

Agenda item 9

Appendix A: Email from Councillor Caroline Thomas



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To: Cllr Katie Vigar <cldr.vigar@bradfordonavontowncouncil.gov.uk>; **Subject:** RE: Bradford on Avon: Proposed Traffic Management Scheme

Dear Katie, Tim, and Sarah,

Thank you for your letter of the 12th January, the follow up e mail from Katie and the telephone call with Tim.

I am very happy to visit Bradford on Avon to see and hear first-hand the issues that the town faces.

I will the cabinet support team to ensure diaries are coordinated to allow this to happen.

As I explained to Tim, the offer that the Council is making to undertake a traffic model is based on a 1/3, 2/3 split with the Town Council providing the majority funding. I'm afraid that I have to be firm on this as this same offer has been accepted in Marlborough and we need to be seen as fair to all our local communities. Whilst I understand the Town Council's financial position, the same constraints apply to the Council's own funding with considerable savings having to be made for a balanced budget to be brought forward. Details are available on the WC website; you may have attended the public webinar on Wednesday evening.

Turning to your detailed questions I would offer the following responses:

1. Yes, the Town Council will be included in specification setting and key stages
2. I would recommend that the 1st stage modelling looks at the impacts on traffic only. Whilst behaviour change and active travel can be modelled this will obviously start to increase the cost of the modelling work. This can perhaps be discussed further with our consultant when agreeing the specification.
3. Yes, it will be for the Town Council to consult with residents and make recommendations on what measures to take forward

For decision

4. The timescales will be agreed once the specification is set. It would be our intention to set up meetings to agree the specification with our consultants and yourselves as quickly as possible once funding is confirmed through the normal budgeting process.

I look forward to meeting with you.

Kind Regards,

Cllr Caroline Thomas

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