

Banbury Town Council

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Date: 19 November 2025

To: All Members of the Banbury Traffic Advisory Committee.

You are hereby requested to attend a Meeting of the **BANBURY TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE** to be held at The Town Hall, Bridge Street, BANBURY on **Wednesday 26 November 2025** at 2.00pm, for the transaction of the following business:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mark Hassall'.

Mark Hassall
Town Clerk & RFO

BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED

1. Apologies

Contact Helen Durkin (01295 250340).

2. Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda, **and the nature of that interest**, in accordance with the Localism Act 2011, the Banbury Town Council Code of Conduct and Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (Please refer to the notes at the end of Agenda).

3. Minutes of the last Meeting

To approve as correct the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 21 May 2025 and 27 August 2025
(Enclosed)

4. Items Raised

Oxfordshire County Council

1. OCC Update (**To follow**)

Cllr Ian Harwood – Cherwell District Council

I would appreciate updates on:

1. Cherwell Drive – people parking along the paths on both sides of the street

2. Longford Park Road and Hobby Road junction – what are the next steps for this?
3. Pedestrian Safety Review – Bankside.

The possibility of some sort of ‘community speedwatch’ approach is insufficient in my view, having seen first-hand (whilst out canvassing, leafleting etc.) the antics of the boy racers in Chatsworth Drive between Bankside, the roundabout, and back to Bankside. I have recently received several residents’ concerns about high vehicle speeds and the use of Bankside as a cut-through between Banbury and Bodicote; despite the traffic-calming, parts of Bankside remain difficult and potentially unsafe for pedestrians to cross. This appears to be particularly true for children from Longford Park, Cherwell Heights, etc., crossing Bankside on their school journeys, especially close to the junction with Longford Park Road (so for Longford Park residents’ children walking to St. John’s RC Primary School on Avocet Way, or children from Cherwell Heights going to Longford Park Primary School). Could I request, therefore, that OCC undertake a targeted pedestrian safety review of Bankside, focusing on school-run times, in order to understand if further crossing points, speed-reduction measures, or layout changes are required going forward?

I would also like to re-raise the following issues, as I am not aware of anything that has happened with respect to these:

4. Speeding along Ruskin Road (near the school)
5. Speeding along Chatsworth Drive

Cllr Rebecca Biegel – Banbury Town Council

New issues:

1. Bus shelters are on the wrong side of the road for the B9 route at the following locations:
 - Sussex Drive opposite Red Poll Close
 - Top of Sussex Drive before Highlands

Could the bus shelters be moved? Would / could Stagecoach consider changing the route so buses drive the other way around Sussex Drive on the same side as the current bus stops?

2. Is it feasible / planned to run an additional later bus service from Chipping Norton to Banbury. The last bus from Chipping Norton on the Stagecoach 488/489 to Banbury leaves at 6:50pm, most care workers shifts finish at 7:00 / 7:30pm. **Please note:** Cllr Tohill-Martin has also requested this after receiving an in-depth email from a member of the public.
3. Very poor road surfaces on West Street and Fergusson Road in Grimsbury. Multiple reappearing potholes and deteriorating road surfaces. Are these roads on OCC radar? Pavements on Fergusson Road are also very poor and uneven.
4. Storm Drainage clearance - update needed on some roads like queens Road kings Road, Cromwell Road in Ruscote. These have many parked cars are there any plans for road closures to perform gully emptying. This is the same issue in West Street in Grimsbury. Also update needed on Middleton Road where some drains on the section from Daventry Road to Ermont Way needed further works to collapsed infrastructure below surface.
5. Is there an update on repairs to bollards on chicane on Edmunds Road. These have been fenced off but not yet scheduled for work.
6. Is there an update on works to repair kerbside stones at Park Road to Hilton Road

Banbury Town Council

7. Response times to clear vegetation which is encroaching on paths.
There was a substantial delay to address reported items on Canterbury Close in Grimsbury. Please can you confirm that if the works are impeded due to parked cars whether and how quickly the Highways team will return to complete these.
8. Extending the 20mph speed limit on Broughton road for the remaining distance from the Woodgreen Avenue roundabout to the town limit beyond Friswell Road.
Has this been discussed following accidents on this stretch?
9. Surface water flooding issues on Swan Close near junction with Upper Windsor Street. Is this resolved?
10. Gibbs Road in Grimsbury- there was an incident recently where there was a fire at a property in this road and access was obstructed for a fire engine due to numbers of parked cars. Can this be looked into please.

Ongoing issues for which an update would be welcome:

1. Badly deteriorating raised pedestrian crossing on Middleton Road (midway between junctions with Priory Vale Road and Daventry Road).
2. Collaboration between OCC, CDC Banbury Town Council and the police about ANPR solutions to stop unauthorised vehicles regularly using pedestrianised areas in the town centre.
3. Scheduled works to improve safety and visibility where the well-used cycle way / walkway crosses Winchester Close
4. Installation of yellow lines on Overthorpe Way to prevent HGV parking and allow behaviour change and alternative parking to be explored asap and before the LCWIP Easter corridor changes.
5. Multiple vehicles parking on Cherwell Drive between Spice ball leisure centre and Spiceball Park Road. Previously preventative measures were requested.
6. Warning Signs to prevent HGVs going down Daventry Road.
7. Update on Real time information for Stagecoach? Cancelled services are not updated on the app?

