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Witney Traffic Advisory Committee Agenda

22 September 2020

To: Members of the Witney Traffic Advisory Committee - L Price, J King, J Aitman, L Duncan, D Enright, V Gwatkin, A Coles, T Morris, S Bartington, Yvonne Constance, Ted Fenton, J Croxton, K Hickman and A Lyon

You are hereby summonsed to the **Annual Meeting of the Witney Traffic Advisory Committee** to be held in the Virtual Meeting Room via Zoom on **Tuesday, 29th September, 2020 at 2.30 pm** for the transaction of the business stated below. Login details of this meeting will be published on the Council's website prior to the meeting.

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AGENDA

All Council Meetings are open to the public and press, unless otherwise stated.

1. **Election of Chair**

To elect a Chair for the municipal year.

2. **Apologies for Absence**

To receive and consider apologies for absence.

3. **Public Participation**

Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting. Any member of the public who so wishes may speak, at this point in the meeting, for a maximum of five minutes on any matter relating to an item on the agenda.

4. **Minutes** (Pages 3 - 10)

a) To adopt and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2020 and the notes of the special meeting held on 5 June 2020.

b) Matters Arising from the Minutes

5. **TAC Action Plan** (Pages 11 - 12)

To receive and consider the action plan.

6. **Climate Emergency**

This is a standing item on the agenda to discuss how the Committee might support the Town Council, which has declared a Climate Emergency.

7. **Update from OCC Localities Committee** (Pages 13 - 16)

To receive and consider correspondence from OCC's Localities Committee.

8. **Report of the Principle Officer - Traffic Schemes Area Operations (North) - Oxfordshire County Council**

To receive and consider the report of the Principle Officer – Traffic Schemes Area Operations (North) – to follow.

9. **Items Submitted to the Town Clerk** (Pages 17 - 24)

- Dangerous Pedestrian Crossing at Deer Park Road
- Witan Way Crossing
- McDonalds and Lidl Entrance

10. **Dates of Next Meetings**

The dates of the next meetings are 12th January 2021 and 23rd March 2021.



Town Clerk

Agenda Item 4

WITNEY TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on Tuesday, 14 January 2020

At 2.30 pm in the Meeting Room, Burwell Hall, Witney

Present:

Councillor L Price (Chair)

Councillors:	J Aitman L Ashbourne	V Gwatkin
Other Members:	A Coles T Bayliss J Croxton K Hickman A Lyon	West Oxfordshire District Council Stagecoach Thames Valley Police Windrush Bike Project West Oxfordshire Community Transport
Officers:	Mike Wasley Nicky Cayley Adam Clapton	Oxfordshire County Council Officer Democratic Services Officer Office Manager
Others:	2 members of the public.	

T730 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for their absence were received from Cllrs King and Fenton and the Town Clerk.

T731 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Committee adjourned for Mrs Diana Power to address the Committee on issues she had encountered in Welch Way cul de sac, after which the Committee reconvened.

T732 ITEMS SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN CLERK

This item was moved up the agenda with the express permission of the Chair so that the public present could listen to the discussion.

RECOMMENDED:

1. that the Committee asks WODC to increase enforcement of the double yellow lines outside the shops that include Costs, Greggs, The Works etc;
2. that Highways should undertake a site visit, preferably with Maria Wheatly from WODC and that her help would be appreciated with identifying land ownership in the area;

3. that the Chair would speak to the CCG and the medical practice about the issue raised by the member of the public.

T733 **MINUTES**

The Committee received and considered the minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2019.

Matters Arising

The Chair referred to minute 721 b) and asked if there was an update on the speedbumps at The Leys. Cllr Ashbourne replied that it was going to the Town Council's Stronger Communities Committee. The Chair then recalled that there was in fact a site meeting on 22nd January.

RESOLVED:

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2019 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair with the following amendments:

That Trevor Bayliss and Andrew Lyons be added to the list of attendees

Minute 726, sentence 2: "by bringing in emission free buses" is deleted and replaced by "and the fleet had gone from Euro 5 to Euro 6".

T734 **ACTION PLAN**

The Committee received and considered the action plan from the last meeting and revised this where required. This is attached to the minutes.

