

## BANBURY TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

**Present:** Cllr Kieron Mallon      Oxfordshire County Council (Chairman)  
Ed Massey      Stagecoach  
Peter Monk      Banbury Civic Society  
Paul Bonsor      Banbury Active Travel Supporters  
Cllr Ian Harwood      Banbury Town Council  
Cllr Rebecca Biegel      Banbury Town Council

**Officers:** Jacqui Cox      Oxfordshire County Council  
Colm McAllister      Oxfordshire County Council  
Amanda Dodsworth      Oxfordshire County Council  
Helen Durkin      Banbury Town Council  
Bob Duxbury      Banbury Town Council

**Also in attendance:**

**BTAC.1/25 Apologies:** Chris Hulme - Thames Valley Police  
Robert Wingrove – BADI  
Billy Evans - Oxfordshire County Council

**BTAC.2/25 Declarations of Interest**  
None.

**BTAC.3/25 Minutes**  
**IT WAS AGREED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 27 November 2024 be received.

**BTAC.4/25 Matters Raised by Members**

### Oxfordshire County Council Report on Transport Strategy & Area Operations

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

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Banbury Projects

<p><b>Eastern Active Travel Corridor (LCWIP route 10)</b></p> <p><b>Project lead – Colm McAllister</b></p>	<p><b>Project type:</b> Feasibility</p> <p><b>Funding status:</b> Active travel 5 bid to be submitted in Q1 of 25/26 for 200k</p> <p><b>Project status:</b> Pre-feasibility complete, awaiting funds from Active Travel bid 5 to develop scheme through to Detailed design stage</p>
<p><b>Western Active Travel Corridor (LCWIP route 3)</b></p> <p><b>Project Lead – Colm McAllister</b></p>	<p><b>Project type:</b> Pre-feasibility</p> <p><b>Funding status:</b> 50K revenue secured for pre-feasibility work and concept designs. Some S106 held, full funding still required for delivery.</p> <p><b>Project status:</b> Procurement for bid closed early February, with no consultants picking it up. Direct award framework to in-house contractor in progress (Milestone)</p>
<p><b>Cherwell Street Bus Service Improvement</b></p> <p><b>Project Lead – Mohamed Gulamhussein</b></p>	<p><b>Project type:</b> Preliminary Design</p> <p><b>Funding status:</b> £2.8m through BSIP &amp; s106</p> <p><b>Project status:</b> Consultation period open 24<sup>th</sup> February to 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Public consultation to be held 10<sup>th</sup> March (Consultation material available at the Town Hall)</p>
<p><b>Banbury Towpath Creep scheme – Phase 1</b></p> <p><b>Project Lead – Hanaii Faour</b></p>	<p><b>Project type:</b> Procurement</p> <p><b>Funding status:</b> S106 held, enough to carry out the work</p> <p><b>Project status:</b> Land procurement still on-going</p>
<p><b>Hennef Way</b></p> <p><b>Project Lead – Colm McAllister</b></p>	<p><b>Project type:</b> Corridor feasibility study</p> <p><b>Funding status:</b> Ring-fenced s106 funding, awaiting bid opportunities through 25/26</p> <p><b>Project status:</b> Project scoping to commence once funding is obtained</p>
<p><b>Wayfinding project</b></p> <p><b>Project Lead – Natalie Moore</b></p>	<p><b>Project type:</b> Full delivery of scheme in 25/26</p> <p><b>Funding status:</b> Active travel 5 bid to be submitted in Q1 of 25/26 for 40k</p> <p><b>Project status:</b> Project commence Q1 FY25/26</p>
<p><b>Banbury Meanwhile Plan</b></p> <p><b>Project Lead – Louise Waite</b></p>	<p><b>Project type:</b> Delivering improvements which support regeneration of Banbury over the next two years, with an aim to create healthy communities by tackling inequalities, prioritising health and wellbeing, climate change and improving access to nature and green spaces, which all align closely with the public health agenda.</p> <p><b>Funding status:</b> Public Health</p> <p><b>Project status:</b> PM now assigned, Project Scoping &amp; Goal Setting now in progress</p>

## **Matters arising from Oxfordshire County Council Report**

### **Eastern Active Travel Corridor:**

Members & Councillors ask various questions, in the main the following were raised.

