DELEGATED DECISIONS BY CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT – 27 FEBRUARY 2025

ITEM 2 - QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

1. COUNCILLOR MARK CHERRY	COUNCILLOR ANDREW GANT, CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT
Would the Cabinet Member for Transport Management, Cllr Gant, note that after numerous conversations with residents in Wimborne Avenue, Hilton Road, Cromwell Road and Fairway Road, concerns were raised over cars parking on grass verges, leaving a mess in Autumn and Winter. What is Oxfordshire County Council's strategy on this issue, as it will need funding to resolve?	The issue of parking on the grass verges is not an easy one to resolve – the majority of residents do not have driveways or anywhere else to park and the roads are narrow which leads to people parking on the verges to avoid blocking the highway. There is a need for a parking review across Banbury, but this requires resources including funding - this area could be a first phase to understand the local needs for parking. Yellow lines could be considered as that would enable enforcement, but that wouldn't help local residents without any alternative place to park. The alternative would be to consider replacing some of the verge with parking bays, similar to the ones on Cromwell Road but that would require funding and prioritising against other projects. As a first step, I will ask officers to advise when a phased parking survey could be undertaken and the likely cost of options for resolving the issue.
2. COUNCILLOR DONNA FORD	COUNCILLOR ANDREW GANT, CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT
Can you please provide details of how the	The restrictions will remain in place, but these do allow permit holders to enter the

area. The intention is for market traders and other event organisers that require access

sheep street restrictions will work for the

Friday market and when other events are held in Sheep Street?	to apply for a permit to enter the area during the hours of restriction. I can confirm that officers will be contacting the market organiser to advise on the process. Event organisers will need to liaise with the County Council so that the necessary permissions are granted.
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Questions are listed in the order in which they were received. Should any questioner not have received an answer in that time, a written answer will be provided.