

## DELEGATED DECISIONS BY CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT (INCLUDING TRANSPORT)

**MINUTES** of the meeting held on Thursday, 13 September 2018 commencing at 10.00 am and finishing at 10.40 am

**Present:**

**Voting Members:** Councillor Yvonne Constance OBE – in the Chair

**Other Members in Attendance:** Councillor Stefan Gawrysiak (for Agenda Item 4)  
Councillor John Sanders

**Officers:**

Whole of meeting G. Warrington (Law & Governance); H. Potter & A. Kirkwood (Infrastructure Delivery)

*The Cabinet Member for Environment considered the matters, reports and recommendations contained or referred to in the agenda for the meeting, and decided as set out below. Except as insofar as otherwise specified, the reasons for the decisions are contained in the agenda and reports, copies of which are attached to the signed Minutes.*

### **48/18 PETITIONS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS** (Agenda No. 3)

<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Item</i>
County Councillor Stefan Gawrysiak (Local Member)	4. Henley – Proposed 20 mph and 40 mph Speed limit

### **49/18 HENLEY - PROPOSED 20MPH AND 40 MPH SPEED LIMIT** (Agenda No. 4)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered (CMDE4) responses received to a statutory consultation to introduce a 20mph speed limit in place of the existing 30mph

limit in Henley town centre and a 40mph limit north of the existing 30mph speed limit on the A4130 The Fairmile put forward by Henley Town Council and the local County Councillor Stefan Gawrysiak in response to concerns over road safety and the wider adverse impact of traffic on residents.

Councillor Gawrysiak thanked officers particularly Anthony Kirkwood for their assistance in this project. The 40mph limit on the Fairmile was a sensible transitional proposal supported by residents while the 20 mph proposals were within a constrained area all of which complied with the 24mph recommended level without supporting traffic calming measures apart from one road which was only marginally over. He considered the proposals sent out the right message that local people wanted lower speeds and that cars were less important than people. It was also hoped that these proposals, in conjunction with other air quality measures, would contribute to improved levels in this area and the restricted area could well be extended in time which would address some of the comments received. He felt the objection by the police had been addressed in the report and although accepting this would be a sign only scheme with no additional enforcement he considered it a step forward and urged approval to reflect the levels of local support.

Mr Kirkwood confirmed that the Henley Town Council were funding the scheme and regarding the objection by the police of the 13 sites recently surveyed 12 had all been within the 24mph recommended level for a 20mph limit without supporting traffic calming measures surveys with only one survey site marginally outside those levels.

Responding to a query from the Cabinet Member regarding a comment by Councillor Gawrysiak that slower traffic could have a beneficial effect on air quality Mr Kirkwood confirmed that introduction of 20 mph speed limits would not normally be expected to have a massive effect on levels.

Councillor Sanders supported both schemes.

Recognising the levels of local support for both proposals, the provision of funding by the Henley Town Council and having regard to the information set out in the report before her and the representations made to her at the meeting the Cabinet Member for Environment confirmed her decision as follows:

to approve proposals to introduce a 20mph speed limit in place of the existing 30mph limit in Henley town centre, and on the A4130 The Fairmile, a 40mph limit north of the existing 30mph speed limit as advertised.

Signed.....  
Cabinet Member for Environment

Date of signing.....

**50/18 CHINNOR: ESTOVER WAY AND MILL LANE - PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES**

(Agenda No. 5)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered (CMDE5) proposals for and responses received to a statutory consultation for a raised junction table including a mini roundabout at the junction of Mill Lane with Estover Way and a pair of speed cushions on Estover Way just south of this junction put forward as part of an adjacent residential development.

Councillor Jeanette Matelot attended the meeting but did not speak. She had, however, emailed her agreement with the views of the police and officers.

Mr Kirkwood advised that speed cushions generally worked well elsewhere and confirmed that the scheme was entirely developer funded.

