

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

**MINUTES** of the meeting held on Thursday, 7 September 2017 commencing at 10.00 am and finishing at 10.55 am

**Present:**

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

**Other Members in Attendance:** Councillor Bob Johnston (for Agenda Item 4)  
Councillor Roz Smith (for Agenda Item 5)  
Councillor John Howson (for Agenda Item 6)  
Councillor Lawrie Stratford (for Agenda Item 7)

**Officers:**

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

Part of meeting

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Officer Attending</b>
7.	W. Pedley (Infrastructure Delivery)
14.	M. Kanayan (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.*

### 9/17 PETITIONS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS

(Agenda No. 3)

<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Item</i>
County Councillor Bob Johnston	4. Proposed Speed limit reductions on Link Roads to A423 Oxford Southern Bypass
County Councillor Roz Smith	5. Proposed Extension of 20 mph Speed Limit B4495 Windmill Road, Headington

County Councillor John Howson	6. Proposed Additional Car Club Bays, Oxford
County Councillor Lawrie Stratford	7. Proposed Waiting Restrictions – Brashfield Road and Granville Way, Bicester

## **10/17 PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT REDUCTIONS ON LINK ROADS TO A423 OXFORD SOUTHERN BYPASS**

(Agenda No. 4)

Following a formal consultation on proposed speed limit changes on the A423 Oxford Southern bypass and roads linking the bypass to Kennington and Oxford, the Cabinet Member for Environment on 29 June 2017 approved introduction of a 50mph speed limit on the bypass between the A34/A423 Hinksey Hill interchange and the existing 50mph speed limit on the bypass north west of the A423/A4074 Heyford Hill roundabout. It had also been recommended that after considering the responses to the consultation that proposals for introducing a 30mph speed limit on the linking roads should not be progressed but that a further consultation be carried out on revised speed limit proposals. The Cabinet Member now considered CMDE4 responses received in the course of a statutory consultation to introduce revised speed limits on the roads linking the A423 Oxford Southern Bypass to Kennington and Oxford.

Councillor Johnston expressed support for the comments made by the Kennington parish council adding that the 50 mph limit on the slip road up to the bypass could not be justified due to traffic conditions and that 30 would be more sensible, coherent and less confusing.

Mr Kirkwood confirmed the restrictions under national regulations on provision of repeater 30 mph signs where there was street lighting with the potential risk for drivers failing to see the one 30 mph signs when turning off the A423 and assuming they were still under a 50 limit. Officers felt this was the most appropriate way forward.

The Cabinet Member confirmed that in view of the responses of both the Police and local council she had looked carefully at this but had been persuaded by officers that this was the best course of action. Therefore having regard to the arguments and options set out in the report before her and the representations received at the meeting she confirmed her decision as follows:

to approve the proposals to introduce revised speed limits on the roads linking the A423 Oxford Southern Bypass to Kennington and Oxford as advertised.

Signed.....  
Cabinet Member for Environment

Date of signing.....

**11/17 PROPOSED EXTENSION OF 20MPH SPEED LIMIT B4495 WINDMILL ROAD, HEADINGTON**

(Agenda No. 5)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered CMDE5 responses received in the course of a statutory consultation for extending the 20mph speed limit on the B4495 Windmill Road southward to include its full length which had been promoted following the wider consultations on the Access to Headington scheme.

Councillor Roz Smith thanked officers for their work on this and the previous Cabinet Member for authorising the formal consultation. Noting the police objection she pointed out the high level of local support which saw the proposal as a positive move towards improving safety particularly around Windmill School, the environment and encouraging greater pedestrian movement and cycling.

Mr Kirkwood confirmed the high levels of local support. With regard to the police objection it had to be noted that average speeds were within Department for Transport guidelines and that enforcement would be sporadic.

Noting the support of local councillors and the community the Cabinet Member for Environment recognised that lower speeds could be persuasive in their own right and that along with the efforts of police community support officers and an active community would lead to safety benefits. Therefore having regard to the arguments and options set out in the report and the representations received at the meeting she confirmed her decision as follows:

to approve an extension of a 20 mph speed limit on the B4495 Windmill Road, Oxford southwards to include the full length of the road to its junction with Old Road as advertised.

Signed.....  
Cabinet Member for Environment

Date of signing.....

