

**ACTION LOG**  
**Abbey Ward Community Meeting:**  
**26<sup>th</sup> October 2023**  
**6pm – 7.30pm.**



**Present**

Cllr Agath  
 Cllr Barnes  
  
 PC Barry Hartevelde  
  
 WCEO Anita Clarke

**Apologies**

Cllr Byrne

Item	Action to note	Who
1.	<b>Introductions &amp; Apologies, Declarations</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Chair, Cllr Agath opened the meeting, and welcomed everyone.</li> <li>▪ No declarations were noted.</li> </ul>	
2.	<b>Councillors Feedback</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The meeting noted an update from Councillors.</li> </ul>	
3.	<b>Local Policing update</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The meeting noted an update from Local Police</li> <li>▪ Speeding, Illegal Parking, Anti-Social Behaviour appear to be most prevalent.</li> </ul>	
4.	<b>Highways update</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The meeting noted written update from Highways – Appendix 1.</li> <li>▪ <u>Actions Noted -Parking for Pumping Station, following road works on Wanford Road</u></li> </ul>	
5.	<b>City Warden update</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The meeting noted the written update from the City Warden – Appendix 2.</li> </ul>	
6.	<b>Housing update</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The meeting noted the written update from Housing – Appendix 3.</li> </ul>	
7.	<b>Ward Community Budget</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The meeting noted a Ward Funding update.            Opening balance: £18,000            Number of applications supported:18.            Balance remaining: £6,661.00.</li> </ul>	

Meeting Ended 7:10pm.

Appendix 1 – Traffic and Highways Update.

## Highways Update and Upcoming Works

### Highways Maintenance Works

We continue to inspect the footways and carriageways around the ward and in the last 12 months have found actionable defects as follows:

- Carriageway - 258 orders
- Footway - 240 orders

We have also carried out resurfacing to Marwood Road (completed in August) and Hoods Close resurfacing is planned for November.

### Road Safety Schemes

Blackbird Road and St Margaret's Way will be changing from 40mph to 30mph at the same time as the majority of Abbey Lane does. In addition, we are working on a 20mph zone for the Swithland Avenue Area and residents have requested a one-way street for Swithland Avenue itself.

There is a local safety scheme currently being planned to realign the kerbs at the Redhill Circle/Loughborough Road junction.

### School Streets

Group Walk: City centre to Western Park via the Dane Hills area

11am on Saturday 11 November 2023

Starting at Highcross Monument, Jubilee Square

Finishing at Western Park, close to bus routes.

Between 60 to 90 minutes, steady pace

Information about the pace of our walks (and much more) can be found on our Leicester City Council Group Walks page.

Join us for a linear walk from Leicester city centre to Western Park via green space and pleasant city streets in the Dane Hills area. We pass through the green spaces of Rally park and Fosse Recreation Ground and via pleasant city streets in the Dane Hills area of the city. At Western Park, walkers have the option to finish after about 60 minutes (around 2 miles) at the bus stop on Hinckley Road or to stay for a longer walk in Western Park, up to 90 minutes.

This is a linear walk, with walkers making their return journey via public transport, or independently on foot.

Western Park is close to bus routes on Hinckley Road, with a frequent service direct to the city centre. To explore your travel options, visit the Choose How You Move journey planner.

Wolsey House Primary School

Park and Stride at The Space Centre still operating and popular and promoted by the school.

Potential School Street on Orton and Hobson Road – on hold. The school don't have the resources to operate it.

There is a residents group who were prepared to operate it – but the legal responsibility is an issue.

The Walk to School programme continues.

Slater Street Primary School

Sustrans will work with the school to offer support for Active Travel

They came 3rd in their category in Beat the Streets this year.

Other schools in the area do not have many school run issues and so we are not offering so much support.

### Traffic Regulation Orders

The Traffic Regulation Order for Waterside came into operation on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022, but the site is still being built and so not all signs are yet installed.

There is an issue with permits for the Arches Development on All Saints Road that is being investigated at present.

### **Other schemes**

We are in the process of consulting on the introduction of bus lanes on the A6 between the central ring road and Redhill Circle. The proposal has prompted a number of negative responses and the item was discussed at Scrutiny Committee last week. From this we were asked to carry out further engagement with those who submitted objections and we are now discussing the best way to undertake this.

There is planned work for the A6/Beaumont Leys lane/Corporation Road junction and work is likely to commence in the new year. Work to extend the new cycle facility on Beaumont Leys Lane to the A6 and improvements to the existing cycle facilities on Corporation Road are also planned for next year.

We will shortly be advertising a proposal to close Wallingford Road to motor vehicles. This is associated with the planned regeneration of the former industrial premises adjacent to Wallingford Road.

We have recently carried out a scheme to replace the temporary pop-up cycle wands on Beaumont Leys Lane with 'Orca wands'. These are more durable.

See attached.

Appendix 3 – Housing Update.

## **Housing Update**

- **Anti-social behaviour**

Since May 2023 the role of dealing with anti-social behaviour has now been taken on by the Community Safety Team (CST) lead by Caroline Green.

Housing Officers will no longer deal with any anti-social behaviour case work, they will refer cases on to the CST. All cases held by the Housing Officers were passed over in August 2023.

- **Staffing**

Due to the Community Safety Team taken anti-social behaviour, the Housing Officer Posts were reduced and the Housing Team for this area has been reduced from 3 officers to 2.5 Currently we are not seeing a lot of reduction in work loads though.

- **Environmental Projects**

Over the next month Housing Officers will start to look at ideas for projects for 2024/25. There are some projects that, although submitted last year, had to be put on hold due to the reduction in funding for the Environmental Budget. These will be submitted again this year but we are always looking for new ideas that benefit the tenants in the area.

- **Wheatland Road – Former Garage site**

For many years this has been used by residents as a type of allotment/grow your own site. We have had interest from a project group called Buzz Roots who would like to enhance the site, work with residents who currently use it, tidy the site up a little, introduce areas for residents to sit amongst a few ideas. We are in the process of looking at the proposals, getting the site checked and the conditions of how this project will run. From our meetings on the site there is a lot of resident interest and we are all keen to capture that.

**If there are specific items or updates that you would like to be in this report please let me know. Mandy Smith – District Manager**