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Bicester Traffic Advisory Group Meeting

Ref: BTAG02/2526

**Thursday 25th September 2025 at 14:00hrs
Council Chamber, Garth House, Launton Road,
OX26 6PS**

Group Members:

Cllr Dan Hallett; Cllr Donna Ford; Cllr John Willett;
Cllr Chris Pruden (CDC), Cllr John Broad (CDC), Cllr Frank Ideh (CDC),
John Shiri (OCC), Nick Cotter (OCC) and Sean Gaul (OCC)

Other Circulation:

Lee Turner (OCC), Jacqui Cox (OCC), Gargi Holland (OCC), William Evans (CDC),
Michael Hewitt (CDC) and Chris Hulme (TVP),



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Monday 22nd September 2025

To all members of the Bicester Traffic Advisory Group,

You are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of the **Bicester Traffic Advisory Group** at **The Chamber Room, The Garth, Launton Road, OX26 6PS** on **Thursday 25th September 2025** to commence at **14:00hrs** for the transaction of following business. This meeting, in common with other Town Council Sub-committees and Working Party Meetings, is not open to the press or public.

Paul Canning
Deputy Town Clerk

Agenda

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

1. Apologies for Absence

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.

2. Appointment of Chair of the Traffic Advisory Group

The Working Party is **ASKED** to **APPOINT** a Chair.

3. Minutes of the Bicester Traffic Advisory Group Meeting (Pages 4 - 6)

To **APPROVE** the **MINUTES** and **RESOLUTIONS** of the following Bicester Traffic Advisory Group Meeting held on:

- BTAG04/2425 – Thursday 10th April 2025
- BTAG01/2526 – Thursday 12th June 2025

4. Update on Outstanding Items

To discuss any outstanding items not covered on the Agenda.

- Esso Garage pathway
- London Road crossing

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

8. Forward Plan

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The Working Party is asked to **NOTE** and **COMMENT** on the Forward Plan.

9. Date of Next Meeting:

Thursday 8th January 2026 at 2pm, The Chamber Room, Garth House

Minutes of the Bicester Traffic Advisory Group

A meeting of the Bicester Traffic Advisory Group was held on Thursday 10th April 2025 at 14:00 hrs at the Chamber Room, Bicester Town Council, The Garth, Launton Road, Bicester, Oxon OX26 6PS.

Present:

Cllr Michael Waine (Chair)
Cllr Dan Hallett
Cllr Donna Ford – left at 14:48
Cllr Chris Pruden
Cllr John Willett
Cllr Les Sibley (OCC)
Jacqui Cox (OCC)
Gargi Holland (OCC)

In Attendance:

Officer, Paul Canning
Civic & Democratic Administrator, Maria Galic
Events & Marketing Administrator, Isobel May

31/ Apologies for Absence

2425 RESOLVED that no APOLOGIES were received.

32/ Minutes of the Bicester Traffic Advisory Group

2425 RESOLVED that Committee APPROVED the Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group Meeting:

- BTAG03/2425 – Thursday 9th January 2025

33/ Update of outstanding items

2425 RESOLVED the Advisory Group discussed and received updates on:

- Esso Garage Pathway:
 - OCC updated on speaking with developers regarding a crossing at the mouth of the entrance
 - Cllrs highlighted the importance of barriers as a deterrent for pedestrians due to the dangerous nature of the road
- London Road Crossing
- Oxford Road
 - Cllrs raised key issues over the requirement for: lighting, repainting of lines and signal crossing
 - Cllrs mentioned that another crossing would cause more traffic
- Bucknell Road / Field Street / Queens Avenue:
 - Cllrs suggested improvements to the recognisability of crossings by way of improved signs, providing better lighting, repainting of lines, signs to indicate no right turn and the possibility of left turn only
- Jacqui Cox, OCC, agreed to follow-up this issue, and to also arrange for the Operations Officer to meet with the committee on site to discuss the matters

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34/ Report from Oxfordshire County Council Officer
2425 RESOLVED that updates were received on:

