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Witney Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting



Tuesday, 20th January, 2026 at 3.00 pm

To members of the Witney Traffic Advisory Committee - T Weaver, A Prosser, M Brooker, A Coles, T Ashby, J Robertshaw, J Aitman, S Simpson, R Smith, D Enright, C Hulme, T Bayliss, K Hickman, A Lyon, D Miles and A Bullock (and all other Town Councillors for information).

You are hereby summonsed to the above meeting to be held in the **Gallery Room, The Corn Exchange, Witney** for the transaction of the business stated in the agenda below.

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Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive and consider apologies for absence.

2. Election of Vice Chair

To elect a Vice-Chair of the Committee for the current Municipal Year as agreed at the last meeting (minute no. T93 refers)

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 4 - 11)

a) To adopt and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 23 September 2025.

b) Matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda (Questions on the progress of any item)

5. Oxfordshire County Council

To receive updates on various Highways projects, consultations, and operations from Oxfordshire County Council officers. Members may wish to recommend on their priority of the above.

a) Place, Planning and Coordination (Pages 12 - 17)

To receive and consider the report of the Lead Officer/Team Leader – Place, Planning and Coordination West.

b) Parking Enforcement & ANPR

To receive an update from the Civil Enforcement Team on parking measures and ANPR as appropriate.

c) Witney High Street

To receive an update from the Witney High Street Project team (to follow).

d) Highways Asset Response Team (Page 18)

Witney Town Council has received the attached correspondence regarding a new response team established by Oxfordshire County Council. A list of small projects is currently being considered by Council Members. Members of this Committee are invited to submit any further suggestions to officers for consideration.

6. Community Speedwatch

To receive a verbal report of the Deputy Town Clerk, Witney Town Council.

7. Public Transport Update

To receive an update from members present on any public transport matters, if appropriate.

8. Items Submitted to the Town Clerk

To receive any traffic or highway related correspondence submitted to the Town Clerk since the last meeting.

a) Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) Update from Witney Town Council (Page 19)

To receive an update on this issue from Witney Town Council.

b) Deer Park/Curbridge Roundabout

To note a complaint received by Councillors from a resident of Richmond Village regarding the height of the roundabout. Witney Town Council is responsible for the planting, which will be changed to low-level wildflowers. However, concerns have been raised about the height of the roundabout structure itself.

c) Ducklington Lane & Thorney Leys Junction (Page 20)

To receive correspondence from Cllr Ashby concerning this junction.

9. Items Raised at the Meeting

To receive and consider any pressing matters from members which may be added to the next meeting agenda for consideration.

10. **Date of the Next meeting(s)**

To receive the date of the next meeting of Witney Traffic Advisory Committee for information.

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Town Clerk

Agenda Item 4

WITNEY TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE WITNEY TOWN COUNCIL

Held on Tuesday, 23 September 2025

At 3.00 pm in the Gallery Room, The Corn Exchange, Witney

Present:

Councillor D Enright (Chair)

Councillors:	A Coles T Ashby J Robertshaw	R Crouch (In place of J Aitman) S Simpson R Smith
Officers:	Adam Clapton Cara Murray Derek Mackenzie Odele Parsons James Wright Duncan Stewart Nick Howdle-Smith John Charlton	Deputy Town Clerk Admin Support Assistant – Communities & Planning Senior Administrative Officer & Committee Clerk Oxfordshire County Council Oxfordshire County Council Oxfordshire County Council Oxfordshire County Council Oxfordshire County Council
Others:	David Miles Chris Hulme Trevor Bayliss Kevin Hickman Andrew Lyon	Parish Transport Representative Thames Valley Police Stagecoach Windrush Bike Project West Oxfordshire Community Transport

Three members of the public.

T89 ELECTION OF CHAIR

Nominations were sought for the position of Chair for the municipal year.

It was proposed and duly seconded that Cllr Duncan Enright be elected Chair. There being no other nominations.

Resolved:

That, Councillor Duncan Enright be elected Chair of the Advisory Committee for the municipal year.

T90 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor J Aitman with Councillor R Crouch attending as a substitute.

Councillor A Prosser submitted his apologies after the meeting had commenced, and as such, they could not be formally communicated during the meeting.

