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## **1 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1.1 Babbie (Ross Silcock) were appointed on 05 February 2002 to act as Programme Management Consultants on the Home Zone Challenge being undertaken by the Department for Transport (DfT).
- 1.1.2 This report provides a summary of the work undertaken during the quarter ending 30th November 2002 in providing those services.
- 1.1.3 Following this introduction there is a review of the main activities during the period under each of the headings identified in the Inception Report. This is then followed by a review of the progress achieved by the local authorities participating in the scheme and the report concludes with a section identifying the issues raised this quarter and main activities for the coming quarter. The Appendix provides details of Local Authority progress.

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## **2 PROGRESS AGAINST CONTRACT**

### **2.1 Meetings**

2.1.1 The minutes of the second progress meeting held in the Manchester office of Babtie Group on 27th August 2002 have now been agreed by the client. The third progress meeting is due to be held in the Pall Mall office of Babtie Group on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2002.

### **2.2 Establish Local Authority Contacts**

2.2.1 The Babtie team of regional contacts has maintained regular contact with their assigned authorities during this quarter. Within the team, the two temporary personnel changes remain in place and are operating well.

2.2.2 From a review of the quarterly proformas submitted in June, a number of authorities were identified for a visit due to either a requirement for more information to be provided on the proformas or an early construction start date. In addition to the fourteen authorities visited last quarter, the following were visited this quarter :

- Wolverhampton City Council
- London Borough of Greenwich
- Blackpool Borough Council
- Derby City Council
- Nottingham City Council

2.2.3 The only authority remaining to be visited (as a result of the June review of proformas) is Kent County Council. Personnel at the Authority have been very difficult to contact but this authority will be visited as matter of urgency this coming quarter. These visits have allowed the team to obtain a better understanding of the schemes and personnel involved and provided the opportunity to explain the proformas to the Authorities.

2.2.4 As a result of the November review of Progress Updates, a number of Authorities have been identified for a visit in 2003, as follows:

- Bolton MBC
- Bristol CC
- Bury MBC
- Cheshire CC
- Darlington BC
- East Sussex CC
- LB of Newham
- North Lincolnshire C
- Northumberland CC
- Oxfordshire CC
- West Sussex CC
- Wiltshire CC
- Wirral MBC

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### **2.3 Website Set-up**

2.3.1 The project website has now been fully established.

### **2.4 Website Maintenance**

2.4.1 Although not publicly evident, the website has been going through a period of considerable overhaul and it is proposed that early in January the website has a 2003 re-launch. The layout has been simplified, the structure has been extended and information from the Authorities included.

2.4.2 There are five main sections of the website:

- The first section entitled 'What is a Home Zone' remains unchanged.
- Each scheme has its own page in the second section headed 'Home Zone Challenge'. This contains brief details of each scheme and has now been extended to include a 'Progress Update'. This will be added to on a quarterly basis and an archive of updates maintained for each zone. Where information has been provided by a Local Authority, such as consultation leaflets and photos of events, these have been added to each scheme's section.
- The 'News and Information' has now been split into 'News' and 'Information and Guidance'. The 'News' section will be used to inform users about updates to the site and obviously any general news.
- 'Information and Guidance' is designed to act as useful resource for all. Under this heading are a number of sub-sections. 'Guidance' provides a link to the IHIE Guidelines, the Traffic Advisory Leaflet and suggests a list of useful references. 'Legislation' provides a link to Section 268 of the Transport Act 2000. Other sections under 'Information and Guidance' include a site map, a list of useful websites and team contact information.
- Finally, the section of the website for the exclusive use of the Local Authority participants has also been re-structured. Sub-sections entitled 'Progress' and 'Good Practice' have been merged together and re-titled 'Overview'. This will be the location of papers on emerging issues, quarterly reports and any good or bad practice that comes to light. There is currently a section highlighting the different consultation events that have been held and for which we hold information.

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### **2.5 Internal Reporting**

2.5.1 This is the 11th 'report' so far produced. Reports in this sense also include the minutes of all meetings. With the exception of the Inception Report, all these have been submitted in electronic format and include:

Inception Report	submitted	25 March 2002
Minutes of Inception Meeting	submitted	01 March 2002
Minutes of Inaugural Meeting	submitted	14 June 2002
Minutes of First Progress Meeting	submitted	24 May 2002
Financial Analysis May 2002	submitted	11 June 2002
Progress Report May 2002	submitted	11 June 2002
Minutes of Second Progress Meeting	submitted	06 September 2002
Financial Analysis August 2002	submitted	09 September 2002
Progress Report August 2002	submitted	09 September 2002
Financial Analysis November 2002	submitted	10 January 2003

### **2.6 Conferences**

2.6.1 The first project conference, being organised by Social Research Associates on our behalf, has now been arranged for Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2003 at The Guildhall, York. Wayne Hemmingway has been invited as keynote speaker. The proposed fee for delegates is £190 (£100 for members of community groups). Advertisements will be placed in Local Transport Today and other relevant publications before and after Christmas and direct mailshots will be sent out to all authorities and interested parties. Arrangements will be progressed over the coming quarter.

