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Issue Summary Improve signage to reduce HGVs In Malmesbury town centre

20/04/2015 14:34:40 Considered by Malmesbury CATG on 14 April. Freight team officers have responded to the Town councils report and it is up to the town council to consider and respond.

17/02/2015 11:53:10 The issue was discussed at 10 February CATG -Discussed at 10 February CATG - Weight limit is enforced by the police. The issue was not volume of HGV but a few causing problems, mainly those coming in from Sherston/Bristol Street. It was suggested that the town council should consult locally about their proposed HGV route through Parklands. Officers would review with freight colleagues and identify the best way of addressing the concerns and requests from the Town Council.

08/02/2015 19:54:47 Issue being considered at Malmesbury CATG on 10 February 2015.

Latest Update

04/12/2014 22:06:06 This matter should be able to be resolved by the town council working directly with Wiltshire Council's Sustainable Transport Group, who is responsible for the Wiltshire Freight Strategy, but it is recommended that CATG look at the issue first which it will do on 10 February. you are invited to attend the meeting if you so wish.

02/10/2014 14:46:49 This issue will be recommended for closure at the 5 November area board as the matter should be able to be resolved working directly with Wiltshire council officers.

18/08/2014 11:04:44 It is felt that this issue is not appropriate to be considered by CATG and that you should pursue that matter with Robert Murphy, Principal Transport Officer

18/08/2014 10:59:52 It is felt that this issue is not appropriate to be considered by CATG and that you should pursue that matter with Robert Murphy, Principal Transport Officer

13/08/2014 13:26:42 This matter has been passed to Wiltshire Council officers for comment.

13/08/2014 13:24:22 The issue will be forwarded to the appropriate Wiltshire council officers for comment.

CATG Action / Recommendation

Issue	Large lorries and trucks have been the cause of some major traffic problems when passing through the town. Currently the Highways Regulations state no trucks over 7.5 tonnes are to travel through the town unless for deliveries. However, large vehicles of varying sizes do come through the town on occasion, even though is it unlikely they are making a delivery. Some lorries appear to travel via the town, often on a one off basis for the following reasons: a) because of following out of date Sat Nav or maps, b) because drivers are of foreign nationality and are unfamiliar with the language so come via the town instead of using the bypass or other routes, c) no signage or bad placement of current road signs.
Issue Location	Malmesbury
Street / Location	Various
Electoral Division	Malmesbury
Issue Duration	This has been an ongoing issue for some time.
Who is Affected	The residents of Malmesbury, visitors and other motorists travelling through the Town. Malmesbury Town Council set up a working party to look at this and we have come up with some suggestions to try and ease the current situation. Some actions have been taken by Malmesbury
What has been done so far	Town Council, but others can only be actioned via Wiltshire Council if felt appropriate. The working party report detailing this is attached, expanded with additional correspondence and information. *PLEASE SEE THE WORKING PARTY REPORT, WHICH HAS BEEN SENT SEPARATELY BY EMAIL*
What would resolve issue	We would like to see the following signage recommendations or alternatives considered by Wiltshire Council (possibly via CATG) for new and improved signage, in at least three places. a) To avoid language difficulties or drivers solely using out of date sat navs or maps, the recommendation is to suggest that additional signage

should show a symbol not to follow Sat Nav through the town centre, as well as words. (We understand this is an advisory sign and will not necessarily require the same legalities as an enforceable road sign). a) At Priory Roundabout, the two current weight restriction signs are not very visible to drivers. One sign is partially obscured by a too small black and white lorry sign. All destinations sign. The recommendation is that this sign needs to be repositioned to be visible and the black and white lorry sign could be replaced with a larger version. The second sign on the verge, we believe is too close to the town centre turn off and from anecdotal evidence we are given to understand that by the time the sign is seen and understood, a lorry will have already committed to come off the roundabout and into the town. The recommendation is to resite the sign by a short distance. b) The roundabout on Gloucester Rd, near to Lumleys Pet Shop is unsigned, because lorries coming along from the direction of Bristol via Park Rd turn into town, when they should go out of town up Tetbury Hill and either turn left towards Tetbury or right along Filands and then to Cirencester or along the bypass for Chippenham and Swindon. The recommendation is to provide signage here, a suggestion would be for small black and white lorry symbol sign. c) The Alexander Rd, Park Rd route from Bristol is not well sign posted and lorries often come into town via Bristol St and the Triangle, which is potentially dangerous especially for children and also causes damage to the pavements. The recommendation is that Bristol St itself should also have a sign. Also there could be a sign indicating the direction of "Industrial Estates" (for Beuttell Way and Old Station Yard Industrial Estates). This would be located at the Garden Centre junction at the top of Filands Road.

Local residents, retailers, the Police and Malmesbury Town Council have already come together to produce a working party report for Malmesbury Town Council. We understand that this issue could now be considered by Wiltshire Council CATG or via the appropriate Wiltshire Council departments.

Who needs to come together

Classification

In touch with Councillor

Sub Classification

Current Status

Highways & Transport

Yes

in progress