

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

**MINUTES** of the meeting held on Thursday, 8 February 2018 commencing at 10.00 am and finishing at 10.28 am

**Present:**

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

**Other Members in Attendance:** Councillor Roz Smith (for Agenda Items 4 and 5)  
Councillor Paul Buckley (for Agenda Item 6)  
Councillor George Reynolds (for Agenda Item 7)  
Councillor John Sanders

**Officers:**

Whole of meeting G. Warrington (Law & Governance); H. Potter, D. Tole and 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.*

### 7/18 PETITIONS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS

(Agenda No. 3)

<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Item</i>
Councillor Roz Smith (local member)	4. Oxford Gathorne Road – Proposed Restoration of Parking Permits to Wingfield House (2A Gathorne Road)  5. Oxford – Headington Area – Bickerton, Latimer and Stapleton Roads – Proposed Amendments Waiting Restrictions

Councillor Paul Buckley (local member)	6. Oxford – A4165 Banbury Road – Proposed Puffin crossing and Prohibited Right Turn from Hermes Road
Councillor George Reynolds (local member)	7. Bourton (Near Banbury): Main Street Great Bourton – Proposed Extension of 30mph Speed Limit and Relocation of Traffic calming Buildout

## 8/18 OXFORD GATHORNE ROAD - PROPOSED RESTORATION OF PARKING PERMITS TO WINGFIELD HOUSE (2A GATHORNE ROAD)

(Agenda No. 4)

On 12 October 2017 the Cabinet Member for Environment at her Delegated Decision meeting decided not to approve the proposed restoration of parking permits for Wingfield House, a development of six flats at 2A Gathorne Road. She had reached that decision following consideration of an officer report to that meeting and representations made both in support of the proposal by the representative of the owner of the property and those against made by local residents, the local member and the Opposition Spokesman for Environment,

On 18 December the County Council had received a letter from the legal representatives of the owner of the property citing grounds on which they considered the decision by the Cabinet Member for Environment not valid. A response to that letter was sent by the County Council on 4 January rebutting the cited grounds, but acknowledging that in the Minute of the decision, the reasons for her decision could have been better expressed and that on that basis alone it would be recommended to the Cabinet Member for the Environment that the decision should be rescinded. A fresh decision would then be required following a comprehensive review of the representations which had been made including an up-to-date survey of parking in the area.

Ouncillor John Sanders accepted the reasoning for this course of action but reiterated his full support for the original decision citing the cumulative effect that a decision to restore permits to what had been agreed should be a car free development would have on all controlled parking in the Oxford.

Councillor Roz Smith endorsed those comments citing once again the pressures on parking in that area. She queried the accuracy of a statement saying restoration of permits as that facility had not existed in the first place. She supported the process and looked forward to a comprehensive and robust review being carried out.

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

to rescind the decision taken on 12 October 2017 not to approve restoration of parking permits for Wingfield House, 2A Gathorne Road, Oxford and require a further report on the proposal to include a comprehensive review of the representations made together with an up-to-date parking survey for consideration of the matter at a future meeting.

Signed.....  
Cabinet Member for Environment

Date of signing.....

**9/18 OXFORD - HEADINGTON AREA - BICKERTON, LATIMER AND STAPLETON ROADS - PROPOSED AMENDMENTS WAITING RESTRICTIONS**

(Agenda No. 5)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered CMDE5 responses received to a statutory consultation on amendments to waiting restrictions and the relevant Traffic Regulation Order in respect of Bickerton and Latimer Roads. The proposals for those 2 roads comprised the updating of current schedules in order to better reflect the current situation and did not require changes being made on the ground. With regard to Stapleton Road the schedules were being similarly amended, except that in the vicinity of house Nos. 19, 25 and 60 Stapleton Road double yellow lines were being proposed instead of informal access protection markings at the request of residents to better prevent obstruction to their respective driveways,

Councillor Roz Smith appreciated the time officers had spent on this but as the CPZ had been put in some time ago a wholesale review was required and she urged that that should be done as soon as possible.

Councillor sanders endorsed those comments pointing out that the CPZ had been imposed prior to Oxford United moving away from the old Manor Road football ground. There were also issues regarding enforcement.

