

Witney Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 22nd September, 2026 at 3.00 pm

To members of the Witney Traffic Advisory Committee - T Hickman, T Weaver, S McCorroll, A Prosser, 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. The meeting can also be attended virtually via the following link:

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Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive and consider apologies for absence.

2. Election of Chair

To elect a Chair of the Committee for the forthcoming year.

3. Election of Vice-Chair

To elect a Vice-Chair of the Committee for the forthcoming year.

4. 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.

5. **Minutes** (Pages 4 - 11)

a) To adopt and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 30 June 2026.

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

6. **Committee Terms of Reference** (Pages 12 - 14)

To review the Committee Terms of Reference and consider any changes. The current TOR's are attached.

7. **Oxfordshire County Council**

a) **Place, Planning and Coordination** (Pages 15 - 17)

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

a) **Civil Enforcement**

To receive and consider the report of the Civil Enforcement Team.

9. **Community Speedwatch Update**

To receive an update from Officers.

10. **Public Transport Update**

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

11. **OCC Consultation - Witan Way Zebra Crossing** (Pages 18 - 20)

To receive and consider a response to the consultation by Oxfordshire County Council regarding a Zebra crossing at Witan Way, Witney.

12. **OCC Request for feedback on 20mph schemes** (Page 21)

To receive and consider a request from OCC for feedback on the 20mph schemes.

13. **Items Submitted to the Town Clerk**

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

a) **Church Green traffic issues** (Page 22)

To receive correspondence from a resident of Church Green.

Please also refer to Item 7 in the OCC Report at Agenda Item 7a.

b) **King Georges Path** (Pages 23 - 26)

To note feedback from a resident regarding the King George Path Project.

14. **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.

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

To receive the dates of the next meetings of Witney Traffic Advisory Committee for information.

12 January 2027

23 March 2027



Town Clerk

WITNEY TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on Tuesday, 30 June 2026

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

Present:

Councillor D Enright (Chair)

Councillors:	R Smith	S McCarroll
	A Prosser	J Aitman
	S Simpson	
Officers:	Adam Clapton	Deputy Town Clerk
	Derek Mackenzie	Senior Administrative Officer & Committee Clerk
	Odele Parsons	Oxfordshire County Council
	James Wright	Oxfordshire County Council
	Joanna Marcinia	Oxfordshire County Council
	Nick Howdle-Smith	Oxfordshire County Council
	Annabelle Calder	Oxfordshire County Council
	Karl Chadwick	Oxfordshire County Council
Others:	One member of the public.	
	T Hickman, Taxi Representative	
	C Hulme, Thames Valley Police	
	K Hickman, Windrush Bike Project	
	D Miles, Parish Transport Representative	
	A Bullock, Witney Chamber of Commerce	

T32 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Robertshaw, T Ashby and A Coles. Apologies were also received from T Weaver (Pulham's Coaches), T Bayliss (Stagecoach) and A Lyon (West Oxfordshire Community Transport).

T33 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Committee received representations from a resident concerning rail connectivity between Witney and Oxford, future mass rapid transit proposals, the development of Woodford Way Car Park, opportunities for development-led transport infrastructure, and proposals for a future river crossing linking Woodford Way with Hailey Road, including the concept of an inhabited bridge.

Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) officers advised that work was underway to consider a range of mass rapid transit options in addition to rail solutions, with future transport corridors being considered as part of the emerging West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC) Local Plan 2041.

Discussion also took place regarding the future of Woodford Way Car Park, including proposals for residential development alongside the retention of public parking provision.

Members were advised that OCC was nearing completion of feasibility work relating to the West End Link, which would provide a second river crossing, with findings expected later in 2026.

Councillor Stuart McCarroll highlighted forthcoming opportunities for residents and stakeholders to comment on transport and development matters through consultation on the emerging WODC Local Plan.

Resolved:

That, the representation and responses be noted.

Cllr R Smith joined the meeting at 3:21pm.

T34 **MINUTES**

The Committee received the minutes of the Witney Traffic Advisory Committee meeting held on 17 March 2026.

T24 Public Transport Update -The Parish Transport Representative advised that the annual Bus Users Meeting took place and valuable feedback was received.

Resolved:

1. That, the minutes of the Witney Traffic Advisory Committee meeting held on 17 March 2026 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
2. That, the update be noted.

T35 **PLACE, PLANNING AND COORDINATION**

Members received and considered the report of Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) together with verbal updates from officers.

West Oxfordshire Lowlands Movement and Place Plan

Officers advised that consultation on the draft Plan had concluded, with over 300 responses received. Consultation feedback was being reviewed ahead of consideration by the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee in September and adoption later in 2026.

Members also heard from the Chair of Witney Chamber of Commerce who advised that 309 responses had been received to their own survey, suggesting that convenience rather than cost was the main factor influencing car use, whilst improved footpaths could encourage greater levels of walking. Members highlighted the importance of robust parking, transport and economic data to support future policy decisions and suggested that further analysis of parking behaviour within the town would be beneficial.

It was agreed that the Chamber of Commerce survey findings would be shared with OCC officers for consideration as part of the review process. Members welcomed the survey and thanked the Chamber for providing additional evidence to support future transport planning.

Access to Witney – Shores Green

Officers advised that completion of the scheme had been delayed slightly and was now expected to open on 17 July 2026. The Committee was informed that additional time was required to complete remedial works and remove temporary traffic management before opening.

Officers further advised that work on the redesignation of the A4095 and associated signage changes would continue following completion of the junction works, together with monitoring of traffic patterns across the town.

