

TRANSPORT DECISIONS COMMITTEE

– 6 SEPTEMBER 2007

ADDENDA

Item

4. Petitions and Public Address

The Chairman has agreed the following requests to address the meeting:

Item	Speaker
6. Use of Bus Lanes by Private Hire Vehicles	Richard Barlow (ODPHA)
7. London Road Corridor Improvements – Progress and Consultation on Design	Patrick Coulter (Highfield Residents Association) Alex Cochrane (West Waddy ADP) and the Deputy Vice Chancellor for Oxford Brookes County Councillor Roz Smith (Local Member) County Councillor John Sanders (Local Member)
8. Implementation of Bus Stop Clearways on Premium Bus Route - Barton	County Councillor Roz Smith (Local Member)
11. Proposed Amendments to waiting Restrictions – Church Road and High Street, Wheatley	Mrs Georgina Glenny (Representing some residents of Church Road) County Councillor Anne Purse (Local Member)
12. A415 Newbridge River Thames Crossing	Colonel Terry Kirkpatrick (Standlake and Northmoor Parish Councils) West Oxfordshire District Councillor Brenda Smith County Councillor John Sanders

6. Use of Bus Lanes by Private Hire Vehicles

Supplementary information submitted by the Oxford and District Private Hire Association is attached

Councillor Jean Fooks has submitted the following comments:

As the city portfolio holder concerned, I have considered this issue carefully. I have a number of comments:

- 1) present regulations allow use of bus lanes by taxis registered outside the city, which are mostly saloon cars. So the argument that use of bus lanes by phvs would encourage abuse by private cars does not seem very strong.
- 2) I can see the concerns raised by passengers that they are disadvantaged when using phvs, when they sit in the traffic jam and see taxis passing them in the bus lane.
- 3) Cyclox raise concerns about cyclists – I am already very unhappy that it is considered adequate provision for cyclists to allow them to share bus lanes with buses, which are wide enough to fill the bus lane and are very large and can be intimidating.

I agree that survey work should be done before a decision is made, but ask that the use of bus lanes by cyclists be reviewed, with a view to requiring proper separate cycle lanes rather than suggest they use bus lanes. Particularly for children, whom we want to encourage to cycle to school, sharing a bus lane with buses, let alone taxis and possibly phvs, is a very unsatisfactory situation. Please can the Committee add this as an additional recommendation.

9. Disabled Persons' Parking Places

Councillor Jean Fooks has submitted the following comments:

The responsibility for providing and removing Disabled Persons' Parking spaces in Oxford passed from the City Council to the County Council with the cessation of the agency in November 2001. At that time there was a backlog of applications for DPPP's as well as a number of requests for removal of DPPP's no longer required.

Although the County Council promised to clear the backlog, after a motion in Council in November 2004, it has taken much longer than promised, which was anyway far too long after the County assumed the responsibility.

I very much welcome the report which at long last provides DPPP's where they have been needed for many years, and the replacement of redundant spaces with extra residents' parking spaces, also much needed.

Can the Committee please confirm the timetable for new applications for DPPP's; we were promised a six-monthly review process, to reduce the time people had to wait before their application was considered.

12. A415 Newbridge River Thames Crossing

Colonel Terry Kirkpatrick has submitted an objection on behalf of Standlake and Northmoor Parish Councils (copy attached)

Councillor Charles Mathew has submitted the following comments:

I am concerned as the local Councillor that this agenda item and its recommendations should not be accepted for the following reasons:

A) Since the meeting at Standlake Village Hall in October 2006 when promises were given that local opinion and considerations would figure prominently in the deliberations over the future of Newbridge, the Parish Council was visited by Roger O'Neill and a representative of Jacobs Babbie some two months ago and among other things, was told that no decisions had been made and that further deliberation would take place as well as a Public Enquiry sometime earlyish in the New Year 2008 if a decision needs to be taken to build a new bridge. I would also refer you to recommendation c) of CDMT1 6 October 2006, which was approved- 'instruct officers to take into account the need to not attract additional traffic onto the A415 when evaluating options for the new river crossing at Newbridge.'

