

Division(s): Banbury Calthorpe

CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT – 30 APRIL 2020

PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND TRAFFIC CALMING BANKSIDE, BANBURY

Report by Interim Director of Community Operations

RECOMMENDATION

1. The Cabinet Member for Environment is **RECOMMENDED** to approve the proposed waiting restrictions, zebra crossing and traffic calming measures at Bankside, Banbury, as advertised.

Executive Summary

2. On street waiting and the provision of pedestrian crossings, cycle lanes and traffic calming measures are reviewed when there are changes to the road layout because of development, when requested by local councils because of road safety concerns, as part of the on-going monitoring of reports on road accidents and also as part of the on-going review of the maintenance and condition of existing highway assets. Specific proposals are assessed applying national guidance on speed limits, the provision of pedestrian and cycle crossings and also the Oxfordshire County Council Walking Design Standards and Cycling Design Standards.

Background

3. Development of land in south east Banbury (the Longford Park residential development) has been approved by Cherwell District Council, with a significant number of homes already completed and occupied. As the site is further developed, a new junction at Bankside is being constructed and measures on Bankside are now proposed to provide for the additional demands for travel arising from the development. If approved, these measures will be funded by the developer.
4. The proposals include the replacement of the existing traffic calming chicanes with speed cushions, a raised zebra crossing and the introduction of additional waiting restrictions - plans showing the proposals are included at Annexes 1 & 2. Additionally – although not requiring formal consultation – it is proposed to provide advisory cycle lanes on both sides of the road along its full length, reflecting that Bankside already forms part of a signed cycle route to the station and that such provision will encourage cycling in the area in accordance with broader transport, sustainability and health objectives.

5. The proposals as advertised reflect those consulted on in early 2017 and which were approved at the Cabinet Member for Environment delegated decisions meeting on 25 May 2017. However, a re-consultation is required due to the scheme not being progressed within the required two-year period from the start of the previous consultation.

Consultation

6. Formal consultation on the proposal was carried out between 30 January and 28 February 2020. A public notice was placed in the Banbury Guardian newspaper, and sent to statutory consultees, including Thames Valley Police, the Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance service, Cherwell District Council, Banbury Town Council and the local County Councillor. Street notices were placed on site and letters sent to 235 properties in the immediate vicinity adjacent to the proposals.
7. Twenty-nine responses were received in total. These are summarised in the table below:

Measure	Support	Object	No Objection / Concerns
Double Yellow Lines	15	3	11
Single Yellow Lines	14	6	9
Zebra Crossing	16	1	12
Traffic Calming	20	3	6

8. All the responses are shown at Annex 3 with copies of the full responses available for County Councillors to view.
9. Thames Valley Police and Cherwell District Council did not object to any of the proposals. Banbury Town Council expressed support.
10. The remaining responses were from members of the public. While the majority of responses were supportive, objections were received in respect of all the elements of the proposed scheme with the principal source of concern relating to the proposed waiting restrictions. Most of those concerns could be linked to the existing parking pressures here for residents, which they felt would be exacerbated by these proposals and also lead to parking being displaced to neighbouring streets. Some of the respondents, however, cited concerns that the waiting restrictions should comprise no waiting at any time throughout.
11. The current proposals reflect the consideration given to the responses to the consultation in 2017 and include some relaxation to the original proposal, in order to provide more parking for residents of Bankside.

12. The objections to the proposed traffic calming measures and crossing included concerns that these were not needed and could result in additional hazards. In response to this, it should be noted that the type of calming proposed has been widely used elsewhere and found to operate with good levels of safety.

