

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

**MINUTES** of the meeting held on Monday, 3 April 2017 commencing at 10.00 am and finishing at 10.27 am

**Present:**

**Voting Members:** Councillor David Nimmo Smith – in the Chair

**Other Members in Attendance:** Councillor Jamila Azad (for Agenda Item 2)

**Officers:**

Whole of meeting Graham Warrington (Law & Governance); Director for Infrastructure Delivery & David Tole.

*The Cabinet Member for Environment considered the matters, reports and recommendations contained or referred to in the agenda for the meeting, together with a schedule of addenda tabled at the meeting and decided as set out below. Except as insofar as otherwise specified, the reasons for the decisions are contained in the agenda, reports and schedule, copies of which are attached to the signed Minutes.*

### 14/17 QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

(Agenda No. 2)

*Councillor Jamila Azad*

" Four years ago I submitted a petition signed by four hundred people which stated that a crossing was needed on Morrell Avenue. There are 250 houses on this Road with very heavy traffic coming from Headington and Cowley Road. There is also a steep hill coming down with cyclists, taxis, cars, lorries and bikes travelling very fast and, with a Secondary School, Primary School, Nursery, Youth Centre and Children's Centre, it is dangerous for parents, children and elderly to cross this Road. I have put this to our locality meeting a number of times but it has been ignored. I have also sent a few emails to Councillor Nimmo Smith but no answer".

*Cabinet Member for Environment*

"Thank you for raising this matter which I understand was raised with my predecessor in 2013.

Whilst the demand for a crossing may remain unchanged, so I am afraid is the answer. For facilities such as this we are reliant on funds arising from developments (S106 monies) and the officers tell me that no such funding currently exists that could be used to install a crossing on Morrell Avenue.

With regard to speeding I have asked officers to look at whether any low-cost measures can be introduced to make drivers more aware of the speed limit, and also to discuss with Thames Valley Police whether additional enforcement can be undertaken particularly at times when children are crossing to/from school.

For your information there have been no reported pedestrian accidents on Morrell Avenue since 2012.”

*Councillor Azad*

“Thank you for your response and acknowledgement of need. Accepting the current position regarding a lack of available funding will you continue to review the position regarding provision of a crossing and the issues of speed whenever possible?”

*Cabinet Member for Environment*

“Yes”

## **15/17 PROPOSED ULEV CHARGING POINT BAYS - VARIOUS LOCATIONS, OXFORD**

(Agenda No. 4)

Go Ultra Low Oxford is a government funded project run by the County and City Councils to trial electric car charging technologies on streets where off-street parking is unavailable. The project is seeking to install chargers on streets as close as possible to where trial volunteers live and where there is a readily-available electricity supply. That ensures that ULEVs can access these charging points.

The proposal is to create 15 new ‘electric car charging bays’ which will be open to anyone during the day to use for charging an electric car for up to 3 hours. For those bays that are in CPZs there would be a requirement for vehicles parked overnight to display a Permit for the Zone and at all times a vehicle using a charging bay will have to be plugged in to the charging point.

In considering (CMDE4) the responses received in the course of a statutory consultation on the introduction of the scheme the Cabinet Member for Environment welcomed the proposal which he saw as a worthwhile scheme and if successful would present an opportunity to extend the provision of more sustainable transport options. Therefore having regard to the arguments and options set out in the report before him he confirmed his decision as follows to:

- (a) welcome the initiative to introduce on-street charging points for Ultra Low Electric Vehicles and associated parking places;

- (b) approve the proposals as advertised in Vicarage Close;
- (c) not approve the advertised proposal for Bainton Road and request officers to consider an alternative location

Signed .....  
 Cabinet Member for Environment

Date of signing.....

**16/17 PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT CHANGE - B4017 ABINGDON ROAD, DRAYTON**  
 (Agenda No. 5)

An extension of the 30mph speed limit on B4017 Abingdon Road had been proposed by developers as part of works to create a new access for a residential development along that length of road. The consultation on that proposal had been carried out in September and October 2016, and the responses reported to the Cabinet Member Decisions meeting on 12 January. However, following representations from the Parish Council the Cabinet Member authorised further consultation on a revised proposal to replace the existing 50mph speed limit between Abingdon and Drayton with a 40mph speed limit.

The cabinet Member for Environment now considered (CMDE5) responses received in the course of a statutory consultation on those amended proposals.

Recognising the concerns expressed by Thames Valley Police the Cbinet Member nevertheless considered that the proposed limit would encourage drivers to slow down and it represented a good compromise. Therefore having regard to the arguments and options set out in the report before him he confirmed his decision as follows:

to approve proposals to replace the existing 50mph speed limit between Abingdon and Drayton with a 40mph speed limit, with no changes being made to the 30mph speed limits as advertised.

Signed.....  
 Cabinet Member for Environment

Date of signing.....

**17/17 PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT CHANGE - COXWELL ROAD, FARINGDON**

..... (Agenda No. 6)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered (CMDE6) responses received in the course of a statutory consultation on a proposal for an extension of the 30mph speed limit on Coxwell Road, Faringdon which had been proposed by developers as part of works to create a new access for a residential development.

Mr Tole highlighted that although there had been objections relating to compliance with the limit and cost effectiveness of making piecemeal changes the proposal was in accord with Department for Transport guidelines on setting speed limits and had been promoted in response to and funded by a specific development.

Noting the support of the local member and having regard to the arguments and options set out in the report before him the Cabinet Member confirmed his decision as follows:

to approve the proposals for an extension of the 30mph speed limit on Coxwell Road, Faringdon as advertised.

Signed.....  
Cabinet Member for Environment

Date of signing.....

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