The Parish Transport Representative asked whether the bus shelter at South Leigh turn would be reinstated following its removal during the works. Officers agreed to seek an update and report back.

Members welcomed the update and looked forward to the final completion of this long-awaited improvement.

Fiveways Roundabout

Officers advised that the Vision Zero crossing scheme on the Welch Way arm of the roundabout would now be delayed until after completion of the Witney High Street works to avoid conflicts with diversion routes and traffic management.

King George V Recreation Ground Path

Members were advised that construction of the new path was expected to take place during the school summer holiday period to minimise disruption.

The Committee requested that a copy of the approved design be circulated to Members.

Witney Paths and Crossings

Officers advised that progress had been made in resolving procurement issues affecting the Madley Park and Windrush Place path improvement schemes, with a preferred procurement route identified and discussions underway with a contractor regarding delivery. Members welcomed the update and requested a further update once a revised programme had been agreed.

Barnard Gate Experimental Traffic Regulation Order

The Committee received an update regarding the no right turn experimental traffic regulation order at Barnard Gate. Members raised concerns regarding signage, compliance and enforcement, noting continued observations of vehicles undertaking prohibited movements. Concerns were also raised regarding cycling connectivity at the junction and whether further measures may be required.

Line Refreshing Programme and Highway Maintenance

The Committee received an update on the ongoing programme of road marking, pedestrian crossing refurbishment and highway maintenance works across the town. Members welcomed the progress being made and noted that resurfacing of Newland to Church Lane remained within the current programme, although construction dates had yet to be confirmed. Members requested that updates on future works continue to be provided where practical.

Resolved:

1. That, the updates from OCC officers be noted;
2. That, the Witney Chamber of Commerce survey findings be shared with OCC officers for consideration as part of the Movement and Place Plan review;
3. That, OCC officers provide an update on the reinstatement of the South Leigh Turn bus shelter; and
4. That, further updates on the Witney Paths and Crossings programme be brought to a future meeting of the Committee.

T36 WITNEY HIGH STREET

The Committee received an update from Oxfordshire County Council officers regarding the Witney High Street and Market Square Enhancement Scheme.

Officers advised that a number of highway and infrastructure defects had been identified during construction, including a carriageway failure within the project area. Opportunities were being explored to address these issues alongside the current works, including the potential for full resurfacing of the carriageway.

The scheme was reported to be progressing largely in accordance with the agreed programme and within the approved budget. Officers also advised that discussions were ongoing with West Oxfordshire District Council regarding potential additional funding for enhanced bus shelters and other improvements which could be delivered whilst works remained underway.

Members welcomed the close working relationship between Oxfordshire County Council, Galliford Try and local stakeholders, including arrangements that had enabled the Witney Carnival procession to proceed as normal.

Concerns were raised regarding communication surrounding temporary bus stop arrangements, service diversions and passenger information. The Parish Transport Representative highlighted instances of passenger confusion regarding temporary stop closures and altered boarding locations and stressed the importance of providing adequate shelter and shade for passengers using Langdale Gate during periods of hot weather.

The Chair of Witney Chamber of Commerce raised concerns regarding communication with businesses, reporting limited direct engagement with some traders during the early stages of the project. Officers acknowledged these concerns and undertook to review communication arrangements with the contractor and Public Liaison Officer.

Members welcomed the commitment to improve communication and requested that engagement with businesses, public transport operators and users continue throughout future phases of the project. The Parish Transport Representative advised that they remained in regular contact with Galliford Try regarding Phase Two of the works to help ensure that operators and passengers received advance notice of future changes.

The Taxi Representative advised that the first phase of works had generally operated well and that the temporary one-way operation of the High Street had created a positive environment for drivers and road users.

Members also emphasised the importance of effective parking and traffic enforcement once the scheme was complete.

Resolved:

1. That, the update be noted;
2. That, officers continue to engage with public transport operators regarding future phases of the scheme;
3. That, the Committee Clerk circulate the contact details of the Galliford Try Project Manager and Public Liaison Officer to the Chair of Witney Chamber of Commerce for onward circulation to local businesses; and
4. That, the Committee welcomes the exploration of additional highway improvements and resurfacing works where external funding can be secured and delivered alongside the current scheme.

T37 COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH UPDATE

The Committee received a verbal update from the Deputy Town Clerk regarding the operation of the Community Speedwatch Scheme.

Members were advised that one monitoring session had taken place since the previous meeting and that further sessions were planned during July if sufficient volunteers could be assembled. Additionally, the Town Council would be supporting the Community Speedwatch national day of action on 11 July with the promotion via its social media channels.

The Committee heard that the group had recorded 396 speeding vehicles since its introduction, with 254 warning letters subsequently issued through the Thames Valley Police system.

Members thanked the volunteers involved for their continued commitment however the importance of recruiting additional volunteers was noted.

Resolved:

That, the update be noted.

During the following Agenda Item, the Member of the public left the meeting at 4:31pm.

T38 PUBLIC TRANSPORT UPDATE

The Committee received verbal update from the Parish Transport Representative.

Members were advised that a review of bus services was due to take place in August, although no major changes to supported services were currently anticipated. The Parish Transport Representative reported that there continued to be frustration amongst bus users regarding journey times between Witney and Oxford, particularly following the introduction of additional stops along the Woodstock Road corridor. It was hoped that improvements to services and journey times could be considered following the reopening of Botley Road and future service reviews.