Banbury Community Action Group

1. My agenda item is the ongoing lack of response from OCC (two meetings now) to the blocked drains on A361 Southam road. These have been blocked and reported on fix my street for over a year. OCC Highways keep closing the issues without doing any work. My most recent complaints (Sept 2025) do seem to be still open on Fix my Street but work still not done.

My questions:

- 1) Why does OCC keep closing these Fixmystreet issues without fixing them?
- 2) Is there some incentive scheme / bonus plan that encourages them to do so?
- 3) When will these drains be cleared – there are now plants growing out of them! They regularly flood and cause pedestrians to get soaked by passing traffic. **(There are photos on an email to show if required)**

Banbury Civic Society

1. Update of details and progress of Station Approach / TRAMWAY road project.
2. Location of all-day coach parking facilities.
3. Provision of right-turn shelter at Bloxham Road / Browning Road.
4. Windsor Street / Swan Lane - surface water nuisance.
5. Southam Road / Tesco roundabout - continuing problems arising from confusing road markings.
6. Second exit from Tesco car park present situation ?

BADI

1. None.

Banbury Active Travel Supporters (BATS)

1. None.

5. Rolling updates for existing items

1. Updates on feasibility study for a one-way traffic scheme on Queens Road and Easington Road.
2. What is the status of the planned pedestrian crossing opposite Bradley Arcade shops in Ruscote.
3. Speed issues in Dukes Meadow Drive, previously the poor speed signage when entering DMD from Warwick Road had been raised but how will this be addressed?
4. What are the plans to properly repair the raised crossing on Middleton Road (between Priory Vale and Daventry Road junctions). This issue has been raised several times due to the crossing surface collapsing and potholes fixes quickly subsiding.
5. Has there been an update on waiting restrictions on Overthorpe Road near the entrance to the industrial estate? The Parking of HGVs on Overthorpe Road is causing congestion and visibility problems for other traffic especially vehicles coming out of Westminster Way.
6. What has happened regarding the promised signage to deter HGVs from going along Daventry Road (to try access the Wildmere Road Industrial Estate) and then being forced to turn.

Notes on declaration of interest

- (i) Any Member arriving after the start of the meeting is asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests as necessary as soon as practicable after their arrival even if the item in question has been considered;
- (ii) In such circumstances, the Member must withdraw from the meeting room, and should inform the Chairman accordingly.

It is not practical to offer detailed advice during the meeting.

Recording of Meeting

- (iii) Please be aware that an audio recording of the meeting may be made, as an aide-memoire for the purposes of the Clerk to ensure minutes reflect the overall tone and content of meetings, and will be deleted following the first approval of minutes.

BANBURY TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting of the Banbury Traffic Advisory Committee held at The Town Hall, Banbury on
Wednesday 21 May 2025 at 2.00pm.

Present:	Cllr Kieron Mallon	Oxfordshire County Council (Chairman)
	Chris Hulme	Thames Valley Police
	Trevor Bayliss	Stagecoach
	Peter Monk	Banbury Civic Society
	Paul Bonsor	BATS
	Robert Wingrove	BADI
	Mark Beynon	BADI

Officers:	Jacqui Cox	Oxfordshire County Council
	Colm McAllister	Oxfordshire County Council
	Andy Bowe	Cherwell District Council
	Cllr Ian Harwood	Banbury Town Council
	Cllr Rebecca Biegel	Banbury Town Council
	Cllr Sian Tohill-Martin	Banbury Town Council
	Bob Duxbury	Banbury Town Council
	Helen Durkin	Banbury Town Council

Also in attendance:

BTAC.6/25 Apologies: None

BTAC.7/25 Declarations of Interest
None.

BTAC.8/25 Minutes
IT WAS AGREED that the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 26 February 2025 be received and signed.

BTAC.9/25 Matters Raised by Members

Oxfordshire County Council Report

1. A document was explored in reference to OCC Updates as shown below on page 49.

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Banbury Projects

Cllr Ian Harwood – Cherwell District Council

1. Longford Park Road and its junction with Hobby Road.
 - Excess speed, could traffic calming measures be looked into.
2. Entry to Longford Park Road (driving north) from Oxford Road.
 - The right hand turn needs a filter right or a South early cut off as turning right can be quite fraught at times.
3. Chatsworth Drive.
 - Excessive speed from Bankside to Chatsworth Drive shops, could traffic calming measures be looked into.
4. Wykham Park Academy.
 - Traffic at school times is ridiculous in respect of speed and bad driving, could traffic calming measures be looked into.

