

DELEGATED DECISIONS BY CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAY MANAGEMENT

MINUTES of the meeting held on Thursday, 27 January 2022 commencing at 10.00 am and finishing at 11.00 a.m.

Present:

Voting Members: Councillor Tim Bearder – in the Chair

Other Members in Attendance: Cllrs Michael O'Connor and Brad Baines (for Agenda Item 4); Cllr Freddie VanMierlo (for Agenda Item 10); and Cllr Liz Leffman (for Agenda Item 11).

By Invitation: None

Officers:

Whole of meeting Paul Fermer, Tim Shickle & Anthony Kirkwood (Environment & Place); Cameron MacLean & Graham Warrington (Law & Governance)

Part of meeting

Agenda Item Officer Attending

4 Naomi Barnes

7 & 11 Chloe Kirby

8 Lee Turner

10 Mike Horton

12 Shady Ateeg

The Committee 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] [the following additional documents:] and decided as set out below. Except as insofar as otherwise specified, the reasons for the decisions are contained in the agenda and reports [agenda, reports, and schedule/additional documents], copies of which are attached to the signed Minutes.

1/22 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

(Agenda No. 1)

There were no Declarations of Interest.

2/22 QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

(Agenda No. 2)

There were no questions from County Councillors.

3/22 PETITIONS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS

(Agenda No. 3)

Item 4: Oxford – Quickways, Quietway & 20 Mph Speed Limit

1. Mr Danny Yee
2. Ms Amelia Adcroft
3. Dr Alison Hill, Chair of Cyclox
4. County Councillor Michael O'Connor
5. Doctor Andrew Soltan
6. Mr Richard Parnham
7. City Councillor Katherine Miles
8. Mr Aeron Buchanan
9. Ms Mary Sareva
10. Mr John Skinner
11. Mr & Mrs Mohammed Nadeem represented by their son, Mr Hassan Ali Rana
12. County Councillor Brad Baines
13. County Councillor Andrew Gant
14. Robin Tucker, Chair - Oxfordshire Cycling Network

Item 6: Oxford - St Michael's Street - Proposed Permanent Prohibition of Vehicles at East End of Street

15. Mr Danny Yee
16. Ms Rosalind Owen, Head Teacher: Saint Michaels Church of England Primary School
17. County Councillor Andrew Gant

Item 8: Faringdon Town Centre - Proposed 20mph Zone

18. Councillor Bethia Thomas, Faringdon Division
19. Sally Thurston, Town Clerk, Faringdon Town Council

Item 10: Watlington, Pyrton Lane - Proposed 20 mph Speed Limit Zone and Traffic Calming Measures

20. Mr Ian Hill, Parish Councillor for Watlington Parish Council
21. Councillor Freddie VanMierlo, Oxfordshire County Council

Item 11: Charlbury, Hixet Wood – Proposed No Waiting at Any Time Restriction

22. Councillor Claire Wilding, Charlbury Town Council.
23. Councillor Liz Leffman, Oxfordshire County Council
24. Mr Brian Murray
25. Mr Tim Fox, MGA Consulting
26. Mr Liam Woods, MGA Consulting

Note: Written submissions received before the meeting are included in these Minutes of the meeting.

4/22 OXFORD - QUICKWAYS, QUIETWAY AND 20MPH SPEED LIMITS (Agenda No. 4)

The Cabinet Member for Highway Management, Councillor Bearder, considered a report of the Corporate Director Environment & Place (CMDHM4) on the proposed introduction of Quickways and Quietways as part of the Oxford Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP), and the responses received following a statutory consultation on the proposals.

The report noted that the introduction of Quickways and Quietways was viewed as an effective way of promoting cycling in line with the Council's objectives in relation to public health, [traffic] decongestion, climate change, and air quality. Having reviewed the responses to the statutory consultation, it was RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member for Highway Management approve implementation of –

- (a) The Marston Road, Cowley Road/Oxford Road, Iffley Road/Henley Road/Rose Hill and Morrell Ave/Warneford Lane Quickways as advertised with the understanding that, once detailed design costs are finalised and should available budget allow, additional schemes on the prioritisation list can be brought back into the programme; and
- (b) All the 20mph speed limits as advertised incorporating the extension of the 20mph speed limit on Weirs Lane.