- It was requested to make the designs available as soon as they are finished. **OCC agreed this would be done.**
- Concern was raised reference to the parking problems on the Causeway and illegal parking, how will excess cars be allowed for. **OCC assured this will not be a problem, there will be safety issued looked at near the school, and with pavement parking.**
- The question was raised in reference to the timescale. **OCC state funding for design is imminent and funding for build they are still waiting on.**

### **Western Active Travel Corridor:**

Members & Councillors ask various questions, in the main the following were raised.

- The Halo lights on pedestrian crossing on Bloxham Road have still not been fixed.
- Easington Road interchange, Easington Road could be one way, from Oxford Road to Bloxham Road which would stop rat runs.
- As mentioned before, The Queensway would very much benefit from a roundabout via the S106, could this be looked into.

### **Cherwell Bus Service: A short presentation was given.**

Members & Councillors ask various questions, in the main the following were raised.

- Doesn't seem to be any changes after many consultations.
- The car lanes and pedestrian corral on Concorde Avenue seem to be very odd widths, and do we really need such a long length for pedestrians waiting to cross?
- The footpath from Bridge Street to Concorde Avenue doesn't actually go up to Spiceball Leisure Centre, so do not see why the corner of Bridge Street can't be cut back to accommodate buses / large vehicles turning left.
- Banbury residents are going to find it hard turning right out of Britannia Road onto George Street if the bus lane is widened and car lanes are reduced to one lane from two, this one lane amendment could also potentially have a knock-on effect on traffic back up George Street, through the High Street up to Horsefair and Banbury Cross.
- Also, need to look at a pedestrian crossing on that stretch.
- The whole thing needs looking at as a whole rather than separate entities.

**OCC stated that all comments were considered, but there are many factors in play to balance everything out. They will come back to the committee with their comments.**

### **Banbury Towpath Scheme – Phase 1**

**OCC are still waiting to hear back from the landowners.**

### **Hennef Way**

**OCC - S106 being considered.**

Members & Councillors ask various questions, in the main the following were raised.

- Increase of accidents and will only get worse, feasibility study needs to go up to Junction 11, it needs looking at urgently, an interim fix is needed.  
**OCC agree that the whole of Hennef Way needs looking at, JCT 11 right down to Tesco Roundabout, including Southam Road, Ermont Way, including the strategic accesses to the motorway, and slips needs to be included.**  
**No timeline as yet, will share when confirmed.**

**Wayfinding project:**

**OCC Hoping to be successful with the funding from Active Travel 5 to pay for this.**

**Banbury Meanwhile Plan:**

**OCC state that this comes from the Cherwell Banbury 2050, lots of work happening on future plans, this is for more green places in the town, this has been urged to be got on with.**

**Banbury Civic Society**

1. Southam Road (Tesco's) roundabout - continuing problems with congestion and lack of capacity.
  - **OCC - Aiming to carry out a Hennef Way Corridor review next financial year, which includes Southam Rd and Ruscote Avenue (including a review of the Tesco access). Western Active Travel corridor aims to reduce traffic along Ruscote Avenue. Also, future developments at the factory on Ruscote Avenue will create opportunities for redevelopment.**
2. Associated with item 1 - Further instances of it taking 2 hours (alleged) to exit Tesco's car park. Current update on second exit into Southam Road please. County was heavily criticised (on Facebook, it is believed) as responsible for this difficulty.
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3. Parking on footways has resumed near Harrier's School and elsewhere - see excerpt from letter below;
 

*I still struggle daily to get my buggy around bins and cars that park on pavements, often having to go in the road and pulling my shoulder as there's not always a dropped kerb in the right place as again these are planned for cars and driveways and aren't even always at the ends of roads to help people with buggies and wheelchairs. There seems to be no attempt to stop pavements getting blocked for vulnerable pedestrians. I really feel for wheelchair users who must feel trapped in their homes - at least my plight with the buggy is only for a few years and I can't imagine how awful it would be if it's for life. I've been trying to find disability/accessibility services within our three-tier local government and can't easily find who to write to about this as I thought they might take more note than parking/roads and waste disposal services officers?*