B) I understand that no monitoring, as has been consistently over the last year promised on the structure of the bridge, has taken place and indeed it is only very recently that English Heritage has been approached to agree what form this monitoring will take.

C) I believe that the curtilage of the existing bridge, a Historic Monument under the control of English Heritage, will require to be protected and it could be premature to proceed with the siting of a new bridge prior to obtaining agreement by English Heritage on that siting. It is said this could involve the new bridge to be sited at least a kilometre away or out of sight of the existing bridge.

I would therefore ask that before a decision is taken to proceed as recommended, these matters are satisfactorily resolved.

Richard

**1) BE POSSIBLE TO COMMENCE 1 OCTOBER 2007
AND AFTER 6 MONTHS SURVEY THE SITUATION**

**2) LETTERS OF SUPPORT WERE NOT INCLUDED ON
THE AGENDA ALSO COUNCIL BUS LANE SURVEY
AUGUST 2007**

*Nobody knew them
had to report direct to
Council!*

3) OR DEFER THE MEETING TO 4 OCTOBER 2007

*From the
Leader's
Desk*

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Date: 3 August, 1999

Dear Mr Green

Use of Bus Lanes by Private Hire Vehicles

Thank you for copying to me your letter of 27 July 1999 to Mr Jarman.

My personal view of taxis and private hire vehicles is that they are an important and very valuable form of public transport. Indeed, for those of us who value privacy and the ability to select one's travelling companions, they are an essential part of the public transport system. I am therefore disappointed that you are experiencing such difficulty in accessing lanes restricted to public transport vehicles.

I will personally be supporting your campaign for that right of access and will be urging my colleagues in the Conservative Group to do likewise.

Yours ever

Keith R Mitchell

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19 Sep. 2006 04:03PM P2

Mr S Howell
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19 September 2006
Our ref. JC /E156.06

Dear Mr Howell

Bus Lanes in Oxford

I understand that Tony Green from the Oxford and District Private Hire Association has written to you regarding the use of the bus lanes in Oxford by licensed Private Hire Vehicles.

This office has been of the opinion for a number of years that Private Hire Vehicles that are licensed by Oxford City Council should be allowed to use bus lane when they have customers who want to go in or out of the City centre. As the legislation stands the City's licensed Private Hire Vehicles cannot use the lanes but a licensed Hackney Carriage from another district, for example one licensed in Liverpool who could be in Oxford for a personal visit and not working, can use the bus lanes as the legislation stands.

One of the arguments used in the past for not allowing Private Hire Vehicles to use the lanes is that as they are predominately saloon cars and it could encourage other drivers to use the bus lanes if they saw similar vehicles use them. As the majority of Hackney Carriages licensed by the other four districts in the County are saloon cars this argument has never stood up.

It should be acknowledged that licensed Private Hire Vehicles are an important part of the transport system of Oxford as much as the licensed Hackney Carriages. When both authorities are trying to reduce the volume of traffic in the City centre this office is of the opinion that allowing Private Hire Vehicles to use the bus lanes would help to achieve that aim.

I understand the legislation and the difficulty with the signs and wording for the signs, but if the County Council are not prepared to allow Private Hire Vehicles in the bus lanes could it allow only wheelchair accessible Hackney Carriages in the bus lanes. They are of the London cab type of vehicle and are easily recognisable to the general public and cannot be confused with a saloon type Hackney Carriage. All the Hackney Carriages licensed by Oxford City Council are wheelchair accessible.

Yours sincerely

J Cramer
Authorised Officer



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Our Ref: EOT/GREE04005/04070921

12 March 2007

Dear Mr Green

Many thanks for the letter and enclosures.

