

FARINGDON TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Faringdon Area Traffic Advisory Committee
held on Monday 24th March 2025 at 10.00am
in the Jubilee Room, The Pump House, Faringdon

Present: D/Cllr Mark Coleman (Chair)
T/Cllr Jane Boulton
D/Cllr Katherine Foxhall (online)
Lesley Kinch – Magistrate

In attendance: Lee Turner – Countywide Team Leader, Traffic & Road Safety
Officer, Oxfordshire County Council
Katherine Doughty – Faringdon Town Clerk
One member of the public

1. Apologies for absence

T/Cllr. Ford, T/Cllr Webb, C/Cllr Thomas and Andy Sweeney (OCC). Andy Ford (Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service), Chris Hulme (Thames Valley Police), Rosabella Angira (OCC), D/Cllr Edwards and C/Cllr Ash were not present.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Public Participation Time

A representative of Farcycles was welcomed to the meeting. It was noted that the organisation has built a local bike trail and established a bike shop in Faringdon. Farcycles are working with Faringdon Town Council on a connectivity plan with the aim of improving cycling and walking around the town. This work is being progressed through the Planning & Highways Committee which the representative is very welcome to attend.

The member of public reported that [Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans \(LCWIPs\)](#) have been approved for many Oxfordshire towns and that LCWIPs are being drafted for Thames, Wantage, Grove, Wallingford, Chipping Norton, Carterton and Charlbury. Farcycles are concerned that Faringdon is considered a low priority and request a timeline for the adoption of a plan for the town and the surrounding area. Farcycles offered funding for small connectivity/cycling projects.

4. Minutes of the meeting: Monday 9th December 2024

The minutes of the meeting on the 9th December were signed as a correct record.

5. Action updates and matters arising

Members referred to the outstanding Actions List at Appendix A.

6. County Council Highways Officer's Update Report for Faringdon Area

- A420 / Fernham Road - Pedestrian / cyclist island & footway / cycleway links. £180k CIL funding. **Complete**
- A420 / Longcot turn – Pedestrian Refuge. £101k A&RSF. Refuge & footway links complete, street lighting installation programmed to start 27/03/2025.

- A420, north of Faringdon to south of Great Coxwell - Reduce speed limit to 50mph. Approved, as were all of the sections of the A420 that were proposed to be lowered to 50mph. Implementation being progressed by colleagues in our Vision Zero Team. Expectation July / August 2025.
- A420 Buckland – ‘Pedestrians crossing’ signs and Home Farm signs – **Complete**
- A417 Faringdon to Lechlade - Reduction to 50mph (excluding 40mph through Eaton Hastings). Speed surveys completed. Results to be reviewed to see if sign only limit applicable.
- A417 East Challow to Challow Station – Lower speed limit. Results to be reviewed to see if sign only limit applicable.
- A417 Challow Station - Review 50mph speed limit, reduction to 40mph. Speed surveys completed. Results to be reviewed to see if sign only limit applicable.
- B4508 Challow - Lower speed limit. Results to be reviewed to see if sign only limit applicable.
- Besselsleigh – Relocation of 50mph speed limit being progressed by colleagues in our Vision Zero Team.
- Buscot – order for the installation of 2 x SID poles placed.
- Childrey – Installation of SID poles, discussions ongoing with PC.
- East Challow – SIDs to be provided along the A417 by developer. Installed but need to be checked. After checking, require relocating – Highway Agreements Team currently liaising with the developer.
- Faringdon, London Road - Reduce speed limit to 40mph. Approved, Implementation being progressed by colleagues in our Vision Zero Team. Expectation July / August 2025.
- Faringdon, Marlborough Gardens – Speeding traffic, speed surveys completed and results found that vehicle speeds are in fact low – with FTC to consider a suitable SID site if required.
- Stanford in the Vale - Provision of dropped kerbs at Horsecroft. Programmed for 2/12/24. **Complete**

The Chair thanked the Officer for all his support.

7. **Parish Matters**

To receive and consider any matters causing issues and updates on ongoing matters in Faringdon Division parishes.