  - **OCC - The OCC school engagement officer has said that they are working with Harriers School to develop their travel plan and implement active travel initiatives. Further interventions may be reviewed after this for Harriers View.**
4. Potholes - Bloxham Road between Browning and Wykham Place - nearside eastbound lane - two actual holes and a number of crazed depressions which will soon develop into holes.
  - **OCC - Please report on Fix my Street, I have also pass this on to the Maintenance team**
5. Many roads, where vehicles habitually park, particularly Broughton Road, desperately need sweeping to remove leaf and other debris before that is washed into the drains.
  - **OCC - The sweeping is more a district function that they carry out, we can ask CDC to action in TAC.**
6. Road markings, especially at humps and cushions, to be re-marked for safety reasons.
  - **OCC - Can specific location be identified and reported on Fix my Street at request of maintenance team?**

**Cllr Rebecca Biegel – Banbury Town Council**

**New considerations**

1. Measures to tackle people parking on green areas in Boxhedge Road and Hilton Road
  - **OCC - Reported to enforcement, however parking on the footway isn't illegal in Banbury, despite it being green space. A Traffic order is possible but at least £3k and not usually well received in consultation.**
2. Are the Tramway works on schedule?
  - **OCC - The completion date has moved to December 2025 due to ground conditions works including drainage issues.**
3. There is a need for better pedestrian crossings on Dukes Meadow Drive i.e. 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.
  - **OCC - We assume this is towards the western end of Dukes Meadow Drive? Further housing developing is planned- we have requested as part of a proposed development to provide a signalised crossing on the western arm of the roundabout approach for planning ref: 24/03424/REM. If an exact location is preferred, we can update the planning application. Currently, a formal (toucan) crossing provision to the western arm of the roundabout to facilitate safe crossing of Dukes Meadow Drive onto the existing 3m wide provision to the south of the carriageway. The trigger is 50th occupation.**
  - **Councillors Mallon & Biegel – Dukes Meadow Drive needs a survey doing to ascertain the best location for a crossing included in the S106, and also there are no dropped kerbs at all, so please could this be included in the survey to ascertain the best location for these.**
4. Query about storm drain clearance schedules - when will the annual clearance start and can we have sight of rough timetable for different areas in Banbury.
  - **OCC - Storm drain clearance took place 19th-20th Feb, have requested an update.**
5. What is being done to investigate the ongoing dangers and issues on Gateway roundabout.
  - **OCC - Have asked the Highways Safety team to review.**
  - **Councillor Biegel – Please could you circulate the schedule of this programme.**
6. Despite multiple repairs the Raised Pedestrian crossing on Middleton Road is constantly springing potholes and needs proper renovation. Are there plans to look at this?
  - **OCC - A larger patching scheme may be needed here, currently in review (<https://maps.app.goo.gl/utMQyBtWbp77xbk59>)**
7. 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.
  - **OCC - Have asked the Highways safety team to review.**
8. Is there an update on making Queens Road one way or not?
  - **OCC - Looking to pick this up in the new financial year but will need to look at how to resource within our respective work plans.**
9. 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.
  - **OCC - Have asked for an update from the Highways Safety team.**

**Cllr Ian Harwood – Cherwell District Council**

1. Receiving many complaints about the parking of cars on the pavement by Spiceball Leisure Centre – on Cherwell Drive and Concorde Avenue on the bridge. Can we look into rectifying this?

- **OCC - Requested an update from enforcement.**

**Banbury Active Travel Supporters**

1. Speeding traffic, pavement parking, idling engines: How can we raise public awareness of these issues? What measures are being taken to deter drivers from doing this anti-social / illegal behaviour?

- **OCC – A project Manager has been assigned on a secondment to work on the Banbury meantime Plan and deliver short term improvements. Enforcement have been contacted regarding the enforceable issues.**

**BTAC.5/25 Rolling updates for existing items**

OCC Officers were asked in the August meeting to provide a full written update on all of the following issues, and also on Lambs Close / Kildare Crescent, in preparation for the next meeting.

1. Updates on feasibility study for a one-way traffic scheme on Queens Road.
  - a) **Checking with the Highway Safety team if there is anything on file.**
- 1.1 Councillor Mallon requested that Easington Road be added to this too.
2. Progress on twice yearly schedule for storm drain clearance across Banbury.
  - a) **Have requested an update from OCC Highways Maintenance team.**

Date of next meeting - **Wednesday 21 May 2025 at 2pm.**

The Meeting ended at 3:42pm