

Individual Decision

Title of Report:	Hermitage Transport Study Proposals		
Report to be considered by:	Cllr. Keith Chopping	on:	04 August 2005
Forward Plan Ref:	ID1024		

Purpose of Report:

To report the results of a public consultation, and to seek approval to progress a prioritised programme of works funded from Section 106 contributions.

Recommended Action:

That the list of prioritised schemes listed in appendix 1 be approved and progressed when funding becomes available using Section 106 funding from Hermitage development sites.

Reason for decision to be taken:

To progress the schemes as detailed in the body of the report.

List of other options considered:

Not applicable

Key background documentation:

- Halcrow Report – Hermitage Transport Study

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Supporting Information

1. Background

- 1.1 Transport Consultant Halcrow Group Ltd was commissioned in November 2004 to identify transport improvements and speed reduction measures for the village of Hermitage.
- 1.2 The study was commissioned to look at ways to mitigate the impact of future developments at the Arena site (66 dwellings) to the south of Hermitage, and the Cementation site (165 dwellings) to the north. It is intended that mitigation measures be funded from developer's section 106 contributions.
- 1.3 Initial proposals were developed in close consultation with the Parish Council and Local Ward Members. All Hermitage residents were then invited to attend a public exhibition to offer their views on the initial proposals, and highlight any other issues that they would like to be addressed.
- 1.4 The exhibition was held at Hermitage village hall on Saturday 19th and Wednesday 23rd of March 2005. The exhibitions were well attended with 196 recorded attendees over the two sessions. Attendees were asked to offer comments by filling in feedback forms. In total 188 comments were received.
- 1.5 The comments were analysed and the results reported back to the Parish and Local Ward members. Following a review of the comments and suggestions received a prioritised list of schemes was agreed at a meeting of the Parish Council on 23rd June 2005. The list can be seen in Appendix 1.
- 1.6 The proposed schemes are not currently in the Capital Programme, however it is estimated that the cost of the proposals listed in Appendix 1 can be covered by section 106 contributions from both the Arena and Cementation site developments.
- 1.7 It is anticipated that £150,000 of S106 funding will be available towards the end of 2005, from the Arena site that is currently under construction. Approval is therefore sought to progress the schemes listed in Appendix 1 when the funding becomes available.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – List of prioritised schemes for Hermitage. *(Due to the size of this document a copy has been placed in the Members room)*

Implications

Policy:	These proposals will contribute to the corporate priorities of: (i) CP5 - Ensuring the street environment is clean, well maintained and safe (ii) CP8 - Improving transportation
Financial:	The proposals can be funded from the section 106 contributions from developments within Hermitage.
Personnel:	None arising from this report.

Legal:	Some proposals may involve the creation of Traffic Regulation Orders. Statutory advertisement of any such Orders will be carried out on individual schemes during the detailed design.
Environmental:	These proposals will improve the environment by reducing vehicle speeds and improving conditions for walking for all Hermitage residents.
Equalities:	None arising from this report.
Partnering:	None arising from this report.
Property:	None arising from this report.
Risk Management:	The scheme will be managed in accordance with the West Berkshire Council's Project Management methodology, and a full risk register will be maintained throughout the project.
Community Safety:	None arising from this report.

Consultation Responses

Members:

Leader of Council:	Councillor Graham Jones has raised no objection to this report.
Select Committee Chairman:	Councillor Quentin Webb is in favour of the recommended action.
Ward Members:	Both West Berkshire Ward Members for Bucklebury are in favour of the recommended action.
Opposition Spokesperson:	Councillor Owen Jeffery happy with the recommended action provided that the Ward Members, Parish Council and Public support the proposals.
Local Stakeholders:	Parish Council, Hermitage Residents and businesses, Hermitage Primary School.
Officers Consulted:	Derek Crouch, Andy Garratt, Phil Frost, Frances Fernandes, Mark Edwards, Andy Garratt.
Trade Union:	Not applicable