Councillor Bearder then invited those persons present, either in person or online, to make their presentations on the proposals. In so doing, Councillor Bearder noted that he had also received written representations on the proposals which he would take into consideration before announcing his decision.

Having heard the oral presentations and having received written representations, Councillor Bearder made the following observations.

- (a) The presentations and representations reflected the complexity of the proposals that were before him today and he thanked everyone for their presentations and written representations.
- (b) He was aware that the proposals, if approved, represented a significant change which had implications for vulnerable persons.
- (c) In reaching a decision, it was necessary to take into consideration those persons who will be put in a vulnerable situation, including very many students who were limited in their means of transport.
- (d) It was necessary to take urgent and dramatic action, as reflected in the proposals set out in the report, if the issues raised by climate change were to be addressed.
- (e) The proposals would not achieve everything and, therefore, it would be necessary to give the proposals further consideration.
- (f) That people paved over gardens to create car parking space; parked on pavements; and ignored 20 mph speed limits, while deeply frustrating, was not justification for not considering the proposals set out in the report.

In response to the criticism that there were insufficient enforcement powers available to address these concerns, it was incumbent upon those who could, to press the relevant authorities on these issues.

[Councillor Bearder then cited the example of the significant success in reducing vehicle speeds in Kiev following the introduction of automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) systems in Kiev].

- (g) It was a priority of the Council to introduce a more sustainable, environmental, and safer, transport network which reflected the needs of the most vulnerable persons in society.

Having considered the report of the Director of Growth and Economy; the written representations that had been received in response to the consultation; and the presentations by those persons present at the meeting, either in person or online, Councillor Bearder announced his decision, as follows:

DECISION: to approve the report's recommendations subject to the following provisions –

(a) To request that officers submit reports, as a priority, on –

- Saint Clements; and
- If funding was available, on Beauchamp Lane to Rymers Lane, which would connect the two Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTNs) in Oxford

(b) Officers also to submit a report on the extension of Donnington Bridge Road to Weirs Lane; and

(c) To defer any proposals for Between Towns Road/Church Cowley Road and Banbury Road.

Signed

Cabinet Member for Highway Management

Date of Signing

5/22 OXFORD VARIOUS LOCATIONS - PROPOSED EXCLUSIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO ELIGIBILITY FOR PARKING PERMITS

(Agenda No. 5)

The Cabinet Member for Highway Management, Councillor Bearder, considered a report of the Corporate Director Environment & Place (CMDHM5) on proposed exclusions and amendments to eligibility for parking permits.

The report presented responses received to a statutory consultation on proposed amendments to the existing Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) Orders in respect of eligibility for parking permits resulting from the development of properties for residential purposes and associated conditions within the planning permissions granted by Oxford City Council.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that the Cabinet Member for Highway Management approve the following proposals in respect of eligibility for parking permits:

- (a) Central Area (B) - exclude No. 1 Lower Fisher Row from eligibility to apply for residents & visitor permits,
- (b) Cowley Centre (East) - exclude No. 26 Boswell Road from eligibility to apply for residents & visitor permits,
- (c) Divinity Road - limit No. 195 Divinity Road from eligibility to apply for 1 residents permit each plus the standard allowance of visitor permits,
- (d) Headington West (B) - exclude No. 66 Valentia Road from eligibility to apply for residents & visitor permits,

- (e) Lye Valley - exclude No. 105 Bulan Road from eligibility to apply for residents permits,
- (f) Magdalen North:
 - I. Exclude No. 179 Iffley Road from eligibility to apply for residents permits, and
 - II. Exclude Nos. 220-222 Cowley Road from eligibility to apply for residents & visitor permits
- (g) Marston North - exclude No. 58 Raymund Road from eligibility to apply for residents & visitor permits, and
- (h) Wood Farm - exclude No. 9a (only) Pauling Road from eligibility to apply for residents & visitor permits. No. 9 Pauling Road to retain existing eligibility.

Having considered the report of the Director of Growth and Economy, Councillor Bearder announced his decision, as follows:

DECISION: to approve the report’s recommendations.