Apologies were also received from Tom Weaver (Pulhams) and Adrian Bullock (Witney Chamber of Commerce)

T91 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Committee received representations from two residents. A resident of Woodstock Road concerning Agenda Item 13(a), and a resident regarding the Witney High Street enhancements, Agenda Item 7.

T92 MINUTES

The Committee received the minutes of the Witney Traffic Advisory Committee meeting held on 24 June 2025.

Resolved:

That, the minutes of the Witney Traffic Advisory Committee meeting held on 24 June 2025 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

T93 COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Committee received and considered its constitution and terms of reference which were reviewed annually at this the annual meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr A Coles and subsequently agreed, that a Vice-Chair be elected for future meetings. With regards to organisation representatives, a Member proposed a taxi representative and although they did not speak for a local taxi organisation it was felt that they should be elected to pass on important information to others.

Resolved:

1. That, the Committee Terms of Reference be re-adopted with the following amendments:
2. To section 5 to include the election of a Vice Chair, the voting for this taking place at the next meeting and,
3. That, the taxi representative in attendance be elected to the Advisory Committee.

Cllr R Smith joined the meeting at 3:17pm

T94 PLACE, PLANNING AND COORDINATION

Members received and considered the report of Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) which included updates on the development of the A40 junction at Shores Green, access to Witney complementary measures, Witney High Street improvements, proposals for Fiveways Roundabout, Footpath Improvements for Madley Park and Windrush Place, the implementation of crossings on Deer Park Road, St Mary's Churchyard no cycling signage, and the area to be covered in their lining refurbishment schedule.

Access to Witney - Shores Green

OCC Officers provided a project and construction update on the Shores Green slip road; the project was progressing five weeks ahead of schedule due to good weather conditions and was still on target to be completed summer 2026.

Officers also provided a brief update on the complementary measures, regarding the redesignation of the A4095 which would follow the opening of the new slip road.

Witney Paths and Crossings

The Committee received an update on progress across the scheme. Site assessments and design work are underway for Madley Park and Windrush Place paths, incorporating stakeholder feedback on safety and lighting. Feasibility designs for Deer Park Road toucan and Pegasus crossings were nearing completion, with surveys and legal work finalised.

A procurement strategy was being prepared for submission to the Active Travel Programme Board, with detailed design expected to follow later this year; a consultant had been appointed to support the next phase.

A Member, disappointed by the delay in delivery of the projects asked that indicative plans and dates be provided by OCC for circulation.

Fiveways Roundabout - Vision Zero Programme

Members were updated on the public consultation for the Fiveways Roundabout scheme, which closed on 5 September 2025; they heard that the scheme was scheduled for consideration at Oxfordshire County Council's Cabinet Member Decision meeting on 9 October 2025.

St Mary's Churchyard Cycle Signage

The Committee noted that the Town Council had raised concerns about cycling through the churchyard. OCC had proposed clearer signage, however funding remained a barrier to implementation.

A Member asked whether the path refurbishment here would be carried out at the same time as the signage installation; Officers advised this was unlikely.

Lining Refurbishment Schedule

OCC officers informed the Committee of the upcoming lining refurbishment works in Witney, which included new 'Keep Clear' or 'Turning Only' markings at Moorland Close, refreshed road

markings along Crawley Road, and junction protection and keep clear markings at Station Lane (Avenue Two).

Resolved:

1. That, the updates from OCC officers be noted and,
2. That, OCC Officers provide details of the Deer Park & Madley Park pathway changes.

T95 **CIVIL ENFORCEMENT**

Members received the recent data along with a verbal report from the OCC Civil Enforcement Officer regarding parking and enforcement activity across Witney during the period June to August 2025, which included recent actions taken and areas of focus.

It was noted that recruitment challenges continued to affect the enforcement team, with staffing around 40 officers compared to the intended level of 50.

A Member thanked the officer for the report and congratulated his team on their work, while requesting increased monitoring along Welch Way due to parking causing obstructions to buses and traffic.

However, in response to a Member's question regarding the High Street ANPR enforcement start date, the Officer advised there was currently no definite commencement date as the Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) was not yet in place, however it was hoped this would be resolved and that ANPR enforcement would be in place early in early 2026.

Another Member raised concerns about Pulham's buses parking for extended periods in the Market Square stops A and D whilst taking rest breaks, it was agreed that Enforcement officers would monitor the site, and the issue had been raised with Pulham's' Operations Manager at the annual Bus Users meeting held on 3 September 2025.