Mr Tole confirmed the age of the CPZ and that officers with City colleagues were currently looking at CPZs in the city in order to address historical anomalies and achieve greater consistency.

The Cabinet Member for Environment confirmed that she was aware of the work being undertaken on CPZs and having regard to the information set out in the report and the representations made to her at the meeting confirmed her decision as follows:

to approve the proposals to amend waiting restrictions and the relevant Traffic Regulation Order in Bickerton, Latimer and Stapleton Roads as advertised and amended as described in the report CMDE5.

Signed.....  
Cabinet Member for Environment

Date of signing.....

**10/18 OXFORD - A4165 BANBURY ROAD - PROPOSED PUFFIN CROSSING AND PROHIBITED RIGHT TURN FROM HERNES ROAD**  
(Agenda No. 6)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered CMDE6 esponses received in the course of a statutory consultation to provide a puffin crossing (a signalled crossing for pedestrians) on the Banbury Road Oxford just north of its junction with Hernes Road and to prohibit the right turn from Hernes Road onto the Banbury Road. The proposals had been put forward at the request of d’Overbroek’s College who were also funding the project to provide a safe and convenient crossing for students crossing between student accommodation on the east side of the Banbury Road and their Sixth Form Centre directly opposite on the west side of the road.

Councillor Paul Buckley expressed his strong support for the proposal which was fortunately also supported by the county councillor for the St Margarets division on the opposite side of the road. The facility was desperately needed and would also benefit local residents as wells as d’Overbroek students. He was happy that the objection from Thames valley Police regarding compliance and proximity to Hernes Road could be addressed.

Mr Kirkwood advised that with regard to the Thames Valley Police objection on compliance and need for enforcement there were other examples of crossings all of which seemed to work well.

Noting the point raised by the College regarding the benefits of siting the crossing on a perceived desire line for students together with the support of the two local members and local residents and having regard to the information set out in the report and the representations made to her at the meeting the Cabinet Member for Environment confirmed her decision as follows:

to approve provision of a puffin crossing (a signalled crossing for pedestrians) on the Banbury Road Oxford just north of its junction with Hernes Road and to prohibit the right turn from Hernes Road onto the Banbury Road as advertised.

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Cabinet Member for Environment

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**11/18 BOURTON (NEAR BANBURY): MAIN STREET GREAT BOURTON - PROPOSED EXTENSION OF 30MPH SPEED LIMIT AND RELOCATION OF TRAFFIC CALMING BUILDOUT**

(Agenda No. 7)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered CMDE7 responses received to a statutory consultation to extend the 30mph speed limit westwards on Main Street Great Bourton and the 50mph speed limit that applied on the A423 Southam Road eastwards into Main Street to replace the very short remaining length of national speed limit that would otherwise remain and construct a new traffic calming build out in place of the existing build out at the current terminal point of the 30mph limit. The proposals had been put forward as part of the construction of an access to new residential development to the north of Main Street.

Councillor George Reynolds confirmed the support of the Parish Council for the proposed amendments to the speed limits as set out in recommendation (a) but advised that the proposed revised location of the build out was becoming more and more controversial and he supported calls to review this and asked that officers meet parish representatives on site to reach an amicable arrangement.

Mr Kirkwood confirmed that officers would be arranging a meeting.

Noting the comments of the local member, the response from officers and having regard to the information in the report before her the Cabinet Member for Environment confirmed her decision as follows:

- (a) to approve the proposed amendments to the 30mph and 50mph speed limits as advertised;
- (b) to defer approval of the proposed revised location of the build out pending a review of alternative options for traffic calming.

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Cabinet Member for Environment

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**12/18 BANBURY: EDINBURGH WAY - PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES**

(Agenda No. 8)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered CMDE8 responses received to a statutory consultation to provide traffic calming measures on Edinburgh Way Banbury, comprising seven pairs of speed cushions spaced at approximately 70 metre intervals as part of wider works associated with new residential development to the west of Edinburgh Way.

Councillor Mark Cherry the local member had been unable to attend but had reiterated by email his support for the scheme with a request not to install any cushions opposite any driveway with a dropped kerb.

