

**MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE TUESDAY, 26 MAY 2020**

Planning Decision Notices issued by Wiltshire Council for the period 24 April to 15 May 2020

- a) **19/10842/LBC** – 98 High Street, Marlborough
Internal and external opening up and investigation to ascertain cause of structural movement and establish scheme of structural repair
Decision: Approve with Conditions **MTC:** No objection

- b) **20/00807/FUL** – Folly Dale, Barnfield, Marlborough
Increase in ridge height of existing bungalow to two storey height
Decision: Approve with Conditions **MTC:** No objection

- c) **20/01206/ADV** – Tesco Superstore, Salisbury Road, Marlborough
1 no. proposed LCD media screen and 3 no. flag pole signs
Decision: Approve with Conditions **MTC:** No objection

- d) **20/01263/FUL** – 36 High Street, Manton
Rear extension over footprint of existing conservatory. Front extension over existing garage
Decision: Approve with Conditions **MTC:** No objection

- e) **20/02254/TPO** – The Red House, Cardigan Road, Marlborough
Up to 30% Crown Reduction to Copper Beech Tree
Decision: Approve with Conditions **MTC:** No objection

**Email of 18 May 2020 to all Town and Parish Councils
From Cllr Mrs Bridget Wayman - Cabinet Member - Highways, Transport and
Waste - Re-allocation of Road Space**

Dear Towns, Parishes and Councillors

Towns and Parishes have been copied into the email via bcc.

Following the announcement of the Covid-19 lockdown by Government in late March, many more people have been walking and cycling for exercise purposes or to access essential services. Because of the reduction in traffic, people have largely been able to do this in a safe manner. However, as the Covid-19 lockdown is eased, increased levels of traffic will make it more difficult for pedestrians and cyclists to safely achieve the 2m social distancing requirement and to travel and exercise safely. The importance of this is heightened by the Government advice for people to avoid using public transport where possible and to instead walk, cycle, or drive.

In response to the above situation, the Department for Transport (DfT) issued new statutory guidance on 9 May 2020; 'Traffic Management Act 2004: network management in response to COVID-19'^[1]. Included in the foreword by the Secretary of State for Transport is the following;

The government therefore expects local authorities to make significant changes to their road layouts to give more space to cyclists and pedestrians. Such changes will help embed altered behaviours and demonstrate the positive effects of active travel. I'm pleased to see that many authorities have already begun to do this, and I urge you all to consider how you can begin to make use of the tools in this guidance, to make sure you do what is necessary to ensure transport networks support recovery from the COVID-19 emergency and provide a lasting legacy of greener, safer transport.

The guidance states that local authorities where public transport use is low should be considering all possible measures and that these measures should be taken as swiftly as possible, and in any event within weeks.

The full guidance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reallocating-road-space-in-response-to-covid-19-statutory-guidance-for-local-authorities/traffic-management-act-2004-network-management-in-response-to-covid-19>

In response, the Council has formed multi-disciplinary teams of Officers for each community area and who have initially been asked to identify potential sites and measures using their local and technical knowledge. Given the Government's timescale requirements and the growing on-the-ground need, it is not proposed to carry out an extensive consultation process either with stakeholders or the public. Rather, officers will liaise with local members (through Area Boards) and city, town and parish councils to further identify potential sites and measures using their local

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knowledge. In addition, suggestions from members of the public, stakeholders, partners and other bodies will be considered. Ultimately, it is proposed that all potential schemes will be assessed against the agreed criteria by a panel of officers to identify a priority list for design and implementation. Where applicable, measures will also be subject to a Road Safety Audit and accessibility audit prior to implementation.

Most proposals are not likely to require Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (TTRO), but where they are required these will be subject to consultation and Cabinet Member approval in accordance with the latest DfT guidance.

The local Wiltshire Council members and the relevant city, town or parish councils will be informed of the intention to install the measure.

Should you have any queries or suggestions, could you please forward it to Integrated Transport at Wiltshire Council email address - Integrated.Transport@wiltshire.gov.uk.

The priority to complete this work will mean that this will be the focus of the teams who would normally complete Community Area Transport Group (CATG) work. CATG projects will be suspended (unless currently working onsite) until it is practical to recommence.

I trust this is of assistance.

Cllr Mrs Wayman

Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Waste

Speed Indicator Device (SID)

Summary - To note the Town Clerk's report about increased speeding in the town and to consider the re-installation of the Town Council's SID

1. Background

During the pandemic there have been a small number of complaints received about speeding in the town and requests that the SID is reinstalled. (An example of this, an email from a member of the public, is at **Appendix 1**)

The SID has not been in operation over the last few weeks partly due to technical difficulties and staff availability due to lockdown restrictions.

It was last at London Road. Data from this will now be downloaded. Councillors who would like to have more information about what this data reveals should contact the Assistant Town Clerk.

It is due to next be positioned at either George Lane or Bath Road.

The Grounds Manager has confirmed that staff capacity is now available to install and monitor the device.

Town Clerk's Recommendation

The Town Clerk recommends that Members consider whether to now reinstate the SID.

Town Clerk

21 May 2020

Community Area Transport Group (CATG)

Summary – This report asks Members to note the minutes of the CATG meeting of 12 March 2020 and consider a contribution to the proposal for a speed limit review at Frees Avenue.

1. Background

The notes of the CATG meeting of 12 March 2020 are at **Appendix 1**. Main points are:

The 5 main priorities for CATG include the following Marlborough projects:

Request for new pedestrian crossing at Marlborough High St.	8-19-1
Traffic speed and pedestrian safety, Marlborough, Frees Avenue (2 nd reserve)	8-19-10

Other Marlborough issues being progressed are:

Request for safety works at London Rd,	5190
Request for new signage location for SID	6784
Pedestrian Crossing, St Mary's School	TAOSJ
'No through Road' sign at Manton Hollow	8-19-2
Manton: A4 - Road safety and traffic calming issues	8-20-4

2. Traffic speed and pedestrian safety, Marlborough, Frees Avenue (8-19-10)

This request is to increase the length of the speed limit on Frees Avenue (brought to the Town Council due to safety concerns including incidents involving injury). A site meeting has taken place attended by Stephen Hind (WC's Principal Engineer), Cllr Stewart Dobson and Cllr Mervyn Hall. A speed limit review will now be needed as part of the justification process. This will cost £2500. Under CATG rules, the Town Council will need to contribute 25% of this cost - £625. Councillors are asked to agree to this contribution.

Financial Implications – The 2020/21 budget for CATG projects is £7,000. There has not yet been any been committed expenditure. If agreed, a balance would remain of £6,375.

3. Points to Note

- As set out in Cllr Wayman's email of 18 May (see agenda item 8), work around reallocation of road space as part of a government initiative to help ease lockdown restrictions will mean that WC officers who would normally be allocated CATG work will be working on this. CATG projects will be suspended (unless underway on site) until it is practical to recommence.
- The next CATG meeting is due on 18 June but it is not clear if this will go ahead remotely or if project suspension means that it will be cancelled.

Town Clerk's Recommendation

The Town Clerk recommends that Members consider whether to contribute £625 towards the speed limit review at Frees Avenue.

Town Clerk – 21 May 2020