Banbury Civic Society

1. Update re Tramway. What has happened to delay the work?
 - [See OCC report. There has been a design change due to land availability. Comms to follow.](#)
2. Can we have a report on the Cherwell Street Bus Scheme consultation please?
 - [Yes, It has not been finalised yet however. It should be complete ASAP.](#)
3. Can we have a report on the surface water difficulties in Cherwell Street by Morrison's filling station please?
 - [The drains have been cleared, they were filled with silt. Cherwell St contractor to confirm via a CCTV survey.](#)
4. Can we have a report on the apparent potentially misleading road markings at Southam Road / Hennef Way and at Wildmere roundabouts please?
 - [Should be picked up in the Hennef Way corridor work.](#)
5. Report on pot-hole repair programme.
 - [Here is a link to our larger planned maintenance schemes for this year - https://oxfordshire.highway-iams.uk/Live/PBLC_ANON/PIP/?cg=scheme](https://oxfordshire.highway-iams.uk/Live/PBLC_ANON/PIP/?cg=scheme)
6. Is there resurfacing scheduled for Southam Road, High Street / George Street and Bridge Street (West) at Cherwell street?
 - [See link above.](#)
7. What highway infrastructure improvements can we look forward to in the next 12 months?
 - [Provided in OCC report.](#)

Banbury Association of Driving Instructors (BADI)

1. M40 roundabout markings are confusing and incorrect.
Could they please be looked at and rectified . Especially Banbury to Brackley.
 - [If this has been raised via Fixmystreet, an OCC officer covering the Cherwell area will be picking this up and investigating in due course.](#)
2. What pothole programme have OCC got in place for this year. Too holes many to count.
 - [See link above.](#)

3. What painting is scheduled this year. We have many keep clear and box junctions that need making visible again.
 - We wouldn't be able to confirm the full list of lining as Cherwell have over 70 areas of lining currently to be completed with locations being added daily. Faded lining would need to be reported to Fixmystreet to make us aware of the location that needs attention. We are unable to provide dates for lining work to be completed.
4. I asked for 2 arrows to be painted at the lower Cherwell/ bridge street junction, is this going to happen?
 - Will be picked up in Cherwell St Scheme if it goes ahead, along with resurfacing.
5. Middleton Road raised crossing, can it be repainted and repaired please.
 - Has been passed on, previous response in OCC report.
6. Hennef Way / Concord Avenue verges needs professional coppicing and not the surf trim so we can see the signage again.
 - Can be reported on Fixmystreet.

Cllr Rebecca Biegel – Banbury Town Council

1. On A361 Traffic Island near Waller Drive travelling from the traffic lights into town, the curbing and slight offset position is difficult to judge in poor lighting. Has this been noted or commented on?
 - Street lighting have assessed, they believe repainting the road signage would be the best intervention.
2. The bus stop on Middleton Road near the Grimsbury fish bar is poorly marked out and often cars are often parked over it, which means passengers have to go into the road to board the bus.
 - This has been accepted by the bus infrastructure team. They are currently assessing options.
3. Can anything be done to further improve the lighting on the Zebra Crossing on A361 near to the Easington Pub. It still seems very poorly lit, even with the improved Belisha Beacons.
 - If this is the j/w Waller Drive and A361 then the lighting team have assessed. The junction is well lit and they have attended in February of this year to change the lanterns inside the bollards. There is no history of damage to either of the bollards here historically. Also no notes or comments on streetlighting.
4. Footpath / cycle way from Overthorpe Road (Linea Way) through to Middleton Road needs barriers or warnings either side of the Winchester Close crossing because many cyclists just shoot across here without looking.
 - Fixmystreet would help putting this on our radar, passed on to Highway/cycle maintenance.
5. Is the Traffic light sequencing at the junction of Oxford Road and Upper Windsor Street correct? The green filter light comes on allowing traffic to turn left into Upper Windsor Street whilst holding other traffic moving straight on under a red light, but this doesn't seem to be aligned with the left turn signal to allow traffic from Upper Windsor Street to turn left into Oxford Road?
 - Passed onto the signal team for review.
6. Have OCC received feedback / concerns from residents about the extra 8 parking spaces that were added in Beargarden Road near the junction with Kingsway? Have problems with the large number of vans parked on Beargarden Road been reported?

- Could you confirm which bays you're referring to? Some bays were replaced with double yellow lines quite soon after going in as they were causing a safety issue. An Officer has gone on site to review.
7. The footpath approach to the Sainsbury's local from the north on the west side of Warwick Road is poor and ceases before the car park? Pedestrians have 'created' a path into the car park but what plans are scheduled to address this?
- This was a FMS enquiry, the previous reply- "Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. firstly you will need to approach your Parish/ Town council and get this agreed with them and make them aware, Then the request should ideally come through them when support has been gathered" - Crossing scheme for Senior officer to investigate.

Banbury Active Travel Supporters (BATS)

1. Junction of Bath Road and Broughton Road. There is continuing local concern about the safety of this junction even though it now has a 20mph speed limit. It is especially dangerous for traffic exiting Bath Road due to reduced visibility and the speed of traffic coming down the hill. This matter has been raised with Paul Fermer and Anthony Kirkwood at OCC. Would it be possible to request additional signage or some other markings which would help reduce speed and improve safety?



