

BANBURY TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting of the Banbury Traffic Advisory Committee held at The Town Hall, Banbury on
Wednesday 26 August 2026 at 2.00pm.

Present: Cllr Kieron Mallon Oxfordshire County Council (Chairman)
Peter Monk Banbury Civic Society
Paul Bonser BATS
Robert Wingrove BADI
Trevor Bayliss Stagecoach

Officers: Jacqui Cox Oxfordshire County Council
Colm McAllister Oxfordshire County Council
Cllr Ian Harwood Banbury Town Council
Cllr Rebecca Biegel Banbury Town Council
Helen Durkin Banbury Town Council
Robert Duxbury Banbury Town Council

BTAC.14/26 Apologies

Cllr Kerrie Thornhill, Billy Evans, Jim Smith, Chris Hulme

BTAC.15/26 Declarations of Interest

None

BTAC.16/26 Minutes

IT WAS AGREED that the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 10 June 2026 be signed as a true record by the Chair, seconded by Councillor Harwood.

BTAC.17/26 Matters Raised By Members

Oxfordshire County Council Report

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

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Oxfordshire County Council Report on Transport Schemes & Area Operations

Transport Schemes Update

Tramway Road accessibility improvements

Still on-going

- Planning determination for additional drop-off area.
- Plan for construction commencement of drop-off area.

Cherwell Street bus service improvement scheme

Construction was completed on 17 July, followed by testing and commissioning. The junction opened to traffic on 3 August, and the Stage 3 Road Safety Audit was completed during the week commencing 10 August.

Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) schemes

Eastern active travel corridor – Feasibility designs are complete.

- Presenting the scheme to Cllr Epps for funding consideration 21/08/26
- Prioritising the St Leonards school area for delivery, with steer from local county Cllr's
- Phased approach, as hoping to obtain funding for 'Place Making' to be delivered ASAP, will evaluate if School Streets/School Zone is still needed
- School Streets/School Zone would be on the Sept 27 programme

Western active travel corridor – Feasibility design work is complete.

- A costed concept design has been produced, between Bloxham Road and Tesco, via Orchard Way.
- There is s106 funding available for the Warwick Road junction and the Bloxham Rd junction, looking to assign colleagues from the delivery team ASAP
- Once resource is assigned, we will reach out to local county councillors for review before a public consultation

Swan Close Road – AMEY consultants have started the feasibility design work.

- The feasibility stage aims to propose a corridor re-design and to identify and design short term deliverables that can be fast-tracked using held s106 to the value of £700k (Bankside and Upper Windsor St junctions)
- Waiting until the 10th September for data collection due to the school holidays, and traffic management on streets nearby
- March 2027 expected completion for the feasibility design stage
- A site visit with the local County Cllr has been carried out

Hennef Way – Focus on the Southam Road and Lockheed Close Roundabouts.

- Following the initial modelling results and feedback from local county Cllr's, we are only looking to bring forward a reduced version of the 'short term' option
- Further modelling has been commissioned, as initial modelling highlighted a congestion cause to the west of the roundabouts
- Further analysis could indicate that small changes could improve traffic flow on both short term and long term options
- Awaiting Cllr Epps decision before committing to short term option only

- Signalisation is still necessary before 2042 according to the modelling so far, but will work with Tesco and emerging sites to adapt the long term options

Oxford Road – Review on the Oxford Road Corridor between South Bar St and Twyford Road.

