

Report by County Councillor Bob Johnston

1. I have now had another briefing on Lodge Hill. The design is effectively finalised and the two roundabouts are now finalised and are now much more cyclist and pedestrian friendly.

It is hoped to apply for formal Planning Permission in January and have the slips built and open by the end of 2023.

It is the intention of the County Officers to give the Parish Councils a separate briefing if they so desire, contact Jordan.Rayner@oxfordshire.gov.uk.

The traffic calming and speed limit changes are now being dealt with by the Highways Safety Team as a separate but complementary and parallel exercise.

2. The moves to change the grass cutting regime are still being finalised and more meetings are planned.

There will be several pilot schemes where in selected herb rich areas the grass will both be mown and collected to impoverish the soil and increase its floral biodiversity.