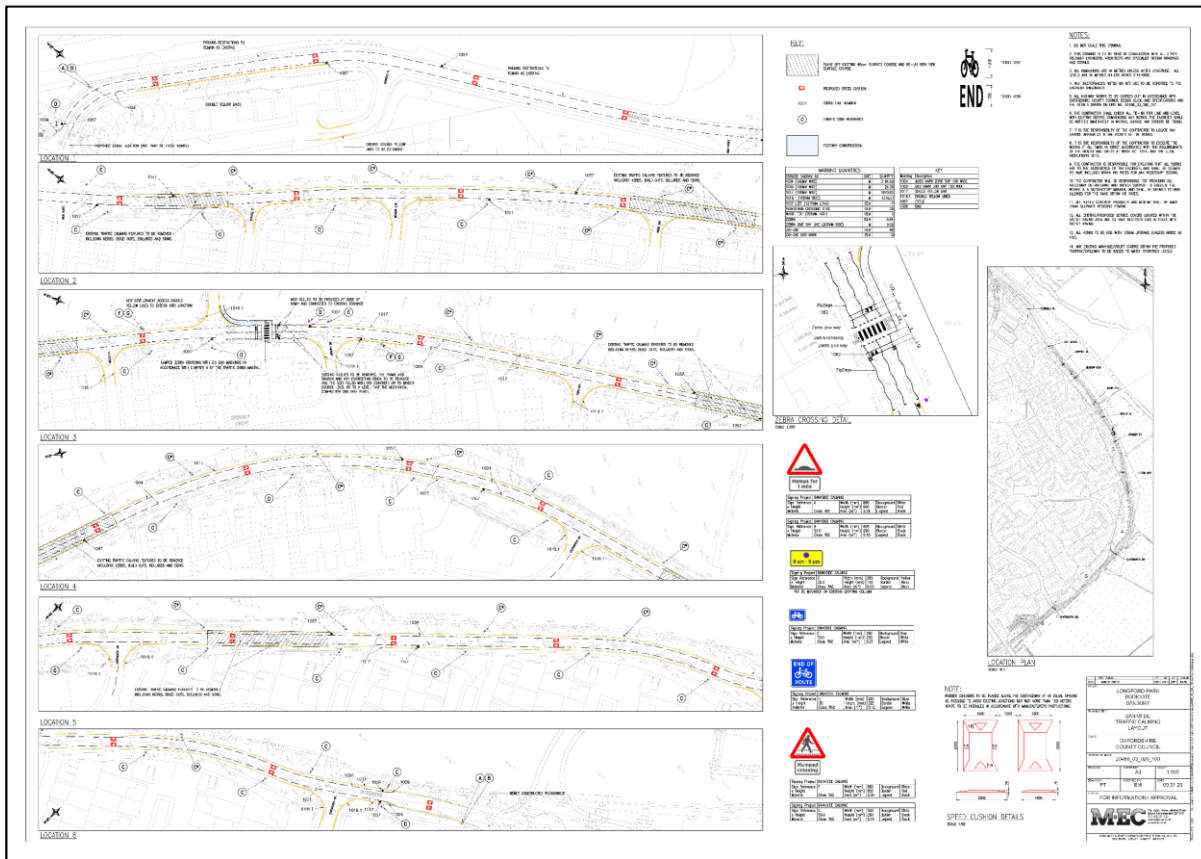
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Background papers: Consultation responses

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RESPONDENT	SUMMARISED COMMENTS
(1) Traffic Management Officer, (Thames Valley Police)	No objection – have visited the location several times and have no further comment.
(2) Cherwell District Council, (Development Management)	No objection
(3) Banbury Town Council	<p>Support – The consultation was considered by the Town Council's Planning Committee at their meeting held on 4 March 2020.</p> <p>It was resolved to support the proposals in all aspects. However, clarification is sought on the existing laybys at various locations along Bankside. Are these to be retained for unrestricted parking or will the single yellow lines restricting the parking apply?</p>
(4) Local Resident, (Banbury)	<p><u>Double Yellow Lines</u> - Neither/Concerns - No comments.</p> <p><u>Single Yellow Lines</u> - Object - PARKING ON BANKSIDE CLOSE TO THE CHURCH/CHATSWORTH DRIVE: 1. There will not be enough parking for the many residents of Bankside and you're not providing alternatives. 2. Many flats are rented and tenants don't always have access to the one garage at the rear of properties 3. Some residents have more than one car – I was led to understand that original plans were turned down for the new build opposite because not enough parking was provided and now you plan to penalise us for the very thing you opposed. 4. Where will visitors park? 5. The issue of parking on Bankside has never been a problem in the over 10 years that I have lived here so why are you trying to change it? 6. If you insist on putting in yellow lines then why don't you spend a bit of money on making parking areas on</p>

