

Travel and Transport Committee – Report

1. Yellow lines/Station Rd Pedestrian Priority Lane (PPL): The re-marking of single yellow lines in Upper Red Cross Road has not take place because of the condition of the surface. OCC Highways are reviewing the cost of the works needed. OCC Highways have also been asked to re-mark double yellow lines at the Station entrance on Station Road.

2. Speed surveys: A request for a budget for the cost of five speed surveys to follow up those carried out last year is on the agenda for the June Council meeting. Consideration will be given to the need for speed humps in Elvendon Road and Gatehampton Road following the survey results.

3. Community Speed Watch: The residents group are to meet in June after further publicity has been given to attract volunteers.

4. Parking at Sheepcot Field/Whitehills Green: Residents have expressed their appreciations for the Committee and Goring Robins FC's efforts to reduce the parking problems at Whitehills Green. The effect of the changes to pitch allocation will be assessed in the autumn

5. Actions to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility:

A. Ongoing:

(i) Outside the Social Club: Following complaints about large vehicles preventing safe passage between the carpark and the roadway, the Committee met with the Club and proposals for re-aligning the parking spaces were put forward, a proposal has been received and will be considered by the Committee, if necessary consulting with OCC Highways.

B. Proposed:

The Committee has identified a number of sites (listed below) where improvements could be made but where work is the responsibility of OCC Highways. A site meeting with Cllr Filipova Rivers and OCC Highways officers has been arranged for 17th June to review the proposals.

(i) Manor Rd/High Street Junction: Installing a pedestrian refuge at this point would improve safety at this wide junction. This is the Committee's priority. OCC Highways have been asked to take this forward.

(ii) High St/Red Cross Rd junction to the Social Club: A crossing is needed and OCC have been approached for likely costs and feasibility.

(iii) High St raised table: A crossing could be provided on the existing raised table and OCC will be approached for likely costs and feasibility.

(iv) Pavement outside Pierrepont 's café : To investigate the possibility of a 'parklet' (a boarded extension to the pavement) being created, using one of the existing parking spaces, to provide more space for pedestrians wheelchairs and pushchairs. OCC's views on this have been sought.

(v) Reading Rd/Farm Rd footpath: The footpath narrows at the junction with Fairfield Rd on a bend where the Reading Road narrows and is unsafe. Steps from the footpath on to the road do not coincide with the pavement on the opposite side of the road. OCC have been approached for likely costs and feasibility.

Other measures:

(vi) Ferry Lane: The proposal is for an accessible, wheelchair friendly route linking Ferry Lane and the Thames Path, costs to be established for consideration by Council. OCC advice is that a hard surfaced path rather than, as originally proposed, a boardwalk, would be better. This needs to be linked in with the recently published Mend the Gap Access Improvement Report. The path will now follow the route of an existing restricted byway on the south side of the open area. An arboricultural survey will be needed because of the presence of roots of large trees bordering the area and not on Council land. Initial estimates of cost have been sought from four contractors to provide a basis for requesting a budget for the work from Council.

(vii) Safe walking routes: The Committee will prepare a map of safe walking routes identifying those that are wheelchair accessible.

Appendix F.2

Request for a budget for further speed surveys

Speed surveys were carried out in December 2024 at four locations, Manor Road, Elvendon Road, Cleeve Road and Gatehampton Road. The results were presented to Council at its February meeting when the Travel and Transport Committee were asked to consider the next steps. The Committee decided at its February meeting to carry out further surveys in six months and to include the sites of the flashing speed signs in the survey.

It was subsequently agreed that the speed surveys should be at the following five locations:

Gatehampton Road (as before)

Manor Road (as before)

Elvendon Road (as before)

Cleeve Road (between Penny Piece and Clevedon)

High Street (opposite the Social Club).

The cost of the surveys last year was £640+VAT. On that basis the cost for five surveys would be £800+VAT. VAT is recoverable and to allow for any uplift in prices, Council is asked to approve a budget of £900 for the five surveys.

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