

Formal Consultations
Oxford: Banbury Road & Iffley Road – Proposed ‘Side Road Entry Treatments’

Living on Banbury Road two houses from the corner of Belbroughton Road, I am familiar with the road usage in this particular area and all the complications at the Belbroughton Road/Banbury Road junction.

- The exit from Belbroughton Road on to Banbury Road only permits a right turn on to Banbury Road which creates frequent delays during busy periods
- There is a pedestrian crossing controlled by light on Banbury Road immediately to the left on exiting Belbroughton Road which creates frequent delays during busy periods
- Oxford High School is at the bottom of Belbroughton Road which creates significant and above normal traffic flows at the start and at the end of the school day
- Due to Oxford High School there are daily coaches coming in and out of Belbroughton Road from/to Banbury Road and coach parking bays are now in place at the top of Belbroughton Road near Banbury Road. The size of the coaches, whether parked or moving, creates congestion during busy periods particularly on the junction with Banbury Road

The proposed SRET for Belbroughton Road will narrow the junction and inevitably lead to greater delays at the junction. SRETs are designed to make roads and pavements safer for all road users and especially pedestrians, cyclists and scooter drivers. However given the behaviour of all users of the road and pavement which I have frequently witnessed, the plan is likely to make the junction more dangerous for everyone. This will be the case especially during busy periods when frustration grows on the part of everyone including pedestrians. I was hit by a young cyclist recently whilst trying to cross Banbury Road at the Belbroughton Road junction but I could not see her and she could not see me due to a coach part way out of Belbroughton Road and traffic at gridlock.

The Belbroughton Road junction is much narrower than all the other proposed SRETs on Banbury Road and its further narrowing will be dangerous – I know this as I have lived at our house for 25 years and every day see the issues.

As a final point I am at a loss to understand why there is no proposed SRET for Bardwell Road given how wide that junction is compared to Belbroughton Road. I do wonder if this is due to the number of coach movements caused by The Dragon School?

I urge the Cabinet Member for Transport Management to reconsider the Proposed SRET for Belbroughton Road.

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