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	<p>Bankside as there are for some areas further down the road? Why not give something back to tax paying residents to make their life easier instead of harder. You've built a village opposite me and almost doubled the time it takes me to get to the motorway for work and now you want to make things even harder.</p> <p>7. The garages built at the back of the flats are very old and consequently not really fit for a lot of the cars of today</p> <p>8. What grounds will you make your decision?</p> <p>9. I see proposals but not reasons why</p> <p>10. There are real issues in Banbury so why are you spending money on something that isn't necessary? eg homelessness, cuts in funding for mental health etc etc.</p> <p>11. is there a question later that asks me if I think my response will be listened to? Somehow I doubt it and doubt that you will listen either.</p> <p><u>Zebra Crossing</u> - Neither/Concerns - No comments.</p> <p><u>Traffic Calming</u> - Support – No comments.</p>
(5) Local Resident, (Banbury)	<p><u>Double Yellow Lines</u> - Support - I support DYL because the number of cars on Bankside is a total hazard. There is no need for people including residents to park on Bankside</p> <p><u>Single Yellow Lines</u> - Support - I would suggest DYL all long Bankside but if not then single ones should be put in place. Again the reasons are the same as above</p> <p><u>Zebra Crossing</u> - Support - A crossing should be built to ensure a safe crossing over this very busy road as it is dangerous</p> <p><u>Traffic Calming</u> - Support - Definitely should have bumps / sleeping policeman. The current chicanes do not work as cars can still go through them at high speeds. Also it will keep traffic moving rather than stopping and building up</p>
(6) Local Resident, (Banbury)	<p><u>Double Yellow Lines</u> - Support - No comments.</p> <p><u>Single Yellow Lines</u> - Support - No comments.</p> <p><u>Zebra Crossing</u> - Support - No comments.</p>

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	<p><u>Traffic Calming</u> - Support - removal of chicanes will allow smoother traffic flow.</p>
<p>(7) Local Resident, (Banbury)</p>	<p><u>Double Yellow Lines</u> - Support - Support the increase in double yellow line park restrictions, please do enforce these as currently at the end of Bankside closest to the train station quite commonly there are cars parked extended in to the double yellow lines and I've seen a penalty notice on these vehicles. The council must consider alternative measures for parking as the yellow lines will force cars on to the grass verge and ruin this for the rest of the residents. The council should also consider a limitation of cars registered at addresses in Banbury as there is noticeably some households that have an excessive number of vehicles for their parking arrangements.</p> <p><u>Single Yellow Lines</u> - Object - These do not add value and the council should just consider the double yellow line option.</p> <p><u>Zebra Crossing</u> - Support - Good idea as currently there is no crossing on all of bankside with the increased number of residents this would be useful.</p> <p><u>Traffic Calming</u> - Object - The cushions will not calm the traffic, these can still be passed at speed and will increase aggressive driving along Bankside. The current calming methods are effective although drivers race between them. The chicanes should be considered in conjunction with a speed camera or two for calming and reducing the number of 40+mph speeds between the sets of chicanes. Also, the speed cushions will add a large-scale roadworks on an already busy road given the choice of this road over Oxford Road.</p>
<p>(8) Local Resident, (Banbury)</p>	<p><u>Double Yellow Lines</u> - Support - No comments.</p> <p><u>Single Yellow Lines</u> - No opinion - No comments.</p> <p><u>Zebra Crossing</u> - Support - No comments.</p> <p><u>Traffic Calming</u> - Support – No comments.</p>

