

Notice of a meeting of the

**Planning and Development Committee  
(acting as a Working Group)**

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7:30pm

Online at Zoom.us (or via your device app).



**All members of the Planning and Development Committee are summoned to attend this meeting for the transaction of the business on the agenda.**

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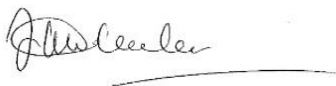
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# AGENDA

1. To receive apologies.
2. To receive declarations of interest.
3. Members should declare any interests they may have on any item on this agenda in accordance with Didcot Town Council's Code of Conduct.
4. To approve the draft minutes of the meeting held via Zoom on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021.
5. Questions on the minutes as to the progress of any item.
6. To note as listed: correspondence regarding planning matters.
7. To note as listed: applications for certificates of lawful development and information only.
8. To consider as listed: planning applications.
9. To note as listed: planning appeals.
10. To note as listed: planning applications approved.
11. To note as listed: planning applications refused.
12. To note as listed: planning applications withdrawn.
13. To note as listed: planning applications referred.
14. To consider the Planning Service Town and Parish Council Engagement – Pilot - June 2021 – August 2021.
15. To note the approved minutes from the Traffic Advisory Group's meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020.



Janet Wheeler, **Town Clerk**  
8<sup>th</sup> July 2021

## **Voting committee members**

Cllr Eleanor Hards (Chair)  
Cllr Anthony Dearlove (Vice-Chair)  
Cllr Melissa Mallows  
Cllr Pam Siggers  
Cllr James Durman  
Cllr David Chandran

## **Substitute committee members**

Cllr Axel Macdonald  
Cllr John Moody  
Cllr Amanda Sandiford  
Cllr B Service  
Cllr A Thompson  
Cllr P Giesberg

#### 4. Draft Minutes of the

### **Planning and Development Committee (acting as a working group)**

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021 via Zoom



**PRESENT:**

**Councillors:**

E Hards (Chair)  
A Dearlove (Vice Chair)  
M Mallows  
J Durman  
P Siggers  
D Chandran

**Officers:**

J Wheeler (Town Clerk)  
C Lordan (Events and Communications Officer [minutes])

One member of the public

**28. To receive apologies.**

No apologies received.

**29. To receive declarations of interest.**

Cllr A Dearlove declared an interest in item 10j application P21/S2085/FUL – 102 Norreys Road, Didcot, OX11 0AN and would therefore leave the meeting during that item.

No other interests were declared.

**30. To approve the draft minutes of the meeting held via Zoom on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2021.**

It was proposed by Cllr A Dearlove, seconded by Cllr P Siggers, and **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting and note it as such.

**31. Questions on the minutes as to the progress of any item.**

There were no questions as to the progress of any item.

**32. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT AND INFORMATION ONLY.**

None received.

**33. To comment on Licence Application LAPREM/14158/21**

Application	<a href="#">LAPREM/14158/21</a>	View application - use the key words: Premier Store
Details	New Premises Licence application - Premier Store, Unit 1c, 150 Broadway, Didcot, OX11 8RJ	
Response date	8 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	
Agreed response	It was proposed by Cllr A Dearlove, seconded by Cllr E Hards, and <b>RESOLVED</b> to make no response to this application.	

**34. To consider SODC Communications and methods of response.**

It was agreed that going forward the Planning and Development Committee agenda would have a 'Correspondence' section as a way to document correspondence between Didcot Town Council and others, such as South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC) regarding Planning matters. This would make the email communications accessible to residents and easier to keep a record of.

It was also agreed that the Planning and Environment Officer would write to the Head of Planning at SODC and ask for clarification on what the criteria are for an item to go to

committee and the likelihood of Didcot Town Council Planning and Development Committees comments triggering a referral (appendix 1).

**35. To comment on Oxfordshire County Councils, draft updated local list of information requirements for validation of planning and related applications.**

Cllr E Hards proposed and Cllr P Siggers seconded to respond supporting the strengthened requirement for biodiversity enhancement.

All members agreed.

**36. To consider as listed: Planning Applications.**

<b>10a)</b>	<b>Application</b>	<a href="#">P21/S2157/HH</a>	13 Loddon Drive Didcot OX11 7QA
	<b>Proposal</b>	Single storey extensions	
	<b>Response date</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> June 2021 (Extended from 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2021)	
	<b>Agreed response</b>	It was proposed by Cllr E Hards, seconded by Cllr A Dearlove and <b>RESOLVED</b> to submit no objection.  All members agreed.	
<b>10b)</b>	<b>Application</b>	<a href="#">P21/S2215/HH</a>	12 Norreys Close Didcot OX11 0AS
	<b>Proposal</b>	Single and two storey rear/side extensions	
	<b>Response date</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> June 2021 (Extended from 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2021)	
	<b>Agreed response</b>	The committee would like the neighbours' concerns submitted to SODC with regards to the impact on local trees, specifically the trees with tree protection orders, to be taken into consideration.  It was proposed by Cllr A Dearlove, seconded by Cllr P Siggers and <b>RESOLVED</b> to submit no objection.  All members agreed.	

10c)	Application	<a href="#">P21/S2218/HH</a>	25 Glebe Road Didcot OX11 8PL
	Proposal	Erection of two-storey side extension and single storey rear extension.	
	Response date	28 <sup>th</sup> June 2021 (Extended from 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2021)	
	Agreed response	It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to submit no objection.  All members agreed.	
10d)	Application	<a href="#">P21/S2211/HH</a>	5 Welland Avenue Didcot Oxon OX11 7QL
	Proposal Amendment 9	Single storey rear extension & internal alterations.	
	Response date	28 <sup>th</sup> June 2021 (Extended from 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2021)	
	Agreed response	It was proposed by Cllr P Siggers, seconded by Cllr A Dearlove and <b>RESOLVED</b> to submit no objection.  All members agreed.	
10e)	Application	<a href="#">P21/S2238/HH</a>	22 Plym Drive Didcot OX11 7PG
	Proposal Amendment	Garage conversion with front door relocated and additional windows.	
	Response date	28 <sup>th</sup> June 2021 (Extended from 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2021)	
	Agreed response	It was proposed by Cllr E Hards, seconded by Cllr J Durman and <b>RESOLVED</b> to submit no objection.  All members agreed.	
Cllr J Durman left the meeting at this point.			
10f)	Application	<a href="#">P21/S2366/HH</a>	55 Hagbourne Road Didcot OX11 8DT
	Proposal	Replacing existing dilapidated Garage/ Store and Conservatory with new Garage/ Store and Garden Room.	
	Response date	24 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	
	Agreed response	It was proposed by Cllr E Hards, seconded by Cllr P Siggers and <b>RESOLVED</b> to fully support this application.  All voting members agreed.	
Cllr J Durman returned to the meeting.			

