

DELEGATED DECISIONS BY CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAY MANAGEMENT

MINUTES of the meeting held on Thursday, 8 December 2022 commencing at 10.00 am and finishing at 11.25 am

Present:

Voting Members: Councillor Andrew Gant – in the Chair
Councillor Duncan Enright (Agenda Item. 5)

Other Members in Attendance: Councillor Andrew Gant (Agenda Item. 5)
Councillor Sally Povolotsky (Agenda Item. 12)
Councillor Tim Bearder (Agenda Item. 14)

The Committee considered the matters, reports and recommendations contained or referred to in the agenda for the meeting, together with a supplementary document. 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.

83/22 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

(Agenda No. 1)

Cllr Andrew Gant declared a prejudicial interest on Item 21 (OXFORD- A40 JUNCTION WITH BLANDFORD AVENUE AND DAVENANT ROAD – PROPOSED ACCESS RESTRICTIONS AND TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES) due to his involvement with the residents of those roads on the scheme, and the Leader of the Council had appointed Councillor and Cabinet Member Duncan Enright to chair that item and make the decision.

84/22 QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

(Agenda No. 2)

There were no questions submitted.

85/22 PETITIONS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS

(Agenda No. 3)

Item 5 - Oxford-A40 junction with Blandford Avenue and Davenant Road

- Peter Barnett
- Dina Black
- Ian French
- Danny Yee
- David Kelly
- Julian Wallis (Statement only)
- Robin Tucker (CoHSAT) (Statement only)

- Cllr Andrew Gant

Item 6 - Britwell Salome - proposed 20mph speed limit

- Robin Tucker (CoHSAT) (Statement only)

Item 12. East Hendred -proposed 20mph speed limit

- Cllr Sally Povolotsky

Item 14 - Forest Hill – proposed 20mph speed limit

- Cllr Tim Bearder

86/22 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(Agenda No. 4)

Council was noted that the minutes of the previous meeting would be considered at the January 2023 meeting.

Chair of the meeting

Councillor Enright took the Chair for consideration of the following item.

87/22 OXFORD- A40 JUNCTION WITH BLANDFORD AVENUE AND DAVENANT ROAD – PROPOSED ACCESS RESTRICTIONS AND TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

(Agenda No. 5)

The Cabinet Member received a report presenting responses to a consultation on proposed measures seeking to address concerns of local residents over the volume and speed of traffic using Blandford Avenue, Davenant Road and Sunderland Avenue (south side) to avoid delays on the A40, A4144 Woodstock Road and A4165 Banbury Road in north Oxford.

Councillor Enright invited speakers to address the meeting and responded to the points made.

Councillor Enright expressed support for the recommendations in the report. However it was considered that the issue of Heavy Goods Vehicles had been raised through the consultation and proposed an additional recommendation that this be considered as part of wider traffic initiatives for the area.

DECISION:

The Cabinet Member for Travel & Development Strategy RESOLVED:

- a) Not to approve the proposed prohibition of entry from the A40 to the easternmost access of Sunderland Avenue (south side) and Blandford Avenue;

- b) To approve in principle the traffic calming measures in Davenant Road as advertised subject to a further local consultation on the detailed design when resources are found to carry out the required design work; and
- c) Officers be requested to consider the issues of HGV traffic, speeding and use of area as a 'rat run' as part of wider transport planning initiatives impacting upon the area.

88/22 BRITWELL SALOME - PROPOSED 20MPH SPEED LIMIT

(Agenda No. 6)

The Cabinet Member considered a report presenting responses to a statutory consultation on the proposed introduction of 20mph speed limits.

A statement submitted in respect of the scheme, and all other 20mph proposals, was presented to the meeting.

Cllr Gant expressed his support for the recommendations in the report as the proposal would help facilitate walking and cycling within the village and the safe movement of traffic.

DECISION:

The Cabinet Member for Highway Management APPROVED the proposed introduction of 20mph speed limits as advertised.

89/22 CHECKENDON - PROPOSED 20MPH SPEED LIMIT

(Agenda No. 7)

The Cabinet Member considered a report presenting responses to a statutory consultation on the proposed introduction of 20mph speed limits.