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<p>(9) Local Resident, (Banbury)</p>	<p><u>Double Yellow Lines</u> - Neither/Concerns - The amount of drivers that use bank side to cut out using the Oxford road</p> <p><u>Single Yellow Lines</u> - No opinion - No comments.</p> <p><u>Zebra Crossing</u> - Neither/Concerns - No comments.</p> <p><u>Traffic Calming</u> - Object - Drivers drive more erratic trying to beat on coming traffic and this will continue are the parking areas</p>
<p>(10) Local Resident, (Banbury)</p>	<p><u>Double Yellow Lines</u> - Support - The junction of Hightown Road and Bankside should be re prioritised to make Bankside the major road and Hightown Road the minor one as most traffic will be using Bankside. Also the yellow lines should be continued up Hightown Road as it is already obvious that some people are now parking on Hightown Road to access the Station all day causing a bottle neck near to Lambs Crescent.. Is this also joined up with the plans to change traffic flows around the Tramway Road and Lambs Crescent Junctions. NOTE. IT IS THE COMPLETE INABILITY TO PHASE THE LIGHTS AT BRIDGE STREET / CHERWELL STREET THAT CAUSES THE TRAFFIC CONGESTION UP WINDSOR STREET HIGHTOWN ROAD AND BANKSIDE. THIS NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED AS WELL WHILST THERE IS A CHANCE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT</p> <p><u>Single Yellow Lines</u> - Support - There must be a way to prevent the cars relocating to the side roads of the Estate or this will just shift the problem and cause more issues for the residents. We already have cars parking for the day in the turning area in Bridle close and occupants disappearing to the station which is a significant walk from the Bridle Close. Also the whole of Bankside needs resurfacing when this job is done.</p> <p><u>Zebra Crossing</u> - Neither/Concerns - This may be OK for the new estate however the most significant crossing should be so that children can get to the Bankside Park.</p> <p><u>Traffic Calming</u> - Support - Needed as the road will become a race track without them.</p>
<p>(11) Local Resident, (Banbury)</p>	<p><u>Double Yellow Lines</u> - Support - The situation is also exacerbated by the many cars which are parked along Bankside at various places. There is no reason at all for ANY cars to be parked anywhere along this road either by members of the public or residents as all the residents do have their own private garages and allotted parking places at the rear of their properties...so there is no reason to park on Bankside or in the laybys (which they seem to think is their own</p>

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personal parking space). There are also a number of people and commuters who continually use Bankside as a free car park (near Newbold Close) and leave their cars parked all day which is an additional hazard.

Single Yellow Lines - **Support** - As above Bankside should be double yellow lines all along the full length. If single yellow lines are implemented these would just simply be ignored and people would still park on them. The full length of the road should be clear of any vehicles and my reasons are explained in section Three.

Zebra Crossing - **Support** - This road is currently so dangerous that some people including my elderly mother actually fear crossing it to take her dog for a walk in Bankside park. Many children also have to cross this road to get to the playing area in Bankside but are discouraged from going there as the road is currently too dangerous to cross so many parents will not allow it.

Traffic Calming - **Support** - As a resident on Bankside we are in full support of this proposed traffic calming layout. For many years, this road has been a hazard and we have observed and tolerated cars that continually speed along this road. It is also used as a short-cut or "rat run" between Bodicote & Banbury and we have witnessed many cars racing through the chicanes in excess of 60mph!

In addition to this the volume of vehicles has increased considerably especially since the building of additional houses in Bodicote and Longford Park which as you know will increase further. The road is often blocked for periods as cars have to stop-start at the chicanes so obviously some drivers lose patience and race to beat the oncoming vehicle or simply cut up other oncoming vehicles instead of waiting.

We have over the years witnessed several accidents some of which have been serious due to the constant speeding of vehicles and people racing through and between the chicanes. This is also evident by the severe damage that there are to the chicanes, barriers and signs all along Bankside which I assume that you are aware of?

The current layout with road chicanes simply is not effective in calming the traffic.

As you know the new proposed layout with road cushions would have the effect of allowing a constant and continual flow of traffic whilst still slowing the vehicles down to an acceptable and safe speed. It would certainly improve the safety on this road and the traffic flow and we as local residents are very pleased with the new proposal and in full support of it. I would hope that this time OCC do actually complete this work and actually do something rather than waste time and money by simply talking about it.