Signed
Cabinet Member for Highway Management

Date of Signing

6/22 OXFORD - ST MICHAEL'S STREET: PROPOSED PERMANENT PROPOSED PROHIBITION OF VEHICLES AT EAST END OF STREET
(Agenda No. 6)

The Cabinet Member for Highway Management, Councillor Bearder, considered a report of the Corporate Director Environment & Place (CMDHM6) RECOMMENDING the prohibition of all vehicles from the junction of Cornmarket Street westwards for approximately 50 m but, in response to concerns raised about the proposal, as an experimental order and not a permanent order. It was proposed that, in so doing, this would allow investigation of potential actions to mitigate the impact of the closure might have on cyclists.

The report presented responses received to a statutory consultation on a proposal to make permanent the provisions of a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order prohibiting all vehicles using the 50-metre length of the street west of its junction with Cornmarket Street to enable outdoor seating to be provided for the adjacent hospitality businesses.

This proposal has been received from Oxford City Council’s Business Liaison Officer at the request of the adjacent businesses with the intention - should the proposal be approved – for the permanent measures to be in force before the expiry of the current Temporary Order on 3 March 2022. Exemptions to the restrictions would apply to Emergency Service vehicles and for vehicles requiring access to adjacent premises.

Having heard the presentation by Mr Yee, Councillor Bearder noted it was difficult for cyclists to get across the City and there were only two routes that they could use: the High Street & Queen Street; or Broad Street & George Street, which tended to get blocked off leaving Saint Michael’s Street and Ship Street.

[Councillor Gant subsequently gave a presentation in support of the proposals].

Having carefully considered the report authored by the Director of Growth and Economy; the written representations that had been received in response to the consultation; and the presentations by those persons present at the meeting, either in person or online, Councillor Bearder announced his decision, as follows:

DECISION: to approve the report’s recommendations.

Signed

Cabinet Member for Highway Management

Date of Signing

7/22 BODICOTE AND BANBURY - BLACKWELL DRIVE AND WHITE POST ROAD: PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS
(Agenda No. 7)

The Cabinet Member for Highway Management, Councillor Bearder, considered a report of the Corporate Director Environment & Place (CMDHM7) presenting responses received to a statutory consultation on proposals to introduce waiting restrictions on Blackwell Drive and White Post Road because of the adjacent development.

It was RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member for Highway Management approve, as advertised, Blackwell Drive and White Post Road.

Councillor Bearder noted that, because there was a lot of traffic at school drop off times, the proposals were sensible in terms of safety.

Having considered the report authored by the Director of Growth and Economy, Councillor Bearder, announced his decision, as follows:

DECISION: to approve the report’s recommendations.

Signed

Cabinet Member for Highway Management

Date of Signing

8/22 FARINGDON: TOWN CENTRE: PROPOSED 20MPH ZONE
(Agenda No. 8)

The Cabinet Member for Highway Management, Councillor Bearder, considered a report of the Corporate Director Environment & Place (CMDHM8) presenting responses received to a statutory consultation on proposals to introduce a 20mph zone in Faringdon Town Centre, as detailed in the report.

It was RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member for Highway Management approve the proposed introduction of a 20mph zone, as advertised.

Councillor Bearder noted the support of Councillor Bethia Thomas, Faringdon Division, for the proposals, and the letter of support from the Town Clerk, Faringdon Town Council, on behalf of Faringdon Town Council.

Having considered the report of the Director of Growth and Economy; the written representations that had been received in response to the consultation; and the presentations by those persons present at the meeting, either in person or online, Councillor Bearder announced his decision, as follows:

DECISION: to approve the report's recommendations.

Signed

Cabinet Member for Highway Management

Date of Signing

**9/22 DIDCOT AND LONG WITTENHAM - B4016 LADYGROVE AND SIRES HILL:
PROPOSED 40MPH SPEED LIMIT
(Agenda No. 9)**

The Cabinet Member for Highway Management, Councillor Bearder, considered a report of the Corporate Director Environment & Place (CMDHM9) presenting responses received to a statutory consultation on proposals to introduce a 40mph on the B4016 north of Didcot and on a length of Sires Hill east of its junction with the B4016 because of adjacent development.

It was RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member for Highway Management approve, as advertised, the proposed 40mph speed limit on the B4016 and Long Wittenham adjacent to residential development north of Didcot.

Having considered the report authored by the Director of Growth and Economy, Councillor Bearder, announced his decision, as follows:

DECISION: to approve the report's recommendations.

