoSpeedWatch camera is in place on Trowbridge Road.

53 speeding vehicles have been reported to Wiltshire Police in the last month.

### Speed Indicator Device

A Speed Indicator Device (SID) has been purchased by the Town Council. This is going to be put up soon.

### Electric vehicle (EV) charging points

Wiltshire Council has confirmed the charging points in the station car park will be replaced later this year.

Disappointingly, the plan is to have 7kW chargers. These are slower than other options now available - so I am lobbying for fast or rapid chargers to be fitted instead.

### No Idling banners

The new banners are up on the Frome Road tennis courts and on the railings near Westbury Gardens.

### New pedestrian crossing

The working group looking into a new footbridge has agreed to send invitations to tender for a strategic outline case to suitable contractors.

The brief will be to consider 4 or 5 possible locations on or either side of the existing town bridge, with a view to identifying 2 or 3 viable options and a recommended option. These will then be subject to consultation.

### Local highways and footways improvement group ([LHFIG](#))

Wiltshire Council's Highways team is looking at the results of traffic surveys completed in several roads between Ashley Road and Newtown.

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The surveys will help inform decisions about whether or not 20mph speed limits might be suitable for some or all of these roads.

We've also been asked whether we will contribute £300 to match-fund LHFIG's £300 to buy additional street name signs for Barton Close and Courtyard Terrace. This request is included in agenda item 10.

General

A meeting was held on Saturday 28 January with town residents who have a particular interest in travel and transport, representing local groups including Streets Ahead.

I have written up some notes from this meeting. I hope these notes can be used to continue the conversations about travel and transport in the town; and agenda item 11 presents the notes for information – and for comments and questions.