<b>10g)</b>	<b>Application</b>	<a href="#">P21/S2292/HH</a>	49 Sinodun Road Didcot OX11 8HW
	<b>Proposal</b>	Extension comprising: - Single storey extension to rear; - Replacement and extension of existing single storey room with two-storey extension to rear; and - Enlargement of existing front porch	
	<b>Response date</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	
	<b>Agreed response</b>	It was proposed by Cllr M Mallows, seconded by Cllr A Dearlove and <b>RESOLVED</b> to submit no objection.  All members agreed.	
<b>10h)</b>	<b>Application</b>	<a href="#">P21/S2254/HH</a>	130 Loyd Road Didcot OX11 8JR
	<b>Proposal</b>	Two storey side extension & single storey rear extension.	
	<b>Response date</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	
	<b>Agreed response</b>	It was proposed by Cllr A Dearlove, seconded by Cllr D Chandran and <b>RESOLVED</b> to submit no objection.  All members agreed.	
<b>10i)</b>	<b>Application</b>	<a href="#">P21/S2406/HH</a>	45 Orwell Drive Didcot OX11 7RX
	<b>Proposal</b>	Replace existing conservatory with single storey extension	
	<b>Response date</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	
	<b>Agreed response</b>	It was proposed by Cllr E Hards, seconded by Cllr J Durman and <b>RESOLVED</b> to submit no objection.  All members agreed.	
Cllr A Dearlove left the meeting at this point.			



10j)	Application	<a href="#">P21/S2085/FUL</a>	102 Norreys Road Didcot OX11 0AN
	Proposal Amendment 2	Erection of two 4-bedroom detached dwellings to the rear of 100 & 102 Norreys Road, Didcot together with access, parking, and the provision of new amenity space. (As amended by revised plans showing air source heat pumps and amplified by energy information received 7 June 2021 and amended plans received 15 June 2021 resiting and reducing size of buildings)	
	Response date	22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2021	
	Previous Response	Didcot Town Council objects to this application due to the lack of space available for amenities, especially for plot 2.	
	Agreed response	<p>The Committee noted that the amendments have moved the buildings further west and increased the amenity land for plot 2 to 114 square metres.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr P Siggers, seconded by Cllr E Hards and <b>RESOLVED</b> to submit no objection.</p> <p>All voting members agreed.</p>	
Cllr A Dearlove returned to the meeting.			
10k)	Application	<a href="#">P21/V1324/HH</a>	Winterbrook Farm Bessels Way Blewbury Didcot OX11 9NL
	Proposal	Erection of pool outbuilding over existing pool	
	Response date	30 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	
	Agreed response	No response given as the application address is in Blewbury.	
10l)	Application	<a href="#">P21/S2172/HH</a>	9 Melton Drive Didcot OX11 7JP
	Proposal	Remove existing garage to side. Proposed two storey to side aspect, part rear with single storey to rear aspect. Parking to front for three vehicles.	
	Response date	1 <sup>st</sup> July 2021	
	Agreed response	<p>The committee were concerned that the increase in bedrooms would in turn create an increase in cars parking near the property which could lead to an issue as the property is in a cul-de-sac and parked cars may obstruct the turning circle.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr A Dearlove, seconded by Cllr P Siggers and <b>RESOLVED</b> to submit no objection.</p> <p>All members agreed.</p>	
10m)	Application	<a href="#">P21/S2461/FUL</a>	136-144 The Broadway and 3-5 Station Road Didcot OX11 8RJ

	<b>Proposal</b>	Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) on P19/S4550/FUL - Change of material from metal cladding to colour-through render with decorative lines (RAL 7045) due to ongoing concerns with fire safety towards cladding systems on buildings as well as maintenance issues associated with metal cladding. Roof Extension to form 1 x 1-bed and 1 x 2-bed flats and a lobbied office space. Also includes infilling of small passageway at 1F and widening of one window at 1F	
	<b>Response date</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> July 2021	
	<b>Agreed response</b>	It was proposed by Cllr A Dearlove, seconded by Cllr P Siggers and <b>RESOLVED</b> to submit no objection.  All members agreed.	
<b>10n)</b>	<b>Application</b>	<a href="#">P21/S2453/FUL</a>	East Unit Rich's Sidings Didcot OX11 8AG
	<b>Proposal</b>	1. Change of use of existing buildings from B2 - light industrial to E(d) - personal training/fitness studio. 2. Re-furbishment, re-roofing and re-cladding of existing single storey extension.	
	<b>Response date</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> July 2021	
	<b>Agreed response</b>	It was proposed by Cllr E Hards, seconded by Cllr A Dearlove and <b>RESOLVED</b> to submit no objection.  All members agreed.	
<b>10o)</b>	<b>Application</b>	<a href="#">P21/S2299/FUL</a>	48-50a 48A Hagbourne Road Didcot OX11 8DS
	<b>Proposal</b>	Variation of conditions 2 (Approved plans) & 6 (Sustainable Design Features) in application P20/S0983/FUL. Residential development comprising 8 x one bedroom flats and 3 x two bedroom houses with associated access, parking and landscaping.	
	<b>Response date</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2021	
	<b>Agreed response</b>	It was proposed by Cllr D Chandran, seconded by Cllr E Hards and <b>RESOLVED</b> to support the comments made by the Infrastructure Implementation Officer particularly the comments regarding EV charging points.  All voting members agreed.	