Acknowledging the number of objections received to the proposals for raised cushions the Cabinet Member for Environment also acknowledged the comments of the police regarding inappropriate speeds along this road and that they considered that that might be mitigated by these proposals. Therefore, having regard to information set out in the report and the information presented to her at the meeting including the good record of similar installations around the county and recognising that the proposals were developer funded the Cabinet Member for Environment confirmed her decision as follows:

to approve the proposal for a raised junction table including a mini roundabout at the junction of Mill Lane with Estover Way and a pair of speed cushions on Estover Way just south of this junction as advertised.

Signed.....  
Cabinet Member for Environment

Date of signing.....

**51/18 UPPER HEYFORD - CAMP ROAD - PROPOSED ZEBRA CROSSING AND TRAFFIC CALMING**

(Agenda No. 6)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered (CMDE6) a proposal for and responses received to a statutory consultation to provide a zebra crossing east of the current junction with Dow Street and traffic calming measures west of the current junction with Wellington Road on Camp Road put forward because of development on the northern and southern sides of Camp Road.

Acknowledging the objection from Upper Heyford parish council and Heyford Park Residents Association the Cabinet Member for Environment recognised that that had in fact been about siting of the crossing and specifically the need for a facility nearer the school. Officers had addressed that in the report confirming that as the funding

provided by the developer could not be reallocated to an alternative scheme it could not be secured by developer funding but she was pleased that the issue of further safety measures was being investigated. Therefore, having regard to the information set out in the report before her together with the representations made to her at the meeting the Cabinet Member for Environment confirmed her decision as follows:

to approve proposals to provide a zebra crossing east of the current junction with Dow Street and traffic calming measures west of the current junction with Wellington Road on Camp Road as advertised.

Signed.....  
Cabinet Member for Environment

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## **52/18 VALE AND SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE - PROPOSED DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACES**

(Agenda No. 7)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered (CMDE7) proposals for and responses received to a statutory consultation to amend and introduce disabled persons parking places (DPPP's) at various locations in South Oxfordshire and the Vale of the White Horse areas.

Mr Kirkwood advised that following further investigative work into eligibility officers were now able to recommend approval of the schemes for Palmer Road, Faringdon and Parsons Mead, Abingdon and confirmed that proposals for disabled persons parking places were funded from County Council revenues. It was not a major cost and had been accepted practice for some time to help vulnerable people.

Councillor Judith Heathcoat had emailed her support for the inclusion of the Palmer Road, Faringdon proposals.

Recognising the agreed arrangements for county council funding the Cabinet Member for Environment having regard to the information set out in the report before her and the representations made to her at the meeting confirmed her decision as follows:

- a) approve proposals for Bostock Road, Abingdon; Park Road, Henley; Radnor Road, Wallingford; Ruskin Close, Didcot; Turner Road, Abingdon; White Horse Crescent, Grove, White House Road, North Stoke, Palmer Road, Faringdon and Parsons Mead, Abingdon;
- b) defer a decision to allow further investigation of the proposals for High Street, Watlington.

Signed.....  
Cabinet Member for Environment

Date of signing.....

**53/18 WHEATLEY: STATION ROAD - PROPOSED ZEBRA CROSSING**  
(Agenda No. 8)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered (CMDE8) proposals for and responses received to a statutory consultation on a proposal to provide a zebra crossing on Station Road north of its junction with Farm Close Road put forward as a result of a residential development on the west side of Station Road.

Mr Kirkwood advised that an additional objection had been received from the resident at 15 Station Lane on the east side and adjacent to the proposed crossing. The resident had raised concerns regarding the safety of the location, disturbance from light and noise pollution and that the crossing would be directly adjacent to his vehicle access. Mr Kirkwood added that he had asked the designer to provide cowls around the beacon lights to reduce light and regarding access issues confirmed that this was routine practice elsewhere which had created no safety issues when and where used.

He confirmed it would be developer funded.

Noting the objections received including the additional one as reported by officers the Cabinet Member for Environment accepted that the crossing was sited correctly with regard to the new development reflecting a likely desire line for residents of the development. Officers would be looking at measures to mitigate against the effects of the lights on neighbouring properties and in every other regard the scheme appeared to be no different to many others. Therefore, having regard to the information in the report before her together with the representations made to her at the meeting the Cabinet Member for Environment confirmed her decision as follows:

to approve proposals to provide a zebra crossing on Station Road north of its junction with Farm Close Road as advertised.

