

BANBURY TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting of the Banbury Traffic Advisory Committee held at The Town Hall, Banbury on
Wednesday 27 August 2025 at 2.00pm.

Present:	Cllr Kieron Mallon	Oxfordshire County Council (Chairman)
	Chris Hulme	Thames Valley Police
	Trevor Bayliss	Stagecoach
	Liam Devlin	Stagecoach
	Peter Monk	Banbury Civic Society
	Paul Bonsor	BATS

Officers:	Jacqui Cox	Oxfordshire County Council
	Colm McAllister	Oxfordshire County Council
	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

Oxfordshire County Council Report

1. A document was explored in reference to OCC Updates. (below and attached.)

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Banbury Projects

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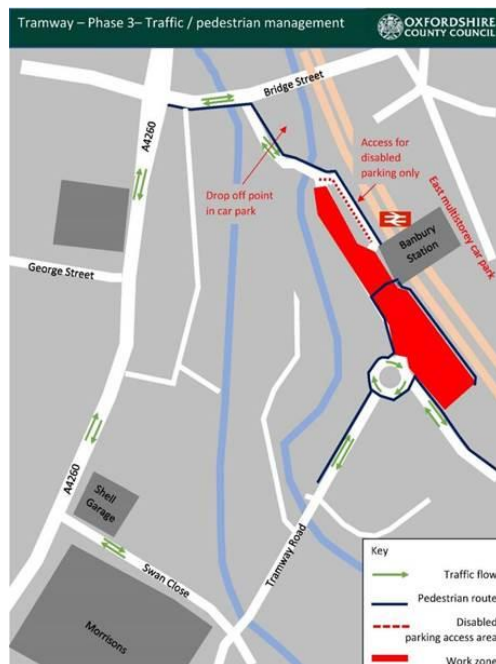
Oxfordshire County Council Report on Transport Schemes & Area Operations

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