

BANBURY TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting of the Banbury Traffic Advisory Committee held at The Town Hall, Banbury on Wednesday, 04 September 2019 at 2.00pm.

Present:

Cllr K Mallon	Oxfordshire County Council
Cllr Tina Wren	Banbury Town Council
Cllr Nick Harrison	Banbury Town Council
Dr. Sheila Gover	Cherwell Rail Users Group
Ian Connick	Oxfordshire County Council
Gordon Ross	Banbury Town Council
B Henley-Burns	Stagecoach
Peter Monk	Civic Society
Colin Clarke	Banbury Town Council

Officers:

Mark Recchia	Banbury Town Council
Mike Wasley	Oxfordshire County Council
Jacqui Cox	Oxfordshire County Council

10/19 Apologies

John Croxton (Thames Valley Police), Robert Wingrove (Banbury Association of driving instructors), Andrew Bowe (Cherwell DC), Trevor Bayliss (Stagecoach) and Yasmin Kaduji (Banbury Chamber of Commerce).

11/19 Declarations of Interest

None.

12/19 Minutes

IT WAS AGREED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 29 May 2019 be received.

13/19 Oxfordshire County Council – Combined Report on Transport Policy/Strategy & Area Operations

Tramway Road accessibility scheme

The Tramway Road scheme would deliver a bus and taxi-only link along an extended Tramway Road to link up with the station and town centre; provide a new access into the station west car park from Tramway Road; improve pedestrian links along this corridor, and continue the existing cycle route along the corridor. The work was being delivered through a combination of Housing & Growth Deal funding and s106 contributions.

There have been meetings with the design team and Network Rail, Chiltern Railways and Stagecoach to discuss the potential layouts in more detail. It was agreed that positive progress is being made. The issues being focussed on included how to enforce the bus and taxi-only link, how to minimise loss of parking at the west car park and the best layout where Tramway Road will connect in with Station Approach. The future years modelling work had been informing this design work.

Members were advised that upon the completion of the feasibility work, public engagement forums would follow. The documents would then be sent to the TAC members for their comments too. A business case would then be submitted for the scheme to be approved onto OCC's capital programme so that the Design and Build Phase can commence.

A422 Hennef Way

Balfour Beatty had been confirmed as the consultants overseeing the scope of work for the proposals to create new north-facing slip roads onto the M40 at the Southam Road overbridge, plus junction improvements at Southam Road/Hennef Way. Members were advised that they will procure a designer and the options study will start on the 2nd October.

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Members agreed the project was good for the future of Banbury.

Longford Park s278 schemes and works onsite

Officers were negotiating with the Longford Park developers over completion of the remaining s278 schemes. These included works along Bankside (the replacement of the chicanes with cushions, a pedestrian crossing, parking restrictions and a signalised junction with Hightown Road) and works along Oxford Road (at the junctions with Farmfield Road, Hightown Road, Horton View and South Bar).

Members were updated on the issues for local residents in the project and how they are tackling this. This was an informal consultation that took place in July 2019 and members were advised that a recommendation on the way forward is expected in the next couple of weeks.

It was noted that AECOM have started modelling works on the Farmfield Road / Oxford Road / Sainsbury's junction to present options to tackle the known traffic issues in the vicinity. AECOM are due to complete design works by the end of 2019.

It was advised that there have been a number of snagging issues that are to be corrected, including the junction on site by the primary school.

Warwick Road

Members were advised that the work had not progressed on the Warwick Road junctions at Ruscot Avenue and Orchard Way to date due to other priorities.

Local Transport & Connectivity Plan (LTCP5)

OCC's Transport Cabinet Advisory Group had agreed to a two-stage consultation process for the new Local Transport & Connectivity Plan. Members noted that officers will discuss with local County Councillors at the Locality meeting this autumn and bring items along to future TAC meetings as appropriate.

Defects and maintenance

No defects were overdue in the period.

14/19 Matters Raised by Members

Civic Society

Lockheed roundabout

There were concerns with the build-up of traffic on the roundabout. Tesco's were considering putting in a second exit. OCC would talk with Balfour Beatty to take on a project here. **(JC)**

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It was agreed that there was an issue with unclear signage South of Banbury.

Banners

Members were unsure of the latest legislation concerning banners, there were concerns with the safety of having banners on road sides, especially roundabouts, T junctions and crossroads. There were questions on the impacts of banner on tourism. On the 22nd July CDC entered agreement with OCC on the removal of signs. It was noted that BTC were asked to remove all of their banners and letters had gone out to other organisations concerning their removal. The planning enforcement team had begun talking to other groups about taking down the remaining banners. There were some licenced sites and there was an application process with CDC about putting banners up in these areas. There were questions from members on whether the number of authorised sites was due to increase.

It was **AGREED** that a letter be sent to CDC thanking them for taking this action and asking that no exceptions be made to the new controls. **(MR)**

15/19 Other Items

Member of the public

There were concerns about the amount of traffic using Parsons Street and the High Street. It was **AGREED** to write to Thames Valley Police **(MR)**

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 4 December 2019 at 2pm.

The Meeting ended at 3.15pm.