



## **DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL - 21 MARCH 2013**

### **ADDENDA**

#### **3. Petitions and Public Address**

##### *Petitions*

2 petitions are to be presented:

##### *Crossing on Morrell Avenue*

On behalf of the residents of Morrell Avenue by City Councillor Bev Clack and Jemila Azad in the following terms:

We are making this representation on behalf of the residents of Morrell Avenue and other nearby streets.

We understand that the County Council is considering changing the resident parking and other related road issues in this area.

As part of this review, we would ask you to consider placing a pedestrian crossing on Morrell Avenue, given its proximity to a primary school, a secondary school, the Hub, a children's primary and a nursery. There are not sufficient crossing in this area. That Morrell Avenue is on a hill only exacerbates the speed of traffic and the problems pedestrians face from speeding motorists. The residents of this area include elderly people and families with small children and crossing between the streets of east Oxford and the park is an extremely hazardous experience for many.

Over the last few months we have been taking soundings from residents on this issue and are presenting to you a petition from concerned residents, which asks for a crossing as a matter of urgency.

##### *Reducing speeding in roads near Cutteslowe Primary School*

By Councillor Jean Fooks, Megan Haggerty, Lorraine Santos for measures to reduce speeding in the roads near Cutteslowe Primary School.



residents drives.

- Yellow lines have been added at the western end of Harefields on both sides of the road towards the junction with the Banbury Road and these lines extend so far down that they remove 4 of the 7 spaces that are actually available for use at this end of the road. Yellow lines on the south side of Harefields to the junction with Riddell Place and a little way on the north side (to the entrance of the substation) is all that is required to stop any obstruction. Where are residents supposed to park if they need to leave their driveway clear for building work, access to drainage (in the middle of my driveway), leaving out bulky waste for collection etc.?
- Nobody that I have canvassed, who lives in this area, appears to agree with the need for weekend restrictions and would prefer Monday to Friday only.
- It is noted that some of the unresolved objections have not been included in Annex 4 against Harefields or have our objections just been discounted - reasons why would be much appreciated.
- The residents in some areas of Templar Road managed to get the proposed restrictions removed - why couldn't the residents of Harefields have been given the same opportunity or the proposals have differed in our area?

I hope that the lack of adequate consultation (both the lack of notification of meetings and also non-distribution of revised plans) and the misleading indication that there is plenty of 2 hour parking available down my road will be given due consideration before this CPZ is given any necessary approval.

## **5. Proposed Residents Parking Scheme - Elms Road, Botley**

### *Additional Representation*

County Councillor Janet Godden (North Hinksey and Wytham)

I have supported this scheme from the outset, and it has been in the pipeline for many years. The reason for the scheme is that Elms Road is a very short, narrow cul-de-sac with a primary school and children's centre down most of one side and Botley Medical Centre (busy!) at the top. Most of the side not occupied by the school is formed of rows of small terraced houses with no off-street parking (narrow pavement, narrow houses and no front gardens to speak of). The road gets very congested, to the concern of the medical centre which sometimes has vehicles in a hurry, and the dangers of small children not being seen by manoeuvring cars.

The school does all it can to discourage parents from bringing cars into Elms Road, and as usual this works patchily for a time and then there are relapses. Botley School is moving to two-form reception entry to help overcome the shortage of primary school places in the City, and these extra children are brought and collected by taxis, who arrive and leave en bloc at 8.30 and 3.15. This makes matters worse. All children on foot and their parents have to cross Elms Road itself - the school backs onto the A34 to the east, hence it follows that all the pupils come from the west side.

The situation is made worse by all-day commuter parking and - if they can find a space - by residents of nearby flats.

To help cut down on officer time I carried out the first informal residents' consultation myself (with information given to me by David Tole). I can confirm - although I knew in the first place - that this is a much needed small scheme.

## **6. Ardley – Proposed Pedestrian Crossing and Associated Enhancements**

### *Additional Representations*

County Councillor Mrs C Fulljames (Ploughley)

You are looking at a report for a Pelican crossing at Ardley on Thursday. Item 6. I regret I am unable to attend to speak due to a long standing arrangement.

I did bring the matter of this crossing to the Chief Executive and Director of Environment and Economy Department. This was as a result of the Public Inquiry for the incinerator, £15,000 had been allocated for the crossing. This amount was totally inadequate, therefore the crossing looked as if it would not be implemented.

This crossing is so necessary with the heavy traffic route to the incinerator via Ardley on the B430. There are many families who cross this busy road four times daily to catch school buses.

I would wish to thank all the Officers for their contribution to this report, particularly Mr Howard Cox

I fully support the recommendation for approval. I would, on behalf of people in Ardley, appreciate your endorsement of that recommendation.

## **8. Proposed Permanent Closure to Motor Vehicles of Tollgate Cottage Road at the Junction with the A361 at Williamscott**

### *Additional Representation*

County Councillor George Reynolds (Wroxton) - supports the proposal.

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18 March 2013

Dear Mr Tole

**Deputy Leader of the Council 21 March 2013 – Proposed Residents Parking Scheme Cutteslowe Area, Oxford**

I write on behalf of Summertown Stars football club which is a substantial user of Cutteslowe Park and which is affected by the above proposals.

We submitted our comments on the above proposals in our letter to you of 6 March.

You sent us your report following the consultation and which we understand is the proposed basis for the decision on the scheme by the Deputy Leader on Thursday 21 March.

We have taken legal advice and we understand that the Deputy Leader can not lawfully take the decision on the scheme at this time for two reasons:

- Your report does not incorporate any of our comments on the scheme – it is therefore incomplete
- There has not been proper consultation on Option C - it was not included in the original proposal published on 7 February and in particular has not been subject to a 21 day consultation period.

We are therefore asking that the decision be adjourned to a later date pending: a) a 21 day consultation period on option C and b) the preparation of a report which incorporates our comments.

Since one of our areas of concern is the capacity of the Harbord Road car park, we intend to carry out a survey this weekend to explore the level of car parking in the car park and in neighbouring roads and will forward this to you when complete.

I would be grateful if you could confirm by close of play on Tuesday 19 March that the proposed decision on 21 March will be adjourned.

Yours sincerely

**Roger Parry**  
**Vice Chair**

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