T735 **REVIEW OF THE COMMITTEE CONSTITUTION, TERMS OF REFERENCE AND FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS**

The Committee reviewed the Constitution, Terms of Reference and frequency of meetings. It was agreed to add Volunteer Link Up as an organisation which could send a representative. Cllr Ashbourne explained that she in fact filled that role as she was the Town Council's elected representative for Volunteer Link up. It was agreed to stay with 4 meetings per year, plus task and finish groups – these would not have officers' involvement.

RESOLVED:

1. that the Committee continues to have 4 meetings per year with additional "Task and Finish" groups to tackle specific issues – these would not require officer attendance;
2. that Volunteer Link Up be given a place on the Committee, with Cllr Ashbourne currently acting as their representative;
3. that the Committee constitution and terms of reference be approved.

T736 **CONSULTATION – A415 DUCKLINGTON LANE (WITNEY) - PROPOSED 30MPH SPEED LIMIT EXTENSION AND PROHIBITION OF VEHICLES**

The Committee discussed this proposal and John Croxton explained that from his viewpoint, this may not be appropriate depending on the road's speed profile. The road should be designed to the speed that was desirable rather than just enforcing a speed limit on what might be a fast

stretch of road. Whilst members were in favour of lowering speed limits, this did give some cause for further discussion.

RESOLVED: that the following comment be sent as a response to the consultation: -

Whilst the Witney Traffic Advisory Committee is supportive of reducing speeds overall, it is not confident that the proposed layout on the A415 supports the proposed reduction to 30mph. The Committee would be interested to have further discussions with the developers of the Eastnor House site and Oxfordshire County Council Highways.

T737 **CLIMATE EMERGENCY**

There had been no feedback from the Town Council's Climate and Biodiversity Sub Committee but Cllr Aitman, who was a member agreed to raise the offer of assistance from the Witney Traffic Advisory Group at the next meeting.

The Chair proposed that a Task and Finish Group could look at a car free play street to feed into the Climate Emergency.

RESOLVED: that the Climate & Biodiversity Sub Committee be encourage to feed any relevant issues through to the Traffic Advisory Committee and that a Task and Finish Group be convened to identify places in Witney to close streets for a Street Play Day. The Chair, and Cllrs Coles and Gwatin would liaise with Thames Valley Police on this matter.

T738 **UPDATE ON CORN STREET ROAD SAFETY**

The Chair explained that there was currently remedial work happening on Corn Street

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

T739 **UPDATE ON CROSSING FOR STATION LANE**

Mike Wasley confirmed that funding had been found, and another traffic survey was needed to check on the mean speed for a zebra crossing which was 34mph.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

T740 **UPDATE FROM OCC LOCALITIES COMMITTEE**

The Committee received and considered the most recent minutes of the County Council's Localities Committee.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

T741 **REPORT OF THE PRINCIPLE OFFICER - TRAFFIC SCHEMES AREA OPERATIONS (NORTH) - OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

The Committee received and considered the report of the Principle Officer (Traffic Schemes Area Operations (North)), providing updates on the Highways works.

RESOLVED: that the report be noted.

T742 **ITEMS RAISED BY MEMBERS AT THE MEETING**

1. Newland Bus Stop

Officers from the Town Council raised a complaint by a resident who had contacted the Town Council about difficulties using the Newland Bus Stop with a wheelchair due to there not being a bus stop to pull into. If there was a bus stop the kerb was also too low to be DDA compliant. Mike Wasley had seen e-mails about this but it was a complex issue to solve. If funding became available something might be able to be done.

2. Community Speedwatch

The Chair had spoken to Inspector Hookham about this and a group of people was needed to do it, ideally overseen by the Town Council. The cost would be £2, 000 - £8, 000. She advised that it may need to wait until the new financial year for her to be able to access funding.

Another member asked if they could start signing people up, and the Chair replied that she could not see why not. She would continue to liaise with Inspector Hookham. Cllr Coles and Gwatkin volunteered to be on the Task and Finish group for this.

3. Accident Data

Cllr Coles asked if it would be possible to have the accident data for the town. Mike Wasley said that Anthony Kirkwood would be the person to contact at the County Council. Kevin Hickman commented that all the crash data was available at Crash Map on line, although it was about a year behind. It was the same data.

4. Task and Finish Group

The Chair proposed that another subject for the Task and Finish Group could be cycle networks.

T743 **FORWARD PLAN - FUTURE BUSINESS**

The Chair commented that this had been covered by other items in the meeting.

T744 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was 17 March 2020.

