

Item 13 - Oxford, Market Street - Proposed Permanent Pedestrian & Pedal Cycle Zone

We support all of these measures except b) iii, relocating the start of the pedestrian zone 23 metres to the east. The Cyclox and OLS objections to this were not addressed in the officers' report, and we feel this should not be proceeded with until they have been addressed.

Reiterating our concerns, this would increase the area in which cycling is banned between 10am and 6pm, at which times it would become illegal to cycle to or from the cycle parking on Cornmarket in front of the new Jesus College building. What will happen is that the majority of people using that parking will continue cycling to it - or they might legally cycle to it at 9.45am and then cycle illegally away from it at 10.15am. So this measure will annoy some pedestrians, stress some people cycling, and unnecessarily contribute to conflicts.

Having cycle parking that can't be cycled to is not good practice. And people cycling to the medical centre are more likely than most to not be able to dismount and push their cycles. See <https://wanderingdanny.com/oxford/2024/07/cyclists-dismount-they-can-get-out-and-push/>