

Oxfordshire County Council Infrastructure Locality Team and Traffic & Road Safety Team Update to Witney TAC

March 2022

1. Infrastructure Locality Team Update – contact Odele Parsons/Natalie Moore

1.1 Windrush Bike Project Barriers Report

The Road Safety and Accessibility team have now reviewed the barrier report produced by Windrush Bike Project and conducted site visits to consider the works required. The project specifications are currently being finalised. The Road Safety and Accessibility team have budget to deliver this work and will provide a timeframe for this shortly.

1.2 Windrush Place S106 West Witney

The business case for this project is being finalised and will be submitted shortly. The aim is progress the delivery of this project in the new financial year.

The schemes included within the business case are:

- Pedestrian crossing at Deer Park Road close to the Curbridge Road/Thorney Leys roundabout.
- Pedestrian crossing at Deer Park Road south of Range Road on the desire line of the bridleway from Windrush Place.
- Upgrade of the bridleway from Windrush Place through the nature reserve to Deer Park Road.

1.3 Witney Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)

The LCWIP has 6 main stages of work. The OCC Active Travel Board approved the Stage 1: Scoping Report setting the geographic scope as informed by the Steering Group. OCC officers are working on Stage 2: gathering data and evidence.

To accelerate the programme, consultancy support, funded by the DfT Capability funding, is being provided by Pell Frischmann. An inception meeting has been held and they will be coming on board during March. They will assist with Stages 3, 4 and 5 which are network planning for cycling and walking and developing a prioritised infrastructure list.

The March steering group has been postponed to allow time for Pell to come on board, however, a meeting will be arranged shortly.

1.4 A40/B4022 Shores Green, Access to Witney

No significant update since last meeting. The preliminary design phase is nearing completion. The preparation of final drafts of the Environmental Impact Assessment as part of Planning Application is underway for submission in early 2022, as part of an overall programme to reach scheme completion by the end of 2023.

The procurement of Detailed Design consultant is being progressed with OCC internal teams to award contract in early 2022.

Please direct any queries to a40corridor@oxfordshire.gov.uk.

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

1.5 High Street, Witney

Design work is progressing to make the signage clearer, remove the planters and replace with a more functional point restriction, improve the accessibility of the blue badge parking bays, and look to improve and provide dedicated areas for loading/unloading. A recent site visit with Stagecoach led to the dimensions of the build outs and crossing islands are now confirmed. The next step is to price the design.

Going forward we will engage further, particularly frontage businesses and the bus operators, to help inform the design stage.

OCC is awaiting the outcome of the Active Travel Tranche 3 bid to Department for Transport which seeks £1.9m for Witney High Street.

1.6 Draft Local Transport and Connectivity Plan (LTCP)

The LTCP and supporting strategies for Freight, Active Travel and Innovation are currently out to public consultation. The consultation runs until 16th March 2022. All documents and the online survey can be found here:

<https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ltcp>.

Members of the TAC are invited to respond to the consultation and provide any feedback on the draft LTCP and supporting strategies to help shape them before they are presented for adoption by the County Council in summer 2022.

The LTCP will be supported by a set of place based area and corridor strategies. These will outline how the LTCP vision and policies are delivered in locations across the county. The LTCP area and corridor strategies will be produced as a 'part 2' in 2022, following adoption of the main document. Further engagement work will be conducted on these in due course. The approach and strategies for development are included in the LTCP document.

1.7 LOW TRAFFIC NEIGHBOURHOOD (LTN) - BURWELL MEADOW

We suggest that the concept of an LTN at Burwell Meadow is potentially consider further in the Witney LCWIP and the emerging Witney Area Transport Strategy during 2022. To support investigation of this, we propose a traffic survey is conducted using Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras which will match vehicle number plates and vehicle journey times to identify the volume of vehicle trips routing through Burwell Meadow which start/end within (a) Burwell Meadow; (b) Burwell estate; (c) externally but dwell e.g. at the shops; (d) externally without stopping/rat-running. This survey will be arranged for the new financial year starting in April.