- London Road Level Crossing:
 Cllrs raised the following points
 - Reiterate their previous comments that the road should remain open
 - Launton Road is currently unable to hold volume of traffic and this would worsen if the road is closed
 - Reinstate meetings with the Local MP, Cllrs and EWR to receive updates
 - OCC confirmed that EWR is assessing all potentials and once this is complete OCC will have to assess this
 - Members agreed that a full Impact Assessment should be carried out before any decision to close the crossing be made.
- A4095 Realignment (Strategic Link Road):
 - A2D have designs ready and are awaiting planning permission to follow
 Cllrs raised the following points:
 - Concerns over the ring road being speed limited
 - If this comes into place the road will not be utilised in the way intended
 - To keep the ring road at a minimum of 40 mph
 - Possible underpass / footbridge for pedestrians
 - Cllrs would object to a speed limit that prevents the road being fit for its intended purpose
- Bicester Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP):
 London Road and A41 South-Eastern Section:
 - OCC have confirmed funding with a potential construction date in Autumn 2025
 Middleton Stoney Road:
 Cllrs raised the following concerns:
 - Widening the path
 - Removing the speed humps
 - Pedestrians are not being prioritised when they should be
 - Unnecessary funding being allocated in favour of cyclist
- A41 J9 to Vendee Drive Cycle Route:
 - Cllrs questioned if this scheme would link to Chesterton which OCC said it will not be, but there are possibilities of future schemes to join the surrounding villages
- Bicester North Station to Bicester Village Station:
 - Cllrs highlight that no public schemes should be made available during the pre-election period
- Sheep Street (ETRO):
 - Cllrs noted that yellow lines do not prevent parking
- Bicester Movement and Place Strategy:

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- OCC have confirmed that they will engage with Councillors and other stakeholder in May/June on

35/ Report from Cherwell District Council

2425 RESOLVED that no updates were received.

36/ Matters Raised by Group Members

2425 RESOLVED that the following matters were raised and discussed by the group:

- Improvement of communication between BTC, OCC and CDC Officers and Councillors
- No proper consultation feedback from CDC Officers regarding the 20 mph speed limits, wording was ambiguous and the advert in the Gazette was not clear for the public
- More consideration in what the BTAG does
- Concerns over the use of the access road between Sainsbury's and Vue Cinema
- Concerns over the parking outside the Perch and Travelodge hotel

37/ Forward Plan

2425 RESOLVED that the Committee NOTED and COMMENTED on the Forward Plan.

- Cllrs and Town Council should have more authority in future and be able to make decisions.
- A huge thank you to the Chair for his service as Councillor

38/ Date of Next Meeting

2425 To be Confirmed

Close of Meeting: 15:40 hrs.

Minutes of the Bicester Traffic Advisory Group

A meeting of the Bicester Traffic Advisory Group was held on Thursday 12th June 2025 at 14:00 hrs at the Chamber Room, Bicester Town Council, The Garth, Launton Road, Bicester, Oxon OX26 6PS.

Present:

William Evans (OCC – arrived at 14:09)
 Cllr Donna Ford
 Chris Hulme (TVP)
 Cllr Chris Pruden
 Cllr John Willett
 Jacqui Cox (OCC)
 Gargi Holland (OCC)

In Attendance:

Officer, Michael Lee
 Events & Marketing Administrator, Isobel May
 Sports and Allotments Administrator, Tanya Govorusa

1/ Appointment of Chair of the Bicester Traffic Advisory Group

2526 UNRESOLVED that no Chair was APPOINTED.
 Cllrs commented on their disappointment of no County Councillors present to be elected as the chair.