In fact many residents are confused as to why most similar roads on residential estates in Banbury already have this

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	<p>style of traffic calming implemented however so far Bankside has been neglected. It is also very frustrating that OCC are having this "consultation" process yet again as it was done three years ago in 2017. It seems that OCC simply go through the motions but never actually implement anything along this road even when the plans are approved.</p> <p>As residents living on Bankside we are very pleased with this proposed scheme should would have liked it to be put in place several years ago. As we are the people who will be most affected by this I hope that our opinion will be taken more seriously and more weight given to it over other drivers who occasionally use this road often as a short cut.</p>
<p>(12) Local Resident, (Banbury)</p>	<p><u>Double Yellow Lines</u> - Support - DTL are needed along this road. It is very dangerous and people park along it using it as a public car park.</p> <p><u>Single Yellow Lines</u> - Support - Lines are required all along this road. Again it is used as public car park and by oepole using the train station and Cherwell Council workers who work at Samuelson House.</p> <p><u>Zebra Crossing</u> - Support - A crossing is needed because this road has no safe place to cross especially for children</p> <p><u>Traffic Calming</u> - Support - Yes, speed bumps should be put in place because the chicanes do not work. Cars simply race through them and cut each other up. They are not effective.</p>
<p>(13) Local Resident, (Banbury)</p>	<p><u>Double Yellow Lines</u> - Support - yes we should have double yellow lines on bankside. There is always a lot of cars parked on this road and is causes an obstruction and hazard. Other roads similar to Bankside have double yellow lines so I am confused why we have not got them here!</p> <p><u>Single Yellow Lines</u> - Support - If double yellow lines are not put in place we should at least have single ones as it "should" prevent cars being parked all day whilst people go to work (such as Cherwell council)</p> <p><u>Zebra Crossing</u> - Support - Definitely as there is no place to cross this road safely especially near bankside park</p> <p><u>Traffic Calming</u> - Support - Without any doubt bumps should be fitted. Cars travel so fast along this road, and I have even seen some overtaking at about 70mph !! Its is currently unsafe and dangerous as cars have to stop / start and speed through the current chicanes. They are useless!</p>

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<p>(14) Local Resident, (Banbury)</p>	<p><u>Double Yellow Lines</u> - Neither/Concerns - My main concern is the cars which always park between Hightown Road and Bankside junction to Newbold Close and those that park on Hightown Road. This makes navigating this junction very difficult. In icy conditions to exit from Bankside onto Hightown Road you need to have a clear steady acceleration to the junction. I also feel that double yellow lines into all roads off bankside will just push the parked cars further into these roads and obstruct residents driveways making the situation worse than currently.</p> <p><u>Single Yellow Lines</u> - Neither/Concerns - As comments in 3.</p> <p><u>Zebra Crossing</u> - Neither/Concerns - I am not convinced of its position on Bankside. I feel it would be better to put a path on the canal side of the road and have the crossing allowing children safe access to the park.</p> <p><u>Traffic Calming</u> - Support - I believe road cushions may be better than the existing traffic calming measures which have a stop start effect on the traffic which adds to pollution and causes many instances of rage with drivers at the chicanes.</p>
<p>(15) Local Resident, (Banbury)</p>	<p><u>Double Yellow Lines</u> - Neither/Concerns - No comments.</p> <p><u>Single Yellow Lines</u> - No opinion - No comments.</p> <p><u>Zebra Crossing</u> - Neither/Concerns - No comments.</p> <p><u>Traffic Calming</u> - Neither/Concerns - My concern re the traffic calming situation is more along the lines of the state of the road, Bankside. There are numerous potholes from the start of the road by Hightown road right up to the new roundabout by Chatsworth drive. Potholes, Road crumbling etc etc. So will you be repairing the road as well as installing the humps? It is greatly needed</p>
<p>(16) Local Resident, (Banbury)</p>	<p><u>Double Yellow Lines</u> - Support - Do you have any exceptions in being able to carry out a full resurface of the whole of the Bankside road when these new calming measures are built? I only ask as the current road surface is dangerous as it currently is.</p> <p><u>Single Yellow Lines</u> - Support – (see comments above)</p> <p><u>Zebra Crossing</u> - Support – (see comments above)</p>