Like you, I am at a loss to understand what the continuing obstacle to the use of bus lanes by private hire vehicles is, and have written to Richard Dudding, the Director for Environment and Economy, at the County Council, taking the issue up.

I will be sure to let you know as soon as I receive a reply.

Yours sincerely

Rt Hon Andrew Smith MP

TRANSPORT ACT, 1980.

SECTION 64.

ROOF-SIGNS ON VEHICLES OTHER THAN TAXIS.

(1) There shall not, in any part of England and Wales outside the Metropolitan Police District and the City of London, be displayed on or above the roof of any vehicle which is used for carrying passengers for hire or reward but which is not a Taxi -

(a) any sign which consists of or includes the word 'Taxi' or 'cab', whether in the singular or plural, or 'hire' or any word of similar meaning or appearance to any of those words, whether alone or as part of another word; or

(b) Any sign, notice, mark, illumination or other feature which may suggest that the vehicle is a Taxi.

(2) Any person who knowingly -

(a) Drives a vehicle in respect of which Subsection (1) is contravened; or

(b) Causes or permits that Subsection to be contravened in respect of any vehicle, shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding Level 3 on the standard scale.

(3) In this Section 'Taxi' means a vehicle licensed under Section 37 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847, Section 6 of the Metropolitan Public Carriage Act 1869 or any similar local enactment.

SECTION 64 NOTES.

The deciding factor is, does the sign suggest, that the vehicle is a Taxi?

COUNCIL BUS LANE SURVEY AUGUST 2007

COUNCIL	TAXI	P/H	NO BUS LANES	NOTES
ABERDEEN	yes	no		
ABERDEENSHIRE			√	
ADUR			√	
ALLERDALE			√	
ALNWICK			√	
AMBER VALLEY	no	no		
ANGUS	no	no		
ARGYLE & BUTE	no	no		
ARUN			√	
ASHFIELD			√	
ASHFORD	yes	no		
AYLESBURY VALE	yes	no		
BABERGH	yes	no		
BADENOCH & STRATHSPEY			√	
BARNSLEY	no	no		
BARROW IN FURNESS	no	no		
BASILDON	no	no		
BASINGSTOKE & DENE	yes	yes		
BASSETLAW			√	
BATH & N.E.SOMERSET	yes	yes		
BEDFORD	yes	no		
BERWICK ON TWEED			√	
BIRMINGHAM	yes	yes		
BLABY			√	
BLACKBURN	yes	no		
BLACKPOOL	yes	no		
BLAENAU GWENT			√	
BLYTH VALLEY			√	
BOLSOVER			√	
BOLTON	yes	no		
BOSTON			√	
BOURNEMOUTH	yes	yes		signage required
BRACKNELL FOREST	no	no		
BRADFORD	yes	no		
BRAINTREE	no	no		
BRECKLAND			√	
BRENTWOOD			√	
BRIDGEND	yes	no		
BRIGHTON & HOVE	yes	yes		
BRIGNORTH				
BRISTOL, CITY OF UA	yes	yes		
BROADLAND	*	yes		*no taxis only PH
BROMSGROVE			√	
BROXBORNE			√	
BROXTOWE	no	no		
BURNLEY	no	no		
BURY	no	no		
BURY ST EDMUNDS	no	no		
CAERPHILLY	no	no		
CAITHNESS (Highlands)			√	
CALDERDALE	yes	no		
CAMBRIDGE	yes	yes		
CANNOCK CHASE	no	no		
CANTERBURY	yes	no		
CARADON			√	
CARDIFF	yes	no		
CARLISLE	yes	no		
CARMARTHENSHIRE	no	no		
CARRICK	no	no		
CASTLE MORPETH			√	
CASTLE POINT	no	no		