- This is something Highway Maintenance can investigate, to see what extra signage/warnings maybe viable under the signs maintenance.
2. With regard to the reduction in speed limits in this busy, central part of town can the committee fully support the urgent introduction of a 20mph along North Bar especially in the light of coroner's recommendation in January 2025.



- For discussion.

BTAC.10/25 Rolling updates for existing items

OCC Officers were asked in past meetings to provide a full written update on all of the following issues in preparation for the next meeting.

1. Updates on feasibility study for a one-way traffic scheme on Queens Road and Easington Road.
 - [Has this been consulted with the Parish Council?](#)
2. What is the status of the planned pedestrian crossing opposite Bradley Arcade shops in Ruscote.
 - [More information needed.](#)
3. Speed issues in Dukes Meadow Drive, previously the poor speed signage when entering DMD from Warwick Road had been raised but how will this be addressed?
 - [The Parish Council would need review and approve if this is a request for new sign works and other related traffic calming measures. If it's a case of damaged road signs that need replacing, this can be reported via fixmystreet.](#)
4. What are the plans to properly repair the raised crossing on Middleton Road (between Priory Vale and Daventry Road junctions). This issue has been raised several times due to the crossing surface collapsing and potholes fixes quickly subsiding.
 - [Reply provided on OCC report.](#)
5. Has there been an update on waiting restrictions on Overthorpe Road near the entrance to the industrial estate?. The Parking of HGVs on Overthorpe Road is causing congestion and visibility problems for other traffic especially vehicles coming out of Westminster Way.
 - [Being assessed as part of Easter AT corridor.](#)
6. What has happened regarding the promised signage to deter HGVs from going along Daventry Road (to try access the Wildmere Road Industrial Estate) and then being forced to turn.
 - [This would need to be run through Fixmystreet for OCC Safety team to look at.](#)

Date of next meeting - **Wednesday 27 August 2025 at 2pm.**

The Meeting ended at 15:21

Banbury Traffic Advisory Committee May 2025

Oxfordshire County Council Report on Transport Strategy & Area Operations

Transport Policy/Strategy Update

Tramway Road accessibility improvements

There has been a delay in completing Phase 1 and 2. Phase 3 will now start at end June (Tramway road re-opens) and the scheme is to be complete in September 2025. Letters have been sent to residents to notify them about the changes.

Phase 3



The Project Manager Cris has left, Jodie Clarke has taken over

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/transport-and-travel/roadworks/major-current-roadworks/access-banbury-station> The website has been updated to reflect the change in dates.

Stagecoach will look to carry out some trial runs of the B3 route along Tramway when the scheme is complete. In the next phase of works Tramway Road will be opening, how the layout is operating will be monitored, this is priority before trialling buses.

- It was noted that the footpath will be completed by the end of June 2025

Cherwell Street bus service improvement scheme

The public consultation closed in March, a report has been produced which can be accessed alongside the detail design (with amendments) in the CMD paper for June 19th Transport Management CMD. If successful Cherwell Street will go to the July 17th Infrastructure and Development CMD.

- It was suggested that a meeting be held before the Infrastructure and Development CMD on the 17th July 2025.

LCWIP schemes

1. **Eastern active travel corridor** – 200k of DfT funding was captured from Active Travel Tranche 5 to complete the Feasibility design. We are hoping to go out to tender next week (week starting 19th May) with the aim of completing the Feasibility stage by December 2025.
2. **Western active travel corridor** – Following an unsuccessful with of 50k of Capability and Ambition funding, a direct award is being carried out to start Concept Designs and Optioneering. Once this is complete more funds are available for Feasibility Design (75k of s106 OCC Corporate funding and 50k of Consolidate Active Travel funds, subject to board approval).

Swan Close Road – Aim to start study in the next few months, this will include optioneering the measures required along Swan Close Road, to improve the route for bus services, provide improvements for those walking, wheeling or cycling, and to reduce congestion. 50k of revenue funding and 150k of Transport Congestion Improvement funds are available.

- It was requested by members that there be an assessment for a zebra crossing or a pelican crossing from Tramway Road to Morrisons.

Canal Towpath to Station Approach steps

Officers are still trying to resolve land ownership issues. Banbury Quays Consortium are trying to help to get a response.

Banbury town bus services

From 30th March, improvements were made to service 500 (Banbury – Bicester), with additional journeys in the evening between Banbury and Brackley, and some timing changes and diversions to serve Frontier Park and Chacombe. These are funded by S106 from the Frontier Park development.

We expect to commence a Sunday service on route B3 (Bodicote) in the next few months and are awaiting confirmation on prices and timetable from Stagecoach. This will be funded by the Council's Bus Service Improvement Plan.

From the same funding source, it is also intended that service levels on route X4 (Banbury – Oxford express) will be increased to four return journeys on Mondays to Fridays later this year, instead of the current two.

The Council will shortly release a new county bus map and a Banbury town bus map. The county map will also be available in printed form from various public buildings. We hope that the Banbury town map will give clarity to what is available, as we regularly receive correspondence about a lack of bus services in areas which actually do have them.