### **2.7 Publications**

2.7.1 No publications have yet been identified or produced.

### **2.8 Resources**

2.8.1 A number of tasks have been undertaken this quarter which are considered to be outside the original scope of the project. The team has provided the client with considerable assistance related to the matter of how the invoices submitted by the Authorities will be paid. The DfT are considering the applicability of various legislation which has necessitated further contact with the Authorities. In addition to the quarterly contact, all Authorities have been contacted to check their forecast spend up to February 2003. Following this, all information held was interrogated to establish what measures have been proposed which may not be covered by Section 272 of the Highways Act. Finally the Authorities have requested that Regional Forums be set up to allow them to discuss experiences and problems encountered. Three meetings are shortly to be arranged for the New Year for the Western area authorities and will follow for all areas shortly afterwards. These three tasks are considered to be additional work and it is hoped that following discussions with the client, time allocations can be revised within the overall budget for the project.

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### **3 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROGRESS**

- 3.1.1 Reporting, despite now being well established and explained to a number of the Authorities at meetings, remains varied in content. Of the 61 schemes selected, five authorities have not submitted either financial information or progress update forms. Plymouth City Council comprises one of these five authorities. As their scheme is complete and they have submitted an invoice for the total amount of the grant awarded, their reporting commitment is considered to be complete and no longer necessary. Those Authorities who either do not submit information or the information submitted is considered to be unsatisfactory due to either a lack of quantity or quality are being contacted by their Bابتie Team contact to rectify the situation. A summary of all programme information received to date is attached on the accompanying Excel file.
- 3.1.2 Over the last quarter the majority of Authorities have continued to be involved with consultation aspects associated with their Home Zone schemes. Most have now distributed Newsletters and held initial Public Meetings whilst some have held Fun Days and scheme mock-ups. Other Authorities are more advanced with the Nottingham scheme starting on site, the scheme by the London Borough of Kingston upon Thames at the tender stage and the Plymouth scheme now complete. A summary of all progress information can be found in the Appendix.
- 3.1.3 Original programmes are continuing to slip due to the under-estimation of the time necessary to undertake the level of consultation that is required to successfully implement these programmes.

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### **4 ISSUES AND FUTURE ACTIVITIES**

4.1.1 A number of the issues identified last quarter remain outstanding as follows :

- Consistency of financial submissions – a number of the Local Authorities are not updating their Financial profiles to take into account the invoices raised. This is being pointed out and rectification requested.
- Consistency of Reporting – it is evident that some authorities are still not sure as to the extent of work or programming that will be involved in the ultimate implementation and this is shown in the level of detail provided.
- Local Authority Contacts – despite the meetings held the content of a few returns are still a little sparse. This is being pointed out and rectification requested.
- Conferences – arrangements are proceeding and will be developed in greater detail over the coming quarter.

4.1.2 The following issues have become evident this quarter :

- Many Authorities are concerned about resident apathy. A relatively high number have reported a poor response to questionnaires and a poor turn-out to events. This puts into doubt the validity of claims in some of the bid documents that residents associations were in full support of the scheme. In addition, resident objection is slowing the progress of at least one scheme.
- This apathy has made some Authorities nervous about spending Challenge funds. They are using other, often in-house monies to fund the consultation and leaving the Challenge funds until they are sure they have a scheme to take forward.
- Some Authorities have also highlighted the difficulties in conveying to residents the Home Zone concept. Once the concept has been imparted a particular issue arising from public consultation would appear to be the local concern at the reduction in available parking provided as part of schemes compared to the present situation.
- Some authorities are spending Challenge funds on certain aspects of their schemes, such as lighting, at resident request in advance of a firm design and local support for the rest of the scheme. There are concerns about the implications of this, should the rest of the scheme fail to be taken forward.

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- One Authority is implementing a Home Zone along an unadopted and privately owned highway. The implications of this are being investigated.
- Finally, a number of Authorities have mentioned their concern at the lack of payment by the DfT of invoices to support their spend of Challenge funds. It has been suggested that in some instances this may affect their future programme.

