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Subject: Science Vale Survey - Let's talk for the Vale

Dear Jenny, Jane & Ron

Firstly, I hope you are all keeping well?

Secondly, can you please pass on my email to the relevant team on let's talk – Science Vale Oxfordshire.

I do apologies for this lengthy document, but this is my preferred vision, by the way I like and, in all cases, agree with Oxfordshire County Council's vision but I want is to go a step further with public transport enhancements across the Science Vale.

- Grove & Wantage Science Vale Station (G&WSVS) needs to open as soon as possible, but I would like to see this opened by 2029-2030 at the latest.
- I have proposed better & faster Science Vale Bus services across the Science Vale area connecting with Grove Science & Business Park, Williams F1 (G&WSVS), Oxford Instruments (A338), Wooton Science Park & Hartwell PLC, Abingdon & Witney College to Abingdon Science & Business Park. Estimated workforce of 13.000 employees.
- I have additionally proposed another better & faster connection with a Science Vale Bus services to Harwell Campus (ARC Group, European Space Agency, RAL, STFC & UKRI). Grove Science & Business Park, Williams F1 (W&GSVS) to Harwell Campus via Kingsgrove estate and then head North towards the Harwell Campus (ARC Group, European Space Agency, RAL, STFC & UKRI). Estimated workforce of 15,000 by 2032 according to Harwell Campus CEO Stuart Grant. 600 organisations on one site. See the YouTube video available to all.
- I would like to see a small number of e-scooters or e-bikes in key locations in Wantage & Grove, especially Wantage Market Place & when open at Grove & Wantage Science Vale Station.
- Wantage Market Place should reduce car traffic by 50% by splitting it into one side for cars, buses, delivery vehicles, taxis & cyclists (Willwood Restaurant side), while the other side should be for Buses with several bus bays, an unloading bay for delivery vehicles, taxi rank for taxis and more cycle parking (The Bear Hotel Side of the Road). The current car parking in the Market Place should removed, except for disabled parking where there should be three or four bays. This I believe would still leave enough parking for market traders on Wednesday's and Saturday's.
- I would also like to see an autonomous bus service on shorter routes between Wantage & Grove, especially as a former employee at Harwell Campus these have worked well at Harwell Campus & Edinburgh.

Many thanks for everything you are all doing, it's really appreciated.

Best Wishes

Andy Holding (Voluntary Parish Transport Representative for Grove).

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