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Dear Resident,

Emergency Active Travel Scheme – Haddenham

In October 2020, a trial scheme was implemented in Haddenham, through the government's Emergency Active Travel Fund. This included an advisory eastbound cycleway on Thame Road and an advisory 20mph speed limit from Haddenham and Thame Parkway Station to the Woodways and Stanbridge Road junction.

The Emergency Active Travel Fund was created by the Government to help encourage more people to walk and cycle, which can also have longer term benefits such as reduced congestion, improved air quality, improved community cohesion and better public health. This is part of the Government's longer-term strategy to encourage more people to walk and cycle.

During the initial trial, we have been grateful to receive feedback which has allowed us to adjust the scheme during the trial period. We have regularly been meeting with local groups and individuals, such as Buckinghamshire Councillors, representatives from Haddenham Parish Council and representatives from the Haddenham Safe Walking and Cycling Group.

Some of the common themes in feedback regarding changes noticed since the installation of the trial scheme include perceptions that traffic is travelling through the village at slower speeds, people feel safer whilst walking or cycling through the Tacks Lane, Banks Road area with segregated traffic and that the scheme helps to encourage traffic to be more conscious of and give more space to cyclists.

After consideration and consultation with the representatives named above, and the Cabinet Members for Transport and Sport and Leisure, it has been agreed to extend the duration of the trial scheme until the end of August 2021. We will of course continue to undertake regular reviews and feedback. The extension of the trial will allow us to better understand usage during the coming warmer months and enable some wider work on walking and cycling opportunities in Haddenham to continue through Haddenham Parish Council, for the longer-term future benefit of the village.

The eastbound advisory cycle lane on Thame Road from Haddenham and Thame Parkway station to Tacks Lane and Banks Road (just past its junction with Fort End) will remain. This advisory cycle lane is one way only, for eastbound cyclists. This cycle lane has a dashed line, meaning it is advisory in-line with the Highway Code. Vehicles need to wait until it is safe to pass a cyclist(s), as

vehicles would do on other roads without designated cycle lanes. Westbound cyclists should continue to use the carriageway. Due to varying carriageway width, it is not feasible to install two-way advisory cycle lanes on Thame Road or any cycle lane on Woodways as part of the trial.

To compliment the eastbound cycle lane a temporary, advisory 20mph speed limit will continue to be in place along the whole route between the Haddenham and Thame Parkway Station access and Woodways and Stanbridge Road junction. In coming weeks, some of the existing advisory 20mph signage will be replaced and some wands removed in the Fort End area, following feedback received. The segregation with wands around the House of Spice will remain as will the yellow lines introduced as part of the scheme.

Whilst the scheme has been extended, it should be noted that the scheme is temporary, and we will continue to use feedback to help "tweak" the scheme and to understand local views on the scheme.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. Feedback can be provided directly, via our website https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-transport/active-travel or via email, to transportstrategy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Yours faithfully,

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