

REPORT TO ABINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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LODGE HILL UPDATE

Oxfordshire County Council has now formally entered into a grant funding agreement with Homes England to secure £17.33 million of infrastructure grant funding for the A34 Lodge Hill interchange scheme.

The county council has also entered into a contract with Balfour Beatty for the design and build of the scheme. Detailed design has already begun, with construction of the local traffic calming works and the layby upgrades to the A34 expected to start later in 2024. The main construction of the two new south facing A34 slip roads is anticipated to start in autumn this year, lasting approximately two years.

The A34 Lodge Hill scheme will improve connectivity to and from the north of Abingdon, avoiding the town centre and making it easier for people to choose walking, cycling or taking public transport as part of their daily routine.

Temporary Road Closure at Abingdon, A4138 Oxford Road

A request has been received from National Highways for a temporary road closure to apply to a section of A4138 Oxford Road whilst essential Deck refurbishment of the bridge carrying the A1483 over the A34 (Lodge Hill flyover) working in collaboration with SGN gas works are carried out.

A Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) is being made to implement the temporary closure and will operate from 05 July 2024 up to and including 26 August 2024. There will be five weekend road closures from Fri evening 9pm to Mon morning 6am inclusive within the above dates. There is one weekend contingency road closure from Fri evening 9pm to Mon morning 6am inclusive within the above dates.

OTHER TRANSPORT UPDATES

Nearly 100 roads across Oxfordshire are being improved as part of a £7 million highway maintenance programme. Around one million square metres of carriageway will be treated, making it the biggest surface dressing programme undertaken in Oxfordshire for at least 20 years. Several of these roads are in Abingdon.

Surface dressing is one of the most cost-effective methods of roads maintenance and spring is the best time to start this programme of work.

Driving too fast on a recently treated road can result in broken windscreens or chipped paintwork, as the friction from the tyres can dislodge loose chips. There is also an increased risk of skidding while the new chippings 'bed in'.

For these reasons, an advisory speed limit of 20mph will be put in place. It is important to adhere to these low speeds until all warning signs have been removed.

COMBINED PARK AND RIDE BUS AND PARKING TICKETS

The combined parking and bus ticket for Oxford's park and rides will remain at £4 for a car with one adult or £5 for a car with two adults. This has been agreed until April 2025.

Lots of you attended our information session about traffic filters last week, which I hope you found useful. If you missed it, you can [catch up by watching the recording](#). As we prepare to start the trial in and around Oxford from November 2024, here's a couple of

OTHER NEWS

Oxford United Stadium

'Heads of terms' have been agreed between Oxfordshire County Council and OUFC for the lease of land near Kidlington owned by OCC and proposed to be the site of OUFC's new home. A number of other key legal and partnership agreements still need to be made, including planning permission from Cherwell District Council and the production of a net zero carbon plan.

Community transport grant funding

County Council is pleased to announce the launch of a new grant funding package to support community transport provision. This year's package comprises a total of up to **£150,000** to be divided among schemes benefiting Oxfordshire residents. To maximise reach across the sector, due to the reduced amount relative to the sum available in 2023-24 further applications from successful bidders for last year's scheme will unfortunately not be considered on this occasion. The deadline for applications is **Friday 12 July**.

Boost to cycling

OCC has approved its map for a 'Strategic Active Travel Network (SATN)'. The map has straight line walking and cycle routes between settlements in Oxfordshire and towns/villages in neighbouring counties. Cabinet approved progressing to 'stage 2' – translating the straight-line network into on-the-ground alignments, design and costing.

Mission to eliminate road deaths

A package of measures aimed at eliminating deaths and serious injuries on Oxfordshire's roads by 2050 ('Vision Zero') have been approved. Each 1 year there are currently approximately 30 deaths and 245 serious injuries on Oxfordshire's roads. The programme has £4 million in funding for projects to be delivered by 2026.

Community transport grants 2024-25

OCC is inviting parish/town councils to bid for community transport grants from a pot of £150,000. Applications from successful bidders in 2023 2024 will not be considered to give opportunity for other areas to benefit also.

Planned temporary road closures

As we approach the summer season, we will see increased work to the road network. You can keep up to date with One Network and OCC's map tool for major highway maintenance.

Temporary Road Closure and No Right Turn Restriction at Abingdon, Stert Street & Bridge Street

In the interests of public safety, it will be necessary for Oxfordshire County Council to close the road as detailed above in order to facilitate Removal of MASS barriers following repair works at Stert Culvert.

A temporary Notice is being made to implement the temporary closure and no right turn and will operate from 16 June 2024 up to and including 17 June 2024.

Temporary Road Closure / No Wating / Two to One Way Restriction / No Turning at Abingdon, Northcourt Road

In the interests of public safety, it will be necessary for Oxfordshire County Council to close a section of Northcourt Road to facilitate drainage repairs / improvements works.

A Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) is being made to implement the temporary closure and "No Waiting" restriction, two to one way, no turning and will operate from 05 August 2024 up to and including 23 August 2024. This is a 24-hour closure.

Access will be maintained for emergency service vehicles and for those frontages within the closure area, subject to the progress of the works and liaison with the works supervisor.