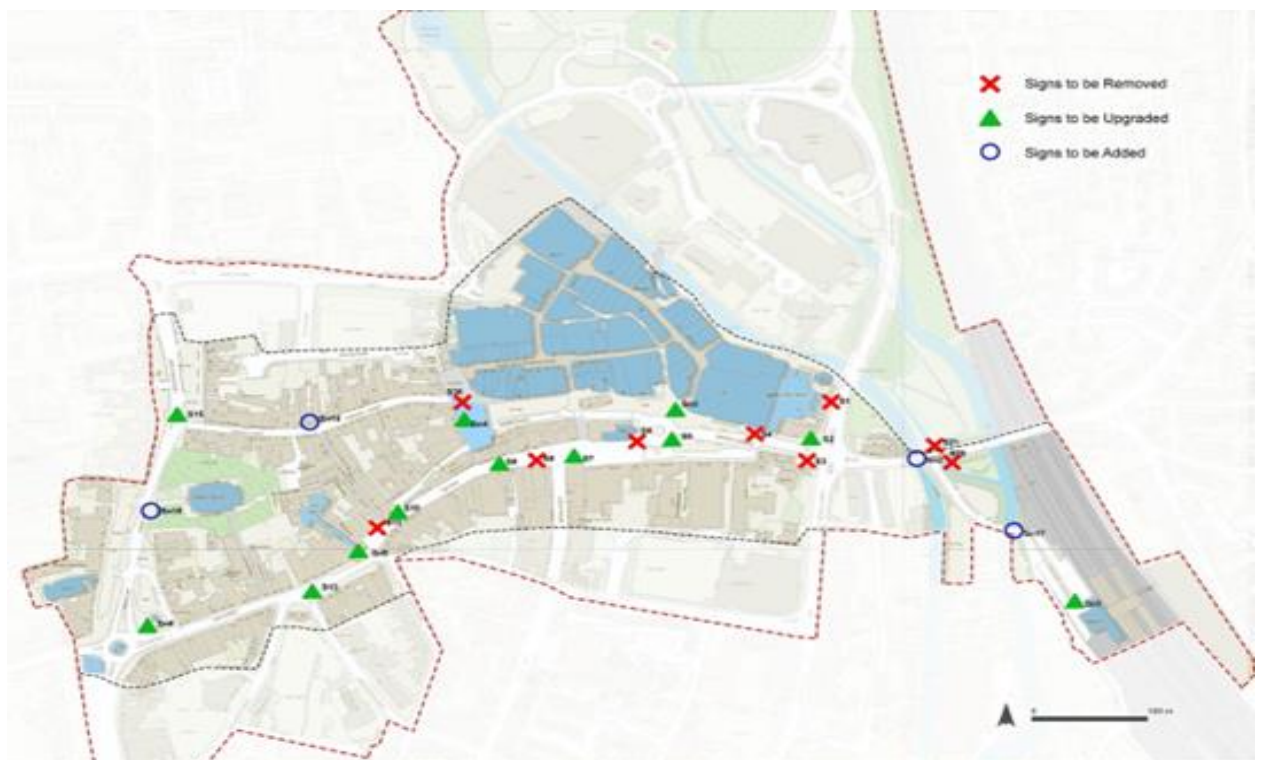
- An initial report aims to be complete by mid-September to identify where multimodal improvements are needed along the corridor
- £1 Million of s106 is available for specific location along the corridor
- There is no scheme development money available for data collection, traffic modelling and design work, currently working to free up £80k of s106 funding for scheme development
- A site visit with the local County Cllrs is planned before this TAC meeting

Minor S106 schemes.

- Dukes Meadow Drive – the dropped kerbs and footpath extension at Usher Drive roundabout and Winter Gardens Way are due to be delivered in the next few months once the drawings have been checked and confirmed and the contractors are in place for delivery.
- Barford Road, Bloxham – a further meeting has been held with the Parish representative – we will advise on what the held s106 funding could deliver on Barford Road and are liaising on other issues in the village.

Banbury Wayfinding Project.

DMA signs are now in place and their first meeting with the stakeholder group was held on 30 July and included a walk through the area for the first phase. The consultants will design, fabricate and deliver the totems and finger posts. We will be setting out a communications and public consultation programme and considering whether there are any quick wins that could happen while the work is progressing.



Phase 1 of the Banbury Wayfinding Proposals

Banbury Strategic Masterplan

The Banbury Strategic Masterplan will be 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 project is being led by Oxfordshire County Council, in close partnership with Cherwell District Council.

The commission is progressing well and has a target to share some draft outputs with Councillors in September 2026.

Highways Report

Queensway Crossing Scheme

Site visit arranged between local county Cllr and OCC for Monday 24th August

Overthorpe Road Parking Management Scheme -

Double yellow line design is being prepared for consultation

Cherwell Drive Bollard Installation Scheme -

Currently going through a redesign, as CDC looking to fund planters, whilst OCC funding will contribute to alternating bollards (between planters). The update will include double yellow lines across the bridge

Longelandes Way Banbury –

Double yellow line scheme has been proposed for Longelandes Way but is dependent on CDC funding

Road Markings Maintenance -

There will be a continued focus on identifying and renewing faded road markings throughout the Banbury area. This work will be coordinated alongside ongoing and planned road surfacing programmes to ensure efficient delivery and minimise disruption where possible.