Resolved:

That, that the update be noted.

Cllr R Crouch joined the meeting during the following item at 3.38pm

T96 **MARKET SQUARE BUS STOP**

The Committee received a response from OCC officers regarding the ongoing capacity issues at the Market Square bus stops, as previously raised by the Operations Manager for Stagecoach. Officers confirmed that they were aware of the challenges and that a range of design options were under consideration.

It was noted that the proposals included a dedicated stop for community buses. However, Members expressed concern about the suitability of the proposed location, highlighting the difficulty posed by the uphill walk to the main stop, particularly for elderly and vulnerable users. Members requested assurance that adequate seating and a shelter would be incorporated into any final design to ensure accessibility and comfort for all users.

Resolved:

1. That the update be noted, and
2. OCC officers be asked to consider the comments made by Members during the discussion for the design plans.

T97 **HIGH STREET/MARKET SQUARE ENHANCEMENTS**

Witney High Street Enhancements

The Committee received an update from the Infrastructure Delivery Project Manager for the High Street & Market Square enhancements. Members were advised that the project was currently at the contractor procurement stage and remained subject to further consultation, which the team hoped to complete within the year. Members' questions were addressed, and several points were clarified, including matters relating to the taxi and bus waiting area. Officers would review and provide updated information at the next meeting of the Committee.

Following public consultation, a number of accessibility improvements had been incorporated into the evolving design, along with increased flexibility for un/loading and business access. However, Members raised several ongoing concerns during the discussion.

There was particular concern regarding bus stop capacity, especially given the rising levels of bus usage. Members reiterated the importance of providing adequate shelter for community bus users, many of whom are elderly or vulnerable. The proposed provision of only three taxi spaces was also considered insufficient, with concerns that this may result in taxis encroaching on the designated community bus stop. A suggestion was made that the taxi rank spaces be reconfigured at a 45-degree angle to improve capacity and flow. In addition, a Member suggested the longer-term consideration of a dedicated bus station to better accommodate increasing public transport demand.

OCC officers acknowledged these comments and noted that funding for the scheme remains limited, though feedback from Members would continue to be taken into account as the design progressed.

It was further reported that trial hole investigation works were scheduled to take place overnight commencing 27 September 2025. These works would verify the depths and alignments of existing underground services and are a critical step in supporting the design phase.

Members again raised concerns about the ability of large vehicles to manoeuvre between High Street and Welch Way under the proposed layout. It was suggested that relocating the proposed zebra crossing, or retaining the existing roundabout, would improve this access. Officers advised that these points had been noted in the consultation feedback and confirmed that the design team would investigate these issues further and report back at the next meeting.

Resolved:

1. That the update be noted and that,
2. Officers bring updates on the issues raised to the next meeting of the Committee on 20 January 2026.

T98 HIGH STREET/MARKET SQUARE TRAFFIC ORDER CONSULTATION

The Committee received notice of a statutory consultation regarding the proposed Traffic Orders relating to the High Street and Market Square Enhancement Scheme, Members were informed that full details of the consultation are available online.

It was agreed that no official response would be submitted by the Advisory Committee.

Resolved:

That, the consultation be noted.

T99 COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH UPDATE

The Committee received a verbal update from Councillor Coles regarding the Community Speedwatch scheme. The scheme had been operating for approximately 20 months, during which time 11 monitoring sessions had been carried out. Two of these sessions were conducted on Woodstock Road, which was noted in response to a concern raised by a member of the public attending the meeting.

Approximately 3,000 vehicles had been monitored across all sessions, with around 11% found to be exceeding the speed limit. Councillor Coles acknowledged the support of the Town Council in its administration of the Speedwatch scheme and that efforts were underway to recruit an additional group administrator to support the scheme's activities, and the next monitoring session was planned for October.

In response to a Member's query about how monitoring sites were selected, it was explained that all locations must be authorised by Thames Valley Police (TVP), however local insight and community feedback also played a key role in identifying areas of concern.

Resolved:

That the verbal update be noted.

T100 THAMES VALLEY POLICE SAFER ROAD STATISTICS

Members received correspondence and statistical data from the Thames Valley Police (TVP) Safer Roads Unit for information.

