

Bicester Town Council



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TOWN COUNCIL

Bicester Traffic Advisory Group Meeting

Ref: BTAG01/2425

**Thursday 13th June 2024
at 14:00hrs**

**The Chamber Room, Bicester Town Council, The
Garth, Launton Road, Bicester, Oxon OX26 6PS**

Members:

Cllr Donna Ford – **Chairman**,
Cllr Dan Hallett and Cllr John Willett

Other Circulation:

Dave Catling (OCC), Peter Cox, Jacqui Cox (OCC), Michael Hewitt (CDC), Chris
Hulme (TVP), Miranda Markham, Lee Turner (OCC), Cllr Michael Waine



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To all Members of the Bicester Traffic Advisory Group

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **Bicester Traffic Advisory Group** at **The Chamber Room, Bicester Town Council, The Garth, Launton Road, Bicester, Oxon OX26 6PS** on **Thursday 13th June 2024** to commence at **14:00hrs** for the transaction of the following business.

Phil Evans
Town Clerk

Agenda

All Council Meetings are open to the public and press, unless otherwise stated.

1. Appointment of Chair

The Working Party is to **NOMINATE** and **APPOINT** a Chair for the Traffic Advisory Group.

2. Apologies

To consider apologies and reasons for absence. Committee members who are unable to attend the meeting should notify Bicester Town Council (enquiries@bicester.gov.uk) prior to the meeting, stating the reason for absence.

3. Minutes of the Bicester Traffic Advisory Group

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To **CONFIRM** the Minutes of the Bicester Traffic Advisory Group's meeting held on:

- **BTAG06/2324** - Thursday, 28th March 2024 at 14.00hrs.

4. Update of items outstanding not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

To discuss any outstanding items that have not been covered on the Agenda.

5. **Report from Oxfordshire County Council Officer**
Report to be presented on the day.
6. **Report from Cherwell District Council Officer**
Report to be presented on the day.
7. **Matters raised by Group Members/Residents**
8. **20mph**
Oxfordshire County Council to provide an update regarding the 20Mph Public Consultation.
9. **Forward Plan** (Page 7)
The Working Party is asked to **NOTE** and **COMMENT** on the Forward Plan Report.
10. **Date of Next Meeting**
19th September 2024 at 14.00.

Minutes of the Bicester Traffic Advisory Group

A meeting of the **Bicester Traffic Advisory Group** was held on **Thursday 28th March 2024** at **14:00 hrs** at the **The Chamber Room, Bicester Town Council, The Garth, Launton Road, Bicester, Oxon OX26 6PS**.

Present:

Cllr Donna Ford (Chairman)
Cllr Dan Hallett
Cllr Les Sibley
Cllr Paul Wheatley
Cllr Dan Sames
Cllr Peter Cox
Cllr Michael Waine

In Attendance:

Helen Pool – Responsible Finance Officer
Maria Galic – Civic & Democratic Administrator

43 Apologies

RESOLVED that **APOLOGIES** were received from Cllr Mallows.

44 Minutes of the Bicester Traffic Advisory Group

Cllr Hallett raised a query regarding **40 Matters raised by Group Members/Residents**:

- Officers were asked to chase OCC regarding the crossing and to update the committee in the next meeting

RESOLVED that committee **APPROVED** minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group's meeting:

- **BTAG05/2324 – Thursday 25th January 2024**

45 Update of items outstanding not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

No updates were received.

46 Report from Oxfordshire County Council Officer

1a. London Road

No updates were received.

b. A41 Cycle Route (options and feasibility)

Cllrs reviewed the Active Travel Scheme Cllr would like to know how this links up with the other side of Siemens site.

a. Middleton Stoney Road (design and delivery)

Councillors noted that the junction from Middleton Stoney Road and Villiers Road is very busy and dangerous.

b. Bicester North Station to Bicester Village Station (options/concept)

- No requirement for travel between the two stations
- Committee reported there were pedestrian complaints regarding cyclists on

Buckingham Road

- The road is not wide enough to increase cyclist presence
- Officers to request OCC to provide a presentation and ask if there will be a public consultation for this.
- Cllrs asked Have Chiltern Railways been consulted? What is the rationale for this project? How many Cyclists currently use this route of travel.

c. Sheep Street (ETRO)

- Committee strongly **OBJECT** to this proposal without public consultation
- An informal consultation was not provided
- Councillors had concerns raised by the public due to the risk of accidents with cyclists. Councillors were also concerned about what the effect would be on Market Days and Events held in Sheep Street

d. ESSO footpath, Oxford Road

- Reported by Cllr Sibley there has been positive progress with inclusion of a cycle land and a footpath
- Cllr have asked that a rail be installed to stop being crossing the busy multi lane road.
- Cllr asked for warning signs for pedestrians regarding the services entrance

e. Cattle Creep

- Reported that OCC own the land and are waiting for a formal registration of ownership
- A presentation from OCC on this proposal was requested.
- Cllr Sames proposed it would be a simpler to create a footpath from this location to link up to Bicester Village, creating a connection
- Councillors raised concerns over the size, lighting and safety of the Cattle Creep

2. A4095 realignment (strategic link)

- Reported that there is progress
- Committee have asked for the South East Link Road to be place on the next Agenda as they need to know that OCC are supportive moving forward.
- Miranda Markam stated that OCC have safeguarded land for the ring road.
- Cllr Waine reported that Bicester will have a growth of 25% which will lead to future gridlock if solution is not soon
- Miranda Markam has raised concern as to what the plan would be if there is no ring road

47 Report from Cherwell District Council Officer

No reports were received.

48 Matters raised by Group Members/Residents

No reports were received.

49 20mph

Committee have requested that OCC provide an official statutory consultation only on:

- Outside schools: Committee proposed timed speed limit zones as well as permanent ones
- Estate roads
- Outside shops

50 Forward Plan

Ongoing: Holistic approach to parking outside Perch:

- The approach to parking outside the Perch is private land so park restrictions do not apply
- Committee reported that Cherwell are considering to ticket this area
- Concerns were raised over the use and access of this area in town

Ongoing: Enforcement in Market Square and Sheep Street:

- Committee reported that this is a police matter and obstructing vehicles must be reported

Councillors have requested:

- Officers to seek an update on items on the Forward Plan from both OCC and CDC
- Officers to update all diaries with all future meeting dates

51 Date of Next Meeting

Date of next Meeting: Date Not Specified at Time Not Specified

CLOSE OF MEETING: 14:56 hrs

BICESTER TRAFFIC ADVISORY GROUP MEETING FORWARD PLAN

Thursday 13th June 2024 – 14:00hrs

Item/Comment

1. Ongoing strategic review: cumulative effect on traffic due to Bicester's growth. Pioneer Way. CDC and OCC planner to be aware of traffic issues whilst development takes place
2. Ongoing: Holistic approach to parking outside Perch
3. Timescales to be agreed: Town Centre study
4. Ongoing: A41 review
5. Ongoing: Enforcement in Market Square and Sheep Street
6. Ongoing: Update on air quality issues
7. Ongoing: 20mph speed limit updates
8. Cycle barrier review
9. EWR/London Road crossing
10. Bicester North Station to Bicester Village Station – Cyclist presence.
11. Banbury Road roundabout, Southeast link road