

BANBURY TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting of the Banbury Traffic Advisory Committee held at The Town Hall, Banbury on
Wednesday 26 November 2025 at 2.00pm.

Present:

Cllr Kieron Mallon	Oxfordshire County Council (Chairman)
Chris Hulme	Thames Valley Police
Trevor Bayliss	Stagecoach
Ed Massey	Stagecoach
Peter Monk	Banbury Civic Society
Neil Wallis	BATS
Jim Smith	Banbury Community Action Group
Robert Wingrove	BADI

Officers:

Jacqui Cox	Oxfordshire County Council
Colm McAllister	Oxfordshire County Council
Billy Evans	Oxfordshire County Council
Cllr Ian Harwood	Cherwell District Council
Cllr Rebecca Biegel	Banbury Town Council
Helen Durkin	Banbury Town Council

BTAC.19/25 Apologies
Councillor Thornhill, Robert Duxbury, Paul Bonsor and Andrew Bowe

BTAC.20/25 Declarations of Interest
None

BTAC.21/25 Minutes
IT WAS AGREED that the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 21 May 2025 (Amended) and 27 August 2025 be signed as a true record by the Chair, seconded by Councillor Biegel.

BTAC.22/25 Matters Raised By Members

Oxfordshire County Council Report

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

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Banbury Projects

Cllr Ian Harwood – Cherwell District Council

1. Cherwell Drive – people parking along the paths on both sides of the street.
 - **This has been added to be completed in the 26/27 schemes list by way of installing bollards.**
2. Longford Park Road and Hobby Road junction – what are the next steps for this?
 - **OCC to investigate and report back.**
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?

- **OCC to investigate and possibly use S106 funds to install a raised platform.**

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)
 - **OCC to investigate and possibly use S106 funds to install a raised platform.**
5. Speeding along Chatsworth Drive
 - **OCC to investigate and possibly use S106 funds to install a raised platform.**

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?

- **Stagecoach will look into seeing if reversing the route would work.**

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.

- **Stagecoach to feed this back to OCC and report back.**

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.

- **In Progress**

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.

- **Fix My Street**

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.

- **Fix My Street**

6. Is there an update on works to repair kerbside stones at Park Road to Hilton Road?

- **Fix My Street**

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.

- **Fix My Street**

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?

- **OCC to ask Andrew Kirkwood to review.**

9. Surface water flooding issues on Swan Close near junction with Upper Windsor Street.
Is this resolved?

- **May be able to be linked to the Tramway works, it is a possible underground stream.**

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.

- **It was noted that emergency services are able to combat this if needed.**

Ongoing issues for which an update would be welcome:

1. 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. **The pedestrian zone in Banbury marketplace area is on the list of potential sites for consideration next financial year. OCC will engage with the relevant stakeholders when they start access in the area.**
2. Scheduled works to improve safety and visibility where the well-used cycle way / walkway crosses Winchester Close. **No update as yet**
3. Warning Signs to prevent HGVs going down Daventry Road. **This has been approved.**
4. Update on Real time information for Stagecoach? Cancelled services are not updated on the app? **There are some buses that don't currently have the tracking, this is being worked on at the moment to include the whole fleet.**

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.
2. 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.
 - **OCC have been sent a letter in reference to Fix My Street.**

Banbury Civic Society

1. Update of details and progress of Station Approach / TRAMWAY road project. **Updated.**
2. Location of all-day coach parking facilities. **OCC to investigate.**
3. Provision of right-turn shelter at Bloxham Road / Browning Road. **OCC to respond.**
4. Windsor Street / Swan Lane - surface water nuisance. **See Cllr Biegel number 9.**
5. Southam Road / Tesco roundabout - continuing problems arising from confusing road markings. **To be considered for redesign through the accelerated S106 programme.**
6. Second exit from Tesco car park present situation? **To be considered for redesign through the accelerated S106 programme.**

BTAC.23/25 Rolling updates for existing items

1. Updates on feasibility study for a one-way traffic scheme on Queens Road and Easington Road. **OCC to go back to the relevant team and report back.**
2. What is the status of the planned pedestrian crossing opposite Bradley Arcade shops in Ruscote. **OCC to confirm if this is to be included in the Western LCWIP?**

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? **Work to start in the New Year.**
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. **In progress**
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. **This has been added to OCC 26/27 schemes list.**
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 has been actioned.**

BTAC.24/25 Fix My Street

It was agreed by the Chair to write a letter to Paul Fermer at Oxfordshire County Council, in reference to Fix My Street and how the system does not currently work as it would be expected to. **This was actioned on the 2nd December 2025.**

BTAC.25/25 Station Approach

It was agreed by the Chair to write a letter to Councillor Gant at Oxfordshire County Council, in reference to the improvement scheme covering Station Approach, to invite him to meet on site to discuss the implementation of the scheme. **This was actioned on the 4th December 2025.**

Date of next meeting - **Wednesday 25 February 2026 at 2pm.**

The Meeting ended at 15:50