2/ Apologies for Absence

2526 RESOLVED that APOLOGIES were received from Cllr Dan Hallett.

3/ Minutes of the Bicester Traffic Advisory Group

2526 UNRESOLVED that Committee did NOT APPROVE the Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group Meeting:

- BTAG04/2425 – Thursday 10th April 2025

The following amendment is to be made:

- To update Cllr Ford's departure of the meeting at 14:48

4/ Update of outstanding items

2526 RESOLVED the Advisory Group discussed and received updates on:

- Esso Garage Pathway:
 - OCC updated that developers have sent over a latest design that their engineers are looking into. Commented to say they aren't 100% happy.
 - Cllrs raised concerns for where the crossing of the mouth will be as it will be close to the roundabout which will cause more traffic and will be dangerous.
 - Cllrs mentioned that temporary matting needs to go down to stop the mud as this can be a risk for slips, trips and falls.
- London Road Crossing

5/ Report from Oxfordshire County Council Officer

2526 RESOLVED that updates were received on:

- London Road Level Crossing:

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- OCC confirmed that East West Rail are looking into 3 options that need to be submitted to the Minister by late July. Also mentioned there will be an additional meeting to go over the plans.
- Cllrs raised concerns that the public seem to know the plans, however they are incorrect and misinformed.
- Cllrs stated regardless of what happens there will be huge consequences for the Town.
- A4095 Realignment (Strategic Link Road):
 - OCC confirmed that it is all set to go if they receive the planning permission for the road.
 Cllrs raised the following points:
 - Concerns over the ring road being speed limited
 - To keep the ring road at a minimum of 40 mph
- Bicester Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP):
London Road (design and delivery), A41 South-Eastern Section (design) and Middleton Stoney Road (design & delivery):
 - OCC confirmed the reports will be published end of next week which will include the preliminary designs that would have been reviewed after the public consultation. This report will also be sent to Active Travel England and a Safety Audit. After the report has been shared, they will investigate the detailed design in July and works to start in Autumn 2025.
 - Cllrs raised concerns that they hadn't received the consultation.
- A41 J9 to Vendee Drive Cycle Route (options & feasibility):
 - OCC stated Siemens had to align with OCC's policy and had to contribute section 6 money.
 - A consultant is investigating 3 routes and mapping existing conditions via surveys i.e traffic surveys and planning workshops
- Sheep Street (ETRO):
 - OCC mentioned the team is monitoring 24/7 of the pedestrian and cyclist count.
 - Cllrs raised concerns that the workings at the moment are dangerous, and local businesses are losing money.
 - Cllrs requested signs are put up for the public to report incidents, require a phone number and an email address.
- Bicester Movement and Place Strategy:
 - OCC stated Bicester's transport is well progressed; however, they will start to investigate it, specifically urban areas. Will be setting objectives to progress Bicester and will be adopted this calendar year; OCC will have more detail at the next meeting.

6/ Report from Cherwell District Council

2526 RESOLVED that updates were received on:

- CDC are renewing signs and lines in Bicester from the last financial year as there is a major backlog
- Double yellow lines are being placed on many roads around Bicester
- There have been many complaints about the cycle barriers not being 1 ½ metres

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- Cllrs raised concerns that there still aren't any road signs for the new Banbury Road layout, there needs to be some advanced notices!
- CDC mentioned that Weston on the Green's speed limit will drop down to 30mph.
- Cllrs would like the zebra crossings to be repainted as the lines are very faint, this can cause an accident. Suggested CDC look at what is the most dangerous and work their way down.

7/ Matters Raised by Group Members

2526 RESOLVED that the following matters were raised and discussed by the group:

- Cllrs confirmed with Chris Hulme that everything is all in order for Saturday's funeral.
- Cllrs questioned if this group is confidential. OCC will look into this and confirm.
- All questioned if this meeting can go online as it is clearly not working due to the lack of attendance.
- OCC need to investigate the Terms of Reference.

8/ Forward Plan

2526 RESOLVED that the Committee NOTED and COMMENTED on the Forward Plan.

- Cllrs commented on item 2 that it should be forbidden to park there. At the beginning it was looked after well and now it isn't.

9/ Date of Next Meeting

2526 Thursday 25th September at 14:00hrs, The Chamber, Garth House.

Close of Meeting: 15:26 hrs.

BICESTER TRAFFIC ADVISORY GROUP MEETING FORWARD PLAN

Thursday 25th September 2025

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: 20 mph 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