

# Witney TAC Report by Oxfordshire County Council

## June 2024

### Place Planning Team Update

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#### 1. For information

##### Access Protection Markings

There is a charge to residents requesting Access Protection Markings (white lining) across driveways/private access points – please see [Private access protection road markings | Oxfordshire County Council](#) for more information.

##### Request for mirrors on the highway

OCC does not provide or support the use of road mirrors on the highway. The image they provide can be misleading in terms of vehicle speed and distance giving drivers a false sense of security, potentially leading to vehicles emerging injudiciously. Mirrors are prone to vandalism, fogging in poor atmospheric conditions and glare from the sun or car headlights. If, however, permission is granted by a landowner adjacent to but off the highway and therefore outside the jurisdiction of the County Council, a suitable post and mirror may be erected.

The County could accept no responsibility for a mirror so erected.

#### 2. A40/B4022 Shores Green, Access to Witney (Major Project, funded)

Please direct any queries to [a40corridor@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:a40corridor@oxfordshire.gov.uk).

Please see webpage [A40 Access to Witney | Oxfordshire County Council](#)

A Public Inquiry to determine whether the Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPO) and Side Road Orders (SRO) required to deliver the Scheme should be confirmed was held in early March 2024. Confirmation of the CPO and SRO will allow the County Council to assemble all the land needed, and to make the necessary alterations to the highway, to deliver and construct the Scheme. A Secretary of State decision regarding confirmation of the orders is awaited. In parallel we are seeking to negotiate the purchase of, and early access to, the land required by agreement with the landowners.

Detailed scheme design and the discharge of planning conditions is underway. The necessary internal approvals are also being sought to release the project funding and to enter into a construction contract. At present, the schedule shows mobilisation and enabling works to take place in September (subject to the above) with substantial main works starting in November.

#### 3. High Street and Market Square Active Travel 3 (Stage: Design and implementation - funded)

Webpage: [Witney High Street and Market Square enhancements scheme](#)

Email: [witneyhighstreet@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:witneyhighstreet@oxfordshire.gov.uk).

Our consultants are finalising the feasibility design for the project area and are now undertaking costing exercises to help build a suite of plans to be put forward for public

consultation. The consultation has been postponed to September but this will not significantly impact the project program with construction scheduled to start early next year.

#### **4. Bridge Street Area Options Appraisal Report (stage: Investigation/ feasibility)**

No significant update from last meeting.

*Officers have finalised the Bridge Street/West End Link Options Assessment report from consultants Pell Frischmann. Engagement with all Councillors for Witney from Witney Town Council, West Oxfordshire District Council and Oxfordshire County Council has taken place as well as with the developers of the North Witney Strategic Development Area. This has raised a number of queries which officers are working through. Public engagement is being planned for later in the year.*

*Following the engagement, the County Council will confirm its position on the preferred scheme through the forthcoming Witney Area Travel Plan, a subsidiary document to the Oxfordshire Local Transport and Connectivity Plan, which will be subject to public consultation in its own right.*

#### **5. Fiveways Roundabout, Vision Zero Programme**

Following the consultation earlier in the year the [Vision Zero Road Safety Strategy and Action Plan](#) was approved by Cabinet on 23rd April.

The Strategy outlines how Vision Zero focuses on a whole safe system approach that starts with a simple premise - no human being should be killed or seriously injured as the result of a road collision; whichever mode of transport you are using. Our commitment to Vision Zero was previously confirmed by the County Council's Cabinet on 21st June 2022, and our [Local Transport and Connectivity Plan](#) adopted in July 2022, was a first step in supporting this commitment, including our overall Vision Zero target of zero road fatalities or serious injuries by 2050.

The Vision Zero Programme is in addition to the road safety work already carried out by OCC, and supports the delivery of a number of additional road safety infrastructure schemes across Oxfordshire. As part of delivering Vision Zero cycle safety and connectivity has been identified as a key issue at a number of locations across Oxfordshire. Funding in the region of £800,000 has been allocated to look at six locations. One of these road safety schemes is in Witney, and is the Fiveways Roundabout (Ducklington Lane / Curbridge Road / Tower Hill / Corn Street / Welch Way). The roundabout is currently being reviewed to understand what further road safety improvements can be implemented at this location, and we will engage key stakeholders during the design process going forward.

#### **6. Corn Street and Fiveways Roundabout (Feasibility Design, Capability and Ambition Fund)**

Request from the County Councillor Coles to separate the two projects. Officers will be working on a programme to engage on the concept design for a roundabout with segregated cycling at Fiveways roundabout.