In the meantime, Cllr Fenton (County Councillor for the Burwell Meadow area) suggests the following which have been passed to the Traffic Team:

- A 20 mph speed limit
- "SLOW" markings in the road where the S bend is towards the Thorney Leys end of the road
- A Playing Field warning sign either side of the point where the path to the sports field crosses the road
- Potentially, traffic calming measures (not universally popular with all residents – suspension considerations)

1.8 Public Transport via Centenary Way at Windrush Place

Discussions are ongoing with the developers of Windrush Place to establish a bus service onto the development as soon as reasonably practicable. Bus stops have been installed in their agreed locations. However, Council and Stagecoach await the significant remedial works which are required to the road surface and kerb lines before they are suitable for bus services to access the development. It is hoped that a resolution to this matter will be forthcoming in the near future so that services can commence.

1.9 Speeding at Curbridge Road (letter from Richmond Residents Association).

The Council is looking to install a VAS within the 30mph close to the Richmond development access. Funding is being sought from the Local Councillor Fund, once this is approved the works will be carried out.

2. Traffic & Road Safety Team Report – contact Mike Wasley/James Wright

Upcoming and completed carriageway works

Carriageway Improvement	Woodstock Road	Minor Patching	Completed
Carriageway Improvement	Moor Ave-Dark Ln	Minor Patching	Completed
Carriageway Improvements	A415 Ducklington Lane – Thorney leys/Ducklington roundabout	Minor Patching	Completed
Carriageway Improvements	Lowell Place	Minor Patching	Completed
Carriageway Improvement	Pens Close	Patching/Resurfacing	Completed
Carriageway Improvement	Corn Street	Structural Patching/Resurfacing	Completed
Carriageway Improvement	West End/Hailey Rd/Witney Rd Rbt	Structural Patching/Surfacing	2022-23 Programme
Carriageway Improvement	Valance Crescent	Micro Asphalt	Completed
Carriageway Improvement	Moorland Ave	Micro Asphalt	Completed
Carriageway Improvement	Woodgreen/Narrow Hill	Micro Asphalt	Completed
Footway Improvements	Burwell Drive – Curbridge Rd – Burwell Meadow	Footway Slurry	February 2022
Carriageway Improvement	Woodford Way	Surface Dressing	Completed
Carriageway Improvement	Burford Road	Surface Dressing	Completed
Carriageway Improvement	Corn Street – 200-230	Carriageway Micro	2022-23 Programme
Carriageway Improvement	Orkney Place	Carriageway Micro	2022-23 Programme
Carriageway Improvement	Park Road	Carriageway Micro	2022-23 Programme
Carriageway Improvement	Burwell Meadow	Carriageway Micro	2022-23 Programme
Carriageway Improvement	Saxon Way	Carriageway Micro	2022-23 Programme
Carriageway Improvement	Swinburn Place	Carriageway Micro	2022-23 Programme
Footway Improvement	Quarry Road	Footway Slurry	2022-23 Programme

Upcoming Lining

If there are any specific sites that our feel need refreshing, then your input would be appreciated.

B4022 Jubilee Way to South Leigh junction & Shores Green area	Road markings as detailed on plan
Highworth Place	Double yellow lines to be completed - requested by WODC
Church Lane and Stanton Harcourt Rd	Refresh 3 x APMs
Burford Road	Hand work between Deer Park Rd junction and end of 40mph limit heading west
Langdale Gate	To check and mark up if necessary - HIAMS request
Burwell Meadow/Thorney Leys Rd	Thorney Leys Rd/Burwell meadow junction markings & approach lines
Thorney Leys x 2	Junction markings & approach lines at both junctions with Thorney Leys Rd
Tower Hill Mini Roundabout	Junctions from Burford Rd both sides & Tower Hill and lane lines coming down from West Witney and hatching
Windrush Valley Rd / layby junction	Junction markings & approach liens
WVR layby/junction roundabout end	Junction markings
Ducklington Lane by Nos. 2-14	Junction markings & approach lines x 1
Ducklington Lane/A415	Junction markings & approach lines x 5
High St/Bridge St	To check out and mark up as necessary - HIAMS request
West End	Nos. 39 to end - DYL into Crawley Rd and Hailey Rd
Welch Way	Check out and mark up as necessary

Current Projects

The 'Leys' Traffic Calming: -

Traffic Calming scheme currently being designed and estimated. Subject to Witney TC approval, scheme will then be put out for consultation.

Following further discussion, currently awaiting final approval from Witney TC to proceed.

Hailey Road - Witney Community Primary School: -

Due to safety concerns raised Improved signing to be erected shortly / with the upgrading of the Belisha Beacons to take place in the new financial year.