4.1.3 Over the coming quarter, the arrangements for the conference will be progressed. In addition, the Progress proformas have again been reviewed in detail and a number of authorities have been identified for a visit, focussing on those where information is incomplete or unclear. In addition, we would hope to be able to clarify the situation regarding the payment of outstanding grant claims.

4.1.4 Overall progress is being maintained, but concerns are evident that the achievements anticipated at the award of the challenge may not materialise. Good lessons are being learnt but resident apathy or objection may mean that not all of the original 61 schemes are implemented.

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### **APPENDIX LOCAL AUTHORITY PROGRESS**

Albert Avenue area, Peasedown St Johns, Bath

Interest maintained through road closure event to simulate Home zones concept. Followed by public meeting in November to further explain the concept and to recruit members of a working party to develop designs. Contacts made with other agencies whose activities may help to facilitate the project or add value to what we are trying to do. These agencies include the Children's Society who will be carrying out a project in relation to children's play activity, Somer Housing Trust who have a budget for infrastructure improvements on the estate, a drugs project who will be working with young people and Community Education who are trying to fund a project to improve basic skills within this particular community. All of these projects have potential to enhance the work of the Home Zones team and to address some of the difficulties noted below. We are also making an application to the Architecture Foundation for help with facilitating community involvement in the design process.

Malvern Buildings, Bath

Develop consensus on Home Zone objectives. Consultation process has clarified what residents do not want. A range of features has been identified and a survey will be carried out to assess support for these measures. Design of entry features and traffic calming is being undertaken in readiness for meeting in January.

Pitts Farm, Erdington, Birmingham

Still early in the Project. Project group has been set up from various Departments and the officers have met the Residents group from the estate. The Housing Department are redeveloping the housing on the estate so progress of the Home Zone will be linked to the timing of the development, which has been reflected in the Financial Update sheet. Meetings are ongoing with the Project Group and Residents. Housing are currently producing a draft layout of the new Housing Layout and some draft Home Zones principles have been considered.

Talbot & Brunswick area, Blackpool

The Master Plan for the Talbot and Brunswick Integrated Neighbourhood Improvement Area has been completed. This plan sets out the way forward for the area that has been discussed and agreed with the community and the service delivery agencies - both public and voluntary - over the last two years. The community have been consulted on this Master Plan through a public exhibition at the Neighbourhood office. The consultation took place from 20th November to 25th November. The Home Zone proposals were included in this consultation, with initial drawings and sketches being available for public comment. The response to these initial proposals was very favourable. The opportunity was also taken at the public consultation exercise to show people the video "at home in my street" which explores home zones in the Netherlands and Germany. We have taken some of the ideas of the Home Zones and included them in the proposals for the wider area, again these have received a very favourable response from the public.

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Oldham's Estate area, Bolton

Launch event on Dunoon Drive 31/08/02. Home Zone information featured as part of the community radio event - Radio Oldhams 13/9 to 15/9. Group of 10 residents trained in consultation techniques (including surveys, video interviews, modelling, photography and IT) and in how to use them. The raw feedback from the consultation exercise to be shared at an exhibition on 6/12.. Taking these ideas will then use Percent for Art Team to help produce a practical scheme.

Southville, Bristol

Due to staffing problems Bristol have not progressed as expected. A Home Zone coordinator has now been appointed. Consultation has commenced with the local residents and street representatives. Political support has been achieved. Technical work needed prior to design has begun, including: parking surveys; a topographical survey; investigation of utility companies maintenance/work in the area; first newsletter sent out to residents; door step interviews with local residents.

Rookery Gardens, St Mary Cray, Bromley

Formation of in house 'Home Zone' team to design up and implement the scheme.  
Re-design of certain aspects of the scheme to meet financial and implementation issues.  
Instigation of road closure and alternative entrance opening to allow new traffic layout to begin. In principle agreement on land swap with Broomleigh.

South West area, Burnley

First stage of consultation and report have been completed. Further phase on consultation along with initial design concepts underway.

Victoria Estate, Whitefield, Bury

Analysis of consultation responses complete and to be presented to Whitefield Area Board on 25 November 2002. Initial concept design being carried out by the Bury MBC Landscape Practice. Design group set up involving the Council's Traffic Management, Greater Manchester Police, Landscape practice and Engineering Consultancy.

Lupton Street area, Camden

Public consultation carried out by letter and questionnaire with 17% response rate overall but 35% and 29% in streets most affected. 61% were in favour of introducing the Home Zone. Officers proposed the scheme to Councillors with minor amendments as a result of the consultation. Councillors approved the introduction of the Home Zone in November 2002.