<b>10p)</b>	<b>Application</b>	<a href="#">P21/S2365/HH</a>	31 King Alfred Drive Didcot OX11 7NT
	<b>Proposal</b>	Single storey side extension, widen existing vehicular access, block pave parking/turning area to SUDs specification.	
	<b>Response date</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2021	
	<b>Agreed response</b>	It was proposed by Cllr A Dearlove, seconded by Cllr E Hards and <b>RESOLVED</b> to submit no objection.  All members agreed.	
<b>10q)</b>	<b>Application</b>	<a href="#">P21/S2000/HH</a>	1 Tarret Burn Didcot OX11 7FZ
	<b>Proposal</b>	Convert garage space into extra room (study). No resizing necessary/possible due to location between conservatory and neighbour's garage. Removal of front garage door, provision of dwarf wall and window in its place. Creation of side door from conservatory wall. Retain fire door exit to rear of garage which leads onto garden. Creation of extra parking space outside front of house adhering to minimum size requirements.	
	<b>Response date</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2021	
	<b>Agreed response</b>	It was proposed by Cllr E Hards, seconded by Cllr P Siggers and <b>RESOLVED</b> to submit no objection.  All members agreed.	
<b>10r)</b>	<b>Application</b>	<a href="#">P21/S2542/RM</a>	Land to the North East of Didcot Didcot
	<b>Proposal</b>	Reserved Matters Application in respect of 59 dwellings and 4 multi-use commercial space including car parking, open space, landscaping and associated works.	
	<b>Response date</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	
	<b>Agreed response</b>	It was proposed by Cllr P Siggers, seconded by Cllr A Dearlove and <b>RESOLVED</b> to support the comments made by the Infrastructure and Development Officer particularly the comments regarding the lack of parking and the sizing of garages on the plans.  All voting members agreed.	

10s)	Application	<a href="#">P21/S2573/HH</a>	14 Haydon Road Didcot OX11 7JD
	Proposal	Two storey side extensions and single storey rear extensions, associated hardstanding and creation of a dropped kerb.	
	Response date	7 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	
	Agreed response	<p>The committee were concerned that given the layout of the plans that this will eventually become a six bedroom or more HMO (house in multiple occupation), and in turn this could lead to increased noise disruption, additional waste produced and added congestion.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr A Dearlove, seconded by Cllr M Mallows and <b>RESOLVED</b> to submit no objection.</p> <p>All voting members agreed.</p>	

### 37. PLANNING APPEALS

The Committee noted that no planning appeals were submitted.

### 38. APPLICATIONS APPROVED

The Committee noted the below listed approvals.

Didcot Town Council's recommendation	Planning Application Number	Proposal and Address
No objection	<a href="#">P21/S0881/FUL</a>	<p>Variation of condition 2 (Approved plans) on application P19/S2731/FUL removal of window boxes.</p> <p>Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of application P18/S1475/FUL (Demolition of buildings and erection of a 70-bed care home (within class C2), parking, access, landscaping, and other associated works) in line with amendments submitted and detailed in agent's emails dated 18/11/2019, 22/11/2019, 13/02/2020, 27/02/2020 and 01/04/2020.</p> <p><b>Unit A, Lower Broadway, Broadway, Didcot OX11 8ET</b></p>
No objection	<a href="#">P21/S0711/HH</a>	<p>First floor extension above existing garage, to enlarge existing 3rd bedroom and create a home office. (As amended by drawing received 12 May 2021, to add a front canopy over the front door and garage).</p> <p><b>33 Slade Road Didcot OX11 7AR</b></p>
<p>Objection with comment:</p> <p>Didcot Town Council would like to object to this application due to the lack of parking. This lack of parking will lead to additional on street parking in an area used by the public as a recreation area</p>	<a href="#">P21/S1111/FUL</a>	<p>Change of use from C4 to an 8 person HMO, a sui generis use.</p> <p><b>11 The Croft Didcot OX11 8HS</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">M10</p>

<p>which could be dangerous especially as the site is near local schools and children use the are frequently.</p>		
<p>Objection with comment:</p> <p>The Council's Planning and Development Committee considered the size of the site and the potential over development of it. They were concerned that it is not big enough for 4 dwellings and will not provide adequate, usable amenity space, particularly on t he east side, rendering the site unneighbourly. Although the site is not listed in any listed flood zones the Town Council has local knowledge of previous flooding on this site, and as the houses on the west are at the front, this could be an issue for those properties. The potential over development of the site could cause lack of light to the new properties. The Committee were also concerned over the shrubs and trees already on the site, that they may become under threat, especially those to the north, which will need to be retained because of the proximity of the site to the area of outstanding, natural beauty.</p>	<p><a href="#">P21/S0693/FUL</a></p>	<p>Erection of two pairs of semi-detached dwellings with access, parking and amenity space as amended by revised block/location plan 001-C (as amended by plans received on 30 April which alter the design of the proposed development and as amplified by energy statement received 18 May 2021 as amended by revised energy statement received 26 May 2021).</p> <p><b>186 Abingdon Road Didcot OX11 9BP</b></p> <p>M11</p>

No Objection	<a href="#">P21/S1117/FUL</a>	Demolition of the existing building and the erection of a replacement building comprising four 1-bedroom units as amended by revised drawings dated 18 May 2021 which reduce the depth of the rear extensions.  <b>123 Broadway Didcot OX11 8AL</b>
No Objection	<a href="#">P19/S4643/FUL</a>	Public Open Space (Areas R and U) (additional and amended landscape plans received January, April, June 2021).  <b>Areas R and U Great Western Park Didcot</b>
No Objection	<a href="#">P21/S1875/HH</a>	Erection of two-storey extension to side of dwelling. Renewal of planning permission P16/S4281/HH with same proposal.  <b>17 King Walk Didcot OX11 7PE</b>
No Objection	<a href="#">P21/S1376/HH</a>	Single storey extension to rear of property.  <b>8 Meadow Way Didcot OX11 0AU</b>
No Objection	<a href="#">P21/S1370/HH</a>	Conversion of garage to include office space and W.C.  <b>42 Mereland Road Didcot OX11 8AY</b>

**39. APPLICATIONS REFUSED**

The Committee noted no applications had been refused.

**40. APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN**

The Committee noted no applications had been withdrawn.

**41. APPLICATIONS REFERRED**

The Committee noted no applications had been referred.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed: .....

Date: .....



## Appendix 1

1<sup>st</sup> July 2021

Mr Adrian Duffield  
Head of Service  
135 Eastern Avenue  
Milton Park  
Abingdon  
OX14 4SB



Dear Mr Duffield,

### **REQUEST FROM DIDCOT TOWN COUNCIL'S PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Thank you for your recent letter.

Didcot Town Council's Planning and Development Committee last met on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021.

At this meeting, the Committee considered communications with South Oxfordshire District Council and other authorities and organisations.

Whilst discussing this the Committee resolved to contact you and ask for clarification on what criteria need to be met for an item to be discussed at SODC Committee level and what it takes for Didcot Town Council Planning and Development Committee's comments to trigger a referral.

The Committee also requested information on the current timescales and criteria for member call-in.

We look forward to receiving your response.

