

Neighbourhood Plan Continuity Committee

Date:	18 October 2022
Title:	Transport Plan Working Group Update
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1. Purpose of Report

To report on action taken since last NPCC meeting.

2. General Update

The Transport Plan Working Group, chaired by Cllr Helena Richards, last met on 7/9/2022.

- 2.1. There is due to be a Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) being made by the County for each town and Thame needs to be ready to feed into that. There are no Working Groups covering this at the moment. Following this meeting the TPWG proposes the group becomes the 'Travel Plan Working Group' rather than 'Transport Plan Working Group' so that it includes Active Travel as well as Transport.
- 2.2. Following the above decision, the TPWG the Terms of References and changes were proposed and are attached for approval by the NPC Committee.

3. Project Updates

The following projects are being progressed by the TPWG:

- 3.1. **Consultation with the Community:** A Survey Monkey will be created to send out to the town, including all schools with a focus of finding out what barriers there are to people choosing active travel more regularly. Input into the design of the survey will be requested from TGL and other relevant community groups – cycling, walking, disability. Along with this the survey will seeks views on the on-street issues that need to be addressed to make active travel a more attractive option. The survey will also include gathering feedback on a One-Way system through town, exploring whether this would make active travel easier – see below.
- 3.2. **One Way System:** An outline proposal for how a one-way system could work through Thame Town Centre will be created. Cllr Gregory is investigating how to submit a proposal to OCC for a One-Way proposal – what would they want to see, and what would their process be.
- 3.3. **Business Travel needs:** A survey to business in Thame will be created to find out how their staff are getting to work and how they are encouraging active travel etc. This will be distributed through TTC's various Business links, with additional support being requested from other groups who may be able to help, including 21st Century Thame.
- 3.4. **Hopper Bus:** Hopper Bus Feasibility work needs to be progressed. TTC is currently getting feedback on the trial of the 121 bus that is currently taking place. As well as this, work will be undertaken to explore other options; explore what other locations have done and whether it has worked; explore the potential of partnering with local groups who have access to a bus. Along with this there needs to be a campaign to raise awareness of the Hopper Bus extension trial to December. Suggested ideas will be explored with the Communication & Events officer, to include: having the bus detailed in the newsletter every week, put the

timetable on the main notice board in town and around the bus route, targeted emails to the schools to ask them to promote it and additional promo on Market day.

3.5. Improvement on Communications: The TPWG feels that there are several projects that are in progress and that information needs to be shared regularly about them. The EPO will explore if there is possibility of a webpage being created to share this information that people can be signposted to when questions are raised. These projects include:

- Zebra Crossing on Wellington Street
- Requests for Zebra Crossings at Oxford Road, Thame Park and Chinnor Road
- 20mph: Been approved. Thame is likely to be implemented in 2nd or 3rd tranche. Rolled out in next couple of years.
- Haddenham to Thame Greenway update

The EPO will also explore the possibility of residents being able to add other issues to this page so that they know TTC is listening– along with clear guidance of how they need to communicate this to OCC as well.

4. Action Needed

- Approve the change of name from 'Transport Plan Working Group' to 'Travel Plan Working Group
- Approve the changed Terms of Reference