The Bus Service Improvement Plan also provides for an upgrade to bus stops on the Oxfordshire sections of services 75/76 between Banbury and Stratford-upon-Avon. Some bus stops will be marked for the first time, whilst others will receive refreshed infrastructure including flags with stop names. Within Banbury itself, route number grids will be updated to the most recent services.

Highways Report

- On going re lining works throughout Banbury
- Signs maintenance as normal
- Bretch Hill – On our schemes list for 25/26, improvements to road safety Bretch Hill Road/Edinburgh Way – Looking to replace existing VAS signs with new and more effective signs, re dressing the existing speed hump and relining, re lining and adding ‘Keep Clear’ markings as you exit Edinburgh way onto Bretch Hill to prevent cars parking opposite the junction
- Queensway – Site visit completing regarding a new potential crossing but hasn’t been progressed due to already being fully committed for 25/26 schemes
- Adderbury and Bloxham double yellow lines & parking – Also on our schemes list for 25/26 involves installing double yellow lines and parking restrictions on a few roads
- Adderbury School – Outside of Adderbury School, again, on our schemes list for 25/26 will involve widening the footpath to create more space for pedestrians during the busiest periods and in general
- Bloxham Service Road – New double yellow lines already installed and bird mouth fencing to be installed during 25/26

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❖ **The report was received and noted by members.**

Actions from previous TAC

- Halo lights on Bloxham Rd ped crossing have been reported, with a job raised
- Response regarding Middleton Rd from Highway Maintenance-

Unfortunately, many roads across the county, in terms of their structural integrity have passed the point where surface treatments such as surface dressing are an appropriate method of repair, therefore, more costly repairs are required. The council has to take a prudent view in the way it maintains its highway and to this end, the County Council has an Highway Asset Management Plan that seeks to balance the costly repair of roads that are already in the poorest condition with cheaper resurfacing schemes on roads that are about to fall into disrepair to prevent more costly repairs at a later date. This however, still leaves many roads where pot holes are occurring to which the council needs to react. A link to our Asset Management policy can be found here [2022-2027 Highway Infrastructure Asset Maintenance Approach | Oxfordshire County Council](#).

Unfortunately potholes do and can occur very quickly especially over the winter period, and although our roads are subject to a regular statutory inspection regime, we are currently struggling to keep on top of the numbers of reports we are receiving which I fully accept can and will be frustrating to members of the public. However, still the best way to get action on Potholes is to report details via fix my street at [FixMyStreet \(oxfordshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/fixmystreet) This way the public can provide us with a good location (and photographs)

- Sketches for safety improvements to Queensway Rd/school following the site visit were sent out Mon 28/10/2024. *These can be recirculated*
- Review Easington Road interchange, Easington Road could be one way, from Oxford Road to Bloxham Road which would stop rat runs. **Passed on to Highway maintenance**
- There is a need for better pedestrian crossings on Dukes Meadow Drive ie dropped kerbs in for parents and children from Hanwell Chase to cross to Hanwell Fields School? A dropped kerbs survey was done but nothing seems has happened since to progress this. ***Passed on to Highway maintenance who had previously reviewed***
- What is being done to investigate the ongoing dangers and issues on Gateway roundabout. ***Passed on to Highway maintenance***
- Need for reflectors at corner of Highlands and the Camellias because drivers don't realise how sharp the bend is and there have been accidents there. ***Passed on to Highway maintenance***
- Fergusson Road suffers from surface water flooding at the end of the road and water runs onto residents drives? This has been reported on several occasions. ***Passed on to Highway maintenance***
- Vehicles parking on the footway of Cherwell Drive is unenforceable according to the enforcement team ***Passed on to Highway maintenance, who may be able to raise a TRO***

- Below is the gully emptying programme which gives details for Banbury and surrounding areas.

Start	Finish	District	Ward
01/04/2025	31/05/2025	Cherwell	Banbury Calthorpe
01/04/2025	31/05/2025	Cherwell	Banbury Grimsbury & Castle
01/04/2025	31/05/2025	Cherwell	Banbury Hardwick
01/05/2025	30/06/2025	Cherwell	Wroxton
01/05/2025	30/06/2025	Cherwell	Cropredy
01/06/2025	31/07/2025	Cherwell	Banbury Easington
01/06/2025	31/07/2025	Cherwell	Banbury Neithrop
01/06/2025	31/07/2025	Cherwell	Banbury Ruscote
01/06/2025	31/07/2025	Cherwell	Bloxham & Bodicote

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	Billy Evans	Oxfordshire County Council
	Cllr Rebecca Biegel	Banbury Town Council
	Cllr Helen Mears	Banbury Town Council
	Bob Duxbury	Banbury Town Council
	Helen Durkin	Banbury Town Council

Also in attendance:

BTAC.14/25 Apologies: Andy Bowe
Cllr Ian Harwood

BTAC.15/25 Declarations of Interest
None.