Signed

Cabinet Member for Highway Management

Date of Signing

10/22 WATLINGTON - PYRTON LANE: PROPOSED 20MPH SPEED LIMIT ZONE AND TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

(Agenda No. 10)

The Cabinet Member for Highway Management, Councillor Bearder, considered a report of the Corporate Director Environment & Place (CMDHM10) presenting responses received to a statutory consultation on proposals to introduce a 20mph speed limit zone and supporting traffic calming measures at Pyrton Lane Watlington.

It was RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member for Highway Management approve, as advertised:

- (a) The introduction of a 20mph speed limit zone on Pyrton Lane between its junction with the B480 Cuxham Road to the south, and at the northern end to the current 30/60mph terminal point 120m northeast of St Leonards Close. The proposed speed limit zone is illustrated on the plan at Annex 1a.
- (b) Traffic calming measures within the 20mph zone comprising two full width flat top road humps and a single speed cushion to be placed in the centre of the carriageway. The proposed traffic calming measures are illustrated on the plan at Annex 1b.

Councillor Bearder noted that Councillor VanMierlo was scheduled to speak on this item but was not presently available. He noted that he had visited the site with Councillor VanMierlo who had apprised him of the various concerns regarding traffic at this location.

Having carefully considered the report authored by the Director of Growth and Economy; the written representations that had been received in response to the consultation; and the presentations by those persons present at the meeting, either in person or online, Councillor Bearder announced his decision, as follows:

DECISION: to approve the report's recommendations.

Signed

Cabinet Member for Highway Management

Date of Signing

11/22 CHARLBURY - HIXET WOOD - PROPOSED NO WAITING AT ANY TIME RESTRICTION

(Agenda No. 11)

The Cabinet Member for Highway Management, Councillor Bearder, considered a report of the Corporate Director Environment & Place (CMDHM11) presenting responses received to a statutory consultation to introduce no waiting at any time restrictions at Hixet Wood to facilitate the safe access to and from a new residential development, including enabling bin lorries to enter and exit the site.

It was RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member for Highway Management approve, as advertised: the proposed no waiting at any time restrictions at Hixet Wood, Charlbury.

In response to a question by Councillor Bearder, the Clerk informed the meeting that Councillor Leffman, who had planned to speak on this item, had intimated that she may not be able to attend the meeting due to other commitments. Councillor Bearder noted that he had received her representation which opposed the proposals as set out in the report.

At the conclusion of the presentations, Councillor Bearder made the following observations.

(a) It appeared that not all persons may had been notified of the possible loss of parking space that would occur if the proposals were implemented.

[MJA Consulting subsequently corrected a statement made during their presentation and confirmed that they had been involved in the planning stage of the proposals].

(b) This was a quiet area which did not have many cyclists passing through. As such, cyclists that did pass through could use the full extent of the road to avoid potential collisions with people opening car doors.

(c) Accordingly, he was of the view that the proposals were unnecessary.

Therefore, having considered the report of the Director of Growth and Economy; the written representations that had been received in response to the consultation; and the presentations by those persons present at the meeting, either in person or online, Councillor Bearder announced his decision, as follows:

DECISION: Not to agree the report's recommendations.

Signed

Cabinet Member for Highway Management

Date of Signing

12/22 MINSTER LOVELL - B4047 BURFORD ROAD: PROPOSED EXTENSION OF 40MPH SPEED LIMIT
(Agenda No. 12)

The Cabinet Member for Highway Management, Councillor Bearder, considered a report of the Corporate Director Environment & Place (CMDHM12) presenting responses received to a statutory consultation to extend the 40mph speed limit on the B4047 at Minster Lovell because of adjacent development.

A consultation on the same proposal had been carried out in June and July 2019 and no objections had been received to the proposal. However, as the Order was not made within two years of the consultation national regulations on traffic orders required that there be a further consultation.

It was RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member for Highway Management approve, as advertised, the proposed extension of the 40mph speed limit on the B4047 at Minster Lovell and ask officers to assess and provide costings to Minster Lovell Parish Council for a further reduction of the speed limit to 30mph.

Having considered the report of the Director of Growth and Economy, Councillor Bearder, announced his decision, as follows:

DECISION: to approve the report's recommendations.

Signed
Cabinet Member for Highway Management

Date of Signing