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Annex 4 – Summary of Consultation Responses

Consultation was carried out during the spring of 2012 with local councillors, key stakeholders and local residents (of Jack Straw's Lane, Doris Field Close and Staunton Road West).

In favour of scheme 17

Broadly neutral 6

Opposed to scheme 6

The majority of those who responded were in favour of the scheme. However, some expressed concern about particular aspects of the scheme while others had doubts about its effectiveness and suggested additional measures, while nevertheless supporting the scheme as a step in the right direction.

Supporters included Oxford University, Cyclox, Oxford Pedestrians' Association and key members of Jack Straw's Lane Residents' Association. Unlimited were broadly neutral on the proposal, as was the City Council Conservation Officer. Thames Valley Police have no objections.

The concerns and objections raised at consultation are summarised below. Copies of the full responses are contained in the background document "consultation responses".

Some people were concerned about the visual impact of coloured surfacing and the clutter of signs in this conservation area with its distinct, semi-rural character.

Several people argued that the scheme does not address what they see as the most hazardous section at the bottom of Jack Straw's Lane where parked cars on one side mean that relatively fast downhill cyclists and uphill motor vehicles pass at some speed and in close proximity.

Some people felt that the scheme would not be effective in resolving the problem of speeding motor vehicles and speeding cyclists.

Some people advocated an access-only or one-way restriction as being more effective in resolving concerns about the speed and particularly the volume of traffic.

There were several expressions of concern about safety of pedestrians and cyclists on Jack Straw's Lane and some specific points about poor visibility from driveways.

There were specific comments about road markings including double yellow lines (not changed in this scheme) and suggestions that some features should be moved slightly.