

Longer journey times would be particularly inconvenient and uncomfortable for those less-disabled people and elderly people who would not qualify for permits. Also, many of them would not be able to afford the cost of the additional petrol.

Concerning the traffic filters, it would be better if there were only four of them. The Marston Ferry Road filter would divert traffic onto the A40, and the Hythe Bridge St filter would divert traffic onto the A34 between Botley and Peartree. These sections of the Ring Road are nationally strategic routes, and they are already congested in busier periods. A small amount of additional traffic would make the congestion much worse. Therefore the Marston Ferry Road filter and the Hythe Bridge St filter should be omitted.

The St Clements traffic filter would cut East Oxford off from Headington and the hospitals. Therefore it should operate only in peak periods.

If the number of traffic filters is limited to four as I am suggesting, and they cause trouble, at least it will be nowhere near as bad as it would be if the other two were also implemented.