COUNCIL	TAXI	P/H	NO BUS LANES	NOTES
CEREDIGION			√	
CHARNWOOD	no	no		
CHELMSFORD	yes	no		
CHELTENHAM	yes	yes		
CHERWELL	yes	no		
CHESTER	yes	no		
CHESTERFIELD	yes	no		
CHESTER-LE-STREET	no	no		
CHICHESTER	no	no		
CHILTERN			√	
CHORLEY			√	
CHRISTCHURCH	no	no		
CLACKMANNAN	no	no		
CLYDEBANK (WEST DUNBARTON)			√	
CLYDESDALE (SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL)	yes	no		
COLCHESTER	yes	yes		
CONGLETON	yes	no		
CONWY			√	
COPELAND			√	
CORBY			√	
COTSWOLD			√	
COUNTY OF HEREFORD			√	
COVENTRY	yes	yes		
CRAVEN			√	
CRAWLEY	no	no		
CREWE & NANTWICH			√	
DACORUM	no	no		
DARLINGTON	*yes	no		* on 2 lanes only
DARTFORD	yes	no		
DAVENTRY			√	
DENBIGHSHIRE			√	
DERBY	yes	no		
DERBYSHIRE DALES			√	
DERWENTSIDE			√	
DONCASTER	yes	no		
DOVER			√	
DUDLEY	yes	no		
DUMBARTON			√	
DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY	no	no		
DUNDEE	yes	yes		
DURHAM	no	no		
EASINGTON			√	
EAST AYRSHIRE			√	
EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE			√	
EAST DEVON			√	
EAST DORSET			√	
EAST DUNBARTONSHIRE			√	
EAST HAMPSHIRE			√	
EAST HERTS	yes	no		
EAST KILBRIDE	yes	no		
EAST LINDSEY	yes	yes		
EAST LoTHIAN	yes	no		
EAST NORTHANTS			√	
EAST RENFREW	yes	yes		
EAST RIDING			√	
EAST STAFFORDSHIRE	no	no		
EASTBOURNE	no	no		
EASTLEIGH			√	
EDEN			√	
EDINBURGH	yes	no		
ELLESMERE PORT			√	
ELMBRIDGE	yes	no		
EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL			√	
EPSOM & EWELL	*yes	*yes		*if sign stating

COUNCIL	TAXI	P/H	NO BUS LANES	NOTES
EREWASH	no	no		
EXETER	*yes	*yes		*sticker display
FALKIRK	yes	yes		
FAREHAM	no	no		
FENLAND			√	
FIFE	no	no		
FLINTSHIRE			√	
FOREST HEATH			√	
FOREST OF DEAN			√	
FYLDE			√	
GATESHEAD	yes	yes		
GEDLING	yes	no		
GLASGOW	yes	yes		
GLOUCESTER	yes	yes		
GOSPORT			√	
GRAVESHAM	yes	yes		
GREAT YARMOUTH	yes	yes		
GUERNSEY			√	
GUILDFORD	yes	no		
GWYNEDD			√	
HALTON	yes	yes		
HAMBLETON			√	
HAMILTON	yes	no		
HARBOROUGH			√	
HARLOW	yes	no		
HARROGATE			√	
HART			√	
HARTLEPOOL	yes	no		
HASTINGS	yes	yes		
HAVANT	no	no		
HERTSMERE			√	
HIGH PEAK			√	
HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH	no	no		
HORSHAM	no	no		
HUNTINGDONSHIRE	no	no		
HYNDBURN	no	no		
INVERCLYDE			√	
INVERNESS (Highlands)			√	
IPSWICH	yes	no		
ISLE OF MAN			√	
ISLE OF WIGHT	yes	yes		
JERSEY	no	no		
KENNET			√	
KERRIER			√	
KETTERING	yes	no		
KINGS LYNN & W. NORFOLK			√	
KINGSTON-UPON-HULL	yes	yes		
KIRKLEES	yes	yes		
KNOWSLEY	yes	*no		*trial underway
LANCASTER	no	no		
LEEDS	no	no		
LEICESTER	yes	no		
LEWES	yes	yes		
LICHFIELD			√	
LINCOLN	no	no		
LIVERPOOL	yes	no		
LOCHABER (Highland)			√	
LONDON	yes	no		
LUTON	yes	no		
LUTON (AIRPORT)	yes	no		
MACCLESFIELD			√	
MAIDSTONE	yes	no		
MALDON DISTRICT COUNCIL			√	
MALVERN HILLS	no	no		