**12/17 PROPOSED ADDITIONAL CAR CLUB BAYS, OXFORD**

(Agenda No. 6)

As part of the joint Oxfordshire County Council/Oxford City Council ‘Go Ultra Low Oxford’ project (a government funded project to trial electric car charging technologies on street) a number of existing Car Club bays are being converted for use as electric vehicles. To compensate for this it has been agreed as part of the

project to provide alternative Car Club bays for the displaced petrol/diesel vehicles. Following the reporting of proposals to the Cabinet Member Decisions meetings on 3 April and 25 May 2017, proposals for a further four bays were put forward, in part in response to objections received in respect of previous proposals. The location of these new and alternative bays in various streets in Oxford were the subject of further consultation and the Cabinet Member for Environment now considered the proposals in the light of comments received to that consultation.

Referring to the proposals for Leckford Road Councillor Howson was pleased to see more favourable comments for re-siting to the eastern end as he had suggested. That had gone some way to addressing objections received to the original siting at the western end and he supported the proposals.

Having regard to the arguments and options set out in the report and the representation made to her at the meeting the Cabinet Member for Environment confirmed her decision as follows;

to approve implementation of the proposals as set out in the report CMDE6.

Signed.....  
Cabinet Member for Environment

Date of signing.....

## **13/17 PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS - BRASHFIELD ROAD AND GRANVILLE WAY, BICESTER**

(Agenda No. 7)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered objections and other comments received in the course of a statutory consultation on proposals to introduce new waiting restrictions on Brashfield Road and Granville Way, Bicester to meet concerns over the obstruction of traffic and road safety as a result of on-street waiting at a number of locations within the town which had been raised by local members and the Bicester Traffic Advisory Committee

Officers also reported correspondence from Mr Pickett, a resident of Brashfield Road which had been addressed as part of the proposals.

Councillor Stratford referred to extreme problems for residents in Bicester due to displaced parking. A successful parking review last year would be implemented in the autumn but there needed to be a stopping point and with these proposals he felt officers had got it about right. The situation would, however, continue to be reviewed in the light of further improvements to transport infrastructure and a programmed town wide review on speed restrictions. Cherwell district council continued to resist taking on civil enforcement but their recent announcement to contribute to monitoring of bad parking although split between the district area would help. He was mindful that some residents of Brashfield Road were not happy but bearing in mind the pressures facing Bicester from continued expansion he felt, overall, that these

proposals represented a good first step and that the situation for residents was improving.

Will Pedley confirmed that the proposals would be reviewed after 6 months.

The Cabinet Member recognised the problems facing Bicester but felt the steps currently being taken were a good first step to improving the situation for residents. She welcomed the decision by Cherwell district council to contribute towards the cost of a police community support officer which would she felt help influence people’s minds with regard to inconsiderate parking. Therefore having regard to the arguments and options set out in the report and the representations made at the meeting she confirmed her decision as follows:

to approve the implementation of the proposals as advertised and described in the report.CMDE7.

Signed.....  
Cabinet Member for Environment

Date of signing.....

**14/17 PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS - KING JAMES WAY, HENLEY**  
(Agenda No. 8)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered CMDE8 responses received in the course of a statutory consultation for the introduction of waiting restrictions on King James Way at Henley in conjunction with development on the east side of King James Way. The restriction would be a charge on that development.

The Cabinet Member noted the support from the local member Councillor Stefan Gawrysiak although he also supported the views of the Henley Town Council who were calling for restrictions on the opposite side as well. Mindful that this could have been an oversight it could not be a charge on the development although the town council could finance such an addition which officers confirmed would be a modest charge if the work was done in conjunction with other works.

The proposal would be monitored once the development was active.

Having regard to the arguments and options 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 the proposals for the introduction of waiting restrictions on King James Way at Henley as advertised but that the situation be monitored regarding provision of double yellow lines on King James Way opposite the as yet unnamed access road into the development on the east side once the new development had become active.

Signed.....  
Cabinet Member for Environment

Date of signing.....

