

Oxfordshire County Council Infrastructure Locality Team Update to Witney TAC

June 2022

Infrastructure Locality Team Update – contact Natalie Moore

1. Windrush Bike Project Barriers Report

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3. Witney Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)

A steering group meeting was held in April to discuss the vision for the LCWIP. This has now been drafted and will be shared with the steering group in due course. Pell Frischmann have commenced work on stages 3 and 4, which is auditing of potential cycle and walking routes to include in the LCWIP network.

The next steering group meeting is due to take place on Thursday 16th June and an update on the network auditing will be provided here.

4. A40/B4022 Shores Green, Access to Witney

The final documents of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) as part of Planning Application have been submitted to the local planning authority in March 2022 and subsequently validated at the beginning of April 2022. The determination period for the Planning Application has commenced upon validation completion and programmed to be completed July 2022 as part of an overall programme to reach scheme completion by the late 2024.

The procurement of a detailed design consultant is being progressed with OCC internal teams to award contract in mid-2022 (target).

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5. High Street, Witney

Oxfordshire County Council has been successful in bids for funding from the Government's third tranche of active travel funding with an award of a £10.4 million grant. This includes £1.9 million towards Witney High Street.

The funding is expected to be received in July and a project team will be set up, with engagement a key element. The Government expect clear benefits for people walking and cycling, and to the public realm, from the schemes awarded funding, and Active Travel England have already commented on details that they expect to be included in the various proposals in order to ensure that they are meeting the standards set out in LTN 1/20.

6. Draft Local Transport and Connectivity Plan (LTCP)

LTCP Part 1 has been submitted for approval by Cabinet in June and adoption at Full Council in July. This sets out the targets and policies that will be required to meet the County Council's ambition to deliver a net-zero transport network, replace a high proportion of car trips and deliver on vision zero in terms of fatalities.

The work then begins to apply these policies and targets and the local level. Some of the area strategies have had to be fast tracked to meet particular local deadlines (Central Oxfordshire and Didcot), but Witney will be in the next phase of studies that will start from July. A programme including engagement and consultation will be set out.

7. Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN) - Burwell Meadow

The Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) survey is still on the programme for this financial year. Officers will be meeting mid-June to discuss the details and booking the survey in with the Traffic Monitoring Team.

8. Public Transport via Centenary Way at Windrush Place

Stagecoach have confirmed that the road surface is now suitable for buses to access the development, however, the Council are awaiting a network review exercise to be completed before services can commence.

9. Avenue Two, Witney

The draft Section 278 Agreement for the works is awaiting solicitor completions. The contractor has confirmed that they plan to carry out the work in two halves with no road closures. It is intended that the work will be done later in the Summer, a programme and traffic management plan is being worked up and will be shared in due course.

10. Road Closure outside of The Angel Public House, Market Square.

The Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) expired in March 2022; however, the Pavement Licence expires this September.

The Angel Inn PH have requested an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO). Council is awaiting information from them in order to progress the

ETRO and in the meantime; have been asked to design a restriction scheme that would also consider the safety concerns that have been raised.

Due to resourcing pressures, officers have been unable to design the requested scheme, but it is on the work programme and will be addressed shortly.

The Council's Licensing and Streetworks Team have been requested to follow up on the use of the Pavement Licence whilst no TTRO / ETRO is currently in place.

11. Parking opposite Cogges Farm

Following the double yellow lines and restrictions that were introduced in 2021; a quote for bollards to prevent access to the verges has been requested.

An update on timeframe for bollard installation will be provided at the next meeting.