COUNCIL	TAXI	P/H	NO BUS LANES	NOTES
MANCHESTER	yes	no		
MANSFIELD	no	no		
MEDWAY	yes	yes		
MELTON			√	
MENDIP			√	
MERTHYR TYDFIL			√	
MID BEDFORDSHIRE			√	
MID DEVON			√	
MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL			√	
MID SUSSEX			√	
MIDDLESBROUGH	yes	no		
MIDLOTHIAN	yes	no		
MILTON KEYNES	yes	no		
MOLE VALLEY			√	
MONMOUTHSHIRE			√	
MORAY			√	
NAIRN (Highlands)			√	
NEATH PORT TALBOT			√	
NEW FOREST			√	
NEWARK & SHERWOOD			√	
NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE			√	
NEWCASTLE-U-LYME	no	no		
NEWPORT	yes	yes		
NORTH AYRSHIRE	no	no		
NORTH CORNWALL DISTRICT COUNCIL			√	
NORTH DEVON	yes	no		
NORTH DORSET			√	
NORTH EAST DERBYSHIRE			√	
NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE	yes	no		
NORTH HERTS			√	
NORTH KESTEVEN			√	
NORTH LANARKSHIRE (north)			√	
NORTH LANARKSHIRE (sth/ cent)			√	
NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE	no	no		
NORTH NORFOLK	yes	*no		*under review
NORTH SHROPSHIRE			√	
NORTH SOMERSET	yes	no		
NORTH TYNESIDE	yes	no		
NORTH WARWICKS			√	
NORTH WEST LEICESTER			√	
NORTH WILTSHIRE			√	
NORTHAMPTON	yes	no		
NORWICH	yes	*yes		*PH must have roof sign
NOTTINGHAM	no	no		
NUNEATON & BEDWORTH			√	
OADBY & WIGSTON BOROUGH COUNCIL	yes	no		
OLDHAM	yes	no		
ORKNEY ISLANDS			√	
OSWESTRY BOROUGH COUNCIL			√	
OXFORD	yes	*no		*under review
PEMBROKE			√	
PENDLE	no	no		
PENWITH	*yes	*yes		*no lanes ok for bus gate
PERTH & KINROSS	no	no		
PETERBOROUGH	yes	no		
PLYMOUTH	yes	yes		
POOLE	yes	*yes		*if fitted with meter
PORTSMOUTH UA	yes	no		
POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL			√	
PRESTON	yes	no		
PURBECK			√	
READING	yes	no		
REDCAR & CLEVELAND			√	
REDDITCH	yes	no		