The response of the bus company was highlighted.

Cllr Gant expressed his support for the recommendations in the report as the proposal would help facilitate walking and cycling within the village and the safe movement of traffic.

DECISION:

The Cabinet Member for Highway Management APPROVED the introduction of 20mph speed limits as advertised.

90/22 CHILDREY - PROPOSED 20MPH SPEED LIMIT

(Agenda No. 8)

The Cabinet Member considered a report presenting responses to a statutory consultation on the proposed introduction of 20mph speed limits.

Cllr Gant noted the response of the parish council in respect of the various speed limits in the area and the need for issues at Hollow Way to be considered. It was requested that officers look at this further.

Cllr Gant expressed his support for the recommendations in the report as the proposal would help facilitate walking and cycling within the village and the safe movement of traffic.

DECISION:

- 1) The Cabinet Member for Highway Management APPROVED the introduction of 20mph speed limits as advertised; and
- 2) That officers be requested to look further at speed issues on Hollow Way.

91/22 CHINNOR - PROPOSED 20MPH SPEED LIMIT

(Agenda No. 9)

The Cabinet Member considered a report presenting responses to a statutory consultation on the proposed introduction of 20mph speed limits.

Cllr Gant noted the issues of on street parking, the agreed 20mph policy and environmental pollution.

Cllr Gant expressed his support for the recommendations in the report as the proposal would help facilitate walking and cycling within the village and the safe movement of traffic.

DECISION:

The Cabinet Member for Highway Management APPROVED the proposed introduction of 20mph speed limits as advertised.

92/22 CURBRIDGE AND LEW - PROPOSED 20MPH SPEED LIMIT

(Agenda No. 10)

The Cabinet Member considered a report presenting responses to a statutory consultation on the proposed introduction of 20mph and 30mph speed limits.

Clarification was given regarding the recommendation for 20mph and 30mph limits. Cllr Gant highlighted the issue of emergency vehicles raised in the consultation and it was confirmed if a vehicle was on call then the limits would not apply.

Cllr Gant expressed his support for the recommendations in the report as the proposal would help facilitate walking and cycling within the village and the safe movement of traffic.

DECISION:

The Cabinet Member for Highway Management APPROVED the proposed introduction of 20 mph and 30 mph speed limits as advertised.

93/22 DIDCOT - LADYGROVE AREA - PROPOSED 20MPH SPEED LIMIT

(Agenda No. 11)

The Cabinet Member considered a report presenting responses to a statutory consultation on the proposed introduction of 20mph speed limits.

Cllr Gant noted the formatting issues in the report. Clarification was given that the Town Council had confirmed that consideration of this scheme in isolation was acceptable and that a wider scheme for Didcot would be forthcoming. Cllr Gant highlighted the comments of Thames Valley Police.

Cllr Gant expressed his support for the recommendations in the report as the proposal would help facilitate walking and cycling and the safe movement of traffic.

DECISION:

The Cabinet Member for Highway Management APPROVED as advertised the 20mph speed limit in the Ladygrove area at Didcot.

94/22 EAST HENDRED - PROPOSED 20MPH SPEED LIMIT

(Agenda No. 12)

The Cabinet Member considered a report presenting responses to a statutory consultation on the proposed introduction of 20mph speed limits.

Councillor Gant invited the speaker to address the meeting and responded to the points made.

Cllr Gant noted an error in the report. The wider issues regarding highway matters in the area raised by the speaker were highlighted and officers were requested to look at those separately.

Cllr Gant expressed his support for the recommendations in the report as the proposal would help facilitate walking and cycling within the village and the safe movement of traffic.

DECISION:

- 1) The Cabinet Member for Highway Management APPROVED the proposed introduction of 20mph speed limits as advertised; and
- 2) Officers be requested to consider issues regarding the A417 and access to the Ridgeway separately.

95/22 FAWLER - PROPOSED 20MPH SPEED LIMIT

(Agenda No. 13)

The Cabinet Member considered a report presenting responses to a statutory consultation on the proposed introduction of 20mph speed limits.