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Egerton Street area, Chester

Little progress to report - project team continues to assess various consultation / communication plans and evaluate the impact of surrounding development proposals (the subject of a planning application) on the Home Zone.

North Close Estate, Redruth, Cornwall

Following the analysis of the data collected at the Fun Day, it was apparent that not all sections of the community were represented. In order to address this, a short questionnaire was devised and taken to all households by the residents' association. The response was disappointing but different priorities for different streets were identified. Speed readings were carried out, which showed an 85th percentile of between 25 and 30mph for the 3 main streets. The residents association has visited the home zone in Plymouth. We have put in a bid for Neighbourhood Renewal Fund money to improve some of the community spaces including a play area.

Normanton Home Zone, Derby

Consultation with residents is progressing well. The home zone scheme was launched over two days at two public exhibitions. Since the exhibition residents have been kept up to date through a newsletter. Detailed consultation is being carried out with residents of the first phase of the scheme. A house to house questionnaire has been conducted and volunteers were then invited to attend a workshop. Residents worked with designers to express their concerns and ideas using two models built at 1:50 and 1:200 and plans on which to record their ideas. Following the workshop consultants are working on different design options to present to residents during a further exhibition on 16 November. Exhibition Boards and leaflets have been available to view in the local community at the local housing office and different community venues. The Working Group and the wider Consultative Group have been meeting on a regular basis bringing together all issues including maintenance and waste management for discussion. The open space on Havelock Road is subject to detailed consultation with Derby Homes and the Council's Landscape Section.

Wonford, Exeter

Project Worker appointed and now in post. Further local consultation meetings held including an open day in a marquee sited on the Laburnam Road roundabout, and an open meeting for the residents at the offices of Lacey Hickie Caley., Negotiations continue

Town Farm Estate, Hailsham, East Sussex

The creation of a new post of Environmental Programmes Manager was agreed by all parties, to be jointly funded by the Hailsham East Community Partnership (HECP) and Home Zones. This post was advertised, but no suitable candidates applied. A contingency plan to do the work in house has been progressed, final agreement will be sought from the HECP on 11th December. An action plan is being prepared for this meeting. The action plan will prioritise the environmental improvement programme which incorporates Home Zones. Public consultation can be progressed as soon as this is agreed.

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Early in the New Year consultation on Phase 1 of the action plan will commence. As there is a need to spend SRB funds this financial year the anticipated spend on Home Zones has been reduced to cover Project Management by East Sussex County Council only.

### Tyne Park, Gateshead

Site preparation and remediation works commenced in September and are progressing. Discussions are on going regarding detailed design of the scheme and discharge of planning conditions. This is taking somewhat longer than had been originally anticipated by the Design Team. Construction of Phase 1 is now likely to commence in February 2003. Issues surrounding adoption and means of control of parking areas still to be finalised. Meeting held in November with WSP and David Lock Associates who have been commissioned by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister to report on the issues surrounding the implementation of PPG3. Tyne Park has been chosen one of the a case studies for this report Initial consideration of revision of council's design guidelines has commenced. Financial spend profile has been reassessed and revised.

### Deptford Green Area, Greenwich

Not available.

### Castle Grove area, Portchester, Hampshire

Exhibition and public meeting held in September. Street Representatives (28) have been established and the first working group meeting held to move forward the preliminary designs. Traffic management and parking provision have been identified as key decisions to the design process. Possible trials of traffic management arrangements are being explored. Further working groups to advance the preliminary designs are programmed. Topographical and parking surveys are completed and traffic surveys being organised.

A further meeting of Member Steering Group held Nov to update on progress.

### Linden Road, Haringey

Informal consultation has been carried out in September. A public exhibition was held for which outline designs were prepared

### Albany Street, Hull

Introduction - Good progress has been made since the last submission on 31st May. A report was considered by the Council's Riverside Area Committee on 19th June, where members noted the proposed programme and approved the necessary consultations. A further briefing with ward Members took place on 3rd July, to discuss the project in more detail. A Partnership Group has been set up consisting of 3 representatives of the Albany Street Residents' Association, a member of the Hull Landlords' Forum, a local ward councillor and 5 council officers from a variety of disciplines. Terms of reference have been agreed for this group, and it will form the main mechanism by which the home zone is developed. The group has met 3 times and agreed a way forward for developing a scheme.

