



Proposed Parking Changes – Bucknell Road

Dear Local Residents

You may be unaware or unconcerned, but Oxfordshire County Council are proposing to further restrict the parking on Bucknell Road. They are looking at adding double yellow lines after Brookside Primary School up to the Hudson Road junction. To both sides of the road.

Field Street residents - There are currently about 20 houses that are unable to park outside their home on Field Street, due to space restrictions/steps. Where will we/our visitors/tradespersons all be parking? The old bus bay by the school can fit 7 normal size cars max, but with the number of multiple occupancy houses on Bucknell Road now, we share it with the residents with work vans and additional vehicles. I know of at least 1 resident that lives on Banbury Road and parks on Bucknell Road regularly. After 6pm and weekends, finding a single yellow space may not be as bad, but the rest of the time will be impossible.

Roman Way & Crockwell Close residents - you may not think this will affect you, but consider where the occupiers/visitors to Field Street, with overspill from the town, the Station and The Plough, will park going forwards? You have enough of a parking issue already, without pushing additional cars to your roads.

The Brookside School staff, parents and children being dropped off/collected – you have limited parking, and unless you build a helipad or monorail, I'm not sure how that's going to work? Ideally everyone can walk there, but that is not the reality of the world we live in.

Apparently, there was an "informal consultation" with Bicester Town Council, which I'd be interested to see who was involved or if any notes were made. Or if indeed it happened? I have contacted the relevant councillors in the hope that they can provide some support. I understand safety concerns regarding the particular area of Bucknell Road, but I'd hate to think that they are behind this suggestion of a solution.

To me, this seems to be another poorly planned idea, that has not been communicated directly to the people it could impact. Unless of course, you all know and I'm the last to see the little A4 sign or find out from a neighbour! I don't know why I'm worried – I think they're hoping we'll all be fed up of driving at 20mph and cycling instead...

You may not have any concerns about the proposed changes – if so, you can ignore this letter and pop it straight in the blue bin. I'll not be offended.

But if you do have concerns, you can find further information and the survey relating to the proposals using the QR code above. Or you can visit https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/bicester_parking2025 . Your response should be completed and returned by **5pm on Friday 12th September 2025**.

Perhaps you have some ideas to share in the survey, like permit parking on Bucknell Road or creating additional spaces on the grass area between the school and Brookside Court, or the school and Hudson Street? Or perhaps just leaving it as it is...?

Additionally you may want to contact christian.mauz@oxfordshire.gov.uk, the Senior Officer (TRO and Schemes) for Oxfordshire County Council, with your thoughts. I'll also be writing to **Calum Miller** (our local MP - Calum.miller.mp@parliament.uk) but I'm sure he's busy trying to sort the London Road railway crossing mess.

Yours sincerely,

Grumbly Field Street Resident