



NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ADVISORY GROUP

PROPOSED TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT/IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES

It was agreed, at the meeting with OCC on 11th January 2018, that WPC will send OCC a list of schemes to be considered for S106 Agreements between developers, SODC and OCC. Jason Sherwood (OCC Officer for Growth) agreed that schemes which had previously been discussed with developers, in particular with Archstone, were no longer appropriate as they focussed on traffic ‘mitigation’ measures. As the delivery of the edge road is moving forward and could begin within 20 months, mitigation measures to offset the impact of additional traffic from new development in Watlington are no longer needed. The aim of new traffic schemes is to reduce the dominance of traffic within the town and smaller settlements and to improve the highway environment for the benefit of other users including cyclists and pedestrians. Some schemes are in the Neighbourhood Development Plan and have been consulted on widely while others were raised at the January meeting with OCC. WPC and OCC will discuss the proposals and agree a list of priorities.

Proposals to improve pedestrian safety:

- Provide a one-way traffic system from the junction of Cuxham Road with Willow Close (the existing roundabout) to the junction of Cuxham Road and Britwell Road and from that junction to the new junction of the Edge Road with Britwell Road. This will bring traffic into Watlington via Cuxham Road and out of Watlington via Britwell Road. The two one-way sides of the triangle will link with the two-way Edge Road and two-way Brook Street. This proposal is important because there is an existing need to improve access for pedestrians along both Cuxham and Britwell Roads where pavements are narrow and non-existent in places. As the developments of Sites A, B and C proceed more residents will need to be able to use these routes safely.
- Provision of pedestrian crossing points:
 - (i) A crossing on Britwell Road to link the new development and Windmill Piece to the pavement on the opposite side of the road and to link with the footpath to West Meadow and the Willow Ponds.
 - (ii) A crossing on Britwell Road to link to the alley through to Cuxham Road.
 - (iii) A crossing on Cuxham Road to link from the alley to the footpath into the town centre.
 - (iv) A crossing on Brook Street to Gorwell.

Proposals to reduce traffic speeds:

- The introduction of a 20mph limit throughout the residential streets in the town.
- A traffic calming scheme for Howe Road for traffic entering the town.
- A traffic calming scheme for Hill Road for traffic entering the town.

- A traffic calming scheme for Christmas Common. The introduction of a 20mph limit through the village in addition to other measures which have been proposed.
- The reduction of the limit from 40mph to 30mph for Howe Hill.

Proposals to improve cycling and walking links:

- The retention of Pyrton Lane for walking and cycling but closure to through traffic from the 'S' bends beyond St Leonard's Close to the junction with the Pyrton village access road from the B4009.
- A link for the cycling and walking route on Pyrton Lane with Willow Close and the new developments at Sites B and C. The route through Willow Close will link with the new route from Site A which passes the Industrial Estate.
- A change to the footpath from Pyrton Lane along the boundary of Icknield College to a footpath/cycleway and an extension of it to the playing field and B4009.

Proposal to create a new bridleway:

- A new bridleway through Sites B and C (possibly using PYR 2 as well) for equestrians from the Cuxham Road direction to access the Oxfordshire Way, avoiding more than one crossing of the Edge Road.

Proposal to re-route school buses:

- A link from the new Edge Road into the grounds of Icknield College for school buses. This would enable the buses to use the edge road instead of the existing town centre routes.

Enhancement of the town centre:

- A scheme at the central crossroads by the Town Hall - similar to the 'Dorset Model' - once the Edge Road is in use.
- Enhancement of the High Street.
- A review of traffic movements at the pinch points in Couching Street and Brook Street.
- Measures to avoid vehicles driving along the pavement, especially in Brook Street.

Bus service route:

- A new route for buses to/from Oxford using the Edge Road, Shirburn Road, Couching Street, Brook Street and Britwell Road. This will avoid the need for buses to use the High Street. The route and stopping places will need to be agreed before the design specification for the Edge Road is finalised.

New signage:

- 'Brown' signs promoting Watlington as a small, historic market town at the junctions of the Edge Road to encourage people to access the town as visitors.
- Reminder signs of the 7.5t limit on the approaches to the new Edge Road.
- Electronic signs indicating vehicle speeds.

ANPR cameras:

- Electronic enforcement of speed and breaches of the 7.5t limit.