Yours sincerely

Lucy Blake  
**Planning and Environment Officer**  
**On behalf of the Planning and Development Committee**

**4. To approve the draft minutes of the meeting held by Zoom on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021.**

**5. Questions on the minutes as to the progress of any item.**

**6. To note as listed: correspondence received regarding planning matters.**

<b>Date received</b>	<b>Received from</b>	<b>Sent to Members</b>	<b>Details</b>
21 <sup>st</sup> June 2021	Adrian Duffield - SODC	Via email 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Application number P21/S0274/FUL will be considered by the District Council's planning committee on Wednesday 30/06/2021
25 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Adrian Duffield - SODC	Via email 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Update from SODC regarding their work and what they expect to come in 2021

Hard copies of these communications can be made available to all members.

**7. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT AND INFORMATION ONLY.**

None received.

## 8. To consider as listed: Planning Applications

8a)	Application	<a href="#">P14/V2873/O</a>	Land to the West of Great Western Park (Valley Park) Didcot (in the parishes of Harwell and Milton)
	Amendment	No. 10 - dated 17th June 2021	
	Proposal	Outline planning application for a residential development of up to 4,254 dwellings, mixed-use local centres, primary schools, sports pitches, community and leisure facilities, special needs school, open space and extensive green infrastructure, hard and soft landscaping, attenuation areas, diversions to public rights of way, pedestrian and vehicular access and associated works (as amended by drawings and information accompanying letter from Agent dated 10 March 2016, 21 August 2019, 24 January 2020, 30 March 2020, 20 May 2020, 14 December 2020, 6 May 2021 and 15 June 2021).	
	Response date	5 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 (extended from 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2021) <b>Response was sent 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021.</b>	
	Agreed response	It was <b>AGREED</b> to submit an <b>objection</b> to this application and to continue with the previous comments already supplied to the Vale of White Horse District Council on 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2021 and 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2021, but to remove the comment relating to the Dutch style Roundabout.	
8b)	Application	<a href="#">P21/S0659/HH</a>	29 Meadow Way Didcot OX11 0AX
	Amendment	No. 1 - dated 18th June 2021	
	Proposal	Replacement of existing rear extension with single storey extension. (Corrected proposed plans received 18 June 2021)	
	Response date	2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2021 (Extension requested) <b>response requested from members via email and needed to be sent to SODC by 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021.</b>	
	Agreed response		

<b>8c)</b>	<b>Application</b>	<a href="#">P21/S2624/FUL</a>	114 Broadway Didcot OX11 8AB
	<b>Proposal</b>	The proposal includes a residential development of 6 apartments including 2 x 3-bedroom apartments, 2 x 2-bedroom apartments and 2 x 1-bedroom apartments. There is an existing two storey building on the site with a shop at ground floor and a single existing 3-bedroom apartment at first floor level. The proposal convert the ground floor retail unit into an apartment, modify the apartment at first floor level, construct a 1 bedroom apartment in the roof space and then construct a 3 storey extension to the rear to form 3 apartments. The proposal to include a total of 6 apartments. A new staircase is included for access. A new amenity space to the rear is also to be formed.	
	<b>Response date</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 (extended from 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2021)	
	<b>Agreed response</b>		
<b>8d)</b>	<b>Application</b>	<a href="#">P21/S2637/FUL</a>	Land at 4 Ernest Road Didcot OX11 8QH
	<b>Proposal</b>	Proposed new dwelling.	
	<b>Response date</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> July (extended from 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2021)	
	<b>Agreed response</b>		
<b>8e)</b>	<b>Application</b>	<a href="#">P21/S2591/FUL</a>	Units 1 and 2 Market Place Didcot OX11 8RJ
	<b>Proposal</b>	Variation of condition 2 (Approved plans) on application P19/S2209/FUL Change of material from metal cladding to colour-through render with decorative lines (RAL 7045) due to ongoing concerns with fire safety towards cladding systems on buildings as well as maintenance issues associated with metal cladding roof extension to form 2 x 1-bed flats.	
	<b>Response date</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 (extended from 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2021)	
	<b>Agreed response</b>		

8f)	Application	<a href="#">P21/S2646/FUL</a>	Edmonds Park Park Road Didcot OX11 8QL
	Proposal	The construction of a new single storey pavilion providing sports changing rooms and a multi-functional community space together with related facilities. External hard and soft landscaping, sports and play equipment, bicycle storage and improved parking arrangements.	
	Response date	17 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 (extended from 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2021)	
	Agreed response		
8g)	Application	<a href="#">P21/S2658/HH</a>	50 Oxford Crescent Didcot OX11 7AX
	Proposal	Demolish existing utility room and replace with ground floor extension to kitchen and living room.	
	Response date	17 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 (extended from 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2021)	
	Agreed response		
8h)	Application	<a href="#">P21/S2681/HH</a>	37 Warner Crescent Didcot OX11 8JY
	Proposal	Single storey extension and the provision of 2 dormer windows to front elevation to replace 2 existing Velux roof lights	
	Response date	17 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 (extended from 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2021)	
	Agreed response		
8i)	Application	<a href="#">P21/S2718/O</a>	13 Newlands Avenue Didcot OX11 8PZ
	Proposal	Outline application for access and layout for new detached dwelling.	
	Response date	17 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 (extended from 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2021)	
	Agreed response		

<b>8j)</b>	<b>Application</b>	<a href="#">P21/S2832/HH</a>	18 Penpont Water Didcot OX11 7LR
	<b>Proposal</b>	Two Storey Side Extension and Porch Extension	
	<b>Response date</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	
	<b>Agreed response</b>		
<b>8k)</b>	<b>Application</b>	<a href="#">P21/S2679/HH</a>	122 Brasenose Road Didcot OX11 7BS
	<b>Proposal</b>	Single storey extension to front and side of house	
	<b>Response date</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	
	<b>Agreed response</b>		

**9. To note as listed: Planning Appeals.**

None received.