**15/17 PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS - A4130 HIGH STREET AND B481 WATLINGTON ROAD NETTLEBED**  
(Agenda No. 9)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered CMDE9 responses received in the course of a statutory consultation for their introduction waiting restrictions on the A4130 High Street and B481 Watlington Road at Nettlebed. The Nettlebed Parish Council had requested introduction of the restrictions undertaking to meet the full costs of the scheme

The Cabinet Member for Environment noted the objections received but the request had come from the parish council and she had to respect their desire to improve the situation in the village. Therefore having regard to the arguments and options as set out in the report before her she confirmed her decision as follows:

to approve introduction of waiting restrictions on the A4130 High Street and B481 Watlington Road at Nettlebed as advertised.

Signed.....  
Cabinet Member for Environment

Date of signing.....

**16/17 PROPOSED EXTENSION OF 50MPH SPEED LIMIT AND PROHIBITION OF U-TURNS AT NEW SIGNALLED JUNCTION - A4075 SANDFORD-ON-THAMES BYPASS**  
(Agenda No. 10)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered CMDE10 responses received in the course of a statutory consultation to extend a 50mph speed limit on the A4074 Sandford-on-Thames bypass to include a new signalled junction. The proposal has been promoted due to development on the east side of the bypass. The proposal also prohibits the making of U turns on both the A4074 approaches to the junction. The full costs of the scheme will be met by the developers.

Mr Kirkwood confirmed that the prohibition of u turns near roundabouts although not a requirement was standard practice and that the concerns expressed by the parish council had been met.

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

to approve the proposals as advertised.

Signed.....  
Cabinet Member for Environment

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**17/17 PROPOSED 20MPH SPEED LIMIT - KIDMORE END**

(Agenda No. 11)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered CMDE11 responses received in the course of a statutory consultation for the introduction of a 20mph speed limit on roads within the village of Kidmore End as requested by the Parish Council who had undertaken to meet the full costs of the scheme.

Noting that the proposal reflected a considered move in the village and the high level of support which it had received the Cabinet Member having regard to the arguments and options in the report confirmed her decision as follows:

to approve the proposals as advertised.

Signed.....  
Cabinet Member for Environment

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**18/17 PROPOSED ZEBRA CROSSING AND AMENDED WAITING RESTRICTIONS, THE BROADWAY, DIDCOT**

(Agenda No. 12)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered CMDE12 responses received in the course of a statutory consultation to provide, in conjunction with the redevelopment of the adjacent Orchard Centre and the associated closure of High Street to the north of The Broadway a new zebra crossing and amended waiting restrictions in The Broadway in the vicinity of its junction with High Street.

Referring to the objection from Didcot Town Council regarding loss of parking Mr Kirkwood pointed out that there was generous 1 hour parking further to the east and that on balance officers considered the loss of parking was offset by increased amenity and safety for pedestrians.

Responding to the Cabinet Member he undertook to consult the design team and developers to see if there was any scope to truncate the zig zag lines at the proposed crossing.

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

to approve the proposals as advertised and officers be asked to liaise with developers to ascertain if there were any scope to truncate the zig zag lines provided in connection with the crossing in order to address concerns expressed during the consultation by the Didcot Town Council regarding loss of parking.

Signed.....  
Cabinet Member for Environment

Date of signing.....

**19/17 PROPOSED ZEBRA CROSSING AND TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES - B4017 ABINGDON ROAD, DRAYTON**

(Agenda No. 13)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered CMDE13 responses received in the course of a statutory consultation to provide a new zebra crossing and traffic calming measures on the B4017 Abingdon Road at Drayton proposed in conjunction with a new residential development on the east side of the B4017 Abingdon Road at Drayton.

County Councillor Richard Webber had indicated his support for the proposals.

Mr Kirkwood confirmed that although there seemed to be some opposition to the development itself the proposals for the traffic measures had received wide support.

The Cabinet Member for Environment was aware of the development and of the prevailing local views. However she agreed that the measures, particularly the crossing were necessary and having regard to the arguments and options set out in the report and the representations received at the meeting confirmed her decision as follows:

to approve the proposals to provide a new zebra crossing and traffic calming measures on the B4017 Abingdon Road at Drayton as advertised.

Signed.....  
Cabinet Member for Environment

Date of signing.....



**20/17 PROPOSED 40MPH SPEED LIMIT - SUTTON COURTENAY ROAD/MILTON ROAD**

(Agenda No. 14)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered CMDE14 responses received in the course of a statutory consultation to introduce a 40mph speed limit on the Sutton Courtenay Road and Milton Road linking Sutton Courtenay and Didcot.

