

6.2 PRINCES RISBOROUGH

GENERAL AAP		
<i>Name</i>	<i>Comment</i>	<i>Response</i>
J Critoph	Not happy that people were not notified of change in venue prior to the meeting. Felt that the meeting was more for associations than individuals who are interested in their environment and what is planned for it. More of an exercise of being able to tick the box on a master form to say that you had gone through public consultation. Would much rather see some more meetings that gave more time for feedback and perhaps some that went into consultation groups to discuss various issues as was evident on the evening there were a lot of local organisations that clearly knew a lot of information which Bucks CC seemed to be unaware of.	We recognise that our efforts to promote the event did not reach everyone and we will work harder in the future to enable more people to attend these meetings. We take consultation very seriously, although resource difficulties prevent us undertaking regular large-scale consultation. The Area Action Plans were only draft and the purpose of the Transport Matters events and the consultation period was to collect further information to enable more locally specific Area Action Plans to be revised and developed.
LM Turner	Transport Matters Event – The meeting was too focused on Princes Risborough Town and not enough on the surrounding parishes. This should be avoided if the other parishes are to feel any ownership of the strategy.	It can be difficult to capture everyone's views at such an event, but we welcome comments and feedback from the public that will enable more locally specific Area Action Plans to be revised and developed.
T Long, Risborough Area Community Action	Concerned that SEERA's South East Plan makes no infrastructure developments to the north, west and south of the Risborough area. Urgent action is needed for routes to cater for the likely increased traffic. Otherwise there are fears of increased congestion, safety issues, loss of access and environmental degradation (especially on the A4010 through the area).	The latest version of the draft South-East Plan identifies High Wycombe as a regional transport hub, further increasing the need for better north-south transport links. This need now appears to be recognised by regional bodies, and it is hoped that this will enable a wide-ranging study of transport connections to be undertaken.

ACCESSIBILITY		
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Cllr Bendyshe-Brown	We must have better access from Aylesbury to the south – be it via A4010, A418 or A413 or, at worst, B4009 – including rail links as well.	If the role of High Wycombe as a regional transport hub is retained in the South East Plan, the County Council is confident that funding can be secured to support the completion of a wide-ranging transport study into north-south links. Such a study would not only consider road links but also rail and other public transport connections.
C Williams	End of Picts Lane, where the traffic passes Blanchford Builders merchant, the road narrows on a bend just prior to the junction. There is an issue of HGV's parking and blocking the road.	Traffic Management South will consider this issue.
D Green	A crossing for Longwick road is needed to help pedestrian access especially to the schools	This will be addressed through the Safer Routes to School initiative. The school does have a level 2 travel plan and we are working to get them to level 3 when they can bid for funding for new facilities.
	Rights of Way – there isn't enough provision of rights of way routes in to Princes Risborough Town. There are some around the town but the network needs to be joined up and to include routes into the town centre	Noted. The Rights of Way Improvement Plan is an integral part of the Local Transport Plan and some resource is being used to enhance Rights of Way across Buckinghamshire.

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T Long, Risborough Area Community Action	<p>To improve access there should be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A more comprehensive Rider-on-Call bus scheme covering area currently not served. - A complete review of the Bus Service in the area, especially looking at the mismatch of start/finish times. - Better access to Princes Risborough train station to the town centre by foot, cycle and public carriers. - Develop safe cycle networks to Wycombe and Aylesbury and support the extension of the present Phoenix trail into Princes Risborough Town. - Improve rail link to Aylesbury and support link to Thame and Oxford. - Support the need for a further halt on the Chiltern Line at the Longwick Road. - Support the Chinnor and Princes Risborough Steam Train Company acquiring additional track to gain access to Princes Risborough Station. - Look at developing a route from the A4010 to the railway station and on to Summerleys Road, allowing better access to proposed housing developments in the Picts Lane area. 	<p>These issues will be reviewed as part of the Local Accessibility Assessment in the Princes Risborough area. We are working with Chiltern Rail to improve facilities to, from and at rail stations in Buckinghamshire for cyclists and pedestrians. This can only be achieved with their support. We are also working with Sustrans (a sustainable transport charity) identifying where improvements can be made to their network. However, there is limited funding for these types of projects and it can sometimes take many months to secure. This will not deter us from working towards making improvements.</p>
Bucks Association for Blind and Partially Sighted People (BAB)	Provide safe access to the Phoenix way cycle track.	We are currently working with Sustrans to identify possible improvements to their network. Your comment is noted and will be raised with them.

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RA McKenzie C Arnold, Great & Little Kimble PC / Ellesborough PC JE Shaw, Risborough Residents Association K Atherton LM Turner M Wooster Bucks Association for Blind and Partially Sighted People (BAB)	A4010 needs upgrade/ bypass to relieve overloaded roads (especially around Princes Risborough), which will increase further when Milton Keynes, Aylesbury and Wycombe develop further housing. Roads are already grossly overloaded with commercial (including HGV) and commuter traffic and there has been an enormous increase in traffic on the A4010 over last few years.	If the role of High Wycombe as a regional transport hub is retained in the South East Plan, the County Council is confident that funding can be secured to support the completion of a wide-ranging transport study into north-south links. Such a study would not only consider road links but also rail and other public transport connections.
C Williams	3 potential development sites on Picts Lane. Linden Homes has applied to build up to 24 homes on the site. Other potential sites are available. The increased traffic from these will be more than the already congested roads can cope with.	As part of the development control process proposals have to go through an impact assessment process. This would have identified the transport impacts and the developer would have been obliged to address the impacts identified.

