



# Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council

## Traffic Advisory Committee 29.1.25

### Actions Register – updated 19.2.25

**8 November 2023**

TA15/23

#### **Wootton Road roundabout road markings**

Pedestrian access from the Wootton Road Aldi store into Abingdon, crossing over Copenhagen Drive is difficult due to the traffic and hazards such as vehicles not correctly indicating. The junction is a hazard for pedestrians, cyclists and motor vehicles. Cllr Giddins asked if it would be possible to add lane markings onto the roundabout to help with lane discipline and make it safer for motorists.

**Lee Turner would review the current layout at the roundabout and report back to the committee. Further action may be considered for the next financial year.**

29.1.25: the situation at the roundabout continues to be difficult. LT has asked colleagues to investigate possible actions and would report back. Cllr Giddins offered to meet with officers at the site if useful.

**6 November 2024**

TA5/24

#### **Item for future agenda: 20mph speed limit**

It was noted that county council officers were expected to review new limits to address any issues after they had had time to become established.

29.1.25: the scheme continues to be rolled out across the county and review of the new limits will be considered when the scheme is completed. NF reported that the number of road traffic collisions has reduced in areas where 20mph limits have been introduced. In addition, there is evidence that insurance premiums are reducing in areas with 20mph zones, which is positive for everyone. LT reported that the county council would review the schemes and seek feedback from the 20mph areas.

TA6/24	<p><b><u>Bostock Road, Park Road, Victoria Road, Conduit Road traffic calming – Robert Simpson</u></b></p> <p>A resident raised the issue of speeding on Bostock Road, Park Road, Victoria Road and Conduit Road and requested speed bumps. The streets concerned are mostly residential and officers noted that there was no collision history on the roads mentioned apart from a single issue. Funding for actions to address speeding are directed at areas where there is a history of incidents. Some of the roads mentioned are private and therefore enforcement will not be possible.</p> <p>It was suggested that residents could be asked to set up a community speedwatch group to provide data to assess the extent of the problem in the area. Formal data recording is needed to enable the police to respond. The town council could request and fund a speed survey which would record speeds over a 24 hour period.</p> <p>The Chair would contact the resident to respond to their query and will suggest to the Chair of the town council's Town Infrastructure committee that an item is added to the agenda to consider a speeding survey.</p> <p>29.1.25: TG has contacted the resident to inform them that a speed survey was being considered.</p>
TA6/24	<p><b><u>Parking in Boulter Drive – several residents</u></b></p> <p>Residents raised the issue of parking on Boulter Drive which can cause problems with visibility on the long bend approaching Long Furlong Medical Centre, making it difficult for cars on one side of the road to drive. There are yellow lines on one side of the road and yellow lines further along on the other side were requested to help address this situation.</p> <p>The county council has installed yellow lines and has reviewed the scheme. The town council is being consulted on parking restrictions and was recommended to add this suggestion so that it can be considered by the county council as part of its review. Cllr Ley would share information about the request made to county council officers and would consult with district colleagues to establish the history of the issue.</p> <p>29.1.25: NL is reviewing the changes which were introduced and will update a future meeting.</p>
TA6/24	<p><b><u>Spring Road road safety</u></b></p> <p>Comments received regarding road safety on Spring Road and surrounding roads, with the suggestion that traffic calming measures are introduced, including a crossing at the southern end of Spring Road. A crossing had been explored in this area but there may not be a safe location to install one. A speed indicator sign has been installed on Spring Road heading south. Lee Turner offered to visit the site with local councillors to explore options for a crossing in this area. It was noted that the tactile paving at the bottom of Spring Road is broken and worn and is often crossed by large vehicles, causing a hazard to pedestrians. Traffic officers were asked if a solution would be</p>

