

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

**MINUTES** of the meeting held on Thursday, 16 January 2020 commencing at 10.00 am and finishing at 11.07 am

**Present:**

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

**Other Members in Attendance:** Councillor John Sanders  
Councillor John Howson (for Agenda Item 2 & 4)  
Councillor Richard Webber (for Agenda Item 10)

**Officers:**

Whole of meeting G. Warrington (Law & Governance); H. Potter & A. Kirkwood (Community Operations)

Part of meeting

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Officer Attending</b>
2.	R. Freshwater (Community Operations)
6 & 10	L. Turner (Community Operations)

*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.*

### **1/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

(Agenda No. 1)

None declared.

### **2/20 QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

(Agenda No. 2)

*Councillor John Howson*

At the December Cabinet meeting a petition was handed in on behalf of residents in St Bernard's Road in my division. What progress has been made to provide a solution to the increased traffic flow as a result of the closure of Walton Street at the Beaumont Street junction?"

*Cabinet Member for Environment*

“Officers have been working with the residents affected by the closure of Walton Street and assessing options that could be trialled to alleviate the concerns that they have raised. I have asked that myself and the local members, including yourself, are briefed on the latest position on this review, so that we can consider if any of these options are feasible and to agree next steps. This meeting was scheduled to take place on 15 January and will have allowed for all options to have been discussed.”

*Councillor Howson*

“Thank you for your response. I welcome the discussions that are taking place and have in turn discussed these issues with the original petitioners to the Cabinet and local residents who still have concerns regarding levels of traffic in the area particularly at night time from people leaving business establishments in the area. This is very much an adverse bi-product of the closure and one which disturbs sleep for the residents particularly on the north side of St Bernard’s Road whose houses front directly onto the road. Could a 24-hour resident only access or at the very least a night time restriction be considered?”

*Cabinet Member for Environment*

“Bearing in mind the largely positive response to the closure of Walton Street I hear what you say about the concerns of some residents particularly those in St Bernard’s Road. However, it appears that an exclusion zone as you suggest would be beyond the Council’s powers and therefore ultra vires but officers are looking at a number of ancillary measures in this area to mitigate some of the consequential impacts on residents such as those in St Bernard’s Road and I will ask that you and other local councillors be kept informed on progress with those.”

**3/20 PETITIONS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS**

(Agenda No. 3)

<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Item</i>
County Councillor John Howson	4. Oxford various Locations: Proposed Disabled Person Parking Places
Chris Wilding (Steventon Parish Council)	6. Steventon – Hanney Road: Proposed Zebra Crossing & Traffic Calming
JonnieBradshaw (WarboroughParish Council)	8. Warborough – A329 Thame Road: Proposed Waiting Restrictions

County Councillor Richard Webber	10. A415 Between Abingdon and Marcham: Proposed 50 mph Speed Limit
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**4/20 OXFORD - VARIOUS LOCATIONS: PROPOSED NEW DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACES**

(Agenda No. 4)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered objections received to a statutory consultation to remove, amend and introduce disabled persons parking places (DPPPs) at various locations in Oxford put forward following requests from residents, including – where a new place had been requested - an assessment of eligibility, applying the national guidelines on the provision of such parking places.

Councillor Howson referred to the Kingston Road site and the objection received from a disabled resident who does use it. He recognised that other residents had supported removal on the grounds that it was not required and should be available as a resident parking space and therefore supported the recommendation for retention pending a further assessment of its use by blue badge holders.

Having regard to the information 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 proposed removal and provision of Disabled Persons’ Parking Places as advertised with the exception of the parking place at Kingston Road pending a further assessment regarding its use.

Signed.....  
Cabinet Member for Environment

Date of signing.....

**5/20 BANBURY: NORAL WAY - PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS**

(Agenda No. 5)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered (CMDE5) responses received to a statutory consultation to introduce and amend waiting restrictions on Noral Way, Banbury put forward because of concerns raised over obstruction and danger to road users posed by current parking in the road as a result of increased use of the road by goods vehicles.

Having regard to the information set out in the report which had detailed the high level of support locally and that funding was being provided by a local business the Cabinet Member for Environment confirmed her decision as follows:

to approve proposed no waiting at any time restrictions on Noral Way, Banbury as advertised.

Signed.....

Cabinet Member for Environment

Date of signing.....

**6/20 STEVENTON -HANNEY ROAD: PROPOSED ZEBRA CROSSING & TRAFFIC CALMING**

(Agenda No. 6)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered (CMDE6) responses received to a statutory consultation to introduce a zebra crossing and speed cushions on the Hanney Road at Steventon. put forward to address concerns raised over the safety of pedestrians crossing Hanney Road between Barnett Road, St Michaels Primary School and the wider village.

Chris Wilding for Steventon Parish Council advised that Hanney Road was an unclassified road with a lot of business properties. Traffic levels had increased significantly particularly at peak times. Hanney Road was regarded a hazardous road with a poor surface and a full spectrum of age groups crossing. Surveys had indicated that a crossing and traffic calming was required.

Mr Turner endorsed Mr Wilding’s comments confirming that there had been no objections to the crossing element only the traffic calming. As pointed out in the report the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed had been recorded as 35/36 mph making it necessary to provided traffic calming measures to reduce vehicle speeds through the crossing. He confirmed the type of cushions were used extensively throughout the county to encourage driving at appropriate speeds.