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**CONSULTATION AND PRELIMINARY DESIGN - CONSULTANTS ARE TO BE EMPLOYED TO UNDERTAKE A PROGRAMME OF DETAILED PARTICIPATORY CONSULTATION AND CONCEPT DESIGN. THEY WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH THE PARTNERSHIP GROUP TO INVOLVE ALL RESIDENTS OF THE AREA IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE HOME ZONE. A DETAILED BRIEF HAS BEEN WRITTEN AND AGREED BY THE PARTNERSHIP GROUP, AND SENT OUT ON AUGUST 22ND TO 5 SUITABLE CONSULTANTS TO BID FOR THE WORK. THE CHOSEN CONSULTANT SHOULD BEGIN WORK TOWARDS THE END OF SEPTEMBER WITH THE CONTRACT LASTING 12 MONTHS. THE GUIDE VALUE FOR THE CONTRACT IS £30,000. THIS WILL RESULT IN A CONCEPT DESIGN WHICH HAS BEEN DEVELOPED WITH THE INVOLVEMENT OF ALL THE RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES AND LANDLORDS WHO HAVE A STAKE IN THE STREET. THIS CONCEPT DESIGN WILL THEN BE USED TO WORK UP A DETAILED ENGINEERING DESIGN FOR THE SCHEME. THE PARTNERSHIP GROUP APPROACH SHOULD ENSURE THAT THE RELEVANT EXPERTISE FROM, FOR EXAMPLE, HIGHWAY DESIGN, MAINTENANCE ETC. IS INVOLVED THROUGHOUT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CONCEPT DESIGN, THUS ENSURING A "DELIVERABLE" SCHEME AT THE END OF THE CONCEPT DESIGN PHASE.**

**HOME ZONE BASE - THE PARTNERSHIP GROUP AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE A BASE ON ALBANY STREET, FROM WHICH TO CARRY OUT THE CONSULTATION PROCESS, HOLD MEETINGS, HAVE DISPLAYS ETC. A SUITABLE PROPERTY HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AND A RENT NEGOTIATED. BABTIE'S REGIONAL CO-ORDINATOR CONFIRMED THAT PROPERTY RENTAL IS ACCEPTABLE FOR FUNDING AS PART OF THE HOME ZONE CHALLENGE. THE NECESSARY CHIEF OFFICER AUTHORISATION HAS BEEN OBTAINED AND A DRAFT LICENCE AGREEMENT DRAWN UP FOR THE TEMPORARY RENTAL OF THE PROPERTY. A PLANNING APPLICATION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED FOR CHANGE OF USE AND IT IS HOPED TO HAVE USE OF THE GROUND FLOOR FLAT FROM MID SEPTEMBER.**

**CONCLUSIONS - DUE TO THE LENGTHY PROCESSES INVOLVED IN SETTING UP THE PARTNERSHIP GROUP, AGREEING TERMS OF REFERENCE, AND WRITING A DETAILED BRIEF AND EVALUATION FRAMEWORK FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF SERVICES IN LINE WITH THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION, THE OVERALL PROGRAMME HAS SLIPPED BY APPROXIMATELY 2 MONTHS. HOWEVER, ROBUST MECHANISMS ARE NOW IN PLACE TO ENSURE THAT THE DELIVERY OF THE SCHEME WITHIN THE OVERALL DEADLINE OF APRIL 2005 CAN BE ACHIEVED.**

Bidston Avenue area, St Helens

Monthly progress meetings with the residents group have continued. Feedback on the two options has been analysed and there has been consultation with the engineers on materials. The final version of the scheme has been produced and agreed by the residents' group. A planning application has been submitted for the widening of Bidston Way and this will go to Committee on the 17th Dec 02. Cost estimates for the total scheme have been produced and material specifications have been adjusted to

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try to keep the expanded scheme within the original budget. Provided planning permission is granted, the next stage is to progress the detailed design and to continue to appraise the residents of progress.

### Heathfield Avenue Area, Dover, Kent

Production of detailed information sheet and integral questionnaire, printed in colour and providing a large quantity of detail including a flow chart of intended progress. All subject to local resident acceptance of principal and hence further development of scheme. Distributed in early October to the directly affected residents and those in the two remaining sections of Heathfield Avenue as these latter residents were concerned about transfer of parking problems. Initial response quite good but tailed off after a week or so, hence reminder letter to those directly affected and then a further reminder in mid November to try to maximise public response. Returns assessed in last week of November. Outcome: of the directly affected residents, 62% response by property of which 73% in favour of the next steps. : of the others (i.e. not directly affected) 28% response almost split between for (54%) and against (46%). Each property provided with two questionnaires in the event of differing opinions. Assessment by individual returns almost identical (72% for, 28% against)

### Northcourt Estate, Denton, Kent

Following a public meeting of residents of the Northcourt Estate on 17th September, residents volunteered to form a Residents' Committee. This Committee has met on twice on 24th October and 21st November 2002. These meetings have enable the Home Zone Team to share the current ideas and thinking on Home Zones, which the committee then have shared with residents of the Estate to develop a plan for the Home Zone. A a site visit to Mortice Town Home Zone Plymouth is planned for 18th January 2003 with residents committee members and the Home Zone Team.