Members of the public are encouraged to report faded or damaged road markings through FixMyStreet to help ensure issues are identified and addressed promptly

Road Sign Replacement Programme -

The replacement of faded and damaged road signs will continue on an ongoing basis as required. This programme aims to ensure that signage across the network remains clear, compliant, and effective for all road users.

Residents are also encouraged to report damaged, missing, or faded signs via FixMyStreet to support the ongoing maintenance programme

Updates from Buses -

There will be minor timetable changes and some route number changes on the Stagecoach Midlands routes serving Banbury from Warwickshire (Stratford-upon-Avon / Leamington Spa), from 29th August 2026

Cllr Biegel

- 1) There seems to be a lot of sediment on both sides of the carriageway on Hennef Way which creates a lot of dust when thrown up by HGVs- can this be swept?
OCC will investigate with OCC / CDC & perhaps HS2.
- 2) Trees and bushes overgrowing pavements and obstructing signs, whilst these can be logged individually on FMS - sometimes there are multiple problems on the same road. Are surveys regularly carried out by OCC and why aren't these issues addressed with regular maintenance schedules?
OCC to report back.
- 3) Pedestrian crossing timings at Bridge Street - have these been checked now to ensure a slower walker can cross Concorde Avenue.
OCC: Timings are being monitored.
- 4) Various updates requested;
 - i) Progress on potholes. **See OCC update.**
 - ii) ANPR in pedestrian areas. **Ongoing, we are awaiting feedback.**
 - iii) Roadworks to fix the leak outside Morrisons. **With Thames Water, OCC to feed back.**
 - iv) Priority streets for road maintenance submitted - any updates? **Live updates can be tracked on Causeway One Network - <https://one.network/en-gb>**

BTAC.18/26 Rolling updates for existing items

1. Location of all-day coach and HGV parking facilities.
OCC: This needs some wider thought (joint CDC and OCC) and will be picked up in the Banbury Movement and Place Strategy, but isn't a quick win unfortunately.
 - **OCC to investigate with CDC why coaches cannot drop off at Horsefair as well as wait for the 2 hours.**
 - **OCC to find out the status of Compton Road Car Park or Cherwell Drive Car Park to see if these can be used going forward, perhaps coaches daytime and lorries nighttime.**
2. Is there an update on repairs to bollards on chicane on Edmunds Road. These have been fenced off but not yet scheduled for work.
OCC: This has been completed.



3. Scheduled works to improve safety and visibility where the well-used cycle way / walkway crosses Winchester Close.
OCC: Billy is investigating the feasibility of white lines / pedestrian signs here. OCC to talk to Cllr Biegel and report back.

4. Right-hand turn filter from Oxford Road into Longford Park Road - Originally raised as an issue in May 2025.

OCC: A study of the Oxford Rd is being carried out, however there is no money for transport modelling and design work at the moment. OCC are open to introducing the right turn green signal only (OCC looked to do the same at Sainsburys), but due to the strategic importance of Oxford Rd, it needs to be modelled and refined. May not be the priority improvement along the corridor, as there is only £1 million available and there is no recorded collision in 5 years (Sainsburys signals are at the end of life and we are unable to fund improvements there at the moment), but this study / design and costing can be used to secure s106 in the future to upgrade.

- **OCC** to report back to see if there is some S106 funding available from previous works.

5. Any update on the pavements on Fergusson Road (very poor and uneven).

OCC: Whilst not directly related to Fergusson Road, although we are unable to assist with the condition of the pavements on this occasion, we have identified the need to undertake carriageway patch repairs using a mastic repair system.

6. **STAGECOACH**

3rd time of asking. 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: This will need to be requested to OCC and it will then be tendered out.

7. **STAGECOACH**

3rd time of asking. 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

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: Yes but we first need some consistent data before making the decision.

8. **STAGECOACH**

B3 Bus service improvements - residents are still complaining about the service. Reports on reliability to be provided to BTAC, as agreed at the last meeting.

Stagecoach: The route is improving but we will need to do more analysis once the schools have returned.

9. **STAGECOACH**

Bus service cancellations - Residents continue to report a frequent rate of service cancellations. Can Stagecoach provide data on this and reasons?

Stagecoach: There have been a lot of staff shortages and mechanical issues with the fleet. We have recruited a new chief engineer who is getting to grips with the fleet and we are currently recruiting for drivers and have 6 in the training school.

We will send the data on a regular basis. BTC will add it as a regular agenda item.

Date of next meeting – **25 November 2026 at 2pm.**

The Meeting ended at 15:10