

## Section 10: Non-Policy Actions

10.1 The table below identifies a series of actions that have arisen through the community engagement in preparing the CAPNDP. These were considered by the community to be important matters but do not necessarily require planning permission. As such, they are not the subject of planning policies in the Neighbourhood Plan. These non-policy actions will be reviewed in line with the rest of the Neighbourhood Plan as part of the Local Plan Review, to take account of changing circumstances and community aspirations.

Ref	Issue	Possible actions	Lead agencies and partners
1.	Potential to identify locally significant heritage assets to add to the Local List.	Review any local heritage site candidates with WBC to ascertain if any are worthy of adding to the Local List.	CAPC, WBC Archaeology Team, Local history society
2.	Improve access to local heritage assets	Review access arrangements and improve.	WBC, heritage assets
3.	Improve information about local history and heritage	Seek funding for information boards at sites where appropriate, and erect interpretation boards to enhance understanding and appreciation of local heritage sites.	WBC, landowners
4.	Community energy	Explore, with the community, options for a community energy scheme.	CAPC, local residents, landowners
5.	Potential to improve areas in the parish for biodiversity, including both sites and wildlife corridors	Establish a local wildlife group to explore locations where biodiversity improvements could be made and sources of funding to enable this.  A first step is to develop an Environmental Baseline against which to consider future improvements.	CAPC, volunteers, landowners
6.	Protecting the dark skies against light pollution	Undertake regular star counts to feed into AONB and CPRE data.	Local astronomical group
7.	Potential to establish Biodiversity Opportunity Areas (BOA)	We intend to explore BOA opportunities for the Local Green Space sites, and other green space within the parish, with local landowners. Once potential sites are identified, we will aim to establish the necessary baseline data against which any Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) can be tracked and managed. Should	CAPC, volunteers, landowners, Local Wildlife Trust

		<p>we, in time, achieve any BNG, we will aim to establish the appropriate BOA(s) enabling the relevant landowner(s) to sell the BNG.</p> <p>Parish Council to explore the development of a Biodiversity Action Plan, to set out preferred planting in the Parish.</p>	
8.	Difficulties for pedestrians (including children) crossing Cold Ash Hill.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate options for a formal crossing point on Cold Ash Hill, in the vicinity of St Mark's School and the church.</li> <li>Maintain existing footpaths and pavements to keep them clear of undergrowth. Explore options to upgrade surfacing in a way that is sympathetic to local character.</li> </ul>	CAPC, WBC
9.	Lack of cycle parking	Provide a bike rack adjacent to the rifle club shed.	CAPC
10.	Lack of cycle lanes	To continue to investigate opportunities to introduce cycle Lanes, away from mechanised traffic, where possible	CAPC, WBC
11.	Lack of bus services	Work with stakeholders to identify funding to materially improve bus frequencies, route choice and operating hours.	CAPC, WBC, bus operators
12.	Safeguarding sunken lanes against inappropriate traffic volumes	Work with partners to have these lanes officially designated as Quiet Lanes	CAPC, WBC, CPRE
13.	Speeding traffic	<p>Options to help manage traffic speeds include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extend existing traffic calming measures on Hermitage Road (between Slanting Hill and Ashmore Green Road) to include Cold Ash Hill and Red Shute Hill.</li> <li>Add frequent 30mph roundels (road markings) throughout the route from the village gateway on Cold Ash Hill through to Red Shute Hill.</li> <li>Provide a new 'gateway' feature, with signage on both sides of the road near the industrial estate in Red Shute Hill.</li> <li>Additional vehicle actuated speed limit signs to be installed to supplement the existing signs on Cold Ash Hill (near Hatchgate Close) and on The Ridge. Three additional signs are proposed, one near St Mark's School, one near the Post Office and one in Red Shute Hill.</li> </ul>	CAPC, WBC

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20mph zones are introduced outside both schools; with associated entry signs and 20mph road markings.</li> </ul>	
14.	Need to reduce congestion and improve pedestrian safety at schools	<p>Explore potential to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remove some street parking to allow room for improved footway/verge provision in places, increase capacity for pedestrians and reduce conflicts between pedestrians and vehicles. However, further waiting restrictions (Traffic Regulation Orders) would be needed to enforce the parking restrictions and the displaced parking would need to be replaced with additional off-street parking, subject to land availability either at or near the schools or extensions to existing ones.</li> <li>• a subsidised school mini-bus service from Thatcham to reduce the numbers of pupils travelling by car.</li> <li>• Investigate potential for 'school walking bus' or car sharing schemes.</li> </ul>	CAPC, WBC, Schools, existing car park providers/ those with land that could be used for car parking (the church?)
15.	HGVs using inappropriate routes through the villages (despite existing weight limits)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional signs to increase awareness of both the weight limit and the fact that routes are unsuitable for HGV's.</li> <li>• At Stoney Lane, the existing weight limit sign, with supplementary warning "No turning area beyond this point", near Waller Drive, is mounted on the off-side of the road and not prominent for approaching drivers. A duplicate sign is proposed on the nearside (this could be attached to the street lamp column opposite Waller Drive). Similar signage is proposed in Ashmore Green Road at the junction with Stoney Lane.</li> <li>• Additional signs stating "Unsuitable for heavy good vehicles" on Stoney Lane, near Pine Ridge.</li> <li>• At Fisher's Lane, place a supplementary sign plate with a warning message "No turning area beyond this point" at the entry to Fisher's Lane from the B4009. Provide a further sign stating "Unsuitable for heavy good vehicles" at the entrance to Fisher's Lane.</li> </ul>	CAPC, WBC
16.	Longer term aspirations for the recreation ground	Produce a sustainability plan for the recreation ground	CAPC
17.	Support the ongoing provision of community amenities	Consider additional local community facilities to nominate as Assets of Community Value, based on the list in Policy CAP14.	CAPC
18.	Scope to improve the facilities offered at the Recreation Park.	In consultation with the community, consider which improvements are feasible.	CAPC, community, teens

19.	Establish an online business directory for the parish.	Local businesses will be encouraged to contribute to the setting up of a Cold Ash specific business directory and website.	CAPC
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