

Movement & Transport topic group

1. The group's remit is to develop policies, after consultation with local residents, workers and stakeholders, with the objective of improving means of movement and transport around the parish consistent with the Cherwell Local Plan.

The Cherwell Local Plan seeks to reduce dependency on the private motor car as a mode of travel, especially single occupancy car use, by:

- reducing people's need to travel;
- maximising opportunities to use public transport;
- minimising additional levels of road traffic and air pollution.

The group's remit accordingly also extends to considering the scope for encouraging walking, cycling and car sharing.

2. The group's members are Hugh Blythe, David French, Yngve Granne, David Morris and Mike O'Brien.

3. Evidence gathering to date has included the following methods:

3.1 Asking questions at the initial public 'drop-in' event on 21-23 November 2013 concerning:

- Bus services
- Access to train services
- Village road system
- Traffic management
- Cycling and cycle paths
- Walking and footpaths
- Parking in Deddington

There were 218 responses to 13 questions raising 248 issues and concerns.

3.2 Consultations with relevant stakeholders, primarily through bilateral meetings. These are ongoing.

Several meetings have been held with officers of Oxfordshire County Council, which was identified as the principal M&T stakeholder on account of its responsibility for:

- Traffic and highways
- Pavements
- Parking
- Rights of way
- Cycle tracks
- Subsidised bus services

Another meeting was held to obtain a police perspective on highways and road safety issues in the parish. The group has also met Stagecoach executives to discuss the potential for enhancements to the S4 bus service and better responsiveness to passenger needs.

3.3 Based on the forgoing community input, the group developed 15 movement and transport related questions for inclusion in a parish questionnaire, and 4 questions for inclusion in the youth version. The adult questionnaire, which was conducted in October/November 2014, was completed by 59% of residents. The M&T section included questions about bus services, parking, traffic calming, walking, cycling and car sharing.

4. Once the responses to the M&T questions have been analysed, including 1,933 'free format' comments, the group will develop draft M&T goals and objectives for community consultation at a second 'drop-in' event, following which and further stakeholder consultation the group will begin to develop draft M&T policies for consideration for inclusion in the draft Neighbourhood Plan itself.

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