Members also heard about the future role that Eynsham Park & Ride could play in bus services, together with planned highway improvements on the A40, and the potential improvement impact on bus reliability and connectivity across West Oxfordshire.

It was further noted that requests for improved services to destinations such as Cotswold Wildlife Park and a number of rural communities continued to be raised by users.

Resolved:

That, the verbal updates be noted.

T39 BUS USERS MEETING - SURVEY RESULTS

The Committee received feedback from the Bus Users Meeting held on 19 May 2026 together with the results of the accompanying survey.

Members welcomed the quality of engagement and discussion at the event despite attendance being lower than the previous year. The survey highlighted concerns regarding service reliability, ticketing arrangements and links to key destinations, whilst also identifying a number of opportunities for future service improvements.

The Parish Transport Representative had also undertaken additional analysis of the survey responses and Members agreed that both the survey findings and accompanying analysis represented a valuable source of evidence for future transport planning and service development.

There was agreement that targeted advertising and different times for the meeting should be considered in the future.

Resolved:

1. That, the update be noted and,
2. That, the survey results and feedback be noted and,
3. That, the survey findings and accompanying analysis be shared with the OCC Public Transport Team, local bus operators and relevant transport working groups.

T40 TRAFFIC SPEEDS ON NEWLAND, WITNEY

The Committee considered correspondence from a resident together with speed survey data provided by Oxfordshire County Council. Officers advised that average speeds on both Newland and Cogges Hill Road remained above the posted 20mph limit, although generally within the range expected following the introduction of a 20mph scheme.

Higher vehicle speeds were recorded during school travel periods at both locations. Members noted that Cogges Hill Road, along with a number of other roads in the town, did not possess characteristics that naturally encouraged compliance with a 20mph speed limit.

The Committee discussed the potential for future highway and development-related improvements in the Oxford Hill area to introduce additional traffic calming measures and welcomed the opportunity for continued monitoring of vehicle speeds. It was also noted that both locations already formed part of the Community Speedwatch programme.

Resolved:

1. That, the correspondence and survey results be noted;
2. That, OCC officers compare the data to previous year's results; and
3. That, OCC continue monitoring the speeds and review control measures where Possible.

T41 HAILEY ROAD, WITNEY - PARKING OBSTRUCTING THE HIGHWAY

The Committee considered correspondence concerning vehicles parking on grass verges and causing visibility problems for residents.

Officers advised that recent enforcement activity had resulted in penalty charge notices being issued and that the situation would continue to be monitored.

Resolved:

That, the correspondence and officer response be noted.

T42 PARKING ISSUES - OUR LADYS OF LOURDES, CURBRIDGE ROAD

The Committee considered correspondence regarding parking associated with school drop-off and collection periods. Members discussed concerns relating to vehicle obstruction, pedestrian safety and crossing provision in the vicinity of the school.

Officers advised that engagement with the school would be undertaken in the first instance to encourage improvements in parking behaviour, with further measures considered if issues persisted. During discussion it was noted that the existing parking patterns also acted as an informal calming measure to traffic speeds along this section of Curbridge Road.

Resolved:

That, the correspondence and officer response be noted.

T43 ITEMS RAISED AT THE MEETING

Councillor A Prosser raised the issue of Quiet Lanes and queried whether routes within and around Witney could be considered as part of Oxfordshire County Council's developing programme. Officers advised that Town and Parish Councils were invited to submit locations for assessment against agreed criteria.

During discussion Members noted that Witney Town Council was currently considering a potential scheme for the road adjacent to St Mary's Church. The Chair observed that the Quiet Lanes initiative appeared more suited to rural areas than an urban environment such as Witney and the Parish Transport Representative noted that the impact on existing bus routes would need to be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Resolved:

That, the comments be noted.

T44 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING(S)

Members were advised that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on 22 September 2026.

Additional future meeting dates for 2026/27 were also advised as 12 January 2027 and 23 March 2027.

The meeting closed at: 17.07pm

Chair

WITNEY TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CONSTITUTION AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Title

1.1 The Committee shall be known as the “Witney Traffic Advisory Committee”, hereinafter called the “Advisory Committee”.

2. Administration

2.2 The administration of the Advisory Committee will normally be undertaken by the Town Clerk of Witney Town Council, or by their representative.

3. Meetings of the Advisory Committee

3.1 Meetings of the Advisory Committee will normally be held four times a year, commencing at 3pm, on dates set by Witney Town Council in consultation with Oxfordshire County Council.

3.2 The venue of meetings shall be at the discretion of the Town Council as administrators in conjunction with the Chair of the Committee. As an Advisory Committee, virtual or hybrid meetings may be held as it falls outside the realms of the Local Government Act 1972.

3.3 The quorum of the Committee shall be five members.

3.4 No business other than that set out in the agenda published by the Town Clerk may be considered at a meeting of the Advisory Committee unless details have been notified to the Town Clerk prior to the start of the meeting, and the Chair has agreed to such matter being considered on the grounds of urgency.

4. Public Access

4.1 Meetings of the Advisory Committee shall be open to the public and press, other than in exceptional circumstances, where the public and press may be excluded by resolution of the Advisory Committee on the grounds of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

4.2 Members of the public have the right to address the Advisory Committee for not more than five minutes, provided the statement is related to an item on the agenda or is within the jurisdiction of the Committee. It should be made clear to those attending the Committee has no powers to implement actions and may only advise relevant authorities on any issue.

4.3 Requests to address a meeting shall be given to the Town Clerk (or Town Council representative) before 12.30p.m. on the last working day preceding the meeting, and any such request shall be passed to the Chair, or to the Chair on the day of the meeting with the Committee's approval.

