

## **Full Council 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

### **Traffic Management Parking and Pedestrian Safety Committee – Report**

**1. Yellow Lines/ Station Road Pedestrian Lane:** Revised proposals, following discussions between the Council and OCC Highways were submitted to the responsible Cabinet Member and approved on 20<sup>th</sup> June. It is anticipated that the marking of new lines and changes to existing ones will be done at the end of October. OCC Highways are willing to do some refurbishment of existing yellow lines where they are particularly worn as well as replacing missing signs. These have been identified and notified to OCCH.

**2. Flashing speed signs:** The speed signs are now in place on the High Street and the Wallingford Road, by the school and are active. The signs by the school show a school warning sign during school drop off and pick up times; at other times they show a 20mph reminder. Observation of traffic shows that most vehicles do slowdown when they activate the signs as a result of exceeding the speed limit. The Committee have agreed that speed surveys should be carried out on Manor Rd, Cleeve Rd and Elvendon Rd to see if further measures to control speed are necessary, a request for a budget will be made to Council at its next meeting.

### **3. Extending the 20mph speed limit for the length of Gatehampton Road**

Residents have concerns that the proposed housing development in Gatehampton Rd would exacerbate the existing volume and speed of traffic in the road. The Committee agreed that the unrestricted length of the Road was narrow and used by walkers, cyclists and horse riders and that it would be appropriate to consider extending the 20mph speed limit to the full length of the road. This would be for a resolution by Council and the Committee would establish what would be required, including a speed survey in addition to those identified in 2 above.

**4. Pedestrian Crossing at Gatehampton Rd from the station:** Council had agreed £4.7K funding for a pedestrian priority lane to be marked on the Station car park and for a dropped kerb on the Gatehampton Rd opposite. The work to mark a PPL is to be done by GWR's contractor and OCC Highways are to provide the dropped kerb. OCC Highways subsequently submitted a costing which exceeded the budget due to additional work being required and July Council agreed to increase the budget to £7.8K. The dropped kerb is now on order (date of installation to be confirmed). Once the dropped kerb is in place the PPL will be marked by GWR.

**5. Community Centre Carpark and Sheepcot Field:** A Risk Assessment recommended marking a pedestrian priority lane (PPL) along the edge of the Community Centre car park, The Committee has also considered that a PPL along the Sheepcot Field access road would improve safety. Quotes for both have been obtained and a proposal for a budget is on the agenda for this meeting of Council.

### **6. Accessible access to Ferry Lane Open Space**

The Committee considered a proposal for a boardwalk connecting Ferry Lane and the Thames Path. This would make an all-weather circular walk, accessible for wheelchairs and push chairs, via Station Road, the Thames Path and back along the High Street. Details of the scheme would need to be worked up before putting it to Full Council. Planning permission and Environment Agency agreement would be required.