BTAC.16/25 Minutes
IT WAS AGREED that the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 21 May 2025 be amended and moved to be signed as a true record at the November meeting.

BTAC.17/25 Matters Raised by Members

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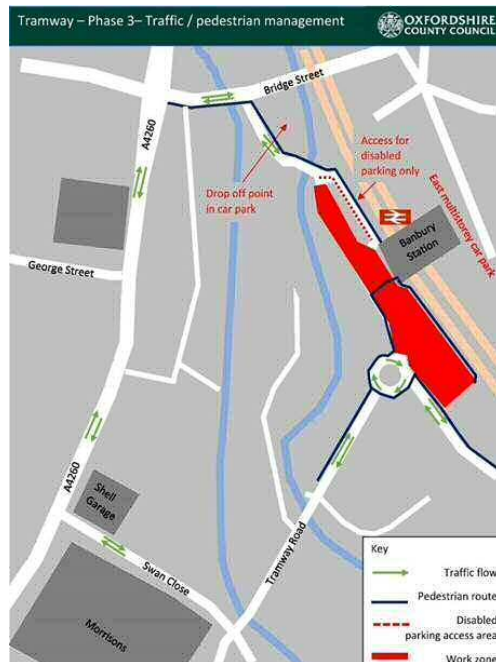
Oxfordshire County Council Report on Transport Schemes & Area Operations

Transport Schemes Update

Tramway Road accessibility improvements

Phases 1 and 2 have been completed. The new roundabout and section of Tramway Road is open for access to the industrial estate and football ground. The Tramway Road footpath is also open.

Construction work for Phase 3 commenced on 18 June 2025.



Phase 3 includes the construction of the Banbury train station west car park A with new drainage, surfacing, lighting, fencing and landscaping. Station Approach Road north and the station forecourt will be closed for drop off and parking (except for disabled access) until the completion of Phase 3.

4e. Tramway Road Update (2/2)

Phase 3 progress with kerbing, fencing, foundation construction and drainage works



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Current work in progress:

- Drainage construction in the train station west car park A.
- Kerb installation, ducting, and fencing along Station Approach Road and the car park.
- Completed the lighting column installation along Tramway Road.
- Constructing the new Network Rail depot access.

Upcoming work:

- Install lighting columns, fencing and signs in the station car park.
- Complete construction of the new depot access and install the depot access gates.
- Resurfacing of the car park and sections of Station Approach Road.
- Install bus gate and traffic lights.
- Lane marking and signage installation.
- Install bus stops.



During phases one and two of construction, the construction team encountered various challenges on site including finding unmapped utility services and archaeological discoveries. They had to navigate poor ground conditions and a reduced availability of land. As a result, the design of the improvements on Tramway Road has been changed. The project website has been updated to reflect the changes and the progress: [Access to Banbury train station \(Tramway Road improvements\) | Oxfordshire County Council](#).

Following unexpected discoveries in the ground during the first phases of construction, we now expect to finish work in December 2025.

Cherwell Street bus service improvement scheme

Officers and the design consultants have responded to concerns raised during the consultation and through the Road Safety and technical review and proposed some amendments to the detailed design that would still realise the benefits for bus services and pedestrians.

A report is being submitted to the Cabinet Members Decision meeting on 4 September, with papers published on 28 August.

If approved, A construction information event will be arranged ahead of construction commencement. This will cover the construction programme and traffic management plans for the scheme.

LCWIP schemes

1. **Eastern active travel corridor** – *Jacobs consultancy has successfully been assigned to carry out the feasibility studies.*
 - *An inception meeting and site visit has taken place.*
 - *Feedback from the CDC & Town Council walk-through, TAC meetings, Cllr meetings, and BATS has been provided and discussed.*
 - *December completion date.*
2. **Western active travel corridor** – *Amey consultancy has been awarded the study, the commercial team are working on finalising the contract.*
 - *Once Optioneering is complete, this will be reviewed by Cllrs (the route runs through four wards), then it can be shared through TAC.*
 - *February completion date.*

Swan Close Road – Officers have completed the business case, and are looking to out of to tender to carry out the Feasibility work

- *Once this is complete for the whole corridor, officers will determine where to use the held s106 (718k) funding to deliver some improvements in the short term and will also seek funding for further project development and delivery.*
- *The package of measures is expected to include: signalling the Tramway/Swan Close/Lambs Crescent junction and the Hightown Road/Bankside junction (but may not be via), enhanced signals management at the Swan Close Road/Cherwell Street junction, pedestrian facilities and a cycle connection between Bankside and Tramway. A pedestrian/cycle bridge over the Oxford canal between Bankside and Tramway (improvement 13.2 of LCWIP route 13).*

Canal Towpath to Station Approach steps ('Muddy Bank')

Oxfordshire County Council officers have met with the land agent to discuss creating a dedicated right of way. The agent has set out a number of terms that would be acceptable to the land owner to agree this. Officers are carrying out due diligence on these terms with a view to agreeing the County Council's position and will be meeting with the agent again towards the end of September 2025.