### Cavendish Road Area, Kingston- upon-Thames

As a result of prices being received that were too high the contract has been re-tendered with four of the original Contractors. The contract is now scheduled to be let in December 02, works programmed to commence on site in Jan 03 with a contract period of 16 weeks.

### Moorside Estate, Dewsbury, Kirklees

House to house consultation completed to finalise land take issues. Consultation in the vicinity of proposed toddler play areas completed to ensure that there will be no objection when we present the scheme as full consultation. Feasibility cost estimates completed for the ambitious scheme. Tenants survey completed to compare the result with the completed works and also this helped us in scheme development. We have been talking to LOCA (artist) to develop strategy to involve local residents in developing the design. Before photo's and video made from platform to compare the results once the works are completed (i.e. before and after).Feasibility cost estimates have been finalised.

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Littlemoor, Leeds

Progress has been slow this quarter. The questionnaire results have been analysed and a newsletter is being drafted to distribute to residents. Initial ideas are also now being sketched with a view to carrying out further consultation early in the new year.

Grafton Street area, Liverpool

Reviewing Design to more closely meet home zone guidelines.

Haymarket Green Area, Luton

After forming the working group, the first meeting was held in October. At the meeting we discussed the outcome of the consultation with residents through leaflet drops/questionnaires and the discussion groups held in August 2002. We did some consultation with local school children by asking the children to design a Home Zone logo to be used, as assembly will be held on the 29th November to present the prizes to the children. We also held an exhibition to introduce the Home Zone concept to the public with the plans and ideas/residents feedback from previous consultations. We have also written and sent the brief for a consultant to do the initial design for the Home Zone.

Northmoor Phase 2, Manchester

Not available.

Gresham Area, Middlesbrough

- 1) Project Inception
- 2) Community Meeting Presentation
- 3) Stage 1 Public Consultation (Leaflets; Questionnaires; Photographs of Live Events; Childrens logo competition; and Comments form including Lo-call Telephone number, email address and Freepost address).

Cranberry Estate, Newham

The Housing Associations have been enthused with the project and envisage spending money improving the buildings and some additional money on the external environment. In addition the Housing associations have agreed to combine their maintenance so that a single contractor will be used producing an even treatment for all residents.

The Triangle, North Shields, North Tyneside

Phase 1 drainage scheme design complete and costed. Final design of the entrance feature layout agreed with residents, needs materials, tree types and colour/textures agreed. Residents Association questionnaire on road closures and street lighting produced and ready for distribution to all residents in December 02. Public meeting between residents, council, police and Enterprise 5 about social and environmental problems held and joint Action Plan agreed. Residents Association AGM agreed Community Charter. Safer Estates Initiative covering 'Triangle' set up between police, council, and

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Enterprise 5. Safer Estates Initiative joint letter produced for distribution to all households. Bird and bat box making workshop held in 'Triangle' in conjunction with Northumberland Wildlife Trust as the first stage of Urban Wildlife Project. Heads Together Productions expressed interest in including 'Triangle' Home Zone in video of Home Zone development in UK. Awaiting date for meeting to discuss proposals.

Cowpen Estate, Blyth, Northumberland

A number of focus group and committee meetings have been held and various concerns have been identified. The two main issues were street lighting and the condition of the former boys club site. A street lighting scheme has been designed and agreed by the committee. A works order has been issued and work is to commence on site early January. A notice has been served to the boys club to instigate legal proceedings to carry out works to improve the site. It has been agreed that a draft master plan will be shown to the committee in December with a view to further consultation/public meetings. Guinness Trust have been granted £3million over three years to improve their properties (demolition and refurbishment), there are also other initiatives in the Cowpen Quay area attracting additional funding/resources (i.e. pathfinder initiative, new tools, capacity building, jobs and training for young people). These will be carefully co-ordinated with the home zone initiative.

Cavell Road, Norwich, Norfolk

Consultation on issues has been completed. The consultation included a letter drop and a 'planning for real' event in the street. The consultation has confirmed earlier concerns about traffic speed, safety for children and on-street parking. Work to develop options in response to these confirmed concerns is now under way. Topographic and RASWA surveys have also been completed.