5 Chair

5.1 The Chair shall be elected by the Advisory Committee at its annual meeting in September.

5.2 The Chair needs to be an elected member of one of the local authorities represented on the Advisory Committee.

5.3 The Vice Chair shall be elected by the Advisory Committee at its annual meeting in September and will ordinarily substitute the Chair if absent from any meeting.

5.4 In the event that the Chair and Vice Chair are both absent from a meeting of the Advisory Committee, a member of the Advisory Committee shall be elected to chair the meeting.

6. **Representatives**

6.1 The Advisory Committee may include representatives from the following who shall be regarded as members of the Advisory Committee: -

Representatives from:

a)	Witney Town Council	3 – 4
b)	West Oxfordshire District Council	1 – 2
c)	Oxfordshire County Council	3 (+ Cabinet Member for Transport)
d)	Witney Chamber of Commerce	1
e)	Thames Valley Police	1

Other organisations which have been invited to send a representative:

2003	Stagecoach	1	
	Local Taxis	1	<i>As there is no affiliated Taxi Group, an individual from a taxi company may be elected to provide general feedback.</i>
2009	Windrush Bike Project	1	Changed from Witney BUG
2019	West Oxon Community Transport	1	Changed from Witney Community Transport
	Volunteer Link Up	1	(Removed 21/03/23)
2021	Oxfordshire Association of Blind	1	(Not sending attendance from 2022)
	Parish Transport Representative	1	Independent of Town Council
2024	Pulham's Coaches	1	

6.2 Any other organisation represented on the Advisory Committee may, at the discretion of the Advisory Committee, have more than one representative.

7. **Officers**

7.1 Officers representing (a) Witney Town Council (b) Oxfordshire County Council (c) West Oxfordshire District Council and (d) Thames Valley Police shall have a right to attend meetings of the Advisory Committee and speak in an advisory capacity.

8. **Terms of Reference**

8.1 The Advisory Committee does not have executive powers but may consider any traffic related matter of concern either directly or indirectly to the Parish of Witney and may offer advice on such matters to Oxfordshire County Council, West Oxfordshire District Council, Witney Town Council, or to any other relevant organisation as may be appropriate.

8.2 The Advisory Committee has the right to run and administer a Community Speed watch scheme for Witney, assisted by Witney Town Council.

8.3 The following list is not exhaustive but is the type of matters which may be discussed by the Advisory Committee: -

- a) Existing or proposed road systems or traffic management schemes
- b) One-way systems
- c) Traffic calming
- d) Waiting restrictions
- e) Traffic signalling, signing and road markings
- f) Pedestrian crossings and school crossings
- g) Footpaths
- h) Street Lighting
- i) On-street and off-street car parking
- j) Road safety engineering
- k) Transport-related consultations
- k) Community Speed watch

The Committee may, if appropriate, may refer to environmental factors in relation to any of the above, such as Climate and Biodiversity matters.

9. **Amendments to constitution and Terms of Reference**

9.1 The Advisory Committee's constitution and terms of reference may be amended at any time by resolution of the Advisory Committee and will generally be reviewed at its Annual Meeting (currently held in September).

Witney Traffic Advisory Committee Report by Oxfordshire County Council

September 2026

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

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

Claims for damages - [Compensation claims as a result of highway defects | Oxfordshire County Council](#)

OCC Scheme Updates:

1. West Oxfordshire Lowlands Movement and Place (MAP) Plan

Ashley Hayden, Area Travel Plans Team Leader / Tom Wilkins, Area Travel Plans Technical Lead

The public consultation for the West Oxfordshire Lowlands Movement and Place Plan has now closed.

The Plan is now due to be discussed formally with members at the Place Overview and Scrutiny meeting in late September and subject to the outcome of this meeting, the Plan is due to proceed to Cabinet in October.

[Agenda for Place Overview & Scrutiny Committee on Wednesday, 23 September 2026, 10.00 am | Oxfordshire County Council](#)

[Agenda for Cabinet on Tuesday, 20 October 2026, 2.00 pm | Oxfordshire County Council](#)

2. Access to Witney (Shores Green)

The slip roads are now open to all traffic, and the redesignation of the A4095 and associated signage have been implemented.

The team are now moving into the monitoring phase. Over the next 6 months, a number of traffic surveys will be carried out to assess the impact of the implementation of the scheme.

3. Witney High Street and Market Square Improvements

Nick Howdle-Smith, Infrastructure Delivery Project Manager / Duncan Stewart, Infrastructure Delivery Programme Lead

General project information can be found by visiting [Witney High Street and Market Square delivery | Let's Talk Oxfordshire](#) and downloading our [diversion plan](#) and [project timeline](#).

For any questions or concerns about the scheme or the works,
email: WitneyHighStreet@gallifordtry.co.uk

To receive the scheme newsletter, [sign up here](#)

Recent updates:

Temporary bus stops installed on Monday 7th September to improve the waiting conditions for bus users.

Bus shelter foundations are being developed in anticipation of the new permanent shelter installation at the end of September / beginning of October.

A new (3 bay) bus shelter will be installed outside the Cross Keys.

2x tree pits are being installed at the Welch Way junction with 2 new trees on track for installation at end of program.

Full carriageway resurfacing is currently in the construction program and will be delivered, subject to funding.

The contractor is reviewing current traffic management / phasing arrangements to ensure the program is delivered to the current demobilisation date of 3rd November.

Contractor is engaging with Witney in Pink organisers to ensure the event can proceed in the High Street with minimal disruption.

