

Neighbourhood Plan Continuity Committee

Date:	29 November 2022
Title:	Travel 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 Travel Plan Working Group, chaired by Cllr Helena Richards, last met on 19/10/2022.

2.1. Following the last NPCC meeting, the Goals of the Terms of Reference were amended to include 'This to include attention to accessibility issues and disabled access; the needs of commercial; public and private transport; walking and cycling'.

2.2. The groups are now focusing on delivering the projects below.

3. Project Updates

The following projects are being progressed by the TPWG:

3.1. Business Travel needs: A survey to business in Thame has been created and will be sent to Cllr Dyer in his role as chair of the Thame Business Forum for comments, before being more widely circulated. Once this is done town centre businesses will be surveyed on a face to face basis by the Environmental Project Officer, who will use the opportunity to introduce the new role, and gauge the other support that businesses feel they need (wider than just travel). Due to Christmas pressures this is likely to kick off in the new year.

3.2. Consultation with the Community: A letter has been drafted to send to local stakeholders to ask for their support to gather the views of the local the community about the future of travel in Thame. This will include the opportunity to be involved in a sub-working group that will be tasked with reviewing the work already done in the past and bringing it up to date. The group will then move on to consult the wider community in the creation of a proposal for a Thame Town Centre 2030 – that includes getting a steer from the town for how we want the LCWIP (Local Cycling and Infrastructure Plan) to look- to feed into OCC as they created these plans. Steps will be taken to ensure that the group represents the full community including residents' associations, schools, Green groups, cycling, walking, disability groups, businesses, Rotary, WI, churches, CMAG, town centre residents, and others.

3.3. Hopper Bus: The Town Clerk, Community Services Manager, Environmental Project Officer, and OCC Cllrs Gregory and Champken-Woods, had a recent meeting to review the trial of the 121 bus that is currently taking place. The outcome of this meeting will be fed back to the next Travel Plan Working Group, and centres around a proposal for Thame to explore if and how it could take on the running of a Hopper Bus, subsidised by Section 106 funds that are earmarked for busses in Thame. The proposed next steps, to be discussed at the Travel Plan Working group meeting in December, is that we scope this project. Included in this work will be the financial impact, whether it could be run in partnership with a local community group – specifically Thame Senior Friendship Group; and will include visiting other locations that are successfully running a bus to learn from their models.

3.4. One Way System: No further work has been taken towards this at this time.

- 3.5. Improvement on Communications:** TTC will be looking to implement a page for project updates within the website. Further work needs to be done to decide exactly how and where on the website it will appear.

4. Action Needed

- To note the report