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	<p><u>Traffic Calming</u> - Support - (see comments above)</p>
<p>(17) Local Resident, (Banbury)</p>	<p><u>Double Yellow Lines</u> - Support - Of course these double yellows are required. This road is a complete hazard and is used as a public car park. I cannot understand why this has not been done yet? It was agreed three years ago but still never got implemented.</p> <p><u>Single Yellow Lines</u> - Support - Car have to keep pulling into gaps in the parked cars and this is dangerous. There is no need to park along Bankside.</p> <p><u>Zebra Crossing</u> - Support - I would suggest that TWO zebra crossings are required as Bankside is a long road and people are not going to walk a long way to use the crossing...</p> <p><u>Traffic Calming</u> - Support - All OCC ever do is talk! Three years ago it was agreed and voted for by members of the public that they wanted speed bumps! Again the public have been ignored.</p>
<p>(18) Local Resident, (Banbury)</p>	<p><u>Double Yellow Lines</u> - Object - No comments.</p> <p><u>Single Yellow Lines</u> - Object - No comments.</p> <p><u>Zebra Crossing</u> - Support - No comments.</p> <p><u>Traffic Calming</u> - Support – No comments.</p>
<p>(19) Local Resident, (Banbury)</p>	<p><u>Double Yellow Lines</u> - Support - Of course double yellow lines are required. I cannot believe that this has not been done yet. Many roads in Banbury on housing estates have DYL all along them so Bankside should be the same</p> <p><u>Single Yellow Lines</u> - Support - DYL are preferred all along Bankside but at the very minimum it should have single ones along the length detailed.</p> <p><u>Zebra Crossing</u> - Support - there have been several accidents involving people trying to cross Bankside. It needs at least two zebra crossings to make it safe</p>

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	<p><u>Traffic Calming</u> - Support - We thought this was going to be done back in 2015 but it wasn't which is typical of OCC saying something but not doing it.</p> <p>Of course, bumps are required and a lot of them because traffic needs to keep moving- but slower than it does now and not stop / start all the time and letting people race through them.</p> <p>You can see from all the damaged signs that people speed along this road!!</p>
<p>(20) Local Resident, (Banbury)</p>	<p><u>Double Yellow Lines</u> - Support - Bankside should have DYL because there are so many cars parked all along it. There is absolutely NO reason for any cars to be parked there. Residents either have driveways or garages or parking places! People who park along this road are inconsiderate and selfish. The parked cars are a hazard.</p> <p><u>Single Yellow Lines</u> - Support - Bankside should have DYL or single yellows because there are so many cars parked all along it. There is absolutely NO reason for any cars to be parked there. Residents either have driveways or garages or parking places! People who park along this road are inconsiderate and selfish. The parked cars are a hazard.</p> <p><u>Zebra Crossing</u> - Support - There is currently no safe place to cross Bankside and I cannot believe that this is the case as this is a busy road.</p> <p><u>Traffic Calming</u> - Support - All vehicles race along Bankside. We have seen many accidents and also road rage too because vehicles that are meant to give way at the chicanes don't! Speed bumps would keep the traffic moving but at a reasonable speed. Of course they are needed and should have been put in place years ago.</p>
<p>(21) Local Resident, (Banbury)</p>	<p>Object – I live along Bankside and I am completely opposed to the restrictions/features. There is no need for these. We already have so many chicanes along the road, why have speed bumps too? Cars go up and down Bankside at suitable speeds so there is no need for further traffic calming; since there is no traffic to calm. What is likely to happen with speed bumps are traffic jams due to cars having to go so slowly. This will cause air pollution around the Cherwell Heights estate and, due to this, residents in the area may, subsequently, have breathing problems.</p>

