

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
	Chris Hulme	Thames Valley Police

Officers:	Jacqui Cox	Oxfordshire County Council
	Colm McAllister	Oxfordshire County Council
	Andy Bowe	Oxfordshire County Council
	Cllr Ian Harwood	Banbury Town Council
	Cllr Rebecca Biegel	Banbury Town Council
	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, a Cherwell officer 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.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cz018vrmemeo>



- 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

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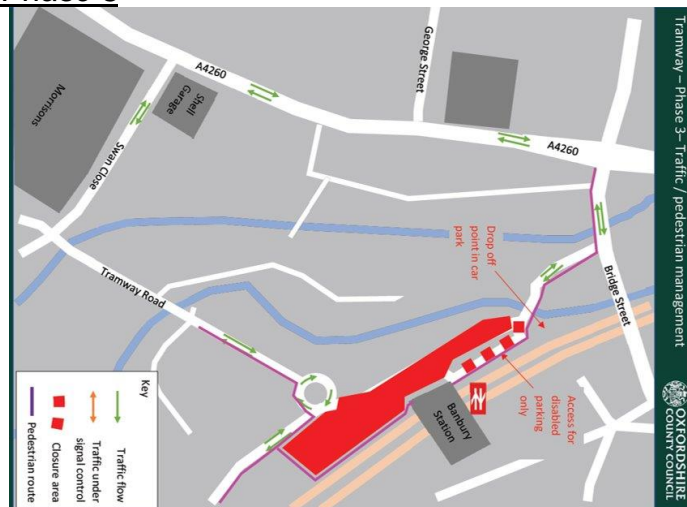
Oxfordshire County Council Report on Transport Strategy & Area Operations

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