4. Witney Paths and Crossings

Karl Chadwick, Infrastructure Delivery Assistant Project Manager / Duncan Stewart, Infrastructure Delivery Programme Lead

The project team have been progressing the necessary governance approvals to finalise the direct award for the scheme and met with the contractor again on-site on Thursday 10th September to review the current scope and phasing for works at Deer Park Road and Madley Park.

An update on the latest position will be provided at the TAC meeting.

5. On-street Parking Enforcement

John Charlton, Parking Enforcement Team Leader

Quarter	Patrols undertaken	PCN Issued
June to August 2026	2899	353
March to May 2026	2226	297
December 2025 to February 2026	1575	193

6. King George's Field Path

James Wright, Highway Maintenance (Traffic and Road Safety)

Work was completed on the King George's Field pathway at the beginning of September. The path was funded via s106 contribution from Wood Green Secondary School expansion project. It provides an even surfaced, all-weather option when

crossing the field to/from Kingsfield Crescent to/from Pensclose to access the back gate entrance of Wood Green School.



7. Church Green traffic issues

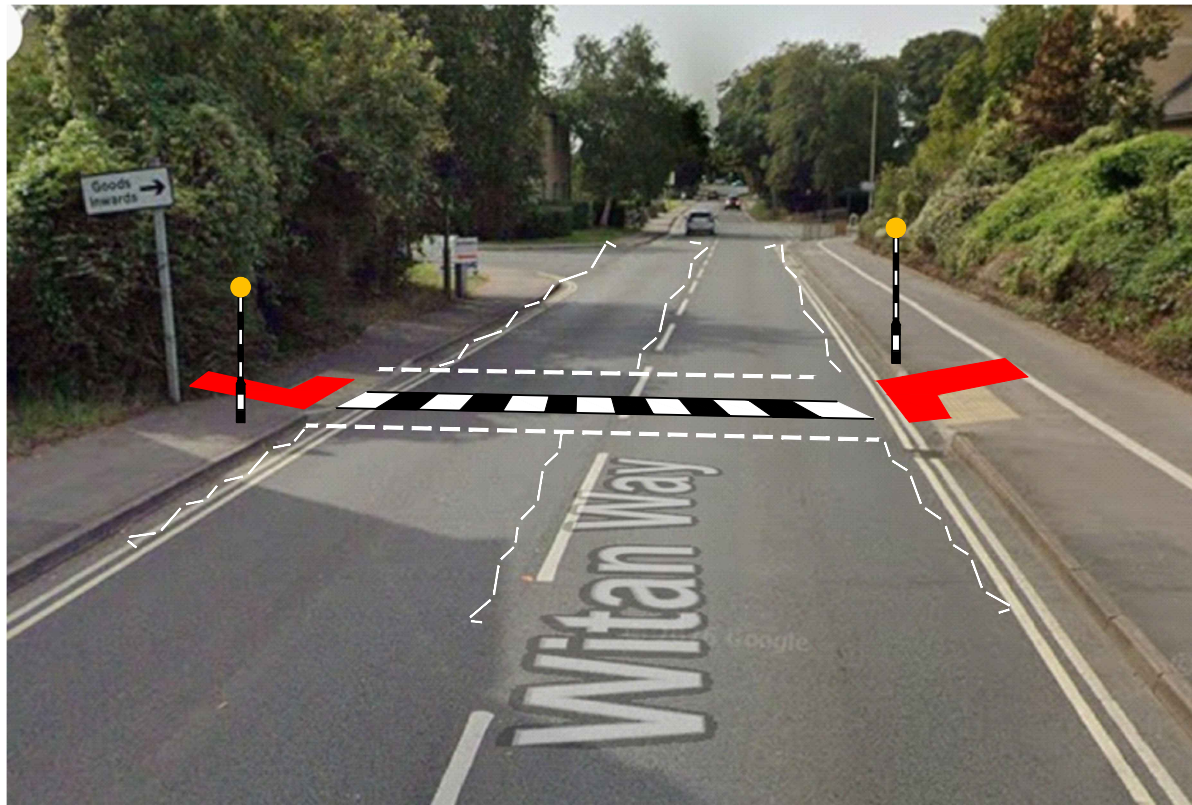
Raised by a resident – “Increasing number of cars travelling at high speed around Church Green... It might help prevent this if there was more visible signage... There also needs to be a sign indicating that the two roads on the west side are one-way systems...”

OCC Traffic and Road Safety Team Response:

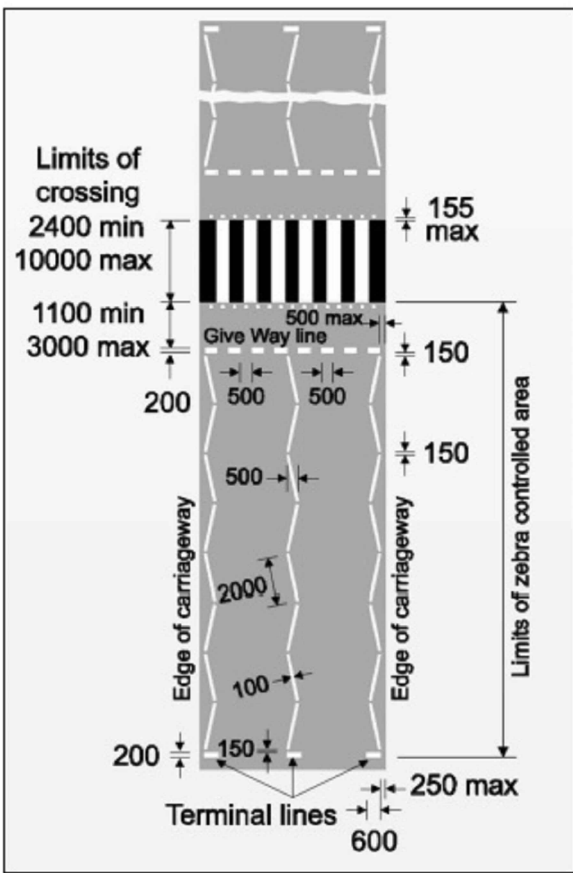
The 20-mph speed limit signing has been designed to satisfy minimum requirements to enable Police enforcement, and to minimise visual intrusion in the conservation area. OCC as the Highway Authority cannot enforce speed limits and so, if speeding is felt to be a problem, this needs to be reported to the Police as the enforcement authority.