- a) Safety concerns of Northford Hill, in between Watchfield and Shrivenham (Shrivenham parish). MC will liaise with KF to contact the Watchfield and Shrivenham Parish Councils to assess whether there is support for a lower speed limit in the area of the golf club and the existing 40 mph zone between there and Watchfield.
- b) Flooding concerns on the A417 (East Challow parish). JB reported on damage to her car due to not being able to see the poor road surface through flood water. It was noted that this area is the subject of legal action by OCC and requires private landowners to clear

their ditches before the road is repaired. Clerk is to check the new county boundary to ensure appropriate members are invited to future meetings.

8. Faringdon Matters

To receive and consider any matters causing issues, and updates on ongoing matters, in Faringdon:

- a) Coxwell Road/Highway Road junction lining suggestion. Clerk is to take to Planning & Highways Committee to consider the proposal and refer back if necessary.

9. A420 Safety

To receive and consider updates.

It was noted the length of A420 is to reduce to 50mph (implementation this summer). Junction improvements for A420/London Street are planned and for London Street to change to a 40mph limit. The A420 reduced speed limit at the Besselsleigh end is scheduled for public consultation in May.

KF raised concern at the A420 Watchfield to Shrivenham dip in road that always freezes. KF to liaise with LT for forwarding concern to Highways.

10. Items for Information / next agenda items

Clerk is to check attendee email list for completeness.

Date of next meeting: Monday 16th June 2025 @ 10.00am.

Meeting finished at 11.30am.

Actions from FATAAC 24th March 2024

Task	Person	Status
Minutes of meeting – send for approval and draft on web	KD	✓
March Actions		
1. Faringdon Community College zig zags could not be extended because of parked cars and work remains outstanding. Lines at Carters Crescent are complete.	LT	Ongoing
2. Phase 1 Faringdon Parking Scheme is being pursued. Any new lining proposals are to be compiled for a Phase 2 of highway proposals/lining work. KD to draft a list.	KD	
3. Bus lane ANPR camera enforcement has been approved for Faringdon. Installation will be March/April 2025. KD to provide updates on installation date.	KD	✓
4. Traffic bollards on Park Road – Tesco have been contacted about damaged bollards which are their responsibility. A list with photos of other damaged bollards has been forwarded to OCC. BT to chase and walk around with Clerk. All bollards on Park Road to be reviewed. Bethia to report on FMS. Roundabout at Coxwell Road/Park Road bollards need to be reviewed also. Mark to talk with Bethia for an update re ownership/fixing.	BT / MC	
5. Try to resolve the issues at Henry Blake Way (retail park). Highway is not adopted/ransom strip. KD to discuss with BT.	KD/BT	
6. Diversions of the A420 through villages. Visit parishes to review permanent diversion signs and consider whether it is appropriate for 'Unsuitable for HGVs' signs to be installed (Network Team). Review signs. Update to be provided at the June meeting.	LT	Ongoing
7. Parklands Campus signs – Relocation of 50mph speed limit now with OCC Vision Zero Team. Cabinet decision scheduled for March. 60mph to 40mph from Appleton proposed – next step for consultation and to Cabinet in May for decision.	LT	Ongoing
December Actions		
8. <i>'A417 Faringdon to Lechlade - Reduction to 50mph (excluding 40mph through Eaton Hastings). Speed surveys completed. Design & consultation only 2024/25. BT queried re 20/30mph limit introductions.'</i> Lee check with Vision Zero to ask that they review the A417 through Buscot Village to reduce the speed from 40mph to 30mph. Update: Speed limit review of A&B roads with Vision Zero and an update on A417 required. LT to provide an update on A417 for the June meeting.	LT	
9. Appleton PC – Oaksmere bend needs improving. Dragons teeth need improving. Safety issues. Check for enhancements and dragons teeth on approach and clearing a hedgerow to reveal 20mph sign and potential provision of earlier warning signs.	LT	
10. Appleton PC – Oaksmere - No footpath or lights, both needed. Investigate to improve safety. Reducing to 40mph anyway. Better lighting needed. No funding available from Lee. Other funding sources are available though. Lee will do a cost comparison for the potential long footpath to the A420 is needed.	LT	
11. Investigate PROWs routes near Oaksmere to assist with walking/connections. KD to ask for an update from AS and feasibility of funding footpath on Oaksmere Road to A420.	AS	