The meeting closed at: 4.45 pm

Chair

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
WITNEY TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD
ON FRIDAY 5 JUNE 2020 AT 10:30AM (VIA ZOOM)

Chair – Cllr Laura Price

Present:

Cllr Suzanne Bartington	Oxfordshire County Council
Cllr Andrew Coles	West Oxfordshire District Council
Cllr Toby Morris	West Oxfordshire District Council
Cllr Joy Aitman	Witney Town Council
Cllr Vicky Gwatkin	Witney Town Council
Cllr Andrew Prosser	Witney Town Council
Cllr Ruth Smith	Witney Town Council
Jacqui Cox	Oxfordshire County Council
Mike Wasley	Oxfordshire County Council
William Hayes	West Oxfordshire District Council
Giles Hughes	West Oxfordshire District Council
Oliver Murray	West Oxfordshire District Council
Andrew Smith	West Oxfordshire District Council
Maria Wheatley	West Oxfordshire District Council
Sharon Groth	Witney Town Council
Trevor Bayliss	Stagecoach Bus Company
John Croxton	Thames Valley Police
Kevin Hickman	Windrush Bike Project

1. **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

Following introductions from those present, the Chair opened the meeting and explained the purpose was to focus specifically on social distancing measures across Witney. This was an established forum which included representatives from all elected authorities and other regular stakeholder groups and therefore was the logical place to disseminate information.

It was not a forum for new ideas and this meeting would be welcoming qualified Council officers to provide information on planned schemes and how meaningful engagement should continue across the town to make the proposed measures as successful and safe as possible.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for their absence was received from Witney Town Councillors Luci Ashbourne and Jim King.

3. COVID-19 - MEASURES FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING IN WITNEY:

West Oxfordshire District Council

Representatives from West Oxfordshire District Council provided an illustrative map to attendees detailing potential measures to support local shops and to ensure that the town centre would be a safe and comfortable environment for shoppers from 15th June. The Government had provided funding for these short term 'opening up' initiatives which would need to be used by end of March 2021. Although primarily for action plans, communications and public information, business facing activities and temporary public realm changes, there was concession of some flexibility for leftover funds to be used for more strategic actions in the future. This would be the start of the stakeholder consultation and was a more cautious approach without the possibility of modelling and widespread consultation.

Attendees heard that there were two parts to the District Council's plan. The first would be to send out clear information and social distancing guidance to the relevant businesses; and the second would be thirteen changes in and around the town centre to look at queuing outside of shops, its interference with foot traffic and wider impact on the public realm. This had created challenges in a very short time given Witney's historical layout, quite narrow footpaths and its importance as a local service centre.

The proposed changes were considered the most pertinent areas for concession to social distancing and attempts to divert foot traffic to different routes. Access through the centre would be restricted with temporary barriers to allow some use of the highway to widen the footpaths and 20mph zones introduced to increase safety. A pop-up cycleway would hopefully encourage less car use along with additional bike racks. The timescale had been tight and there had been no time for a consultation but there would be a need to engage with stakeholders and an understand that these measures might need to be developed with further actions and longer term objectives.

There were questions from other attendees concerning deliveries, police resources, about joint working with Oxfordshire County Council and the Windrush Bike Project, the latter had produced their own cycle map and had engaged with the County Council, the queuing of bus users and the use of enforcement officers who would be in the front line when the centre reopened. All agreed that ways to alleviate any problems should not undermine any long-term action.

Oxfordshire County Council

Attendees were also advised of a bid which Oxfordshire County Council would be making for emergency funding aimed at active travel from the Government. Since the lockdown had been introduced an unprecedented number of people had been walking and cycling, and coupled with social distancing, the plans would focus on encouraging this trend. County Councillors had completed a survey on measures in their areas which had been fed back to officers in order to implement a comprehensive plan.

Primarily, this capital funding would be used for re-allocating road space to pedestrians and cyclists but other actions in this first phase could include: cycle racks, signs on roads, temporary road measures, pop-up cycle lanes, the widening of pavements with barriers and cones, new 20mph zones and measures around schools, although this last issue needed more

consideration. The County Council was aware that the District Council also had funding and both authorities would be working jointly for the best use of money. It was possible that while the latter could act very quickly with the use of barriers, these interim measures may be developed and enhanced later by the County.