Clarification of the extent of the proposed limits and changes to existing limits together with location of signage was clarified.

Cllr Gant expressed his support for the recommendations in the report as the proposal would help facilitate walking and cycling within the village and the safe movement of traffic.

DECISION:

The Cabinet Member for Highway Management APPROVED the proposed introduction of 20mph speed limits as advertised.

96/22 FOREST HILL - PROPOSED 20MPH SPEED LIMIT

(Agenda No. 14)

The Cabinet Member considered a report presenting responses to a statutory consultation on the proposed introduction of 20mph speed limits.

Councillor Gant invited the speaker to address the meeting and responded to the points made.

Cllr Gant expressed his support for the recommendations in the report as the proposal would help facilitate walking and cycling within the village and the safe movement of traffic.

DECISION:

The Cabinet Member for Highway Management APPROVED the proposed introduction of 20mph speed limits as advertised.

97/22 BRIGHTWELL CUM SOTWELL - HIGH ROAD - PROPOSED PUFFIN CROSSING

(Agenda No. 15)

The Cabinet Member considered a report presenting responses to a statutory consultation on the proposed puffin crossing at High Road, Brightwell Cum Sotwell.

Clarification was given in respect of the location of the crossing and reasons that the recommended site had been chosen.

Cllr Gant expressed his support for the recommendations in the report as the proposal would help facilitate walking and safety of pedestrians..

DECISION:

The Cabinet Member for Highway Management APPROVED as advertised a puffin crossing at High Road, Brightwell cum Sotwell.

98/22 OXFORD- NORTH PARADE AREA - PROPOSED LOADING BAYS AND OTHER MEASURES

(Agenda No. 16)

The Cabinet Member considered a report outlining responses to a statutory consultation on proposals to make amendments to the existing part-pedestrianisation scheme.

Clarification was given on the implications of making the scheme permanent and car parking provision was confirmed.

Cllr Gant expressed his support for the recommendations as the proposals would facilitate access to local amenities by pedestrians, improve air quality and ensure that danger to road users was minimised.

DECISION:

The Cabinet Member for Highway Management APPROVED as advertised:

- a) the 'safe zone' in North Parade Avenue (the Restricted Road) between Banbury Road & Winchester Road, from November to March between 10am & 6.30pm, and from April to October between 10am & 9pm,
- b) the 'Restricted Road' which will be signed as Prohibition of Vehicles (cycles/scooters must be pushed through the closed/gated area),
- c) the removal of the One-Way traffic restriction,
- d) the prohibition of loading & unloading restriction during the closure hours,
- e) the two Loading bays on; i) Winchester Road, west side (in place of a previously removed Disabled Persons Parking place) and on ii) Banbury Road within the Bus Lane,
- f) the disabled Persons Parking Place (DPPP) on Winchester Road, on the east side in place of a Residents Parking place.

99/22 OXFORD - WALTON STREET AREA - PROPOSED PERMANENT SEATING AREAS ON HIGHWAY

(Agenda No. 17)

The Cabinet Member for Highway Management considered a report on responses received to a statutory consultation on proposals to make permanent the provisions of a current temporary order.

Cllr Gant noted the comments of Thames Valley Police and that details of their requirements would need approval.

Cllr Gant expressed support for the proposals as they would help place making in the street and encourage the use of nearby amenities.

DECISION:

The Cabinet Member for Highway Management APPROVED the permanent suspension of waiting, parking and loading restrictions on Walton Street at the following locations in order to accommodate outdoor seating areas adjacent to current hospitality businesses, but with the arrangements being periodically reviewed taking account of any changes in use of the adjacent premises.

- a) northeast side - from a point 90 metres southeast of the south-eastern kerblines of St Bernard's Road south-eastwards for a distance of 16 metres, in place of the existing 1-hour parking places – permit holders exempt;
- b) northeast side - from a point 30 metres southeast of the south-eastern kerblines of Observatory Street, south-eastwards for a distance of 7 metres, in place of the existing 1-hour parking places.

..... in the Chair

Date of signing