

Woodstock on-street Review

October 2018

- OCC are responsible for on-street restrictions, WODC just enforce the restrictions on behalf of OCC.
- WODCs Parking Strategy identified two key issues, a need for additional parking capacity and a need to review Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) in certain locations.
- Only OCC can make changes to the TROs which set out the restrictions but WODC wanted to support this process and set aside £35,000 to fund the priority reviews.
- Reviews were prioritised based on a number of factors, the Corn street review in Witney was the first priority primarily as the Police had raised concerns on a number of occasions regarding safety. Woodstock is the second priority and will encompass all streets in the centre of the Town.
- Following public consultation on the Corn street/Church Green review, which received 709 responses, a report is being submitted to Cabinet in November. Subject to Cabinet's agreement, recommendations will be made to OCC for on-street changes along with a funding contribution of £10,000.
- Support for a permit parking scheme was effectively a 50:50 split, without overwhelming support for a permit scheme and with a risk that a permit scheme could push cars into surrounding streets and exacerbate problems there, the District Council does not consider a permit scheme should be introduced.
- Woodstock on-street review will now start.

Review Process

- Stage 1 – meetings with community representatives i.e. HOW, Woodstock TAC, Woodstock Town Council and Ward Members. Initial discussion on key issues and potential solutions to help shape public consultation. Agreement sought on boundary of Review area. Consultation with OCC on Review area proposed. Public survey will be drafted and circulated to above representatives for comment before it is publicised.
- Stage 2 – Public consultation period. Help from representatives in delivering letters to all addresses in the Review area and in advertising the survey would be appreciated. The survey will be web based to enable swift collation of results however paper copies will be provided to the Town Council for any residents who are unable to access the internet.
- Stage 3 – Results will be collated and analysed to consider changes that would be supported and possible solutions to issues. Draft findings reported informally to WODC Cabinet and community representatives.
- Stage 4 – This stage will depend on initial responses and options for change. It may be recommendations are formalised and put forward to OCC however it is also possible a revision of options may be needed and further consultation required.

- Stage 5 – OCC detail proposed changes to TRO and formal TRO process commences, with statutory consultation on the detailed changes, objections are then considered, before OCC would make a decision on proposed changes. A legal process then follows to make the new TRO. Once the Order is in place on-street changes would be made i.e. changes to lines and signs.

Please note there are no public meetings during this process as it is essential every member of the public not only has the opportunity to have their say but that their views are accurately recorded and incorporated into the consultation. For this reason a the public survey is used which will have a number of tick box type questions but also a free text box.

Anyone can respond to the survey not just those that live, work or own property in the Review area.

There is a risk that no solutions can be found and agreed upon by all parties, to secure improvements. There is also a risk that insufficient funding is available to secure changes.

Timetable

Stage 1 - October/November 2018

Stage 2 – January 2019 (A December survey is likely to see low participation)

Stage 3 – February/March 2019

Stage 4 – will depend on outcomes from Stage 3.