



Wokingham Town Council

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Town Clerk: Mrs J. Nowecki

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30th July 2020

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of the **Planning & Transportation Committee** to be held online in **Virtual Meeting** at **7.00pm** on **Wednesday 5th August 2020** for the purpose of considering and resolving upon the subjects and matters set out in the Agenda below.

Yours sincerely

J Nowecki
Town Clerk

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AGENDA

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2 MEMBERS' INTERESTS

To receive any declaration of interests from Members on the business about to be transacted.

3 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OR PUBLIC

The Chairman to answer questions raised by members of the Council or public.

This is an opportunity for the people of Wokingham to ask questions of, and make comments to, the Town Council. Members of the public are requested to restrict their questions and comments to three minutes. Questions which are not answered at this meeting will be answered in writing to the person asking the question. To ensure an informed response, please send your questions to the Town Clerk at least three working days prior to the meeting.

4 WOKINGHAM TOWN CENTRE RECOVERY PLAN. CHANGES TO MEASURES IN ROSE STREET & DENMARK STREET

To discuss the proposed changes to the emergency, temporary measures in two areas, Denmark Street & Rose Street as outlined by Wokingham Borough Council at its briefing to WTC Councillors on 29th July 2020 (backing papers attached)

Planning & Transportation Committee: Cllrs Peter Dennis, Nick Fox, Matteo Fumagalli, Daniel Hinton, Tony Lack, Adrian Mather, Keith Malvern, Abby Tebboth and Imogen Shepherd-Dubey(Chairman).

Copy to: Ms Sally Gurney

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Meeting notes from WBC presentation on 29th July to Wokingham Town Council

There are two initial areas within Town Centre to be changed following comments, observations, and discussions since the Wokingham Town Centre recovery plan initiated in July.

These are **Rose Street & Denmark Street**

Rose Street

- Remove interventions on Rose Street
 - Installed in response to residents' concerns
 - Limited pedestrian numbers using them and impact on short stay and blue badge parking
 - Propose removing with ongoing monitoring of the street

Comments

General support for this.

There was a question regarding the need for a crossing on Rose Street for safety of residents. The response was that WBC agreed and already has this work ready to be installed but at this time of Covid 19 this is not possible presently.

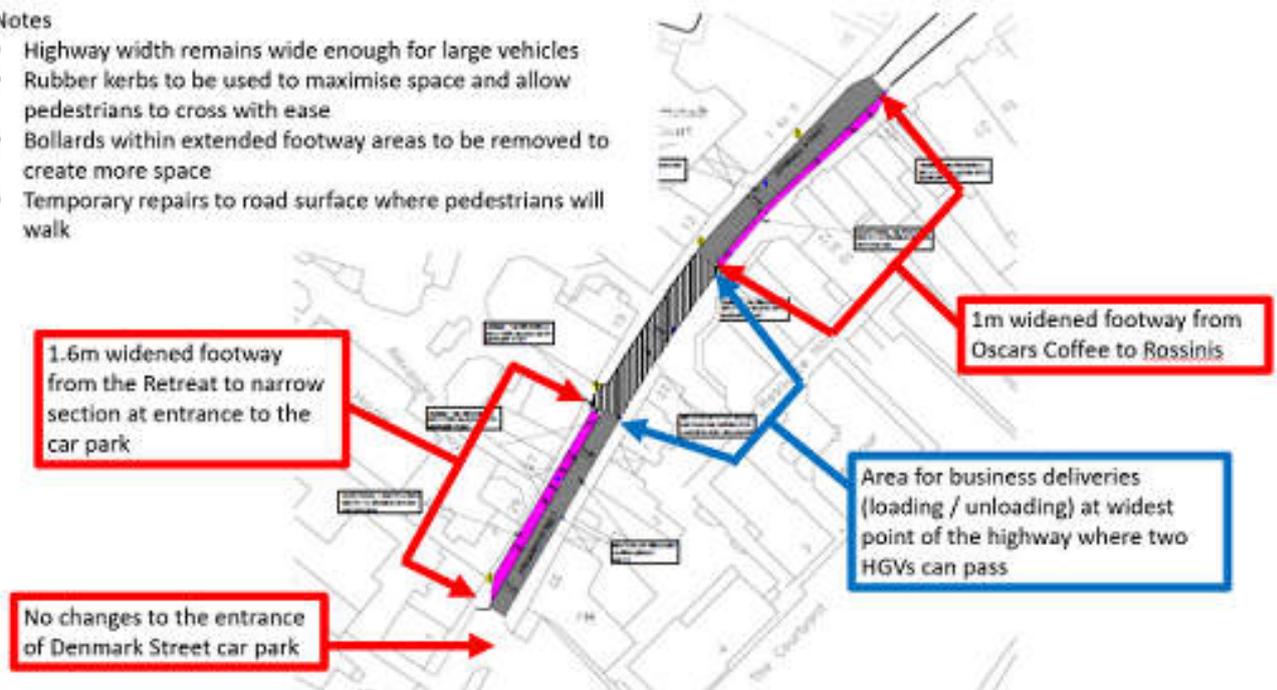
Denmark Street

- Temporarily extend footways on Denmark Street
 - Increase space for social distancing whilst maintaining traffic flow between Market Place and car park entrance
 - Integrated delivery zone for businesses at widest point
 - Bolt down rubber kerbs to maximise space, increase crossing points and improve aesthetics
 - Remove redundant bollards
 - Temporarily repair road surface in pedestrian area

Agenda Item 4

Notes

- Highway width remains wide enough for large vehicles
- Rubber kerbs to be used to maximise space and allow pedestrians to cross with ease
- Bollards within extended footway areas to be removed to create more space
- Temporary repairs to road surface where pedestrians will walk



Comments

- There were concerns regarding width of access for wheelchairs and buggies. The response was that it would be wide enough for access.
- With the lower kerb there is the possibility of trip hazard with different levels.
- Concerns over businesses putting A boards out on the street. The response was that they should be restricted to one and that the placement should not obstruct pedestrians.
- Broader concern that A board policy does not exist.
- Will signage for cyclists be easily visible?
- It would be good if the removed bollards were reinstated later once these emergency procedures are over.
- Having not seen the survey it did not seem that footfall on Denmark Street was high. The response was that it was the third highest in the Town.
- It would be good to see this extra width for pedestrians kept after these emergency procedures with an extension from Market Place.
- There were concerns that Lorries may park across pavement outside designated area. The design of bollard (see below) should prevent this.