**10.To note as listed: Planning Applications approved.**

<b>Didcot Town Council's recommendation</b>	<b>Planning Application Number</b>	<b>Proposal and Address</b>
<p>No objection with comment:</p> <p>Didcot Town Council has concerns as to whether there would be enough amenity space once the rear extension had been constructed.</p>	<p><a href="#">P21/S1879/HH</a></p>	<p>Proposed conversion of roof space and single storey rear extension.</p> <p><b>19 Juniper Way Didcot OX11 6AA</b></p>
<p>No objection</p>	<p><a href="#">P21/S1981/HH</a></p>	<p>Demolish existing garage and extend with a single story 15 degree pitched roof brick building adding 1 reception room, 1 bedroom and a shower room.</p> <p><b>70 Loyd Road Didcot OX11 8JS</b></p>
<p>No objection with comment:</p> <p>The Committee noted that the elevation plans were not available on the Planning Portal.</p>	<p><a href="#">P21/S2069/HH</a></p>	<p>Loft conversion with rooflights proposed for the roof both front and rear of the property. Demolition of existing extension and new extension built within the same footprint.</p> <p><b>47 Church Street Didcot OX11 8DG</b></p>
<p>No objection</p>	<p><a href="#">P21/S1892/HH</a></p>	<p>Addition of a brick built porch with tiled roof to the front of the building along with the addition of a bay window (lower part brick built with tiled roof).</p> <p><b>35 Newlands Avenue Didcot OX11 8QA</b></p>
<p>No objection</p>	<p><a href="#">P21/S2026/HH</a></p>	<p>Three storey side extension to house an Aritco "Home Lift Access" wheelchair lift. (As amended by drawings received 22 June 2021, to increase the width by</p>

		23cm and set back 34cm further from the front elevation)  <b>1 Juniper Way Didcot OX11 6AA</b>
No objection	<a href="#">P21/S2011/HH</a>	Removal of existing conservatory and construction of a single storey rear flat roofed extension and conversion of garage to habitable accommodation.  <b>33 Verlam Grove Didcot OX11 7SW</b>
No objection	<a href="#">P21/S1959/HH</a>	Remove existing porch and construct new single storey extension providing larger porch and additional area to sitting room.  <b>138 Lydalls Road Didcot OX11 7EA</b>
No objection	<a href="#">P21/S2157/HH</a>	Single storey extensions.  <b>13 Loddon Drive Didcot OX11 7QA</b>
No objection	<a href="#">P21/S2211/HH</a>	Single storey rear extension & internal alterations.  <b>5 Welland Avenue Didcot Oxon OX11 7QL</b>
No objection	<a href="#">P21/S2238/HH</a>	Garage conversion with front door relocated and additional windows.  <b>22 Plym Drive Didcot OX11 7PG</b>
No objection with comments:  Didcot Town Council has some concerns regarding the lack of amenity space.	<a href="#">P21/S2138/HH</a>	Proposed ground floor side and rear extension.  <b>46 Loyd Road Didcot OX11 8JT</b>



No objection	<a href="#">P21/S2218/HH</a>	Erection of two-storey side extension and single storey rear extension.  <b>25 Glebe Road Didcot OX11 8PL</b>
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**11. To note as listed: Planning Applications refused.**

None received.

**12. To note as listed: Planning Applications withdrawn.**

None received.

**13. To note as listed: Planning Applications referred.**

None received.

**14. To consider the Planning Service Town and Parish Council Engagement – Pilot - June 2021 – August 2021.**

**15. To note the approved minutes from the Traffic Advisory Group's meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020.**

**15. Traffic Advisory Group  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020, 7-9pm  
Zoom**



## Minutes

Note: These minutes are subject to approval as a true and correct record by the next meeting.

### PRESENT:

Councillor Celia Wilson<sup>1</sup> (Chair)  
Councillor Mocky Khan<sup>2</sup>  
Councillor David Rouane<sup>3</sup>  
Councillor Simon Hewerdine<sup>4</sup>  
Councillor Eleanor Hards  
Councillor Phil Davies  
Councillor Anthony Dearlove  
Councillor Marie Walsh  
Councillor Pam Siggers  
Councillor Ian Snowdon<sup>5</sup>

Mr C Hulme (Thames Valley Police Traffic Management Officer)  
Mr L Turner (Oxfordshire County Council Traffic Officer)  
Mrs L Blake (Office Services Manager)  
Ms Marybeth Harasz (Garden Communities Manager)

Three members of the public attended remotely.

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<sup>1</sup> Also a South Oxfordshire District Council member

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## 1. To receive apologies

G. Clarke (The Chair of the GWP Residents Association).

## 2. Accuracy check of the Minutes

It was **AGREED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020 be recorded as a true record and was noted as such, subject to the following amendment:

- To use more inclusive language by changing the word 'Chairman' to 'Chair'.

## 3. Updates from previous Meeting

- Bollards along Lower Broadway  
The issues of vehicles mounting the pathway along the Lower Broadway was first discussed in a Traffic Advisory Group meeting in June 2018.  
The concept of installing bollards along Lower Broadway was discussed again and councillors asked why the idea was rejected in the past. The suggestion that it was due to not having enough room for wheelchair access was denied by the Oxfordshire County Council Traffic Officer, as he explained that the County Council would not have given Didcot Town Council a quotation if the site wasn't suitable, or PDA compliant.  
Cllr P Siggers informed the group that there was another reason the bollards proposal was rejected, financial implications. Who would be financially liable if one of the bollards were damaged or knocked over?  
The exact location of the site was questioned, and it was noted that the location is opposite Travis Perkins on the residential side of the road.  
Cllr A Dearlove explained his concerns regarding the need for vehicles to mount the path, especially larger vehicles when the road is busy. Would the bollards cause more issues with traffic? Cllr M Walsh replied that driving on the pavement is illegal and vehicles should wait. Cllr A Dearlove explained GWP has same issues, two lorries cannot fit down the same road at the same time.  
Cllr P Davies suggested that maybe removing the private parking on the Industrial side of the road could alleviate the problem. Cllr S Hewerdine agreed and said a decision needed to be made whether to prioritise pedestrians or road users.  
There is a worry that emergency vehicles could get stuck.  
  
Cllr C Wilson agreed the subject of bollards being installed on the Lower Broadway is still a live issue.

Cllr E Hards explained by removing the parking along the Lower Broadway you would be exacerbating parking on the smaller side roads and she could not support this. She also explained that the last Traffic Advisory Group meeting was pre lock down and since then the Town Council's finance situation has 'taken a nosedive'. The Financial and General Purposes Committee will have to prioritise the Council's spending.

Cllr P Davies proposed that the Didcot Garden Town Team move this idea forward as it is part of the 'Cultural Spine' project. The Garden Communities Manager agreed to investigate this.

- Flooding in the Orchard Centre - Walkways

Cllr C Wilson explained that originally this was not thought to be a TAG issue but was happy to discuss if the group felt the need.

No discussion was made, and it was AGREED to remove this item for the time being, but it can be raised again in the future.

- Traffic Pollution in Town

The subject of traffic pollution in the town arose from discussion regarding Henley regularly checking the levels in the Town Centre, at the last TAG meeting.