Kennington Road area, Nottingham

Completion of kerbing on Canterbury and footpaths on Chesil Avenue, Bridgport Avenue Dorset Street and Medway Street. Completion of block paving parking bays on Chesil Avenue (e) Bridgeport Ave (e) Dorset Street (n) and Medway Street (s). Installation of sinusoidal entrance features to both Canterbury and Kennington. Work has begun on the ducting of BT apparatus underground. Work has started on the upgrading the lighting scheme.

Poulton, Morecambe, Lancashire

Consultation contract let and first phase of consultation nearing completion.

Kingsbridge Road, Reading

A "fun day" was held in the street on 14th September. Part of the street was closed and filled with a bouncy castle, music, fire engine, food stalls and, most importantly, a bus which was displaying full information about the Home Zone and its progress. There was a painting competition for children, with prizes of having their hand prints incorporated into part of the final design. We estimate that over 70% of the street visited the event. Two residents planning meetings have been held. At the first residents confirmed what they wanted or did not want in the street and took part in a hands-on "stick

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things on the plan" exercise. At the second meeting a preliminary design for the street was shown. Further refinements to this design are now to be undertaken, and Council officers are considering the technical and legal issues arising from the planning exercises, including the extent to which the preferences meet the aims of the project.

### Wardleworth, Rochdale

The consultation has continued by targeting specific groups within the community. Meetings and consultation events have been held for women, young girls, children, youths, business interests and Mosque representatives. Arrangements are now being made for a final vote on whether to proceed to the design stage of the Home Zone.

### Silkmore, Staffordshire

Distribution of second flyer. Completion of Planning for Real exercise. Preliminary design for traffic calming and gateway proposals. Consultation on proposed traffic calming measures. Production of budget estimates. Liaison with local bus companies.

### Cleadon Park Estate, South Tyneside

Consultation process on detailed approach underway with first Public Meeting and questionnaire survey.

### Radcliffe Road Environs, Northam, Southampton

Further good progress has been made this month. The residents have made a successful application to the Countryside agency for the first stage of the process of creating a 'Doorstep Green' (a small park) as a focal point to the Home Zone scheme. They have been awarded £3500 to enable consultation and design and costing of the park to enable them to bid for the funds to construct it. This exercise has boosted the morale of the residents committee and should contribute to the secondary Home Zone objectives of improving the appearance of the area, sense of community and community activity. The Housing Brief for the Augustine Road development site (funded separately) has been developed sufficiently for the developer to feel confident in appointing an architect and this development and the new build HZ street it will contain is now on track to be completed in line with the requirements of the HZ challenge scheme. The Siemens application has been determined by a grant of temporary consent, but not before the residents won a major concession from the applicants. This obstacle to the HZ development has therefore been removed. The fortnightly residents meetings are continuing and the residents have published an excellent newsletter for the Home Zone area. The widening of the consultation on the Home Zone project has been slipped in the programme at the request of the residents to enable them to be more closely involved in its planning. However the design period has been condensed to avoid a slippage in the date for going out to tender.

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### Sutherland Square, Southwark

Have appointed consultants Roger Evans Associates to do consultation, preliminary design and detailed design on Home zone. Have distributed information leaflet to every household in the square. Have held information meeting at local school, questionnaire has gone to every household re: attitudes to the square and desire for home zone. Closing date for receipt of questionnaires: 22/11/02. Steering group met.

### Oxford/Cambridge Road Area/Lowestoft

Two public exhibitions have been held to show residents proposals, materials, artwork generated in Youth workshops, historic phonographs and material. The response has overall been in favour of the proposals. The residents steering group has been meeting and representatives joined Police, Fire and access officer at the Project teams technical meeting to discuss proposals in greater depth. An Arts Lottery bid is being prepared as part of the end of project celebration, it is intended that a series of 'interventions' will occur cumulating in a celebration in May 2004. The programme will meet the objectives of the HZ bid to involve residents and develop a residents group to take over from the project team. Materials to be used in the scheme have been researched and researched, details are being worked, the story of the roads will be told in the form of words inserted into the fabric of the roads. Engineering details are being worked up all survey work is now complete

### Nutley Lane area, Reigate, Surrey

Continue consultation with the expert Consultees eg Emergency Services, Landscape Architects, Conservation Officer, etc. Develop the detailed layout for the Home Zone scheme. Obtain initial Visualisations from the Landscape Architects. Preparation for the next consultation with the Public.