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	<p>Also, where will people who visit residents on Bankside and other roads where it has been proposed to have double/single yellow lines park their cars? I have people who park their cars outside my house regularly. I do not have a problem with this and they do not obstruct traffic.</p>
<p>(22) Local Resident, (Banbury)</p>	<p>Object – I live on Bankside in one of the maisonettes and am very concerned about the proposed "no waiting Monday to Saturday 8am - 6pm" parking restrictions for Bankside. None of the Maisonettes have a driveway and most occupants have either 1 or 2 cars. Parking will be a problem for anyone who is at home during these times or work shifts, etc. Also, what about the impact of anyone coming to visit any of the maisonettes apart from in the evening or on a Sunday? I often have friends or relatives who drop in to see me and have to park on Bankside (although this has never caused a problem with the traffic). These visitors will no longer have anywhere to park!! I am particularly worried about the restrictions being imposed on a Saturday as most of the maisonette residents will be home then and again this will cause a great problem with the parking!</p> <p>I can understand the proposal for parking restrictions further down Bankside and where it may cause a problem for the traffic but most of the residents further down all have a driveway.</p> <p>We have 2 pavements along a stretch of Bankside from the Church down to Farm Way which are not really need so has anyone considered removing the lower pathway and creating another layby for parking??</p>
<p>(23) Local Resident, (Banbury)</p>	<p>Object – I would like to object to the above proposals. My house faces Bankside and it is not a heavily trafficked road. The existing traffic calming measures are sufficient and there is no need for any further speed cushions. The existing chicanes make it almost impossible to reach speeds higher than the speed limit of 30mph.</p> <p>No waiting Parking restrictions are unnecessary. Residents of houses without driveway access need to be able to park their car somewhere and if you prevent this they will only park their cars in side roads such as Asbury close! The commuters who park during the day at the bottom end of Bankside cause no problem and they actually slow the traffic down.</p> <p>I have no objection to a Zebra crossing and would suggest that you provide parking bays outside those houses without driveways so that they do not have to park with one side of the vehicle on the pavement obstructing the walkway!</p> <p>Overall I feel this is another money wasting scheme. I have lived here for 14 years and to my knowledge there has never been an accident on Bankside involving a pedestrian. Far better to concentrate on fixing potholes, cutting back</p>

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	<p>the grass and hedgerows, cleaning the road signs so people can actually read them and clearing up the litter which adorns our highways.</p>
<p>(24) Local Resident, (Banbury)</p>	<p>Support/Concerns – I welcome the proposals that are looking to be implemented on the Bankside estate in Banbury, however I can already see the negative impact this is starting to have on other roads near Bankside.</p> <p>The Hightown road now has a number of cars parked on it, these cars are left all day whilst the owner is at work. There are cars parked on the corner of street junctions, blocking views for people pulling out the junction This as you can imagine is causing a traffic flow issue and some people are resorting to driving on the grass to get past other cars. It is becoming a serious risk to pedestrians, especially as the footpath are used by a number of children making there way to & from school.</p> <p>Also a lot of the residential cul-de-sacs on the Hightown road are now become commuter car parks. Sadly a number of council staff that work at Samuelson House are guilty of this practice.</p> <p>This is meaning that residents cannot park outside their own home. For example my Children's mother had to leave her car at home the other day due to someone a car across her driveway for 8 hours.</p> <p>Back to my original point, in my opinion Hightown road needs to be included within the original proposal</p>
<p>(25) Local Resident, (Banbury)</p>	<p>Support/Concerns – I am broadly in support of but would like to raise the following observations/queries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the time of the initial consultation my neighbours and I had to raise the point of parking outside our properties on Bankside due to lack of parking elsewhere. I am pleased to see this provision included in the new plans however the single yellow line is marked to finish outside our property. I would like to see this finish maybe 5m/7m further south towards Farm Close to allow enough space for all residents in that run of homes. • I am surprised not to see double yellow lines included from the junction of Bankside and Tramway road up to Newbold Close as this is a major pinch point for traffic, and I would have thought would need to be clear for the proposed junction improvements as part of the Tramway Road Scheme. • I would also have thought that it would make sense to have double yellow lines rather than single yellow along the outside (east) side of Bankside all the way up the length of it from Tramway Road to the Roundabout access to

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	<p>Longford Park to prevent double parking and reducing the traffic flow.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I hope that the road is to be re-surfaced before the speed cushions are installed as at the moment it is falling apart with the daily use from lorries going to and from the development off Bankside.
<p>(26) Local Resident, (Banbury)</p>	<p>Concerns – Very much in favour of double yellow lines there, as it's almost impossible to pass parked vehicles sometimes.</p> <p>My only hope is that the cars don't then park on the side roads. Living on Bridle close - we have had many construction workers parking by our house all day, making it difficult for visiting friends & family.</p> <p>Do find that 20 pairs of speed bumps excessive though. While I appreciate the need for traffic calming it can be quite uncomfortable if one has back problems.</p> <p>Hope also that the zebra crossing is well marked and sited, as the low sun can make for difficult vision at certain times of the day.</p>
<p>(27) Local Resident, (Banbury)</p>	<p>Concerns – As I stated at the meeting in May 2017, I'm concerned the proposed measures are too severe and threaten to significantly inconvenience residents such as myself.</p> <p>I refer specifically to the introduction of No Waiting *at any time* - this ignores the needs of residents such as myself for parking. I appreciate the influx of train commuters taking advantage of Bankside has made the road clogged with parking, but to ban all parking on the road merely moves that particular problem to another area of Banbury, while leaving residents of Bankside permanently inconvenienced.</p> <p>Can I suggest any of the following options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Residential parking permits 2. Changing the existing ruling on Bankside residences, allowing us to build drives in front of our houses. 3. Introducing "No Waiting more than 2 hours Mondays to Fridays between 8 and 6" signs instead. This would stop those who leave their car on the road all day while they get the train to work, without impacting on residents or their visitors - or indeed those who want to use the park. <p>Any one of these will solve the current problem without causing greater issues for residents, and I hope the council will</p>