Attendees heard that the timescales here were also tight; If the bid for funding was agreed, there would be a four week development period and then a further four weeks to implement the measures only, so they had to be realistic with what they hoped to achieve. If successful in this time-frame further funding would be released in phase two which could offer more permanent changes in terms of junctions, cycling, Corn Street and High Street. This could be influenced by other stakeholders in the future including the Windrush Bike Project.

There were suggestions on the use of volunteers to guide shoppers, pop-up park and rides, park and pedal schemes, the use of the current Woolgate and Waitrose car parks, consideration of mobility scooters and ramps, the rise in use of e-scooters, a change to more active travel crossings and agreement that schools needed more thought. The request for some specific actions for schools which could take place in the first eight-week period such as general advice, spacing and advisory lanes was made. There had also been an issue with some schools having closed cycle racks, so portable open-air ones would be beneficial to encourage parent and child cycling. It was confirmed that timed road closures around schools known as 'School Streets' were already being discussed before the pandemic and would remain in the long-term plans of the County Council.

Attendees were also advised that the County Council were clearing vegetation and undertaking minor repairs on key cycle and walking routes and were encouraged to publicise the 'Widen My Path' survey and report any hotspots through the appropriate channels.

There was agreement that the emphasis on these measures should be to promote the changing character and use of the roads. By doing this there was a better chance of changing attitudes and locking in the recent change of behaviour. While it would be difficult to enforce changes, the community should be trusted to follow the rules in order to keep themselves and their community safe.

With the High Street re-opening in ten days' time there was still work to do and the Chair thanked Councillors, Officers and other representatives for attending and proactively working towards a flexible approach for our community. There would be actions which would need to be tweaked but if everyone worked together in a forum such as this, it would enable cross authority correspondence to be disseminated to stakeholder organisations to communicate their collective effort and ensure things don't conflict with long term measures.

The meeting closed.

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ACTION PLAN

Minute no.	Issue	Action	Responsible person	Further Action	Date complete
T700	Problems with 'Baffle Barriers' for mobility scooters	Kevin Hickman has now submitted comprehensive review doc to WTC. Only one barrier was owned by WODC. None were WTC's. Others either private developers or OCC.	N/A	Leave on plan until budget identified by OCC, Committee needs to check accessibility f barrier against national standards. Ask Paul Fermer to get appropriate person to speak to Committee about getting them standardised.	
T700	Traffic concerns at the Ducklington Lane junction	Request for a left turn arrow into Thorney Leys.	Mike Wasley	Awaiting funding for modelling of junction. This was an item for the OCC strategy team.	
T700	Shores Green Junction	Initial long term funding identified. Design process to start summer 2019.	Mike Wasley		
T700	Marriots Walk Crossing – barriers/controlled crossing	Lighting complete, tree removal not required, agreed planters are not suitable barriers and awaiting relining by OCC	Mike Wasley	OCC to reline existing area, before removing block paving and resurfacing with blacktop.	
T700	Request for bus stop at Windrush Cemetery	OCC getting quotes for this.	Town Clerk/Trevor Bayliss/David Bellchamber/Mike Wasley	Quote received but OCC challenging them as they were too high. Mike Wasley to check with David Bellchamber re: footpath.	
T700	Request for yellow lines at Compton Way and Judds Close	Ongoing issue. County Councillors looking into funding for this.	Mike Wasley	Update at next meeting.	
T700	Renewal of white line markings across the town	Would start again in April. OCC would appreciate WTC input. Mike Wasley had circulated list as part of his report in June.	Mike Wasley/members of TAC via e-mail		

ACTION PLAN

T700	Parking at Highworth Place	This would be done.	Cllr Laura Price/Mike Wasley	This was now programmed in.	
T683	New Roundabout on A40	John Croxton commented that there have been a lot of accidents and signage incorrect. Mike Wasley said there was ongoing dialogue between OCC and the developers.	Mike Wasley/developers	John Croxton advised piercement signs and markings had now gone in. Further updates only if available.	
T701	Parking in Service Road at Welch Way	No TRO so could not be enforced. OCC to repaint Keep Clear on turning circle	Mike Wasley	Update on timescale.	