Resolved:

1. That, the TVP road safety statistics be noted and,
2. That, they continue to be brought to this Committee for information.

T101 PUBLIC TRANSPORT UPDATE

The Committee received an update from Members who had attended the Witney Bus Users' Meeting held on 3 September 2025. The event was reported to be a success, with around 50 members of the public in attendance, and feedback was positive, with praise for local bus services. The Parish Transport Representative also noted that several complimentary comments had been received from residents of neighbouring parishes.

A Member asked whether the meeting would be held again next year, and it was confirmed that a formal request would need to be submitted to the Town Council. A proposal to do so was made by the Chair, seconded by Councillor Coles, and agreed unanimously.

A question was raised regarding whether the Oxford Tube service would operate at weekends in the run-up to Christmas. It was confirmed that this would not be possible due to a lack of available vehicles.

Additionally, the possibility of relocating the bus depot from Witney to Carterton was raised, as the operator was reportedly outgrowing the current site.

Members again raised concerns about the H2 bus service, which currently dropped passengers on Welch Way, for the hospital and Corn Street bus garage however they did not provide a corresponding pick-up service at those locations. Cllr A Coles would look into the matter and report back at the next meeting.

Resolved:

1. That, the update be noted and,
2. That, a formal request be submitted to Witney Town Council to support the organisation of another Bus Users' Meeting in 2026 and,
3. That, Cllr Coles report back on the H2 service routing issue at the next meeting.

T102 OXRAIL 2040 - PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The Committee received notification of Oxfordshire County Council's public consultation on OxRAIL 2040, a summary report was included as Appendix A, with further documents and consultation details available online. Members were informed that the consultation was open until 1 October 2025.

During discussion, a Member noted that the proposals did not currently include provision for Witney or Carterton, despite significant planned housing developments in the area and existing congestion issues along the A40 corridor. There was a call for better integration of bus and rail services, alongside park and ride infrastructure, to improve connectivity and support sustainable travel.

A question was also raised regarding the potential location of a future station serving the area, and the affordability of rail travel for local residents.

Resolved:

That the consultation be noted, and that Members' comments be recorded for potential future engagement on rail connectivity in the wider West Oxfordshire area.

T103 WOODSTOCK ROAD TRAFFIC CONCERNs

Correspondence as well as verbal representation earlier in the meeting was received from a resident regarding traffic issues on Woodstock Road, Witney.

OCC Officers advised that improvements to this route were anticipated through measures linked to the Access to Witney Transport Assessment, the opening of the Shores Green Slip Road, and

the proposed reclassification of the A4095. In response to a Member's query about signage and potential re-routing, it was confirmed that such measures had already been proposed within the wider transport planning context.

It was confirmed that there were no specific traffic calming interventions in place for this section of road, and there were no fixed speed cameras within the existing 20mph zones. A suggestion was made for Thames Valley Police to carry out roadside monitoring, and a request to be put forward for the deployment of mobile speed monitoring equipment as well as consideration of the use of temporary speed awareness boards.

Resolved:

That the correspondence be noted and the request for mobile speed monitoring on Woodstock Road be passed to Thames Valley Police for consideration.

T104 ITEMS RAISED AT THE MEETING

No additional matters were raised by Members beyond those already discussed during the meeting.

Resolved:

That the item be noted.

T105 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING(S)

Members were advised the next meeting of the Committee would be held on 20 January 2026.

The meeting closed at: 5.10 pm

Chair

Witney Traffic Advisory Committee Report by Oxfordshire County Council

January 2026

Lead officer: Odele Parsons, Place Planning and Coordination West Team Leader,
Odele.parsons@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Maintenance issues: <https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/>

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1. A40/B4022 Shores Green, Access to Witney (ATW)

Public website for updates: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/transport-and-travel/roadworks/future-transport-projects/a40-improvements/a40-access-witney>

The ATW scheme continues to proceed at pace and is on track to complete construction by Summer 2026 (the commission date is currently being planned).

Traffic management will be in place from 5 January 2026 to 30 April 2026. This will include temporary traffic signals and pedestrian diversions as follows:

- 3-Way Traffic Lights: Temporary signals will be positioned on the B4022 (just south of the bridge), on South Leigh Road, and at the end of the westbound off-slip.