Secondly, there is no formal Order prescribing a one-way system for the 2 roads on the west side of Church Green despite the general local understanding. This issue has been raised once or twice in the distant past but has not been a consistent problem that has warranted any further intervention at this time.

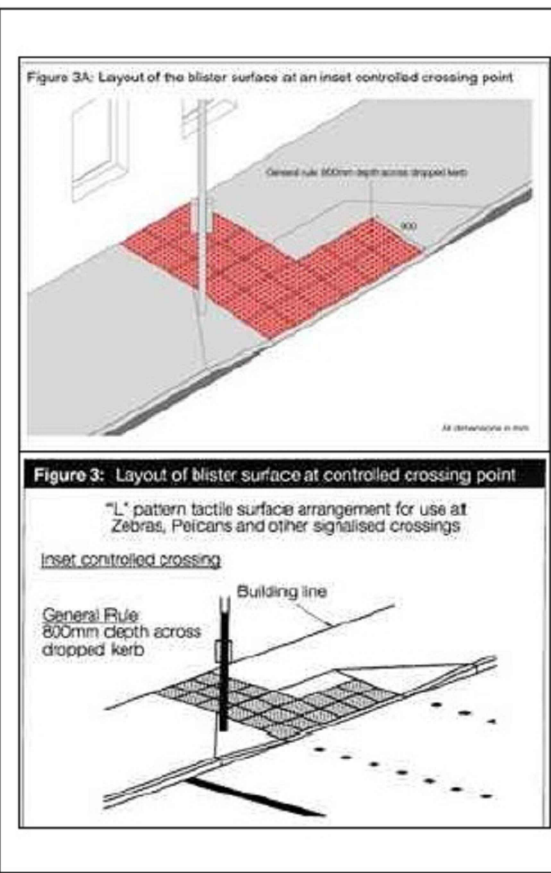
If the Traffic Advisory Committee would like this to be made a formal Traffic Order, it can be added to OCC workstreams.



Proposed Zebra crossing in Witan Way – Witney



Standard detail for proposed road marking + tactile paving



NOTE

Proposed Zebra Crossing.
New red tactile paving.
New illuminated Belisha Beacons.
Install new "Zig Zag" road markings.
Need to assess street lighting levels and
Install Corduroy Paving and giveaway across –
Cycle track at the approach to Ped. crossing

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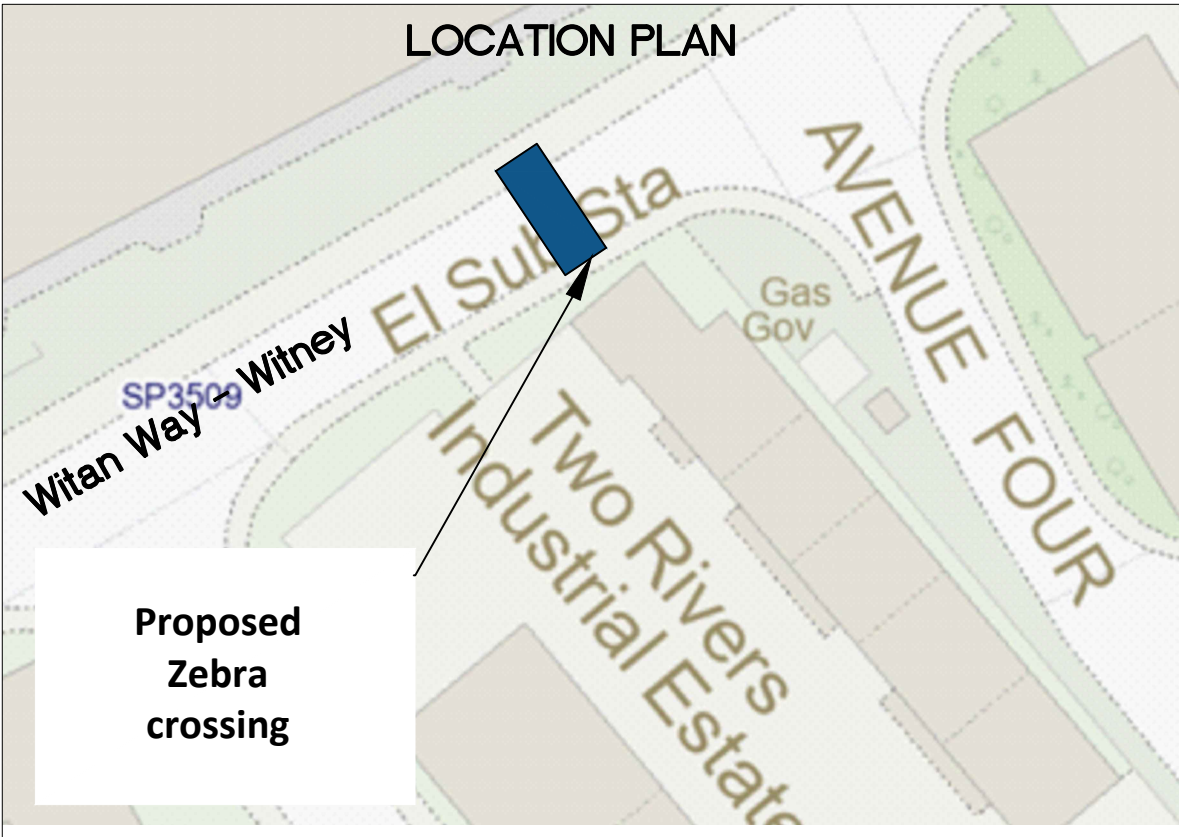
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Zebra Crossing

