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Freight Requests in Wiltshire

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During the course of each year Wiltshire Council receives numerous petitions and requests for weight limits and restrictions on freight movement on the public highway. In accordance with Wiltshire's freight strategy, these are then assessed annually using the council's Freight Assessment and Prioritisation Mechanism (FAPM) to identify the top priority scheme(s) for possible intervention (for further information on the FAPM please refer to the following link:- http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadhighwaysstreetcare/transportfreight/transportroadfreight.htm#Road_freight-raise-concerns--Anchor).

There are now more than 80 schemes on the FAPM list and the annual assessment of these requests is a significant draw on resources. The council receives far more requests for freight management each year than it can possibly implement and there needs to be a mechanism to manage the process and limit the number of requests that have to be assessed through the FAPM process. To achieve this it is proposed that all of the current requests are referred to the relevant town and parish council to ensure that they are supported. This is particularly important because some requests are made by individuals and may not have been considered and endorsed by their local councils.

In your town/parish area, the requests that are assessed as part of the FAPM are:

A30 Brook Hill, Donhead St. Andrew

Please can you confirm in writing whether these requests are supported by your town/parish council by replying to this email within 6 weeks. If this is not possible due to the scheduling of council meetings or any other factors then please let us know.

Once we have confirmation from each town/parish council who have an existing request, the list of supported freight management requests will then be split by community area and then referred to the relevant area board community area transport groups (CATGs) to select their top two priority freight requests for officers to assess using the FAPM.

Once ratified by the area boards, officers will then assess these priority sites using Part 1 of the FAPM process, which considers any wider policy, operational and/or deliverability issues that might mean that further investigation at the site should not be undertaken. The CATGs will then be informed of the outcome of the Part 1 assessments and if they successfully meet the criteria within the Part 1 assessment, the CATG will then be asked to commission a metrocount on the road(s) in question to collect the necessary traffic data to inform Part 2 of the FAPM process. In Part 2, sites are assessed against a range of scoring criteria to determine the likely impact that HGVs are having along a route and on the associated local communities. In choosing their priority freight requests, area boards will need to be mindful of the council's [Freight Strategy](#) and the likelihood of a scheme being able to be implemented.

Future Requests

In future years, all requests for freight management (including requests for weight limits) should be submitted by way of the completion of an online area board issues sheet. Ideally, the request should be submitted by the relevant town/parish council. However, if a request is made by a member of the public, the requester will be asked to refer the matter to their town/parish council to indicate its view on the proposal. Requests that are not supported by the town/parish council will not be progressed further.

The supported freight management requests will be referred to the area board's CATG. These should be considered each Autumn when the CATG's top two freight priorities should be identified and submitted to officers by the end of November so that they can be assessed in accordance with the FAPM. (Budgetary constraints will not allow more than two requests per CATG to be assessed each year).

Priority freight issues that meet the criteria of the Part 1 assessment will be referred back to the CATG who will be requested to obtain a metrocount survey at the location of the freight issue to gain up-to-date traffic information to facilitate Part 2 of the FAPM assessment.

Following assessment by officers, the county's top two freight issues (as determined through the FAPM) will be identified from the 36 priority requests submitted by the CATGs. Studies will then be undertaken on these top two priorities to determine the most appropriate form of freight management (if required) in accordance with the council's freight strategy.

If any request crosses more than one parish, each parish would have been contacted individually.

Kind Regards

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