Cllr D Rouane explained that Henley is an air quality management area, but Didcot isn't. Didcot does have various monitors checking the pollution levels throughout the town, 3 monitors being on the Broadway, and they all show that the traffic pollution levels are nowhere near the National guidelines. The issues usually arise in closely confined areas, such as Wallingford and Henley Town Centres.

Cllr S Hewardine originally took motion to Council, approximately 2 years ago, which DTC were asked to contact SODC and request they preform continuous monitoring under Marsh Lane Bridge and the area near to the roundabout down from the Oval. This was due to the levels exceeding the 40mg annual limit, in which, he believes this should require mandatory treatment as AQMA.

Cllr S Hewardine was informed the reason the areas were not made air quality management areas were due to the measuring devices being more than 15 yards from the edge of the highway, so they could not be distance adjusted, and therefore not giving an accurate result. There were also plans to replace absorption tubes near to Marsh Lane Cottages and to move existing monitoring equipment. He explained that the density of traffic can also cause issues and levels to increase. Not so much during lockdown but as the A4310 is due to be widened, we could have volumes of traffic causing the problems.

Cllr S Hewardine proposed to keep this issue live and follow up the original letter with SODC again. Cllr A Dearlove agreed.

Cllr D Rouane abstained from the decision as the letter will be passed to him.

Cllr E Hards asked if Cllrs Hewerdine and Dearlove could provide the group with a copy of the original letter, as there has been a change of Council since.

It was **AGREED** to write to SODC, to ask if the monitoring equipment has been moved - to ensure reliable data, and whether there has been any increase in levels.

#### **4. Civil Parking Enforcement – update and discussion**

Cllr D Rouane explained that the Civic Parking Enforcement (CPE) project is running to timetable, albeit slightly delayed due to the corona virus pandemic. The project will be taken to cabinet in October/November 2020 and if agreed, will be taken to the Secretary of State in the autumn of 2021.

Cllr M Walsh explained that it would be beneficial for the outline and timetable of the plan to be made public on Didcot Town Council's website, to show that things are still progressing. Cllr A Dearlove agreed.

Cllr P Davies asked if the Police have the records of how many parking notices have been issued in Didcot since February 2020. The Thames Valley Police Traffic Management Officer did not have this information to hand but agreed to forward the details to the Office Services Manager to add to the minutes once received.

The Oxfordshire County Council Traffic Officer concurred with Cllr D Rouane, that the County and the District will be talking with the Cabinet in October 2020 and if all agreed and accepted by the Secretary of State in 2021, action will commence shortly after. The change to CPE will only use 'what is currently on the ground' – meaning no changes in restrictions will be made prior to the move. Teams are currently repainting lines in preparation.

Cllr M Walsh suggested advertising the progress of CPE on Didcot Town Council's website to regularly inform residents of the progress of CPE and any updates that come from future meetings. Cllr D Rouane will provide this information.

Cllr S Hewerdine explained that as the process progresses residents will have concerns, especially with commuter parking and people wanting residents parking permits and suggested that an informal consultation could be organised to introduce the new scheme to residents and to enquire what their views are on current restrictions and

what could potentially be changed once CPE has been brought into effect. Cllr M Walsh and Cllr P Siggers agreed.

It was **AGREED** that Didcot Town Council add a CPE update and progress section to their website, with updates from Cllr D Rouane.

## **5. Update on projects being progressed**

Marybeth Harasz, the Garden Communities Manager, gave the group an update on local projects in Didcot:

- Didcot Central Transport Corridors (DCC) and Jubilee Roundabout

The Jubilee Roundabout improvements have been incorporated within the DCC scheme as the roundabout is located on both the Growth and Cultural Corridors and many of the junctions and links within Didcot are intrinsically connected.

These plans will allow people to walk and cycle more within Didcot and will enhance the open spaces, although no funding has been identified yet. It is important that this project be looked at in conjunction with the Housing Infrastructure Fund 1 (HIF1) schemes and the completion of the Northern Perimeter Road 3 (NPR3). These plans are still at an early stage.

A Great Western Park resident voiced her concerns regarding the quality of cycle paths in Didcot, especially the route from Didcot to Milton Park. Cllr P Davies agreed, he has only had issues along this route also. Ms Harasz asked the group to forward all concerning areas to her.

The improvements to the Didcot Central Corridors are likely to be built after the HIF1 schemes, the A4130 widening and the Science Bridge are completed.

- Science Vale Cycle Network (SVCN)

The SVCN phase 1 project aims to improve and create cycling provisions within six key corridors:

1. Wantage to Harwell Campus (Route 1)
2. Abingdon to Milton Park (Route 3)
3. Didcot to Harwell Campus (Route 5)
4. Didcot to Milton Park (Route 6)
5. Abingdon to Culham Science Centre (Route 7A)
6. Didcot to Culham Science Centre (Route 8)

The aim is to improve the routes for cyclists and pedestrians and to make cycling a more attractive choice for many journeys, not just to or from work. Funding for the project will come from the Local Growth Fund (LGF). A detailed plan of construction is available online. Ms Harasz will forward these details to the Office Services Manager, to distribute to the group.

Cllr P Davies explained that Route 8 is less than 2m wide and is not compliant. It needs to be widened to 3m. It was agreed that Cllr P Davies contact Ms Harasz directly regarding this issue.

- Didcot Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)

This project is necessary to relieve the pressure on existing roads in the vicinity of the allocated housing sites of Ladygrove East and NE Didcot, particularly Abingdon Road and the Marsh Bridge roundabout, and to accommodate additional traffic generated by planned housing and economic growth in the area.

Ms Harasz explained that since the report was written the project had been discussed at a cabinet meeting but has been 'pushed back'.

Cllr D Rouane explained that it was a pity there were no County Councillors in attendance, as they were asked for their ideas on the projects, but no feedback had been received. He suggested that the group ask Didcot's County Councillors for their views and what improvements were suggested for Didcot.

Cllr S Hewardine suggested that the Town Council staff look back at the Minutes of the County Council Cabinet meeting, held on 18<sup>th</sup> August.

- Didcot Northern Perimeter Road 3 (NPR3)

This scheme forms part of the strategic transport infrastructure in Didcot and will extend the existing A4130 Didcot Northern Perimeter Road (NPR), linking the A4130, Abingdon Road and B4016 junction to the A4130 and Hadden Hill junction. It is currently in the preliminary stages of design.