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	<p>give them full consideration as viable alternatives.</p>
<p>(28) Local Resident, (Banbury)</p>	<p>Support – We appreciate and agree with your proposals for new speed calming measures along the length of Bankside which include the removal of the existing chicanes and installation of new raised speed cushions.</p> <p>We agree with the suggestion for the removal of the parking spaces on the west side of Bankside between Hightown Road and Newbold Close, and the new plans for yellow lines as set out in the letter.</p> <p>We have a serious problem with the situation of the proposed new raised Zebra crossing 30 meters north west of Spinney Drive. A good number of the new houses are now occupied and many if not most people walking out of that new estate turn right to go down Bankside into town, I would suggest they will probably not turn left to go up to a crossing to then walk down the road again having crossed over!!</p>
<p>(29) Local Resident, (Banbury)</p>	<p>Support – For many years, this road has been a hazard and we have observed and tolerated cars that continually speed along this road. It is also used as a short-cut or “rat run” between Bodicote & Banbury and we have witnessed many cars racing through the chicanes in excess of 60mph!</p> <p>In addition to this the volume of vehicles has increased considerably especially since the building of additional houses in Bodicote and Longford Park which as you know will increase further. The road is often blocked for periods as cars have to stop-start at the chicanes so obviously some drivers lose patience and race to beat the oncoming vehicle or simply cut up other oncoming vehicles instead of waiting.</p> <p>We have over the years witnessed several accidents some of which have been serious due to the constant speeding of vehicles and people racing through and between the chicanes. This is also evident by the severe damage that there are to the chicanes, barriers and signs all along Bankside which I assume that you aware of?</p> <p>In fact, this road is currently so dangerous that some people including my elderly mother actually fear crossing it to take her dog for a walk in Bankside park. Many children also have to cross this road to get to the playing area in Bankside but are discouraged from going there as the road is currently too dangerous to cross so many parents will not allow it.</p> <p>The current layout with road chicanes simply is not effective in calming the traffic.</p> <p>The situation is also exacerbated by the many cars which are parked along Bankside at various places. There is no</p>

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reason at all for ANY cars to be parked anywhere along this road either by members of the public or residents as all the residents do have their own private garages and allotted parking places at the rear of their properties...so there is no reason to park on Bankside or in the laybys (which they seem to think is their own personal parking space). There are also a number of people and commuters who continually use Bankside as a free car park (near Newbold Close) and leave their cars parked all day which is an additional hazard.

As you know the new proposed layout with road cushions would have the effect of allowing a constant and continual flow of traffic whilst still slowing the vehicles down to an acceptable and safe speed. It would certainly improve the safety on this road and the traffic flow and we as local residents are very pleased with the new proposal and in full support of it. I would hope that this time OCC do actually complete this work and actually so something rather than waste time and money by simply talking about it.

In fact many residents are confused as to why most similar roads on residential estates in Banbury already have this style of traffic calming implemented however so far Bankside has been neglected. It is also very frustrating that OCC are having this "consultation" process yet again as it was done three years ago in 2017. It seems that OCC simply go through the motions but never actually implement anything along this road even when the plans are approved.

As residents living on Bankside we are very pleased with this proposed scheme should would have liked it to be put in place several years ago. As we are the people who will be most affected by this I hope that our opinion will be taken more seriously and more weight given to it over other drivers who occasionally use this road often as a short cut.