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T Long, Risborough Area Community Action	<p>To reduce congestion the council should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support plans to improve Prince Risborough High Street (will have consequences for reducing congestion). - Improve car and pedestrian access to Princes Risborough School. - Support proposals to move town bus stops off the road line (e.g. Bell Street). - Consider a strategic route from Aylesbury to the M40 to address potential issues on the Risborough area as a result of Aylesbury and High Wycombe housing developments and the relocation of health services between high Wycombe and Stoke Mandeville Hospitals. 	<p>Any proposals made by Risborough Community Action that can demonstrate widespread community support and achieve transport benefits will be actively considered by the County Council and to subject to the Scheme Assessment Matrix process. If the role of High Wycombe as a regional transport hub is retained in the South East Plan, the County Council is confident that funding can be secured to support the completion of a wide-ranging transport study into north-south links. Such a study would not only consider road links but also rail and other public transport connections.</p>

ENVIRONMENT		
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T Long, Risborough Area Community Action	<p>To improve the environment the council should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create ongoing process to keep signage clean and keep clutter to a minimum. - Support calming measures to deter 'boy racers' in residential areas such as around the train station. - Support leisure routes for cyclists and walkers. - Support local school travel plans to reduce car usage. 	<p>The Tranquil project is developing proposals to meet these objectives. The Cycling and Walking Team deliver a number of promotional projects aimed at supporting leisure routes and will continue to do so to make improvements to the environment as well as health. School Travel Plans are actively promoted and supported by the County Council.</p>

ROAD SAFETY		
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M Cleaver	A4010 junction with Woodway. Ideas to improve this have been suggested but nothing has ever been done, no matter how many accidents or near accidents. Why is it taking so long? It is difficult to judge the latest idea but with increased traffic it will become more difficult. The problem can't be judged unless looked at over a larger period and a wider area.	Despite it not being in the top ten of worst casualty sites for crossroads in the County, Culverton Crossroads scheme is actively being progressed with a view to construction starting on site in September 2006. Visit www.buckscc.gov.uk/lss for more information.
C Williams	There are issues with traffic on Shootacre Lane to the junction with Picts Lane, Horsenden Lane and Bledlow Road at the railway bridge crossroads. This is a very dangerous junction. Numerous cyclists emerge onto the road from Horsenden Lane, having travelled along the Phoenix trail and pedestrians emerge directly on to the narrow bridge from the busy embankment footpath. Roads are governed by the national speed limit only and there are frequent near misses and minor vehicle collisions. There is no footpath over the bridge. Traffic along Station Road has to negotiate the hazard of parked vehicles on the left of station road, which causes them to overtake as they approach the junction, where there is the added hazard of severely restricted line of sight around the bend in the other direction. I have witnessed 3 accidents on this corner.	There have been 2 injury crashes at this junction in the last 3 years, in March 2002 and July 2004, which is a relatively low record. Therefore there are currently no local safety schemes to amend this junction.
LM Turner	There have been at least 4 deaths on the A4128 through Great Kingshill, Cryers Hill and Valley Road, Hughenden Valley. Not 2.01 – 2.5 KSI accidents as stated in the plan.	The safety maps show the average of KSI casualties along the whole route, and do not indicate exact numbers of casualties at specific locations. Analysis shows that between Jan 2002 and Dec 2004 there were 25 KSIs along the 12km A4128 route, giving an average of 2.01-2.5 collisions per km.

<p>T Long, Risborough Area Community Action</p>	<p>To improve road safety the council should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide installation of SIDs on the 4 major approaches to the town. - Install an island and make it - Look at the provision of pedestrian crossings for the schools on busy roads like Longwick Road. - Support in moving the Bus Stop in Bell Street to a safer location where a pull in can be constructed. -Introduce a linked traffic light control system (as a pilot) Whereby vehicles approaching at a predetermined speed would automatically trigger them to red. -Introduce traffic calming in Askett and past all schools and OAP homes. -Install pavements on Askett Village roads where rat running is common. -Consider creating dedicated roadside cycle lanes and removing the ad-hoc on the pavement ones. 	<p>The A4010 from Aylesbury to Wycombe has been identified as a route for study with a view to implementing measures to reduce casualties. These comments will be taken into account as part of these measures. The Cycling and Walking Team are committed to install intelligent cycle routes that are based on the needs of road users, taking into account traffic flows and speeds. As such, there will always be a mix of on-road/off-road cycle lanes/routes.</p>
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MAINTENANCE		
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T Long, Risborough Area Community Action	<p>To improve maintenance the council should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Repair pavements where the surface is poor and unsafe. - Improve shrub maintenance where overgrowth, e.g. roundabouts may hamper safe visibility. - Improve the procedure of pothole maintenance since many reappear soon after filling. 	<p>It has been identified that improvements to our most used footways is necessary. With this in mind a major improvement works programme was undertaken in 2005/06 and a further programme is planned for 2006/07. As part of the improvements, we install tactile paving and dropped crossings to meet our DDA obligations. Area maintenance officers also carry out safety inspections on footways on a regular basis and any defects are repaired by our term contractor.</p>
Bucks Association for Blind and Partially Sighted People (BAB)	<p>Lighting on some road crossings is not sufficient.</p>	<p>Dedicated lighting is currently only provided at zebra crossings. Lighting at all other crossing points, including pelican crossings, is only provided if an existing system of street lighting exists. Specific locations need to be identified to determine whether or not improvements can be made.</p>