- Bus Stop Relocation: The current bus stop will be temporarily moved. A new stop will be installed approximately 75 metres from the existing one.
- Pedestrian Access: For pedestrians, a dedicated pedestrian route will be maintained through the works area

The ATW scheme has also supported South Leigh Parish Council in its traffic calming and accessibility project, with the last of the committed work completed recently.

2. Access to Witney (AtW) scheme complementary measures – A4095 redesignation and traffic sign updates

Alongside the opening of the new A40 slip roads at Shores Green a number of wider complementary measures will also be delivered across Witney:

- (1) **a number of road classifications will be changed** - in particular the A4095 through Witney will be re-routed away from Woodstock Road, Bridge Street, Mill Street and Curbridge Road to a new route via Jubilee Way, Oxford Hill, A40, Thorney Leys. Woodstock Rd, Bridge Street and Mill Street will become B-status roads. The Department for Transport's National Street Gazetteer will be updated to reflect these changes - which will then also be shared with street map providers (for use in SatNav's etc)
- (2) **road traffic signage across Witney will be updated** - to direct drivers (where appropriate) to use the new A40 access slip roads and to use the new route of the A4095.

These complementary measures will help support AtW scheme objectives to reduce traffic volumes and congestion in Witney Town Centre.

3. High Street and Market Square

Webpage: [Witney High Street and Market Square enhancements scheme | Oxfordshire County Council.](#)

A written update will be provided by the project team prior to the meeting.

4. Witney paths and crossings

Madley Park Path & Windrush Place Path

A written update will be provided by the project team prior to the meeting.

Deer Park Road Crossings

A written update will be provided by the project team prior to the meeting.

5. Fiveways Roundabout, Vision Zero Programme

The scheme for a parallel crossing on the Welch Way arm of Fiveways Roundabout was approved at OCC's Cabinet Member Decision Meeting on 9th October 2025. Printed minutes and decisions from this meeting can be found at the following link:

<https://mycouncil.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=1219&MId=7819>

Preconstruction procurement tasks are currently being undertaken. It is anticipated that construction will start in early spring 2026.

6. S106 programme

Schemes:

- Colwell Brook path: improved active travel provision between Downs Road and Book End
- Witan Way zebra crossing: implementing a zebra crossing at Sainsburys (between Two Rivers and Avenue Four)

Procurement is currently underway to resource design, construction and delivery of these schemes (and all other S106 schemes OCC are progressing within this programme). Once procurement is resolved, a delivery programme will be confirmed.

In parallel, the team are reviewing schemes that require statutory consultation e.g. crossings and will be in contact with Parish and Town Councils to confirm locations and progress required statutory consultation.

7. St Mary's Churchyard cycle signage

Previously the issue of cycling through St Mary's churchyard and the need for 'no cycling' signage was raised. This has been added to OCC's future signage list, but Officer resource and implementation costs remain an issue. If interested, a walk and talk can be arranged with the Town Council to review existing signage and devise a plan for future signage. This scheme could then be costed and any Town Council contributions following this would help to progress the scheme.

8. King George V Recreation Ground path

King George V Recreation Ground path is scheme 87 in Witney LCWIP. The route is used as a short cut by pupils at Wood Green School linking Pensclose to Kingsfield Crescent.

Place Planning asked for the pathway via S106 from Wood Green School expansion planning application (24/01832/FUL). £100,000 is held for this scheme by OCC Property. Witney Town Council own King George V Recreation Ground, and discussions with WTC concluded that OCC were to lead on the scheme.

The specification for the path is 3m wide with a tarmac surface and will be delivered by MGroup via OCC.

A site visit was held on 5th December 2025, attended by OCC Officers in Place Planning, Highway Maintenance and Property along with Witney Town Council Officers.

Following this site visit, next steps include:

- Discussion with OCC tree team to advise on construction adjacent to tree roots near Pensclose access.
- Discussion around the dedication process post-construction to decide which OCC team will have maintenance responsibility.
- Programmed for delivery 2026/27 by MGroup.

