

CABINET – 21 SEPTEMBER 2021

ITEM 4 – QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Questions	Responses
<p>1. COUNCILLOR MICHELE PAULE</p> <p>1. What monitoring is currently being carried out to assess the impact of the Temple Cowley and Florence Park Low Traffic Neighbourhood trial scheme on the city council wards of Littlemore, Rose Hill and Lye Valley, & what does this monitoring show to be the scheme's current impact on vehicle movements and air pollution in particular on Hollow Way, Church Cowley Road, Henley Avenue and Oxford Road Littlemore?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR TIM BEARDER, CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAY MANAGEMENT</p> <p>1. The impacts of the Cowley LTNs are being monitored both within the LTNs and on impacted routes including those in and adjacent to Littlemore, Rose Hill, and Lye Valley. Monitoring for impacted areas and routes outside of the LTNs includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vehicle speed (source: Inrix telematics data)• Vehicle counts (source: OCC Automatic Traffic Counter Network and Vivacity Lab Object Identification Sensor Network)• Journey Time (source: Google API)• Air quality (source: Oxford city council diffusion tube AQ monitoring network note: this network has been extended to better monitor the LTNs with a further 18 diffusion tubes including a location on The Slade near Old Rd)• Public transport reliability (source: Bus Open Data Service (BODS))• Emergency services delay (source: SCAS and Fire & Rescue) <p>These monitoring aspects and others will be analysed and compiled into an evaluation report.</p>

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<p>2. What criteria will be used to assess the success of the Florence Park and Temple Cowley LTNs? What factors will the cabinet member take into account when deciding whether to make the scheme permanent?</p>	<p>2. The LTN has been implemented through an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order. The consultation for this is a live consultation and will close on 19th November 2021.</p> <p>The responses will be independently analysed by a third party and OCC officers will prepare a report for Cabinet Member Decision taking this and the monitoring evaluation report into account, making recommendations on whether to extend the trial, make amendments to the trial, implement it permanently or remove.</p>
<p>2. COUNCILLOR FREDDIE VAN MIERLO</p> <p>Will the cabinet resolve to give due attention in its response to the public consultation on Oxfordshire 2050 to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of authorised sites for gypsies/travellers • Improving relations between settled and traveller communities, including when unauthorised encampments occur • Improvement of OCC run gypsy/traveller sites, including Middle Ground • Ensure the needs of the gypsy and traveller community are included in the outcomes of the Oxfordshire 2050 consultation 	<p>COUNCILLOR NEIL FAWCETT, CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SAFETY</p> <p>Provision of authorised sites for gypsies/travellers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new Oxfordshire Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment is currently being undertaken with a draft report expected in November 2021. This will be fed into the Oxfordshire Plan 2050 as well as other relevant plans. <p>Improving relations between settled and traveller communities, including when unauthorised encampments occur:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The OCC Gypsy and Travellers Service, when they become aware of any unauthorised encampments, will look to manage the situation with the interests of all parties in mind as per the Council's policy and procedure for unauthorised encampments (<u>Gypsies and Travellers Oxfordshire County Council</u>) <p>Improvement of OCC run gypsy/traveller sites, including Middle Ground</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council has reviewed the traveller sites that it owns and is currently assessing the options available to ensure these sites meet acceptable standards. <p>Ensure the needs of the gypsy and traveller community are included in the outcomes of the Oxfordshire 2050</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This will be reviewed once the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment has been completed.
<p>3. COUNCILLOR DAVID BARTHOLOMEW</p> <p>Sonning Common Parish Council responded with enthusiasm to your call for interest groups to work with Oxfordshire County Council on 'Active Travel'. I forwarded their letter to me, on to you, with a cc to Cllr Enright, on 6th September with a request asking for officer contact details in order to progress the matter. At the time of writing (16th September), ten days have passed and the parish council and I are very disappointed not to have received an answer to this simple request. Please provide the information required and clarify why I had to resort to a written question to Cabinet to get it.</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR TIM BEARDER, CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAY MANAGEMENT</p> <p>I am sorry that I did not reply to your original email asking where the residents of the Sonning Common should direct their enquiries. I have been extremely busy as Cabinet Member and having served as a Cabinet Member yourself I thought you would understand that.</p> <p>But I have now had a chance to read the letter you forwarded, and I was much encouraged to read the comments of the Village Centre and Environment Committee and impressed by how committed they are to improving biodiversity and encouraging active travel in Sonning Common.</p> <p>Their commitment is all the more admirable when you consider that on the 6th of September in piece titled; Priorities are wrong (again) in the letters pages of the Henley Standard, you commented on the 'grandiose pronouncements' by the new leader and deputy leader of Oxfordshire County Council.</p> <p>While we outlined our commitment to tackle the climate emergency, you said: "I have previously written about how the</p>

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	<p>Liberal Democrat/Green administration at South Oxfordshire District Council has taken its eye off the ball and spent too much time with its head in the clouds debating worthy matters beyond its remit. Sadly, the LibDem/Green/Labour administration at the county council seems to be going the same way.</p> <p>"As with the district council, I have concerns that many of the county council's new objectives, while laudable, are mainly national issues way beyond the council's remit and it can have minimal impact upon them, despite allocating much time, money (your council tax) and resources towards these ends."</p> <p>I disagree with you Cllr Bartholomew. I believe that tackling climate change and enhancing active travel is something we all must work on together and I would be delighted to meet with the Parish to develop their plans further. But in the first instance, and to get the ball rolling could you ask them to direct their correspondence to</p> <p>Joe Kay (joseph.kay@oxfordshire.gov.uk) Strategic Transport Lead Infrastructure Strategy Team Environment and Place Oxfordshire County Council 07827979234</p> <p>Please also include: Activetravel@oxfordshire.gov.uk</p>