

23.104 Community Resilience Plan – Update - CW completed more details on the plan in how to handle cases of emergency in the town. This has led to an extra 3 volunteers with skills in providing emergency care, first aid & search and rescue, agreeing for their details to be on the plan. Total of 6 volunteers so far to assist CTC officers in such cases. CW has asked the Leisure centre and Town Hall to be registered as a Community Hub in case of a community emergency. Town Hall already classed as a rest centre but will be discussing this further. Leisure centre has agreed in principle but we have a meeting booked on 7th November with the WC lead to find out more & to visit both centres. Cricklade Fire Station aware of plan; they have their own Business Continuity plan & suggests seeking additional support from Wessex 4x4 for help with floods & transport.

ONGOING

23.123 Town centre car park drainage - Received quote on 3rd June 2024 of £8,348 exc VAT to install a pipe from the side of the school field. The third parties are willing to financially contribute once permissions have been obtained from Historic England and the School. Historic England had a site visit on 31st July 2024, it was suggested some tree work may help but we await their full report. UPDATE Some information from Environment Agency suggesting a lack of flooding risk in this particular area – results to be reviewed and Tree Surgeon to visit on 31st October 2024 to survey the 3 trees near the ditch.

ONGOING

24.83 Communications - notices to go on the window boards, website, Facebook about the Purton Road Speed and Volume Count. – **UPDATE - Completed.**

24.55 Clerks report/Other verbal updates: Complaint of Purton Rd

Update - CW sent template letters to Tarmac & 18 other haulage firms/gvol operators in the area regarding speed of lorries, time of day of travel, noise. The Transport Account Manager for Tarmac responded and spoke to CW on 14th October 2024 giving his direct contact details;

“Tarmac take these matters seriously and happy to support CTC in any way they can. He is visiting the Ashton Keynes site 17th/18th October and will be speaking to the plant managers there about this (Blunsdon plant has been closed for over a year). Are sending out warnings to all their contractor drivers via texts and emails. Tarmac do not own their lorries. Generally, we do not operate during the night but have done on occasion with some surface laying. If residents can send CTC the registration plate of the speeding tarmac lorry and then contact Tarmac directly this will help investigate matters. They can track their vehicles but will be having newer level 4 silver H&S standard lorries that will have 360-degree cameras, sensors, alarms, much safer for spotting pedestrians.”

ONGOING

24.55 clerks report 27/8/24. Request for another HGV Study. A member of the public had called the office to ask if another HGV study could be completed. WC have put a pause on doing HGV studies whilst they review the Freight Strategy. The B4040 is a designated Freight route which is being reviewed by WC and Highways in order for the B4040 to be declassified as a freight route and for HGV traffic to go via Spine Road – *This area will be reviewed in a Local Transport Plan No 4. (which will sit alongside WC Local Plan) and this plan is open to consultation at the end of the year, with the results published in 2026 by WC.* ACTION: CW to see if there is a link to share with councillors on the Freight Strategy and Local Transport Plan 4 consultation.

Update – no link to share with councillors on the Freight Strategy and Local Transport Plan 4 consultation. Email from WC Senior Transport Planner on 9th October 2024:

The LTP4 is currently at a very dynamic stage in its evolution. Timescales currently schedule a consultation period commencing at the end of November, although this is subject to change. Invitations to the consultation will be widely publicised in due course.

Regarding a freight study for the B4040, a comprehensive study was undertaken in 2009 and its conclusion was that the B4040 is the most appropriate route for HGVs to use in this area as there are no suitable alternative routes on the surrounding road network.

Given this, and that there has been no change to available alternative routes, I would assume such a request would unlikely be prioritised against freight mitigation requests elsewhere in the county once the suspension is lifted.

As regards to WC reviewing the B4040 for reclassification, I am unaware of any such active investigation.

Request to Close

24.57 Speed indicator devices SIDs - 2 new Evolis Vision sids installed (replaced calcutt Rd & new at Malmesbury Rd). CW and TC have now got the Mobile & Computer App downloaded. Mandatory online training being arranged for GS TC CW. Awaiting reply from WC northern highways ref their official approval of new sid sites like Purton Rd, Malmesbury Rd & High Street. CTC received resident complaint of speeding cars going out on high street towards north meadow/A419 **ONGOING**

23.105 Hitchings Footpath UPDATE: Cllr Dye has been requesting updates from WC Countryside Access Development Officer at the RoW department since May 2024 and recently in September 2024. Below is latest WC response of 10 September 2024 11:02

I've had a quick look at this and spoke to the planners at Wiltshire a little while ago to understand a bit more about the history of this issue. It appears that the developer has now sold the land that the footpath on to one of the property owners.

I will now need to speak to the owner of the land to see if we can get the footpath dedicated, hopefully I will be able to make contact with them in the coming weeks.

*Currently I am working on the next Rights of way Improvement Plan which needs to be published in 2025 this will be taking up most of my time in the coming months so I may not have as much time as I would like to dedicate to this, so I appreciate your understanding as I slowly work through resolving your issue. Feel free to chase me every month to check on my progress with it. **ONGOING***