Cllr P Davies asked Ms Harasz, as the initial plan was withdrawn a few years ago, is the design the latest drawing? Ms Harasz replied that there has not been any fresh designs but that she will pass that fact onto the developers.

Cllr E Hards declared an interest in this as her home is in the vicinity of this project. Her concern is that the houses at the end of the road will be 'cut off' and residents will need access to the Town Centre. This contradicts encouraging walking and cycling as the safest way to access the Town Centre would be by car. Ms Harasz

emphasised that not a lot of further work has been done on this project but that she will raise the concerns regarding lack of access and configuration.

Cllrs M Walsh and C Wilson voiced their concern regarding the fact that no public transport has been mentioned. Ms Harasz explained that she will raise this point for clarification.

- Cllr M Khan entered the meeting at 20.21.

Cllr D Rouane had a meeting with Bloor Homes (developer) in which it was mentioned that they had been told by the County Council that, the development could not be started until the Northern perimeter Road has been finished, yet the County Council had insisted that they cannot finish the Perimeter Road until the development has been finished. Ms Harasz will pass this query on for clarification.

- HIF1 schemes

The 4 interlinked schemes (The A4130 capacity improvements, Science Bridge, Didcot to Culham River crossing and the Clifton Hampden bypass) are moving from feasibility design into the preliminary design stage and will then progress into detailed design. Oxfordshire County Council is on track to complete the schemes in Autumn 2024.

Cllr S Hewerdine and M Walsh asked, as part of the HIF1 funding, are there plans to segregate cycle lanes, as the aim is to encourage safer travelling? Ms Harasz explained it is her understanding that the cycle paths are segregated but will seek confirmation from OCC.

- COVID recovery response

Cow Lane - The plan to create a modal filter at Cow Lane underpass were cancelled due to considerable reservations from local Members and opposition posted on social media from residents – mainly a perceived lack of consultation. The measure will be revisited later through the Garden Town implementation.

Basil Hill – There was also a plan to create a modal filter at Basil Hill to remove through traffic and to help create a sustainable travel corridor across Didcot. Similarly, to Cow Lane, there were reservations from local Members and the measure was withdrawn to be revisited in the future when timescales allow for local engagement and detailed design.

Chilton Road – A 750m section of Chilton Road has been closed to vehicular traffic, to provide greater space for people to walk, wheel and use a bicycle.



Resident J Spiers explained that he personally travels to and from the Harwell site and sees no reason why the road has been closed, as most cyclists use the route via Hagbourne. In his opinion the closure of the road has caused more trouble with traffic.

Cllr M Walsh asked that attention be made to Public Transport in all future projects and reports.

These updates were noted.

- Marybeth Harasz left the meeting.

## 6. Traffic Surveys

The Office Services Manager updated the group on the Speed Survey budget:

Speed Survey Budget	<b>£750.00</b>	
2x Hagbourne Road surveys	<b>£240.00</b>	- PAID
Abingdon Road, Avon Way & Park Road	<b>£360.00</b>	- DUE
Remaining budget	<b><u>£390.00</u></b>	

Cllr C Wilson asked if the surveys were beneficial and asked the group for their opinions. Cllr P Davies explained that all the past completed surveys appeared to show 50% of vehicles speeding on the roads, so is beneficial. Cllr's P Siggers, S Hewerdine and M Walsh agreed. The opinion is without the information, nothing could be done, and the surveys do not cost a huge amount of money. The surveys could also be useful for future Planning applications.

The Oxfordshire County Council Traffic Officer asked for all the results to be forwarded to him and the Thames Valley Police Traffic Management Officer by the Office Services Manager.

The Office Service Manager informed the group of the suggested locations for future surveys made by cllrs to be Lydalls Road, Haydon Road, Sir Frank Williams Way and Wantage Road, after the completion of the road works.

It was **AGREED** that speed surveys be arranged for Lydalls Road, Sir Frank Williams Way and Wantage Road, totalling £360.00.

## 7. Pathways update

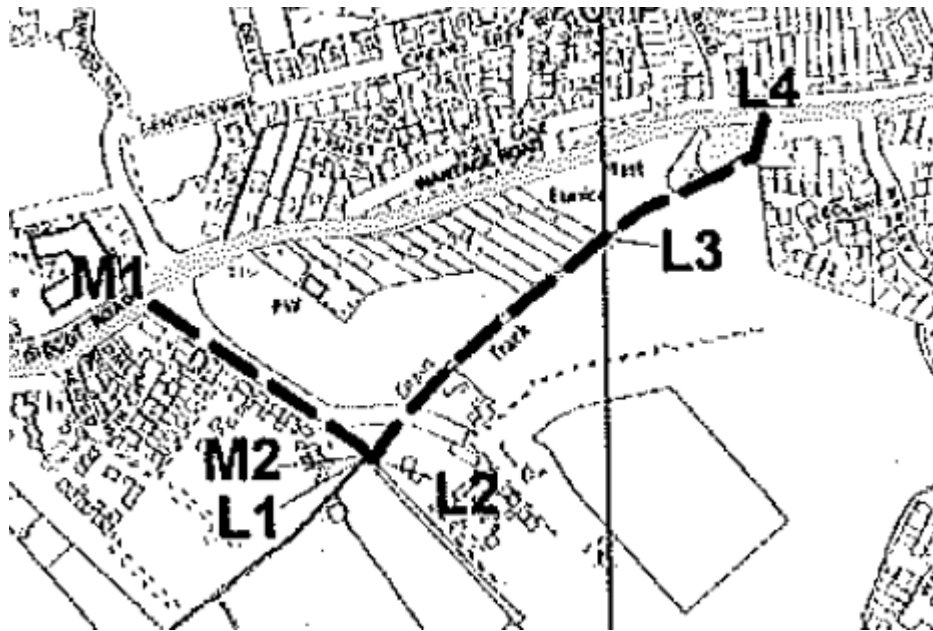
The Office Services Manager read out the update on the pathways in Didcot.

a. GWP – Stubbings Land:

***“I am waiting the quotes for the path and once they come back, they will be presented at the next Environment and Climate Change Committee meeting to consider.”*** – From the Outdoor Services Manager at Didcot Town Council.

b. GWP – Wantage Road:

***“OCC has confirmed the modification of Didcot footpath 31 (among others). This order covers about 470m running from the boundary of Wantage Road by Pil Pond to Diamond Drive and then south along Diamond Drive back to Wantage Road. Therefore, from 20<sup>th</sup> July this year, the footpath will follow the route below, with OCC responsible for the coordination of the maintenance of its surface and boundaries.”*** – From Didcot Town Council’s Planning and Environment Officer.



