

## **Stratford upon Avon Town Transport Group [TTG] held from 9.30am - 11am on Thursday 12 January by Zoom**

**Present:** Bob Bearman [BB], Rachel Blanchard [RB], Elizabeth Dixon [ED] *Secretary* [part], Ian Fradgley [IF], Jenny Fradgley [JF] [part], Mark Haselden [MH], Caroline Nash [CN] [part], Theresa Parker [TP], Kate Rolfe [KR], Stephen Rumble [SR], Colin Stewart [CS], Tim Sinclair [TS], Jann Tracy [JT]

**In Attendance:** Julie Crawshaw [JC] (WCC), Briony Mucklow [BM] (Atkins)

**Circulated to Members of the TTG and**

**WCC:** Councillors: Izzi Seccombe, Leader and Wallace Redford, Portfolio Holder.

**Officers:** Mark Ryder, Strategic Director for Communities and David Ayton-Hill, Assistant Director Communities [Transport Planning].

**SDC:** Councillors Tony Jefferson, Leader, Daren Pemberton, Portfolio Holder Place & Economy (Physical Infrastructure).

**Officers:** Tony Perks, Deputy Chief Executive.

**TC:** Officer: Caroline Nash, Town Clerk.

**Additional information:** <https://www.stratford-tc.gov.uk/town-hall/meetings-held-at-the-town-hall/-stratford-upon-avon-town-transport-group>

1 Colin Stewart welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Apologies** from John Deegan [JD], Richard Lees [RL], Andy List [AL], Steve Turner [ST] and Councillor Tony Jackson who represented the Town Council, has stepped down from the group.

2 **Birmingham Road:** JC and BM presented revised drawings for the Birmingham Road. Phase 2 of the project is due to start in 2-3 weeks. On the east side there will be a combined cycle and pedestrian way. On the west side cyclists will be segregated by a white line. Changes have been made to treatment at junctions to prioritise cyclists and make LTN1/20 compliant where possible.

CS asked whether the pedestrian and cycleways also would be delineated by different surfacing treatments, such as colour, as suggested in LTN1/20. JC advised that she was not in favour of colour. **CS**

Limited success in minimising signs but there is still scope to change signs and lines. Bollard type signs were requested again instead of high level signs. CS agreed to forward an image of these in use on Evesham Road. **JC**

The Cycle Forum's concern about junction crossings was

repeated. The Maybrook Road junction was discussed, and concerns expressed; the current arrangement is considered dangerous, and similar arrangements exist at the other junctions [Wharf Rd, Park Road, Avenue Farm]. **JC agreed to look at options to make the cycle crossing point clearer.** Phase 3 could start before the end of the year, but constraint is the time needed for land acquisition. JC explained that primary purpose of cycle lanes is to encourage cycle use - especially by less competent cyclists. The carriageway is not sufficiently wide to allow cycle lanes delineated by kerbs. **[answers to written questions from Margaret Smith to follow].**

JC/SR

CS

JC

Western Road junction will not be left turn only. KR asked why this has been dropped. **JC and SR agreed to review why previous proposal to make left turn only had been dropped.** Northbound traffic at Arden Street junction can get land locked as no repeater signal [unlike southbound]. **JC agreed to investigate.**

JC confirmed that following TTG comments on phase1, the U-shaped drainage channel would not be used on these further phases, a flat alternative would be used.

The TTG is concerned that swopping lane balance to 2-lanes towards the town and 1 lane out could increase congestion by letting more traffic into town than can get out, were rehearsed. The proposal seems to go against the aspiration to dissuade traffic to enter the town and use other forms of transport, particularly the Park & Ride.

JC commented she expected there would be the opportunity to add trees and greenery. This was welcomed, particularly in wide asphalt areas, such as the those around Park Road.

3 **Minutes** of 8 December 2022 were agreed.

4 **Actions and Matters arising:**  
None

5 **Strategies and Forward Plans**

**5.1 Sustainable Parking Strategy:** No updates

**5.2 South Warwickshire Local Plan:** Consultation started Monday and runs to 6 March. Stakeholder event Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January. **RB to send a link to maps where houses are proposed in the consultation document and a list of events.** TTG will consider this at the next meeting.

RB

CS/ED

**5.3 Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP):** No updates

**5.4 Towards an Integrated Transport Plan:** An Ease of Movement workshop has taken place and **TS will circulate results when available.**

TS

**5.5 Buses:** TS reported that the Enhanced Partnership Agreement has been signed off and some solutions are in sight. The paper issued with the agenda highlighted the current poor reliability of buses, significant cancellations, the difficulty of communicating these without a real time information system, and incorrect bus numbers at several bus stops. TS advised current issues include staff shortages [drivers]. **He has asked WCC Public Transport leaders for a response and will chase.** TS

**6 Projects**

**6.1 Tiddington Road / Clopton Bridge:** CS has been informed that this is going back to the drawing board.

**6.2 Shottery Relief Road / Evesham Road roundabout:** No updates. WCC has undertaken a safety audit of Luddington Road junction with roundabout.

**6.3 Alcester Road:** Still working on it. SR to confirm timing. SR

**6.4 Birmingham Road:** See item 2

**6.5 South Western Relief Road [SWRR] / LMA Garden Village Sustainable Transport Study:** Report in draft and being updates. **RB to confirm timeline and CS to write to John Careford.** SR explained work in 2 parts: vision [document circulated earlier in the year] and recommendations which are awaited. RB/CS

**7 Planning Applications: Willicote Farm** - an objection has been submitted on the basis that this needs traffic infrastructure. KR declared an interest and disclosed that she has also objected as neighbouring ward member.

**Arden Street** - the building is to the edge of the pavement which is a concern and considered inappropriate as it is a very narrow pavement, and corner of two roads, on an important pedestrian route.

**8 Any Other Business:** The Technical Sub-Group will meet to consider the SWLP.  
**KR suggested the SWLP should be a single-issue item for the next TTG meeting.** CS

**Next meeting: 9.30am - 11am on 9 February 2023 at the Town Hall**