Banbury Wayfinding Project

Working Group established with County Council / District Council officers, the Banbury BID, Castle Quay Consortium and community members with an interest in wayfinding. An audit has been carried out of routes into the town from arrival points and along LCWIP routes. A pilot area has been agreed with the Working Group, with the focus to be on the route between Banbury Station and Horsefair. A contractor will be procured to design and implement and this process is underway with an appointment expected Autumn 2025.

Banbury Market Place Public Realm Improvements

Officers are looking at options to provide new and/or embellished street furniture for the Market Place with special attention to inclusive social seating, planters and opportunities for play. Furniture will be designed to reflect the character of the town and its marketplace heritage and compliment other art installations and bespoke public realm elements across the town. Street furniture will be removeable for key events in the Market Place.

The areas under consideration are northeast end of Banbury Market Place between Butchers Row and Parsons Street and the east side of Banbury Market Place opposite the Town Hall.

An artist-led brief has been drafted. Procurement is underway and an appointment is expected Autumn 2025.

Banbury 2050 Vision Masterplan

The Banbury 2050 Vision Masterplan is an economic, social and physical regeneration strategy for the town to address its needs, maximise its potential as Oxfordshire's largest town and shape growth and investment going forward. The outputs from this project will deliver:

Spatial Framework Plan – a blueprint that guides the future growth and development of Banbury, forming a basis for future policy and identifying areas of future funding. Its purpose will be to provide a clear framework for decision-making, steering investment priorities, and setting parameters for development and design to guide priorities, growth and investment;

Delivery Plan - a list of prioritised and fully-costed identified interventions that will support the delivery of the Spatial Master Plan to outline a route map to achieve the vision focusing on mechanisms for delivery, funding, investment and partnerships; and

Investment Prospectus - A marketing and branding pack that will raise the profile of the town, attract investment and leverage partnerships.

Consultants brief drafted. Procurement underway. Appointment Autumn 2025.

Banbury town bus services

Service improvements from 31st August:

New Sunday services on Banbury local routes B3 and B4

Improvement to route X4 (express Banbury to Oxford), increase from two to four journeys per day each way Monday to Friday

Link to new timetable here:

<https://www.stagecoachbus.com/serviceupdates/serviceupdatesarticle?SituationId=ID-07/08/2025-17:05:37:729>

Highways Report

The works schedule was shared in the previous OCC TAC update, added to the schedule is-

- Improvements to a section of road on Bretch Hill Junction with Edmund Road, Banbury. This is to improve the safety by preventing cars from parking opposite the junction and making the busy crossing features more prominent.

Cllr Ian Harwood – Cherwell District Council**1. Bankside Illegal Parking – Public**

Bankside illegal parking starting from the Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints with cars parking on the cycle lane and pavements it's only a matter of time before a serious accident happens.

The road humps are there to make drivers reduce speed this seems to work but, with illegally parked cars its becoming dangerous for drivers and cyclists alike.

Car drivers driving along Bankside towards the town find themselves at a disadvantage to oncoming traffic especially with the modern larger width vehicles its becoming more and more challenging to keep safe especially when cyclist have to move out into the centre of the road and at the same time dealing with the humps.

I believe the Highways department are dealt with by Oxfordshire County Council, it would appear that after their knee jerk reaction (being seen to do the right thing) decision making about installing humps and cycle lane they have actually made things very dangerous.

I have raised an issue that must be dealt with in favour of the road user not the homes along the area in question illegally parking their vehicles unless they have a Highways designated Disabled parking space.

**Cllr Rebecca Biegel – Banbury Town Council****Grimsbury**

1. Visibility and safety issues on Winchester Close where the cyclist / pedestrians cross The shared pedestrian / cycleway from Overthorpe Road to Middleton Road crosses Winchester Close. There are insufficient warnings / signage / parking prevention on the road and often cars park round this area impeding visibility. This has been referred to OCC Highways following another incident of a car hitting a cyclist.
2. Visibility and safety issues on Grimsbury Green where the cyclist / pedestrians cross to go under the Hennef Way Underpass. There are insufficient warnings / signage / parking prevention on the road and the crossing's location just after a bend raises safety concerns and visibility issues.
3. Ongoing problems with the raised pedestrian crossing on Middleton Road Multiple reports of potholes and repairs are not long lasting. When will this be assessed for proper resurfacing work.
4. Speeding and parking issues on Grimsbury Green in the area where the pedestrian / cycle path crosses leading to the Hennef Way Underpass. Parked cars in this area means motorists don't have sufficient visibility to see cyclists and pedestrians and oncoming cars coming around the bend.

5. HGV parking issues on Overthorpe Road
Raised multiple times but no interim action pending the LCWIP changes in this area. This is unacceptable due to the ongoing issues with visibility and safety due to constant HGV parking in this area along one side of the carriageway making it a one lane highway on this busy stretch.
Also cars parking on this stretch due to lack of any parking restrictions means HGV traffic is squeezing between parked cars on one side and HGVs parked on the other.

Banbury Town Centre

6. The cross roundabout - problems with direction indicators. Cars going straight north or south on the A361 are using both lanes leading to confusion and near misses.