9. Lining refurbishment schedule

Lining work planned and completed in Witney as part of OCC's next round of lining refurbishment:

1. 49 Burford Road – access protection marking
2. New Yatt Road – refresh all markings around buildouts, refresh access protection markings, refresh 'Keep Clear' markings at Merryfield House Nursing Home access, refresh hazard markings outside number 48
3. Vanner Road – refresh junction markings with New Yatt Road and Farmers Close
4. Farmers Close – refresh junction markings with New Yatt Road, refresh no entry markings, refresh junction markings with Hailey Road, refresh junction markings with Farmers Close side roads
5. A4095 – refresh turning lane markings at the junction with Jubilee Way
6. Woodstock Road – refresh junction markings and school zig-zags (Wood Green School), refresh zebra crossing markings
7. Cogges Hill Road – refresh junction markings at Blake C of E Primary School, Cogges Hill Road, Manor Road, Oxlease, and Stanton Harcourt Road
8. West End – refresh mini roundabout lining
9. Mill Street – refresh junction markings with Puck Lane, Jacobs Close, Riverside Gardens, Meadow Lane, Woodford Way, and Woodford Mill

10. Burford Road – refresh junctions markings at Skylark Way, Moor Avenue and Loom Lane
11. Welch Way – refresh junction markings and keep clear markings near the hospital (Holloway Road and Woodford Way)
12. A415 Ducklington Lane – refresh turning lane markings for the A40 East and install new additional arrow to direct vehicles onto the slip road correctly
13. Langdale Gate – mask centre lines from pedestrian crossing to just before the splitter island

10. Speed Sign Review

OCC road safety engineer James Wright has responded to the request from the Town Council regarding the town wide review of speed limit signs and vehicle active signs. A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

11. Wood Green School path flooding

OCC's maintenance team are currently investigating the issue of flooding on the path behind Wood Green School.

12. Deer Park Road/ Curbridge Road roundabout

OCC are aware that concern has been raised about the brick height around the base of the roundabout of Deer Park Road and Curbridge Road. OCC would like to understand this concern further at the TAC meeting.

13. OCC Public Transport Team Update

Service Tendering: The current service tender round is concluding, which covers contracts for routes 64 (Witney - Swindon), S2 (Cheltenham - Oxford) and S2X (Carterton - Oxford fast). Details of the outcome will be available in due course with any associated service changes occurring at the end of March or in May, depending on the route.

The next tender round includes contracts covering routes 19 (Carterton - Witney), X15 (Witney - Abingdon), 233/234 (Witney - Burford) and S7 (Witney - Woodstock), and any associated changes for these routes will occur at the end of August.

MyBus: It has been necessary to increase the cost of weekly tickets in order to ensure the scheme remains within budget. From 11 January 2026, weekly

tickets now cost £17 for young people and £30 for adults. The prices for day tickets remain unchanged. More information here: <https://www.mybusoxfordshire.org.uk/post/mybus-ticket-price-changes-on-11-january>

From: Highways Engagement
Sent: Wednesday, November 5, 2025
Subject: Highways Asset Response Team (HART)

Dear Sharon

I hope this message finds you well.

On behalf of Oxfordshire County Council, I am pleased to inform you of an exciting new initiative aimed at enhancing our reactive highways maintenance service and deepening our engagement with local communities.

We are introducing the Highways Asset Response Team (HART), a dedicated and agile resource designed to deliver targeted improvements within local communities.

The HART team is equipped to undertake a range of essential maintenance activities, including:

Street Furniture Cleaning: Cleansing signage and pedestrian refuge island bollards to ensure visibility and regulatory compliance.

Pedestrian Safety Enhancements: Removing damaged railings, street furniture, and footway plates, and addressing associated surface deterioration.

Vegetation Management: Clearing minor highway vegetation encroaching onto footways and cycleways to improve accessibility.

Surface Debris Clearance: Sweeping isolated areas of loose debris from footways and residential carriageways to maintain cleanliness and safety.

Visual Amenity Improvements: Removing outdated flyposting from street furniture to improve the overall streetscape.

Street Clutter Reduction: Collecting and removing redundant barriers and obsolete Chapter 8 signage to declutter public spaces.

As a key representative of your Parish, your local knowledge is genuinely appreciated. If you're aware of any locations within your area that fit the scope outlined above, I'd be very grateful if you could share those suggestions ahead of our visit. It would be especially helpful to include a few details, such as photographs before we look to propose dates for a walkaround. This will help us explore potential works in more detail and ensure they are well aligned with local priorities.