County Councillor Richard Webber had indicated his support for the proposals.

Presenting the report referred to the

Referring to the suggestion by Thames Valley Police that other options needed to be explored for this route the Cabinet Member asked if there were any that merited consideration.

Marie Kanayan confirmed that other alternatives had been considered but officers were of the view that these were not viable and the proposal as put forward represented the best option.

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

to approve a 40mph speed limit on the Sutton Courtenay Road and Milton Road linking Sutton Courtenay and Didcot as advertised and noting that other options to achieve a safer cycle environment as suggested by Thames Valley Police had been looked at but were not considered viable.

Signed.....  
Cabinet Member for Environment

Date of signing.....

**21/17 PROPOSED REVISED SPEED LIMITS AND TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES - GROVE ROAD AND ADJACENT ROADS, HARWELL**

(Agenda No. 15)

In conjunction with a major new residential development to the north of Grove Road at Harwell the Cabinet Member for Environment considered CMDE15 responses received in the course of a statutory consultation for the introduction of the following measures:

- a new 40mph speed limit on Grove Road at Harwell between its junction with the A4130 and a new junction giving access to residential development on the north side of Grove Road;
- a new 20mph speed limit eastwards from the 40mph speed limit to meet the B4493 - with the 20mph speed limit also including the other residential roads

to the west of the B4493 in the vicinity of the new development (replacing the current 30mph speed limit on these roads) and provide revised traffic calming measures on Grove Road in the vicinity of the new access.

Noting the objection lodged by Thames Valley Police with regard to the proposals for Grove Road Mr Kirkwood acknowledged the enforcement burden placed on police resources but confirmed that officers considered the proposal to be consistent with Department for Transport guidelines.

The Cabinet Member confirmed her knowledge of this stretch of road and having regard to the arguments and options set out in the report and the representations made at the meeting and her decision as follows:

to approve the proposals as advertised.

Signed.....  
Cabinet Member for Environment

Date of signing.....

**22/17 PROPOSED RELOCATION OF ROAD HUMP - SPAREACRE LANE, EYNSHAM**  
(Agenda No. 16)

As part of works to create a new access to a residential development on the north side of Spareacre Lane the developers had proposed the removal of an existing road hump at the eastern end of Spareacre Lane - originally constructed in 1993 - and reconstruction of a new road hump to the same specification approximately 15 metres to the west. The Cabinet Member for Environment considered CMDE16 responses received in the course of a statutory consultation on the proposal.

Mr Kirkwood confirmed that in order to try and meet some of the concerns expressed by a resident of the adjacent house who had objected the new structure had been moved by one meter. However he was still unhappy with the proposal although officers felt the siting presented no real difficulties.

Having regard to the arguments and options 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 the proposals as advertised noting that an adjustment to the scheme had been agreed to try to meet the objector's concerns and that had been communicated to him.

Signed.....  
Cabinet Member for Environment

Date of signing.....

**23/17 PROPOSED PUFFIN CROSSING THORNEY LEYS, WITNEY**  
(Agenda No. 17)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered CMDE17 responses received in the course of a statutory consultation following development on the east side of the A4095 Curbridge Road, Witney, for the installation of a puffin crossing (a signalled crossing for pedestrians) on Thorney Leys just to the east of its roundabout junction with the A4095 Curbridge Road. The full costs of the scheme were to be met by the developers.

County Councillor Ted Fenton noted the objections but on balance felt there would be an improvement and supported the recommendation.

Mr Kirkwood appreciated some of the concerns expressed during the consultation that the crossing was on the wrong side but the development itself was on the south east side and as the crossing was being provided to meet the needs associated with that development it would be unreasonable to expect the developers to provide another crossing or consider re-siting. Furthermore as a split crossing it would be reasonable to expect traffic delays would be kept to a minimum and that similar crossings elsewhere had good levels of safety. The facility would also be kept under review in the context of further development in the area

The Cabinet Member was mindful that the development referred to was for the elderly and would be expected to be of great benefit to them. Therefore, having regard to the arguments and options set out in the report and the representations made to her at the meeting she confirmed her decision as follows:

to approve the proposal as advertised.

Signed.....  
Cabinet Member for Environment

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