Milestone will be resuming work on a range of options for safer cycling in Corn Street later in the year.

Both of these locations are priorities within the Witney Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP).

## 7. Windrush Place Active Travel Schemes (S106 Funded)

Work to improve the surface of the bridleway between Windrush Place and Deer Park Road took place in early May. The path has been levelled and treated with compacted stone and self-binding gravel.

Before image:



After image:



The main scheme has now been taken on by Infrastructure Delivery as part of the Active Travel Programme. Works comprise enhancements to the bridleway including widening the path, surfacing in flexi-pave and installing lighting; along with a Pegasus (horse) signalised crossing on Deer Park Road where the bridleway crosses the road and a second signalised crossing at the southern end of Deer Park Road close to the Curbridge Road roundabout. Work is progressing on the business case approvals and procuring the design work.

## 8. Madley Park Path Improvements

In November 2023 OCC submitted a bid to Active Travel England (ATE) to improve the surface and lighting of the path from Oxford Hill to Woodbank, at Madley Park, as part of a much longer active travel route running east-west across Witney as prioritised within the LCWIP. ATE have approved this funding. These works will be led by Infrastructure Delivery as part of the Active Travel Programme, who are progressing on the business case approvals and procuring the design work.

**Items which status has not changed since last meeting:**

**9. Traffic Lights on Woodford Way**

This scheme remains unfunded. Detail discussed at September 2023 meeting.

**10. Introduce 'Keep Clear' markings at the dropped kerb crossing points on Harvest Way**

This scheme has been added to the lining programme. Detail discussed at September 2023 meeting.

**11. Pedestrian Crossing/zebra crossing at West End (unfunded)**

This scheme was put forward to the Road Safety and Accessibility budget for 2024/25 on this occasion the scheme has not been awarded funding. This scheme remains unfunded. Other funding opportunities will be considered as they arise.

## Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) Update from John Charlton, Civil Enforcement Team Leader

Summary of Penalty Charge Notices issued in Witney from 01/12/2023 to 31/05/2024.

### Penalty Charge Notices Issued split by location.

Location	PCN Count
Ashcombe Close (Witney)	1
Bridge Street (Witney)	3
Church Green (Witney)	117
Church Lane (Witney)	4
Corn Street (Witney)	58
High Street (Witney)	47
Highworth Place (Witney)	3
Holloway Road (Witney)	1
Market Square (Witney)	79
Newland (Witney)	2
Oxford Hill (Witney)	1
Station Lane (Witney)	1
The Crofts (Witney)	4
Waine Rush View (Witney)	1
Welch Way (Witney)	4
West End (Witney)	21
Woodgreen (Witney)	5
<b>Oxfordshire County Council</b>	<b>352</b>

## Penalty Charge Notices Issued split by contravention type

Contravention Description	PCN Count
01 - Restricted Street	197
02 - Loading / Unloading	7
12 - No Valid Permit or Ticket	2
24 - Not Within Markings	1
25 - Parked in Loading Place	1
30 - Parked Longer Permitted	52
40 - Disabled Bay No Badge	83
45 - Taxi Rank	1
47 - Restricted Bus Stop	1
99 - Pedestrian Crossing	7
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## Civil Enforcement Officers Deployed and time spent in Witney

Parent Location = Witney and OSL Date Time Between 01/12/2023 and 31/05/2024

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Month	Staff Deployed	Patrol Count	Tickets Issued	Issued Spoiled	Issued VDA	Obs Started	Spoiled Prior	VDA Prior	VRM Entered	Breaks	Time On Patrol	Time On Breaks
2023 Month 12	8	452	90	1	2	0	9	59	352	7	2d 18:51:02	08:04:11
2024 Month 01	9	396	82	0	1	0	0	23	333	9	2d 07:21:40	04:19:44
2024 Month 02	12	345	73	1	0	0	3	27	359	5	1d 14:48:09	02:08:23
2024 Month 03	11	173	40	0	0	0	3	22	169	3	23:28:48	01:11:48
2024 Month 04	16	345	57	1	2	0	4	17	99	2	1d 04:52:23	00:20:41
2024 Month 05	13	382	23	1	0	0	3	11	52	2	1d 05:04:21	01:57:30
<b>Oxfordshire County Council</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>2093</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>1384</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>10d 02:24:23</b>	<b>16:00:17</b>
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