

17th November 2009

To: All members of the Abingdon Traffic Advisory Committee

Councillor Samantha Bowring	VWHDC
Councillor Tony De Vere	VWHDC
Councillor Richard Webber	VWHDC
Councillor Lesley Legge	ATC
Councillor Julie Mayhew-Archer	ATC
Councillor Tim Oates	ATC
Councillor Martin Smith	ATC
Councillor Colin Walters	ATC
Councillor Michael Badcock	OCC
Councillor Marilyn Badcock	OCC
Councillor Peter Jones	OCC
Councillor Sandy Lovatt	OCC
Mr Chris Hulme	TVP
Mrs Stella Carter	Southern Oxon Magistrates
Mr Peter Wiblin	Abingdon o T Chamber of Commerce

Dear Member,

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the Abingdon Traffic Advisory Committee to be held on **Monday 23rd November 2009**, at 7 p.m. at Old Abbey House, Abingdon, Oxon.

Yours sincerely,

N. E. Warner
Town Clerk

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1. **Apologies**

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. **Declarations of interest**

Members are asked to declare any personal interest, and the nature of the interest, which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting (please refer to the notes at the end of the agenda).

3. **Minutes**

To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 18th June 2009 (attached).

4. **Matters Arising**

To consider any matters arising from previous minutes.

5. **Notification of Urgent Business**

To receive notification of any matters which the Chair determines should be considered as urgent business.

6. **Report of the Director of Environmental Services**

To receive the report of the County Council's Area Engineer for Southern Oxfordshire. This will be circulated at the meeting.

7. **Abingdon Integrated Transport Strategy (AbITS)**

To receive an update on the AbITS programme for Abingdon from Mr A. Warren, Senior Engineer - Design & Implementation (attached).

8. **Highway Matters**

To consider the following matters raised by members and members of the public (if not by this stage already covered in the agenda items above), in the order in which they were received:

(1) Loading bay outside Co-op – a request for an update on usage, and how many residents' parking spaces are affected by the need to enter the bay. It appears that it is still being used by members of the public – can this be stopped? (Councillor Lesley Legge).

(2) There is an overgrown hedge blocking the pavement outside No 40 Oxford Road; it is requested to make this a shared cycle/pedestrian way. (Councillor Lesley Legge).

(3) Cycle path from Audlett Drive to Daisy Bank - request to look at ways to show where junctions are, for the safety of those travelling along this path and entering it. Suggested solutions include "give way" painted on paths, and cross hatching on main route where junctions are. (Councillor Lesley Legge).

(4) Concern over Daisy Bank pavements in general, several trip hazards are noted outside nos 50-53 and 64-66 in particular (reported through OCC website). (Councillor Lesley Legge).

(5) Concern over the tree on the roundabout in The Motte which has dropped branches. (Councillor Lesley Legge).

(6) Bicycle racks. Councillor Peter Fulk has asked this matter to be raised and writes: *“This has been on the agenda for some time culminating in the installation of racks, which the Town purchased, in the Oxford Road. At the meeting before last (or even the one before that) it was agreed that OCC and Vale officers would look into the situation at the Northcourt Road junction and I believe that there was a site meeting, although nothing was reported back. Much to my surprise Colin Walters has reported that this issue was discussed at an Abits Meeting on the 6th November.*

Councillor Walters reported to me:

“At the AbITS meeting on Friday 6th November I understand (I was not there myself) a report was tabled by County Officers in which Item 5.1 reads:

“As previously mentioned in the report, following requests from Members, 6 cycle stands will be provided in the vicinity of the Boundary House bus stops. This will compliment the cycle stands at 3 other stops on the Oxford Road previously installed.

The previous mention in the report was at 2.3. as follows:

“A question was asked if the wide footway by the Boundary House could potentially accommodate some cycle parking. Using some of the developer funding set aside for cycle improvements in the town, 6 'Sheffield' cycle stands will be installed at this location.”

In addition another meeting (officers only) was held between OCC, Vale and Christ's Hospital on the 18th September regarding bike racks in Stratton Way. See attached minutes.

I would be pleased if you could ensure that these details are brought to the TAC meeting and that the TAC should give some thought and advise who should be co-ordinating these activities. Having three different committees doing this is absurd.”
(Councillor Peter Fulk)

(7) Which authority will be responsible for the removal of abandoned bicycles? This problem is endemic in Oxford, but both the City Council and the Universities have procedures for dealing with it. (Councillor Peter Fulk)

(8) Now that phase 2 of the town centre AbITS changes are underway in the High Street and the Market Place, part of this refurbishment will see the removal of the Taxi rank in East St. Helen Street. When this happens can we please consider turning Lombard Street into a one-way street eastwards? This will remove the amount of tension that takes place when there are traffic queues and, more importantly, making it safer for cyclists following Sustrans route 5 to Oxford. It will also make it much more feasible to have more Residents' parking places. (Councillor Peter Fulk)

(9) At the stopped up North end of Bath street outside Stratton House, on the left side is a Disabled parking place. On the right side, equally accessible, are double yellow lines. Why? Can we have another parking bay place please. (Councillor Peter Fulk)

9. **Any Other Notified and Urgent Business**

To receive any other notified and urgent business.

10. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Abingdon Traffic Advisory Committee was previously agreed as Thursday 11th February 2010.

Notes on Declarations of Interest

1. Any Member arriving after the start of the meeting is asked to declare personal interests, as necessary, as soon as practicable after their arrival even if the item in question has been considered.
2. With the exception of the circumstances listed in paragraph 9 (2) of the Local Code of Conduct for Members, a Member with a personal interest also has a prejudicial interest if it is one which a Member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest. In such circumstances, the Member must withdraw from the meeting room and should inform the Chair immediately.
3. It is not practical for the Town Clerk to offer detailed advice during the meeting on whether or not a personal interest should be declared, or whether a personal interest should also be regarded as prejudicial.