Signed.....  
Cabinet Member for Environment

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**54/18 HOLTON - PROPOSED 20MPH SPEED LIMIT**  
(Agenda No. 9)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered (CMDE9) proposals for and responses received to a statutory consultation to introduce a 20mph speed limit in place of the existing 30mph limit at Holton village put forward by Holton Parish

Council in response to concerns over road safety and the wider adverse impact of traffic on residents.

Responding to the Cabinet Member’s comments regarding the objection by the police but other expressions of local support Mr Kirkwood confirmed that of the 3 speed surveys carried out 1 had complied with guidelines for introduction of a 20mph limit and 2 had been marginally above. However, as the road was largely used by local traffic and not recognised as a through route for traffic he felt able to recommend that it should proceed adding that the parish council who were funding the scheme while accepting that it would be a sign only scheme with no enforcement felt that it sent out the right message to road users.

Having regard to the information set out in the report before her and the representations made to her at the meeting the Cabinet Member for Environment confirmed her decision as follows:

to approve proposals to introduce a 20mph speed limit in place of the existing 30mph limit at Holton village as advertised.

Signed.....  
Cabinet Member for Environment

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**55/18 CARTERTON: MONAHAN WAY - PROPOSED TOUCAN CROSSINGS**  
(Agenda No. 10)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered (CMDE10) a proposal for and responses received to a statutory consultation to provide two toucan crossings at Monahan Way, Carterton put forward due to development of adjacent land.

Noting that the local member had reiterated by email his support for the proposal but also the concerns expressed by Brize Norton parish council regarding the potential for traffic to increase in that village as a consequence of this scheme the Cabinet Member for Environment accepted the comments made by county officers in paragraph 7 of the report addressing that issue.

Therefore, having regard to the information set out in the report before her and the representations made to her at the meeting the Cabinet Member for Environment confirmed her decision as follows:

to approve the proposals to provide two toucan crossings at Monahan Way Carterton as advertised.

Signed.....  
Cabinet Member for Environment

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**56/18 PROPOSED EXTENSION TO DOUBLE YELLOW LINES - ROCK ROAD, CARTERTON**

(Agenda No. 11)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered (CMDE11) proposals for and responses received to a statutory consultation to introduce waiting restrictions on Rock Road, Carterton put forward as part of a proposed residential development off Rock Road.

Mr Kirkwood confirmed that if the scheme did not proceed then it was likely that funding would need to be returned to the developer.

Noting the comments of the local member supporting the recommendation not to proceed and an amendment to the comments received from objector (13) in the report adding the word “intolerances” at the end of paragraph 6 the Cabinet Member, having regard to the information set out in the report before her and the representations made to her at the meeting confirmed her decision as follows:

not to approve proposals to introduce waiting restrictions on Rock Road, Carterton as advertised.

Signed.....  
Cabinet Member for Environment

Date of signing.....

**57/18 BAMPTON - VARIOUS LOCATIONS - PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTION, PARKING PLACE AND KERBED BUILD OUT**

(Agenda No. 12)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered (CMDE12) proposals for and responses received to a statutory consultation to amend and introduce waiting restrictions at various locations in Bampton and construct a kerbed build out on High Street to assist pedestrians crossing the road. The proposals had been put forward by Bampton Parish Council who were also funding the scheme to address concerns over safety and the amenity of residents in the village.

Noting the support of the local member she also noted that in addition to expressions of support there had also been some concerns expressed with regard to the kerbed build out element.

Mr Kirkwood advised that there was a certain amount of balancing between different considerations and accepted that there could be some conflict but confirmed that the situation would be monitored.

Having regard to the information set out in the report before her and the representations made to her at the meeting the Cabinet Member for Environment confirmed her decision as follows:

to approve proposals to introduce waiting restrictions at various locations in Bampton and to construct a kerbed build out on High Street to assist pedestrians crossing the road as advertised including a kerb realignment on the junction of Aston Road with Buckland Road.

Signed.....  
Cabinet Member for Environment

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