Ruscote

7. Storm drain clearance issue
Despite recent gully emptying many areas still have blocked drains. For example there were six blocked drains on Queen Road.
Please also report generally on areas where storm drain clearance is incomplete or pending further action.

Hightown Road area

8. Parking issues in roads off Hightown Road.
Some roads off Hightown Road now have CPZs. This has pushed the problem onto the other roads which do not have CPZs like Valley Road where residents report significant parking issues caused by visitors / workers at the Horton. Please can parking issues in the entire area be scoped by officers rather than incremental changes being made.
9. Lost issues / rolling issues which were raised at the TAC over the last three years.
As discussed at the last TAC meeting in May, many issues repeatedly reported and minuted at this TAC have disappeared. Please can OCC officers commit to review and prioritise any outstanding rolling items.

Banbury Community Action Group

1. The promised clearance of blocked drains by OCC.
Despite multiple reports of these via Fix My Street, these reports were marked as closed many months ago on the promise that the drains would all be cleared and cleaned by July, this has not happened. I even tried reporting them again pointing out they had been marked closed in error, these were also ignored and marked as closed. OCC appear to be marking Fix My Street reports as closed to meet some internal target rather than actually dealing with the issue. These blocked drains cause flooding whenever we get heavy rains.

Banbury Civic Society

1. Update on progress of and changes to the Tramway Road scheme.
2. Information on how the bus services and the Mobility 'Hub' are expected to operate.
3. Details of the final format of the Cherwell Street bus improvement scheme - please clarify the changes made to the scheme consulted on.
4. Newlands Road heading towards Marlborough Road and turning left into Marlborough Road, and traffic coming out of town on Broad Street turning right into Marlborough Road, there are no advisory signs to say who has right of way - discussed previously but complaints continue.

5. A423 Southam road at Tesco roundabout, heading into Banbury.
At the entrance to the roundabout the road marking for the left hand lane indicates straight on and left onto Hennef Way , Once in that lane the next arrow is left only onto Hennef Way if this is not seen, drivers are going straight on towards Banbury, while the middle lane indicates a left turn onto Hennef way and also straight on to Banbury, thus drivers in nearside lane are either going left or Straight on, and drivers in the middle lane going left and straight on, problems and near misses result - discussed previously but complaints continue.
6. When is action to be taken regarding the extremely uneven surfacing in George Street between High Street and Broad Street, and at places along Southam Road between Warwick Road and Hennef Way?
7. Road closures and connectivity resulting from OU FC stadium decision.

Banbury Active Travel Supporters (BATS)

1. Road repairs and maintenance of verges.

The condition of road surfaces in Banbury continues to be a problem: pot holes, cracks, uneven areas, sunken drain and manhole covers. These are dangerous for all road users. Grass verges and vegetation obscure vision for all road users and need to be cut back regularly especially on the outside of roundabouts and around junctions. Dirty road and traffic signs are hard to see and need regular cleaning.

These are fundamental tasks for any road network and we would like the committee to keep up the pressure for more local maintenance and funding if necessary. Can Oxfordshire County Council Highways also share what resources they currently allocate to road maintenance in Banbury?

2. 20mph speed limit.

Road casualties in our parliamentary constituency in 2023 (latest data) totalled 136 (Fatal casualties:5, Serious casualties:25, Slight casualties: 106).

Research data continues to be published which shows the benefits of this speed limit e.g.

<https://tfl.gov.uk/info-for/media/press-releases/2025/may/powerful-new-long-term-tfl-research-shows-20mph-speed-limits-save-lives-on-london-s-roads>

Can the committee now recommend extending the 20mph limit to the A4260 from Bloxham Road to the Tesco roundabout? This route is used by many pedestrians and also has St Mary's School on it.

BTAC.18/25 Rolling updates for existing items

1. Updates on feasibility study for a one-way traffic scheme on Queens Road and Easington Road.
2. What is the status of the planned pedestrian crossing opposite Bradley Arcade shops in Ruscot.
3. Speed issues in Dukes Meadow Drive, previously the poor speed signage when entering DMD from Warwick Road had been raised but how will this be addressed?
4. What are the plans to properly repair the raised crossing on Middleton Road (between Priory Vale and Daventry Road junctions). This issue has been raised several times due to the crossing surface collapsing and potholes fixes quickly subsiding.

5. Has there been an update on waiting restrictions on Overthorpe Road near the entrance to the industrial estate? The Parking of HGVs on Overthorpe Road is causing congestion and visibility problems for other traffic especially vehicles coming out of Westminster Way.
6. What has happened regarding the promised signage to deter HGVs from going along Daventry Road (to try access the Wildmere Road Industrial Estate) and then being forced to turn.
7. Pavement parking on the bridge on Cherwell Drive outside Spiceball Leisure Centre. Not enforceable as no yellow lines, passed on to highways to see if a TRO can be raised?

Date of next meeting - **Wednesday 26 November 2025 at 2pm.**

The Meeting ended at 16:03