### Ashton West End, Ashton-under-Lyne

Workshops for residents of Phase 1 Community streets held September 2002. Following this a draft Masterplan for Phase 1 Community Streets has been prepared and costed. Presentation to residents for endorsement (hopefully) will be held 21st November 2002. Detailed approvals and design will follow.

### West Woodside, Telford & Wrekin

Strategic linkages and the role of the home zone within the regeneration of the estate have been agreed. We have been successful in 'recruiting' residents to take an active part in the project Officers and residents have been trained in planning for real techniques and worked together in planning the consultation process. Continued training and benchmarking.

### The Addison CresCent Estate, Trafford

There have been further positive meetings held at the Community House located on the Addison Estate. A principal contractor has been selected to carry out the housing renewal works and a sub-contractor will be selected soon for the Home Zone project.

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Whitecross Area, Warrington

Not available.

North West Bognor Regis area, West Sussex

As part of Phase 1 of the project the following items have been completed: Speed Data Analysis, Accident Data Analysis, Traffic Data Analysis, Pedestrian Survey and Review, develop design data brief for consultation consultants, Facilitation and Provision of information for Home Zone Fun Day, and the production of constraints drawings. Phase 2 of the project is now underway and a study of the fun day is to be carried out on 4th Dec.

Browning Street area, Westlight, Wigan

Assessment of consultation responses completed. General support shown. However, number of side issues identified that are currently being investigated across departments at Wigan Council.

Wilmot Drive, Newcastle Under Lyme, Staffordshire

Further public consultation meetings have been held explaining both the concept of a Home Zone and the what measures the Steering Group would like to install. The whole estate was divided into six distinct areas to make consultation more manageable. Individual evening meetings have been held for each separate area, problems unique to each area determined and preliminary designs drawn-up. From these individual area designs, a complete preliminary design for the whole estate has been started. Following the original vote on the "overall concept" of the Home Zone, there was some debate over whether the 76 responses constituted a mandate to proceed. The Steering Group decided to issue further questionnaires to those who had not previously responded and cajole them into filling in and returning the questionnaire. This further "sweep" was undertaken by the local Tenants Management Organisation (TMO) and Community Development Association (CDA) to ensure better local participation. This further sweep resulted in a greater response (176 responses from 313 properties), with 72.7% (72.3% previously) voting in favour of blocking off the main spine road.

College Community Area, Trowbridge, Wiltshire

The scheme continues to progress on a twin track basis. The phase 1 traffic management scheme has been approved, following exhaustive consultations, and the detailed design is underway, ahead of programme. A planned open day was successfully held in October, as per the programme, and an analysis is being undertaken for use within the prelim design phase. The preliminary design phase has been extended to accommodate a more intensive round of street by street consultations with residents.

Westleigh Area Home Zone, Warminster, Wiltshire

The Scheme is generally progressing as per our original programme, although the preliminary design stage has been extended to incorporate detailed street by street design meetings. Developments since the last update include the repair and street lighting of a key pedestrian link into the HZ. The

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planned street party was successfully completed, resulting in a high level of feedback on the elements to be included within the preliminary design. The recent summary report was used as the basis for commencing the design stage. The preliminary design process is underway - with regular design meetings planned with residents between November and the New year.

Dundonald Street/ Methuen Street, Wirral

Extensive public consultation exercise consisting of several leaflet drops and two public meetings. Development of final scheme for both streets in preparation for detailed design

Fordhouses area, Wolverhampton

We are in the process of coming up with a detailed design which we will be taking to the residents as part of the third consultation phase in Mid December 2002. We are still looking into obtaining additional funding from other sources. We are also looking to gain committee approval in January 2003 to begin work on site shortly afterwards.

Duke of Edinburgh Way, Malvern

Since setting up the steering group, we have developed a fairly strong group of people who have helped to facilitate the first Consultation event - a Planning For Real Fun Day, on the 14th September. Fun Day included a Planning for Real model, which was made by 9-10 children from the estate. Members of the Steering group organised the model building with the children, with the materials provided. This and the Planning for Real Fun Day, were supported strongly by the Housing Association, Malvern Hills District Council, Town, District and County Councillors, and the Malvern Hills Highways Partnership Unit. On the day we also had a range of display boards, providing information and inspiration for residents to look at, comment on and indicate which materials/treatment they liked. The aim is to use this information as a basis for further design work. For entertainment, we had a raffle stall, a bouncy castle, games, face painting and refreshments. The day was filmed by Heads Together Productions for the new video to be released next year. The steering group took an active role in facilitating the day, strengthening their interest in the project. The results of the Planning for Real have been collated and interpreted, with progress on preliminary design undertaken.