Path Number	Status	Description of Route	Length	Width
Didcot 31	Footpath	From Harwell Footpath 21 at grid reference SU 50792 89504 (Point L1 on the plan) running southeast for approximately 5 metres to SU 50796 89500 (Point L2 on the plan) then north-east for approximately 465 metres to the southern boundary of the Wantage Road at SU 51138 89789 (Point L4 on the plan).	470 metres	2 metres

The reports were noted.

## 8. Implications on Planning Applications

Cllr C Wilson withdrew Item 8 due to the meeting potentially over running.

## 9. Any other business

### 1. Speed on Diamond Drive

A Diamond Drive resident firstly wanted to thank the group for working late and for inviting her to the meeting. She explained that it could be a good idea to advertise the group in a newsletter and to remind people of the meetings. She explained that many vehicles speed down Diamond Drive and it is especially dangerous due to the local School nearby. The issues grow during the evenings and she has lost a wing mirror to a speeding motorist. She suggested maybe installing 'humps' in the road. Cllr M Walsh asked what the speed limit is currently on Diamond Drive. The answer is 20pmh.

It was AGREED to add the issue of speeding on Diamond Drive to the next agenda.

### 2. Anti-Social vehicle meets on Southmead Industrial Estate

Cllr P Davies explained there have been numerous reports on Social Media regarding antisocial vehicle meet ups in the early hours on the Southmead Industrial Estate. Police have been called regularly and cllr Davies asked why Section 59 cannot be used more.

### ***'Section 59 Vehicles used in manner causing alarm, distress or annoyance***

*(1) Where a constable in uniform has reasonable grounds for believing that a motor vehicle is being used on any occasion in a manner which—*

*(a) contravenes section 3 or 34 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 (c. 52)  
(careless and inconsiderate driving and prohibition of off-road driving),  
and*

*(b) is causing, or is likely to cause, alarm, distress or annoyance to  
members of the public,*

*he shall have the powers set out in subsection (3).'*

Sub section 3:

*'(3) Those powers are—*

*(a) power, if the motor vehicle is moving, to order the person driving it to  
stop the vehicle;*

*(b) power to seize and remove the motor vehicle;*

*(c) power, for the purposes of exercising a power falling within paragraph  
(a) or (b), to enter any premises on which he has reasonable grounds for  
believing the motor vehicle to be;*

*(d) power to use reasonable force, if necessary, in the exercise of any  
power conferred by any of paragraphs (a) to (c).'*

Cllr S Hewerdine declared an interest as he lives to the West of Ladygrove, but also wanted to add this item to the agenda as the issue is well known and even made the front of a local newspaper. Approximately 30 residents had called the Non-Emergency Police telephone number to be told Police were aware and in attendance. This particular 'event/meet' lasted 6-7 hrs. Cllr Hewerdine explained that he realised the Police are limited but asked if more section 59 powers could be used, as the areas used for these meets are open to the public, so the Road Traffic Act applies.

This issue is Countywide and other Counties have implemented injunctive actions to tackle the problem, which include immediate removal of vehicles and jail time.

The Thames Valley Police Traffic Management Officer explained that he is not aware of these issues or the Police work 'on the ground' in Didcot and can investigate it. He explained that the Police do not have unlimited resources but asked what the response had been from the Police, thus far.

Cllr S Hewerdine explained that he had been a resident to make a complaint regarding this last Sunday evening and was told that units had been in attendance. The vehicles would clear after the Police initially turned up, only to return once the Police had left. This is a recurring problem.

It was AGREED that the Thames Valley Police Traffic Management Officer investigate and inform the Office Services Manager of what he finds out and what is planned for the future, who will then pass the information onto the rest of the group.

Cllr D Rouane reminded the group that antisocial issues can be reported on the South Oxfordshire District Council website. If an area shows multiple issues, Antisocial orders can be obtained.

### 3. Helicopters

Cllr C Wilson explained that there are numerous helicopters flying over Didcot at all hours of the day and wondered if there had been a reason for this.

The Thames Valley Police Traffic Management Officer explained that some will be Police helicopters but reminded the group that RAF Benson is based nearby, where the Helicopter Squadrons are based.

A Didcot resident agreed there has been a recent increase in police helicopters, but in his opinion, the main problem is Military and Leisure flyers (light aircrafts doing stunts). He suggested that maybe the Town Council should set up a new committee with the Civil Aviation Authority.

### 4. Refreshing of Road markings

A Didcot resident explained that he has recently noticed road markings being refreshed in some areas, specifically at the junction of the New GWP estate on Wantage Road, where, in his opinion, there didn't seem to be a need as the lines were not faded and were relatively new. Sandringham way and some areas in Fleetmeadow are in dire need of having the lines repainted (Didcot East).

The Oxfordshire County Council Traffic Officer made a note of this and gave the group a quick update on what his team have been refreshing in Didcot:

- Most side roads in Didcot West (Cllr A Thompson had paid for most of these works from his Cllr priority budget)
- Most roads in and around Wantage Road B4493
- Milton Road near to the Power Station
- Foxhall Road
- A4130 From Mendip Heights back to the Jubilee Roundabout

These works represent a significant amount of the OCC's refurbishment budget.

The Oxfordshire County Council Traffic Officer advised the resident to report the faded road markings on [www.fixmystreet.com](http://www.fixmystreet.com). This will allow the issues to be raised and added to their works list.

5. Multiple roadworks and overlapping diversions

Cllr P Davies explained that there are currently 2 diversions in Ladygrove (Abingdon Road and part of Mersey Way), with the signs showing no obvious alternative routes/symbols. This could mean some road users, especially if they are not from Didcot, having to drive round in continuous circles. Cllr P Davies further explained that the Street Work and Licensing Act should prevent this. He asked the Oxfordshire County Council Traffic Officer to liaise with the contractors to find a solution to this problem and to maybe add more signage.

The Oxfordshire County Council Traffic Officer informed the group that he had spoken to the Network team this afternoon and they have acknowledged the issue. The SGN closure was approved on the Abingdon Road and the Thames Water closure on Mersey Way was supposed to be completed. This has over run, and they are both left to run concurrently. The Network team will be sending someone out tomorrow morning to look at improving signage.

6. Traffic Light sensors at Sir Frank Williams Way – Milton Park will be added to the next meeting.

Cllr C Wilson reminded the group of the kind words from the local resident, thanking everyone for their hard work.

The next meeting will be arranged.

The meeting finished at 9.17pm.