COUNCIL	TAXI	P/H	NO BUS LANES	NOTES
REIGATE & BANSTEAD			√	
RENFREWSHIRE	no	no		
RESTORMEL	no	no		
RHONDDA CYNON TAFF	yes	no		
RIBBLE VALLEY			√	
RICHMONDSHIRE	yes	yes		
ROCHDALE	yes	no		
ROCHFORD			√	
ROSS & CROMARTY (Hg/Inds)			√	
ROSSENDALE			√	
ROTHER			√	
ROTHERHAM	no	no		
RUGBY			√	
RUNNYMEDE			√	
RUSHCLIFFE	no	no		
RUSHMOOR	yes	no		
RUTHERGLEN	yes	no		
RUTLAND COUNTY COUNCIL			√	
RYEDALE	no	no		
SALFORD	yes	no		
SALISBURY	*yes	*yes		*can only use 2 lanes
SANDWELL	yes	no		
SCARBOROUGH	yes	yes		
SCOTTISH BORDERS			√	
SEDFIELD	no	no		
SEDEMOOR	no	no		
SEFTON	yes	yes		
SELBY			√	
SEVENOAKS			√	
SHEFFIELD	yes	yes		
SHEPWAY			√	
SHETLAND ISLANDS			√	
SHREWSBURY	no	no		
SKYE & LOCHALSH (Hg/lands)			√	
SLOUGH	yes	no		
SOLIHULL			√	
SOUTH AYRSHIRE	yes	no		
SOUTH BEDFORDSHIRE	*no	*no		*under review
SOUTH BUCKINGHAM			√	
SOUTH CAMBRIDGE	yes	yes		
SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL			√	
SOUTH GLOUCESTER	yes	no		
SOUTH HAMS			√	
SOUTH HOLLAND			√	
SOUTH KESTEVEN			√	
SOUTH LAKELAND			√	
SOUTH LANARKSHIRE(clydsle)	yes	no		
SOUTH NORFOLK DISTRICTCOUNCIL			√	
SOUTH NORTHANTS			√	
SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICTCOUNCIL	no	no		
SOUTH RIBBLE			√	
SOUTH SHROPSHIRE			√	
SOUTH SOMERSET	yes	yes		
SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE	yes	yes		
SOUTH TYNESIDE	no	no		
SOUTHAMPTON	yes	yes		
SOUTHEND-ON-SEA			√	
SPELTHORNE	yes	no		
ST ALBANS			√	
ST. HELENS	yes	no		
STAFFORD			√	
STAFFS MOORLANDS			√	
STEVENAGE			√	
STIRLING			√	

COUNCIL	TAXI	P/H	NO BUS LANES	NOTES
STOCKPORT	yes	no		
STOCKTON ON TEES	no	no		
STOKE ON TRENT UA	no	no		
STRATFORD ON AVON	no	no		
STROUD			√	
SUFFOLK COASTAL			√	
SUNDERLAND	yes	yes		
SURREY HEATH	yes	no		
SUTHERLAND (Highlands)			√	
SWALE			√	
SWANSEA	yes	yes		
SWINDON	no	no		
TAMESIDE	no	no		
TAMWORTH			√	
TANDRIDGE			√	
TAUNTON DEANE	yes	no		
TEESDALE			√	
TEIGNBRIDGE			√	
TELFORD & WREKIN	yes	yes		
TENDRING			√	
TEST VALLEY			√	
TEWKESBURY			√	
THANET (RURAL)			√	
THANET (BROADSTAIRS)			√	
THANET (MARGATE)			√	
THANET (RAMSGATE)			√	
THREE RIVERS			√	
THURROCK	yes	yes		
TONBRIDGE & MALLING			√	
TORBAY	no	no		
TORFAEN			√	
TORRIDGE			√	
TRAFFORD	yes	no		
TUNBRIDGE WELLS	no	no		
TYNEDALE			√	
UTTLESFORD			√	
VALE OF GLAMORGAN	yes	no		
VALE OF WHITE HORSE			√	
VALE ROYAL			√	
WAKEFIELD	yes	no		
WALSALL	yes	yes		
WANSBECK			√	
WARRINGTON	yes	yes		
WARWICK	no	no		
WATFORD	*yes	*yes		* only watford licence
WAVENEY			√	
WAVERLEY			√	
WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL			√	
WEAR VALLEY			√	
WELLINGBOROUGH			√	
WELWYN HATFIELD			√	
WEST BERKSHIRE	no	no		
WEST DEVON BOROUGH COUNCIL			√	
WEST DORSET			√	
WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE			√	
WEST LANCASHIRE			√	
WEST LINDSEY	no	no		
WEST LOTHIAN			√	
WEST NOROLK			√	
WEST OXFORD			√	
WEST SOMERSET			√	
WEST WILTSHIRE			√	
WESTERN ISLES			√	
WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND	yes	yes		