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Oxfordshire Project No. & File Ref



**OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
WITNEY: WITAN WAY – PROPOSED ZEBRA CROSSING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Oxfordshire County Council under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 & the Highways Act 1980 proposes to construct a new **Zebra Crossing** (for use by pedestrians only) on Witan Way, in Witney. The crossing will be located approx.25 metres west of its junction with Avenue Four (Station Lane Industrial Estate) – and is being put forward to help improve pedestrian safety in the area.

Improvements to existing street lighting provision will also be assessed and delivered where appropriate, whilst the proposals remain subject to completion of the detailed design process if approved.

Documents giving more details of the proposals are available for public inspection online by visiting <https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk> Hard copies may also be made available on request.

Objections to the proposals and other representations specifying the grounds on which they are made may be sent in writing to the address below (or via the web address above) no later than **09 October 2026**. The County Council will consider objections and representations received in response to this Notice. They may be disseminated widely for these purposes and made available to the public.

Traffic Regulation Order & Schemes Team (Ref: CM/12.6.410/N0356) for the Director of Environment & Highways, Oxfordshire County Council, County Hall, New Road, Oxford, OX1 1ND (Email: christian.mauz@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

From: Oxfordshire County Council

Sent: 09 September 2026 08:09

Subject: CONSULTATION – Witan Way (Witney) Proposed Zebra Crossing

Importance: High

RE: CONSULTATION – Witan Way (Witney) Proposed Zebra Crossing

We're asking for your views on the proposal to construct a Zebra crossing (a crossing for use by pedestrians) on Witan Way, in Witney. The crossing will be located approx.25 metres west of its junction with Avenue Four (Station Lane Industrial Estate) – and is being put forward to help improve pedestrian safety in the area.

Improvements to existing street lighting provision will also be assessed and delivered where appropriate, whilst the proposals remain subject to completion of the detailed design process if approved. In light of this please find the following consultation documents attached:

- Public Notice,
- Consultation Plan.

The proposals are scheduled to be advertised in the Witney & West Oxfordshire Gazette newspaper today; Wednesday 09th September 2026, and details are also available to view on the Councils consultation portal at the address below:

https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/witney_witanway_zebra2026

As stated on the notice, any objections or other representations on the proposals should be submitted by **Friday 9th October 2026**.

Note. parish & town councils, and local Cllrs (County, District, Parish etc..) are all encouraged to use the information contained within & attached to this email to publicise the proposals locally amongst their residents as necessary.

Kind Regards,

Network Management | Environment & Highways

Oxfordshire County Council | County Hall | New Road | Oxford | OX1 1ND

From: Plater, Roger - Oxfordshire County Council

<Roger.Plater@Oxfordshire.gov.uk>

Sent: 10 September 2026 17:05

To: Plater, Roger - Oxfordshire County Council <Roger.Plater@Oxfordshire.gov.uk>

Subject: Request for feedback on 20mph schemes - West Oxfordshire

Good afternoon town and parish council clerks, and County Cllrs,

The implementation of the County Council's 20mph programme saw about 280 parish and town councils participating, and with the new limits in some cases now having been in place for three or more years we are keen to understand how they are working from a local perspective.

The very wide take up of the programme by local councils across Oxfordshire has supported the provision to provide a safer and more pleasant environment for all road users and residents.

We are now contacting all parish and town councils to seek your views on how the 20mph speed limits are working in your community, acknowledging that it will take time for a culture of lower speeds in our towns and villages to become the norm.

We would be very grateful to receive your comments on the following:

- Examples of roads / parts of your town and village where the 20mph limits are working well and why you consider this to be the case.
- Examples where you consider 20mph is not working as effectively or as hoped, and what you think is the cause of this and what might be required to make it more effective.

The County Council is also monitoring changes in the number of reported collisions and changes in traffic speeds. We would be happy to provide this information for roads in your area if of interest.

At the outset of the programme, it was also acknowledged that resources for providing traffic calming measures to help support the new lower limits was not possible through the 20mph programme, and would need to be funded locally through s106, CIL or other funding. This is still the case, but we would be very happy to support – by providing advice etc. – on possible measures should there be local funding opportunities.

Although there is no deadline for sending your observations, we would be grateful to receive any responses (by reply to this email) by the end of November.