Agenda Item 7

Witney locality – draft action note June 2020

Item	Action
<p>In attendance</p> <p>Councillors Handley, Price, Bartington, Field-Johnson, Fenton</p> <p>Officers: Rob MacDougall (Lead Director), John Courouble (corporate lead, notes), Odele Parsons, Paul Wilson, Jacqui Cox, Tom Scholes</p> <p>1. Election of Locality Chair and Military Champion</p> <p>Cllr Handley re-elected as Chairman Cllr Price re-elected as Vice-chair Cllr Handley re-elected as Military Champion (RAF Brize Norton)</p>	<p>Votes</p>
<p>2. Apologies and Matters Arising from January Minutes</p> <p>January Minutes Agreed</p> <p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on dragon work – preparing further programmes of work. • Impact of Active Travel Fund on timetable of schemes – work on how to maximise benefit and ensure planned works not disrupted. Avoid situations where something planned hasn't considered how it joins up to new active travel infrastructure • Shores Green design – active travel link to South Leigh included? • Possibility of Witney LCWIP and what Councillors can do to move that forward • Wildlife Park traffic light discussion – update request: next step was traffic survey but given lockdown this hasn't been realistic due to lack of traffic • Carterton / A40 interchange – feasibility work has concluded, will be covered later on agenda • Burford School Bridge – progress on alternatives? Crossing now hard-wired but no update on bridge. Will follow up. • s106 – lack of updates, needs picking back up with Cllr Price • Carterton crossroads funding – now in place 	<p>Paul</p> <p>Paul/Jacqui</p> <p>Jacqui</p> <p>Paul</p> <p>Paul</p> <p>Jacqui</p> <p>Paul</p> <p>Rob</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A361 White Lining – Programmed and in hand <p>Rob to take up role around ensuring that discussions at locality are linked to broader work of the organisation</p>	
<p>3. Highways Area Operations Update</p> <p>Report had been circulated. Highways work has continued despite lockdown and list of completed work in papers. Paul demonstrated new dashboard of highways performance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fixmystreet reports – progress on making the status updates more helpful? Yes, work on improving this continuing, and officers can use appropriate free text on the response area. Bampton to Black Bourton -Yellow paint – what’s planned for those areas? Potentially an early stage in inspections – can follow up specific examples. Carterton underpass issue. Looking at options between repair to underpass vs surface crossing – to keep Cllr Field-Johnson informed of progress. Check any plans for REEMA site. Restoration of parking restrictions following patching in Witney Patching work on Park Road, Witney – missing from programme South Leigh from A40 slip road, surface in poor condition. Narrow Hill, West End - not done when Wood Green done. Lawton Avenue and Arkell Road – patching done, contradictory timetable for resurfacing. Should be July/August for micro-asphalt 	<p>Tom</p> <p>Paul</p> <p>Paul / Odele</p> <p>Paul</p> <p>Paul</p> <p>Paul</p> <p>Paul</p>
<p>4. Infrastructure Update</p> <p>Report had been circulated; Odele briefly updated on status of each project, including Witney transport strategy and cycling development interventions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scope for coproduction element of this work (to co-ordinate with new active travel appointment) Madley Park cycleways When documentation will be available to share, e.g. with Witney TAC? Update between meetings if necessary Has anyone looked at potential for cycleway using old rail line – yes some time ago but challenging on a cost and land ownership basis. Some Sustrans interest. 	<p>Odele</p> <p>Odele</p> <p>Odele</p>

A40 Shores Green (via Housing and Growth Deal). Optioneering underway, with consultants and district officers, and including environmental surveys, traffic modelling, and land ownership issues. Will be followed by broader stakeholder engagement, costing, and programming.

- Questions about improvements to land ownership since previous attempts to undertake improvements in the area.

Odele

Carterton

- Access to Carterton – progress discussed at start of year. Now at the end of consultancy commission and three distinct schemes are emerging:
 - upgrade to access along B4477 (reduced scheme to take up less land though with loss of walking and cycling improvements). Potential to fund these through Minster Lovell s106. General steer from meeting that withdrawing from plan to provide better walking and cycling would backfire particularly in current circumstances but concern that this may result in work not happening at all. Need for recognition of transport demand created by RAF.
 - Slips – doesn't change traffic flow much on its own so looking at complementary package of measures affecting Burford Road and Shilton Road. Weight limit requested by members. Issues of RAF Base expansion to push road improvement. Rob and Odele to discuss liaison.
 - Cycleway (Witney to Carterton) – preliminary design and cost estimates completed – this will be publicised and funding sought.
- Crossroads update – delayed for a number of reasons but will be picked up this week.
- Would it be helpful to restore Carterton TAC? To pick up.
- A40 corridor projects on track.

