

Witney Traffic Advisory Committee Report by Oxfordshire County Council

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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 junction 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 and 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>