	<p>possible. It may be possible to install bell bollards here to increase safety. Lee Turner will Email Cllr Fawcett and Cllr Greenaway to arrange a site visit.</p>
<p>TA6/24</p>	<p><b><u>Proliferation of marketing banners tied to railings at key junctions leading into Abingdon – Richard May, Director, Mays Properties Ltd</u></b></p> <p>A local business owner asked about banners tied to railings which reduce visibility, in particular for pedestrians and cyclists. It was noted that most had been removed recently but a new one had been put in place. The worn yellow hatching on the junction was also raised as a further hazard.</p> <p>Responsibility for the railings rests with the county council and it was noted that banners are increasingly being added to railings across the town. The county council has a banner policy and enforcement policy which has been managed by the district council. The town council has in the past been given agency powers to address this. This may be revived.</p> <p>It was noted that if any agency – i.e. the town council - removes banners, they must be stored for a period of weeks to allow the banner owner to reclaim them before they are destroyed. It would be worth asking the district council if it still does this.</p> <p>LT suggested adding any issues with banners to fixmystreet for county officers to address. An item would be added to the Town Infrastructure committee to investigate if the agreement still exists and if it should be revived or reintroduced.</p> <p>Re road hatching, LT would ask officers to look into this.</p> <p>29.1.25: signs have now been removed but signs continue to be placed there.</p>

**29 January 2025**

<p>TA13/24</p>	<p><b><u>Daisy Bank visibility issues</u></b></p> <p>Resident of Daisy Bank raised the issue of parking in the local area. Parking is a problem on residential roads with industrial estate workers and large vehicles parking on roads in the residential area. This causes congestion and hazards for residents and makes exiting the trading estate hazardous due to poor visibility. Parking issues appear to be getting worse. The issue has been raised before and does appear to be acute.</p> <p>LT advised that it should be possible to cut back the hedges to improve visibility.</p>
<p>TA15/24 and TA16/24</p>	<p><b><u>Abingdon Bridge traffic survey</u></b></p> <p>The issue of construction traffic using Abingdon Bridge and the town centre was raised as a number of significant developments are planned. LT has referred this to the county council bridge engineer for analysis and he is awaiting a response. LT will share any information when received outside of the meeting. NL advised that there is an HGV</p>

	<p>strategy for the county which may address these concerns. NL will speak to colleagues to find out how this might be applied.</p> <p>The town council Planning committee has considered the planned development in Culham and is keen to monitor traffic flows into and out of Abingdon before this takes place to enable any changes to be identified and appropriate action to be considered as a result. LT could connect the town council to the team at the county council which can organise this. A basic survey does speed, volume and classification so this would provide the information MG has suggested is needed. LT would check if there is a permanent traffic monitoring survey in this area.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> to ask the town council Town Infrastructure committee to contact Oxfordshire County Council to establish if there is existing survey data on traffic flows across Abingdon Bridge and what data it might be possible to obtain with a traffic survey in advance of planned development at Culham. Data collected would enable any changes in traffic volume and type to be identified and appropriate action to be considered as a result.</p>
<p>TA15/24</p>	<p><b><u>Traffic congestion on Radley Road</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Rooke raised the issue of traffic congestion on Radley Road along the section between the roundabouts outside St Edmund's and Audlett Drive, mainly delays and congestion in the mornings and afternoons. It may be possible to consider 'school streets' schemes and NL would discuss the 'school streets' process with TG and Cllr Rooke. It was noted that the issue is traffic volumes primarily so it may not be easy to resolve.</p>
<p>TA15/24</p>	<p><b><u>Radley Road</u></b></p> <p>This road is quite minor but it is used by a lot of large lorries. It may be useful to consider restricting HGV access along this road and redirecting lorries along Audlett Drive. There is a need for access for lorries along Radley Road, such as for Radley Road Industrial Estate. It would be useful to survey the level of usage of Radley Road by lorries. Current road signage directs traffic round Audlett Drive and the county council would need evidence of an issue for it to make any changes. LT encouraged local councillors to obtain this. LT recommended that the town council requests the proposed changes to signage to discourage lorries.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> to ask the town council Town Infrastructure committee to request that the county council change the signage at the town end of Radley Road to redirect lorries. LT advised that the end signage is correct at the top of Radley Road at the roundabout with Twelve Acre Drive. Officers were asked to add this item to the Town Infrastructure committee agenda.</p>

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