Rob/Odele/John

Rob/Odele

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Agenda Item 9

Dangerous Pedestrian Crossing at Deer Park Road/Curbridge Road Roundabout

Although a new pedestrian crossing has been provided on Thorney Leys approx. 50 metres east of this roundabout adjacent to Richmond Village, this crossing is not used by pedestrians walking from the Spring Meadow estate and the new Windrush Park Estate wanting to cross Deer Park Road on foot. The current crossing point is obstructed by a wall and foliage from the existing house; pedestrians cannot see oncoming traffic from Curbridge Road (south) and said traffic cannot see pedestrians.

I have personal experience of the dangers of this crossing, having almost been knocked down by a car, so I feel very strongly that this needs to be addressed before someone is killed (mothers with children cross regularly here). I understand the expense of traffic calming measures may be prohibitive (posting of warning signs, additional crossing). However, as I understand that new houses are to be built on this corner plot, it may be worth considering requiring the developer to remove the foliage and obstruction as part of its remit.



Deer Park Road crossing point – to the left of the yellow bollard



Driver's view of crossing point is obstructed by foliage and wall.



View seen by pedestrian wanting to cross Deer Park Road – oncoming cars from Curbridge Road turning left on to Deer Park Road are not visible until very last minute. Cars coming at speed from Thorney Leys also can be problematic – drivers turning left from Curbridge Road are looking to their right at cars approaching from Thorney Leys and are not looking for pedestrians.



View up Deer Park Road from pedestrian's point of view – pavement ends, so they will not walk further away from the current crossing point to cross over.

Dear Nicky

We spoke a few weeks ago, sorry it has taken me a while to send the email over.

I wanted to raise a concern over the pedestrian crossing which leads from Mill Lane (off of Church Green) and Witan way road to Duck Lake Country Park and involves crossing the part of the Witan way road which runs between the leisure centre and Sainsburys. Please see images attached.

As you will see from the images, the crossing has the cream dropped curb with raised bobbles which highlights to pedestrians to cross there, there is also a (very small!) brown sign directing people to the lake (currently covered by tree branches). Since lockdown, we have used the crossing most days and its horrendous, the cars come quickly round the corner from the leisure centre direction and coming from Sainsburys direction they are accelerating after the roundabout. There is nothing at all in place to warn drivers that they are coming across a place where pedestrians may be crossing – not a single sign in either direction!!! We always see other people at the crossing, normally with children and/or dogs and they are having to judge when might be safe to cross as its hard to see round the bend, add in the fact that the drivers coming round the bend have no idea that it is a pedestrian crossing and, in my opinion, it's an accident waiting to happen. In an ideal world there would be a proper pedestrian crossing on that part of the road, especially considering it leads to the country park and fields and as a country we are trying to encourage people to get out and about more however, failing that, there should be signs warning drivers (coming from both directions) that they are coming upon a place where pedestrians may be crossing. In my opinion that road should also be considered for a speed reduction to 30mph, it is a well-used stretch of road for people using the leisure centre and people walking to Sainsburys and Station lane etc and the drivers are always going a speed along that part of the road- it's a horrible stretch of road to walk along or cross at!

Secondly, I just wanted to raise the question as to why Church green isn't a 20mph zone given that it has two schools and a green where children play. People often drive at significant speed down church green and use it as a cut through, reducing the speed to 20mph would force people to consider their speed around the schools.

Please let me know if you require any further information from me.

Kind regards

Laura Lamb







MCDonalds and Lidl Entrance

Witney TC,

I am live in Carterton but regularly travel to Witney for shopping. Today I visited the Lidl store which is located next to McDonald and was shocked at the traffic build that takes place. Together with drivers attitudes and incredibly poor patience this was not a pleasant experience.

Effectively during peek periods drivers are faced with two options when having to visit any of the three establishments which occupy the same small area of land with limited access. For Tesco's fuel station it's slightly easier as you can chance it and drive around but if your not wanting to queue for McDonald's you have to either wait or drove around the queue if possible.

Surely road access and potential congestion should have been considers when the original planning permission was considered and I'm even more surprised nothing else has been introduce to reduce the disruption to access for the Lidl store by now.

May I ask this email is forward to the right council department who can make a difference and please consider the pints I have made in this email.

Thank you for you time in reading this email and I look forward to receiving you comments or opinions on this matter.

Kind regards,

Jack Rice

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