Parish Councils will be invited to complete a short, five-question survey following the completion of works in your community. Your feedback will play a key role in helping us understand what's working well and where we can improve, ultimately shaping how we deliver services in the future.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Highway Engagement Officer
Highway Maintenance
Environment & Place
Oxfordshire County Council

Agenda Item 8a

Witney Town Council

Stronger Communities Committee – 17 November 2025

Item: Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) for Witney
Minute text: SC661

The Committee received and considered the report of the Deputy Town Clerk following a request for consideration of the installation of Vehicle Activated Signs or Speed Indicator Devices.

Members raised the existing 30mph signs which were not situated in 20 mph zones and asked that the Council write to Oxfordshire County Council with the request for an audit of any redundant signs, such as the two on Curbridge Road to be re-sited.

The Committee felt that the requested audit be completed along with an assessment of the impact of the opening of the Shores Green junction and the rerouting of the A4095 which would follow. And that these steps should be completed prior to the potential purchase of additional VAS or SID signage.

It was agreed that the subject be added to the next agenda of the Witney Traffic Advisory Committee on 20 January 2026 to inform them of the Council's position.

Recommended:

1. That, the report be noted and,
2. That, Officers write to OCC to request an audit of all redundant signage in and around the town and,
3. That, any research of result is shared with Witney Traffic Advisory Committee and,
4. That, the Council reconsider the request in December 2026 to allow sufficient time for the changes to the A40 and A4095 to take effect.

Agenda Item 8c

From: Cllr Thomas Ashby
Sent: 09 January 2026
To: Cllr Duncan Enright; Adam Clapton
Subject: Re: TAC

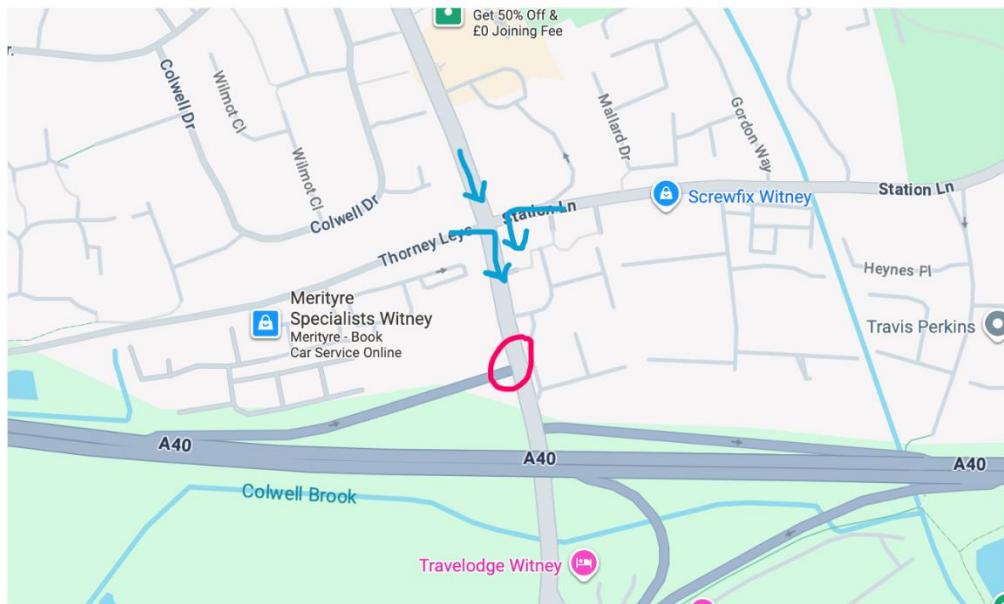
Hi Duncan

... I also have another item... It is the traffic lights on the Ducklington Lane/Thorney Leys/Station Lane junction.

Currently, during a rush hour, due to the traffic light configuration off the slip-road coming from the A40 eastbound, it is incredibly difficult to cross the junction towards Ducklington. This leads to increased tailbacks along Ducklington Lane, Station Lane and Thorney Leys Road.

I will also approach County Officers, but if this could also be raised as a concern, it would be greatly appreciated.

I have attached a photo below:



The traffic lights, in red, during peak hours is causing long tailbacks from all three of the other directions coming from Witney.

Best Wishes

Cllr Thomas Ashby