Kind regards

Roger

Roger Plater - Senior Officer – Vision Zero - Central Programme Delivery -Highway Maintenance - Environment and Highways - Oxfordshire County Council



Outlook

CHURCH GREEN TRAFFIC

[REDACTED]

Date Sat 8/22/2026 3:18 PM

To Cllr Ruth Smith <ruth.smith@witney-tc.gov.uk>

You don't often get email from [REDACTED] [Learn why this is important](#)

Dear Ruth,

I hope you can help. I live on the west side (that is the right hand side facing the church) of Church Green in Witney.

There is much local anxiety regarding the increasing number of cars travelling at high speed around Church Green as well motor cyclists with souped up exhausts using it as a race track. It might help prevent this if there was more visible signage. Even though it seems to be disregarded, there's only one 20mph sign at the church end of Church Green which is barely visible amongst the trees but there's no 20mph sign at all at the Witney end of the Green where most of the traffic comes from.

There also needs to be a sign indicating that the two roads on the west side are one-way systems. It's not a problem for drivers who know the area but several times I've stopped cars going in the wrong direction to point this out and understandably they argue that there should be a sign indicating this.

I look forward to hearing if you can help resolve these traffic issues.

best wishes,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] hurch Green
Witney

From: B

Sent: 10 September 2026 13:10

To: Marciniak, Joanna - Oxfordshire County Council

<Joanna.Marciniak@Oxfordshire.gov.uk>; Derek Mackenzie

<derek.mackenzie@witney-tc.gov.uk>

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Brown, Michael <michael.brown@mgroupltd.com>; Calder, Annabelle - Oxfordshire

County Council <Annabelle.Calder@Oxfordshire.gov.uk>; Turner, Lee - Oxfordshire

County Council <Lee.Turner@Oxfordshire.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: King George IV (Newland) Recreation Ground (Field in Trust)

Good to see - thank you.

Best wishes

B

On Thu, 10 Sept 2026 at 11:38, Marciniak, Joanna - Oxfordshire County Council

<Joanna.Marciniak@Oxfordshire.gov.uk> wrote:

Good morning,

Thank you for forwarding this, Derek.

I have seen some of the issues raised regarding the new path on local Facebook pages, including comments about standing water at the Kingsfield Crescent end. We are due to meet on site next week to inspect the completed works. As part of that inspection, we will raise any defects identified with the contractor and request that these are addressed as appropriate.

In relation to the surface finish, our understanding is that the vast majority of the developer funding was used to deliver improvements to Wood Green School itself. As a result, a blacktop surface was considered the most viable option within the available budget for the path works.

I will keep you updated on the outcome of the inspection and any subsequent actions.

Kind regards,

Joanna Marciniak

Officer (Traffic and Road Safety)

Oxfordshire County Council

From: Derek Mackenzie <derek.mackenzie@witney-tc.gov.uk>

Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2026 9:51:09 am

To: Marciniak, Joanna - Oxfordshire County Council

<Joanna.Marciniak@Oxfordshire.gov.uk>

Subject: FW: King George IV (Newland) Recreation Ground (Field in Trust)

Joanna

Please see below issues raised by a resident and my response. Please can you copy me to any reply.

Regards

Derek Mackenzie CiLCA

Committee Clerk & Senior Admin Officer

My working hours are Mon- Fri 8:30 am - 5pm (Fri to 4:30pm)

From: Info

Sent: 10 September 2026 09:49

To: B

Subject: RE: King George IV (Newland) Recreation Ground (Field in Trust)

Dear B

Thank you for your email and for taking the time to provide your feedback on the completed footpath works.

I am pleased to hear that you feel the edging has been carried out well and that the curved alignment of the path helps it sit more sympathetically within the recreation ground.

In relation to the standing water at the Kingsfield Crescent end of the path, and your suggestion regarding an alternative surface finish, these matters will be forwarded to Oxfordshire County Council for their consideration and response. As the project was commissioned and delivered by OCC as part of the Wood Green School expansion project, they are best placed to comment on the design specification, construction standards and any potential remedial works.

With regard to your question about future housing developments and the timing of the path, the works have been delivered now because the funding associated with

the Wood Green School expansion project was available and is a example of providing infrastructure at the earliest opportunity which we understand is a clear priority for many residents when development is proposed. This approach allows existing Wood Green School students, as well as local residents, to benefit immediately from the improved all-weather route immediately, rather than waiting until future development is completed.

It is also anticipated that the proposed residential development between the Cogges Hill Road junction and Shores Green will, in due course, generate additional pedestrian journeys to and from the school. The provision of the path in advance helps ensure suitable infrastructure is already in place to support sustainable travel as the area continues to grow.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact us. I will ensure your comments regarding the path are passed to Oxfordshire County Council.

Kind regards,

From:

Sent: 10 September 2026 08:57

To: Info <info@witney-tc.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: King George IV (Newland) Recreation Ground (Field in Trust)

Good morning

Now the path has been completed, I should be grateful for your response on the following points:

- The edging has been very well done and it's good the path has been curved as that looks less urban.
- At the Kingsfield Crescent end, a wide pool of standing water formed after we had rain the other day. As this would mean people stepping onto the grass to avoid it, should the contractors not return to level the tarmac so it doesn't have a concave area like that?
- It's a shame that the path has been left as black tarmac as that is very urban. Would it not be possible - as the property developer is paying, not WTC - to add a layer of the non-slip gravel resin in a Cotswold stone colour we have been told will be added to the tarmac in the town centre, once alterations there have been completed?
- Where will there be the new houses where the Woodgreen school children will be living who need this path and when do you expect them to be built and inhabited? If, as I understand, the houses have yet to be built, why build the path in advance? As many children enter the King George field from the gates onto Newland yet no path for them!

Best wishes

B