Commending local efforts on speed monitoring and having regard to the information set out in the report before her together with the representations made to her at the meeting the Cabinet Member for Environment confirmed her decision as follows:

to approve the proposed introduction of a zebra crossing and traffic calming measures on Hanney Road, Steventon.

Signed.....

Cabinet Member for Environment

Date of signing.....

**7/20 DIDCOT: GREAT WESTERN PARK SOUTH - PROPOSED 20MPH SPEED LIMIT**

(Agenda No. 7)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered (CMDE7) responses received to a statutory consultation to introduce a 20mph speed limit on residential roads at Great Western Park (south) whilst those roads served by Larch Drive from its junction with Diamond Drive were proposed to be subject to a 30mph speed limit put forward because and as part of the approved residential development at Great Western Park and funded by the developers.

Responding to the Cabinet Member Mr Kirkwood confirmed that Thames Valley Police had objected on the grounds that the zone would be self-enforcing but officers felt that the layout of the roads were considered suitable for such a limit taking account of their alignment which included traffic calming features and 20mph roundels on the spine road carriageway. He also confirmed in response to the comment from the Oxford Bus Company that larch Drive and the roads accessed off it had not been included in the zone that Larch Drive was an older development and therefore the responsibility of a different developer. Officers could investigate if some measures could be introduced there.

The Cabinet Member for Environment advised that she had spoken to Councillor Mike Fox-Davies the local member who confirmed his support for the scheme.

Having regard to the information set out in the report together with the representations made to her at the meeting the Cabinet Member confirmed her decision as follows:

to approve the 20mph speed limit on the residential road at Great Western Park (south), whilst those roads served by Larch Drive from its junction with Diamond Drive are proposed to be subject to a 30mph speed limit as advertised.

Signed.....  
Cabinet Member for Environment

Date of signing.....

**8/20 WARBOROUGH - A329 THAME ROAD: PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS**

(Agenda No. 8)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered (CMDE8) responses received to a statutory consultation to introduce and amend waiting restrictions on Thame Road, Warborough put forward because of the residential development of adjacent land.

The report had noted that seventy-two responses had been received including 59 objections with 8 expressions of support and 5 neither objecting nor supporting but nevertheless raising concerns.

In light of the level of responses received against the proposed restriction officers had therefore felt it would be more appropriate to consider a less extensive restriction.

Jonnie Bradshaw for Warborough Parish Council supported the revised recommendation. As the proposed development would provide a 29 space car park by the end of summer 2021 which would relieve parking issues in this vicinity the introduction of the original scheme now would be premature and only serve to displace parking causing problems elsewhere. The Parish Council were planning to carry out a traffic management study following completion of the development and were keen to avoid increased urban signage. He thanked the County Council for recognising the disproportionate size of the original proposal and suggesting the revised scheme.

Mr Kirkwood advised that if arrangements for the new parking provision had not been finalised by the end of 2021 there would be a need to reconsult.

The Cabinet Member for Environment suggested that if that was the case then that should be a charge on the developer and that the Parish Council should bear that in mind. Then having regard to the current situation and to the information contained in the report before her together with the representations made to her at the meeting the Cabinet Member confirmed her decision as follows:

that double yellow lines be provided on the A329 only in the immediate vicinity of the access to the new residential development, between the red lines marked A and B on Annex 1 to the report CMDE8 and that School Keep Clear markings also be changed from an advisory to an enforceable restriction.

Signed.....  
Cabinet Member for Environment

Date of signing.....

**9/20 CHILTON - CHILTON FIELDS RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT:  
PROPOSED 20MPH AND 30MPH SPEED LIMITS AND WAITING  
RESTRICTIONS**  
(Agenda No. 9)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered (CMDE9) responses received to a statutory consultation to introduce a 20mph and 30mph speed limit and waiting restrictions at Chilton Fields and the access road to the A4185 put forward because and as part of the Chilton Fields residential development.

In response to objections to the 20mph element of the proposal Mr Kirkwood confirmed that officers considered the layout of the roads within the development suitable for such a restriction. Regarding the objection to the proposed waiting restrictions he confirmed that these were only proposed in the vicinity of junctions to ensure they were not obstructed by parked vehicles thereby improving safety.

Noting the support of the Parish Council and having regard to the information set out in the report before her together with the representations made to her at the meeting the Cabinet Member for Environment confirmed her decision as follows:

to approve the introduction of 20mph and 30 mph speed limits and waiting restrictions at Chilton Fields and the access road to the A4185 as advertised.

Signed.....  
Cabinet Member for Environment

Date of signing.....

**10/20 A415 BETWEEN ABINGDON AND MARCHAM: PROPOSED 50MPH SPEED LIMIT**

(Agenda No. 10)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered (CMDE10) responses received to a statutory consultation to introduce a 50mph speed limit on the A415 between Abingdon and Marcham put forward and funded through his Councillor Priority Fund by the local member County Councillor Richard Webber.

Councillor Webber thanked officers for progressing the scheme and while recognising calls for a lower limit he considered the current proposal to be the correct way forward and commended it for approval.

Mr Turner confirmed that speed surveys had shown an average of 48mph and for a 40 limit to be introduced those speeds would need to be 45/46. That indicated a 50mph restriction would be respected and therefore the best way forward

Recognising the support of the local member and having regard to the information set out in the report before her and the representations made to her at the meeting the Cabinet Member for Environment confirmed her decision as follows:

to approve the 50mph speed limit on the A415 between Abingdon and Marcham as advertised.

Signed.....  
Cabinet Member for Environment

Date of signing.....

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