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Infrastructure.

Where is it?

If you want to put people off coming into Oxford by car,

Put up more roadworks.

They will annoy everyone,

but at least fix the roads.

When will the LTN's be made to look like something other than ugly barriers, so too with the outside seating.

They are all ugly, St Michaels street is the perfect example of a mess.

It looks hideous.

When will any of it be made attractive?

It is an eyesore, you are destroying the beauty of Oxford.

& the people that will pay is us, as you increase our business rates, & council taxes.

If you want less pollution, Why do the London coaches still come into the centre town?

Why oh why can any person not get on any bus to take them in the direction they want to go?

If cars are stopped from coming in, then where does the money come from to repair the roads?

Eventually it will be council tax, which will affect everyone alike.

Did you always know the railway bridge was to close, & all this talk of bus gates/traffic filters has been a smoke screen?

One, that when the chaos reins, with its closure you can blame network rail,

& then you come in in 2025 & say,

the public has worked it out, & now,

the bus gates will not affect in the way they would have done had it not been for the bridge closure.

The recent flood on the ring road proved that it cannot cope with the unexpected, as can always be seen by any accident on the A34, north or south.

Everyone runs late, & when the bus gates are in place, as can be seen by all the measures you have already placed, the LTN's, the awful, & extremely dangerous cycle bollards,

Oxford will grind to a halt.

the bus service is not fit for purpose as it is.

The buses are a huge part of the problem, which the council will not address.

This is why we do not have a tram service, because the council do not want the responsibility of running it, so we have various bus companies all fighting each other rather than working together.

There is no cohesion, no, planning, no forward thinking, no infrastructure.

Just the desire to rid Oxford of cars, which will entail the decline of Oxford.

We are transgressing into medieval villages rather than cosmopolitan cities.

The councils, 'experiment' with no lines on the roads by the station, has proved, as it does when traffic lights go out, that the public can work it out.

but you insist on putting restrictions in when they are not needed.

If you had just have implemented a charge for coming into Oxford & a discount if you use the buses, that would have worked. But you have so many people with so many long standing opinions that you cannot see the wood for the trees.

There is a very simple way to achieve your goals, but, you only wish to implement that most ridiculous of ideas.

It reminds me of the sketch for life of Brian,

"What have the romans ever done for us"

Except in reverse.

The council are saying.

"Right, let's get rid of all traffic in Oxford".

(Huge round of applause from fellow councillors)

Then one voice at the back says,

"What about buses?"

"Oh, yes, except buses"

(More applause)

"What about taxis'?"

"Oh, yes except buses & taxis".

"What about deliveries"?

"Oh yes, all traffic except, buses, taxis', & deliveries",

"Bin lorries, emergency services"?

"Oh yes, bin lorries, & emergency services too".

"Amazon"?

"Oh of course amazon, & all your groceries".

"What about shop keepers & businesses?"

"Oh, very well, we will give them exemption passes".

"& residents"?.

"Oh bloody hell, yes, forgot about those.

Right so, We will ban all traffic, except,

Buses, taxis, deliveries, bin lorries, business owners, emergency services, & residents.

Good, so now, who cannot get into Oxford?"

A Voice from the back speaks up..

"Anyone that wants to shop here & bring in money".

NO APPLAUSE!!!