Mr Kirkwood confirmed that request had been noted.

Noting the comments from the local member, the officer response and the information set out in the report before her the Cabinet Member for Environment confirmed her decision as follows:

to approve the proposals to provide traffic calming measures on Edinburgh Way Banbury, comprising seven pairs of speed cushions spaced at approximately 70 metre intervals as advertised.

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Cabinet Member for Environment

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**13/18 BICESTER/AMBROSDEN AREA: PROPOSED 40MPH SPEED LIMIT IN THE VICINITY OF THE A41 RODNEY HOUSE/GRAVEN HILL ROUNDABOUT -**  
(Agenda No. 9)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered CMDE9 responses received to a statutory consultation to introduce a 40mph speed limit on the A41 in the vicinity of its roundabout junction with the A4421 and B4100 at Ambrosden and Bicester as part of the signalisation of this junction. The proposals were being promoted in conjunction with the signalisation of the Rodney House/Graven Hill roundabout as part of the development of adjacent land for housing and as a result of a technical assessment of the desirable speed limit to help ensure that the junction operated with good levels of safety taking account of the site constraints.

Acknowledging the objection from the local member Mr Kirkwood advised that the need for a lower limit had been identified as part of a technical safety assessment of the specific junction layout.

Noting those comments along with proposed major development in the area which would involve major changes to the roundabout the Cabinet Member for Environment having regard to the information set out in the report before her confirmed her decision as follows:

to approve proposals to introduce a 40mph speed limit on the A41 in the vicinity of its roundabout junction with the A4421 and B4100 at Ambrosden and Bicester as part of the signalisation of this junction as advertised.

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Cabinet Member for Environment

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**14/18 GOSFORD AND WATER EATON: WATER EATON LANE - PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTION**

(Agenda No. 10)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered CMDE9 responses received to a statutory consultation to introduce waiting restrictions comprising a length of double yellow lines - 'no waiting at any time' - on both sides of the road within 25 metres of its junction with Bicester Road, and single yellow lines (with waiting prohibited Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm) also on both sides of the road for a further 355 metres southwards. The proposals were being promoted at the request of Gosford and Water Eaton Parish Council, who were also funding the proposal, in order to address concerns over the use of the road for commuter parking.

Referring to objections received from local residents regarding the lack of any perceived problem with regard to commuter parking Mr Kirkwood confirmed that observations on site confirmed that to be the case. However, there was a case in his view to retain restrictions in the vicinity of the Bicester Road junction on traffic safety grounds.

Noting those comments together with the information set out in the report before her the Cabinet Member for Environment confirmed her decision as follows:

- (a) to approve the proposed double yellow lines (no waiting at any time) restrictions on Water Eaton Lane in the vicinity of the junction with Bicester Road;
- (b) not to approve the proposed single yellow lines (waiting prohibited Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm) further to the south on Water Eaton Lane.

Signed.....  
Cabinet Member for Environment

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**15/18 WITNEY: MARKET SQUARE - PROPOSED EXTENSION OF BUS STOP AND RELOCATION OF TRAFFIC CALMING BUILD OUT AND FLAT TOP ROAD HUMP**

(Agenda No. 11)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered CMDE11 responses received to a statutory consultation to extend bus stop provision on the west side of Market Square in Witney. In order to accommodate that the proposal sought to move the existing

traffic calming feature (a flat top road hump with a kerb build out) northwards and also amend the current parking restrictions on the west side of the road by introducing 'No Waiting at Any Time' (double-yellow lines) in place of the existing time limited restrictions. The above proposals had been put forward as part of a scheme within and were being funded by the National Productivity Investment Fund.

Councillor Laura Price had been unable to attend but had reiterated her support by email for the measures.

Noting the comments from the local member and having regard to the information set out in the report before her the Cabinet Member for Environment confirmed her decision as follows:

to approve proposals to extend the bus stop provision on the west side of Market Square in Witney and, to accommodate this, to move the existing traffic calming feature (a flat top road hump with a kerb build out) northwards and also to amend the current parking restrictions on the west side of the road by introducing 'No Waiting at Any Time' (double-yellow lines) in place of the existing time limited restrictions as advertised.

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Cabinet Member for Environment

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