

Member of Public – BSIP Delivery Plan

I wanted to raise a concern about the BSIP item on the agenda of the delegated transport decisions meeting on the 27th May 2025. I'm afraid I am too late to submit a public comment formally to the meeting so I will email.

In item 5, annex 1 (BSIP), there is a proposal to add an extra lane of motor traffic to Horspath Driftway purportedly to alleviate traffic on the Slade and thus improve bus services.

As I've raised before, Horspath Driftway has pitiful active travel provision, in spite of the death of a cyclist in recent years near the junction with the ring road. This proposal to add motor lanes could only be viable if the existing meagre cycling provision is removed. I would also note that this is proposing to create more traffic outside the Slade Park fire station, this adding risk to the fire service. This will also add pollution and noise outside the East Field Close and Awgar Stone road residential areas.

Additionally it's hard to see how funneling more motor traffic into the Slade will alleviate congestion and improve bus services. In fact it would almost certainly make it worse due to induced demand. Even if this is at an early consultation stage, spending £100k of officer resources on such a backward proposition seems absurd to me.