

**CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT – 20 JULY 2017**  
**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BUS LANE, A4165 BANBURY ROAD,  
OXFORD**

Report by Strategic Director, Communities

**Introduction**

1. This report presents responses received in the course of a statutory consultation on a proposal to permanently reduce the extent of a bus lane on the A4165 Banbury Road at Oxford.

**Background**

2. On 25 August 2016 an experimental Traffic Regulation Order came into effect which reduced the extent of the bus lane on the A4165 Banbury Road on the approach to its junction with the A40 at Cutteslowe roundabout as shown at Annex 1, as part of the major improvement scheme to the A40 Cutteslowe and Wolvercote roundabouts completed in October 2016. It is now proposed to make this amendment to the bus lane permanent.

**Consultation**

3. The experimental order was advertised on 8 August 2016, with a public notice being placed in the Oxford Times newspaper, and an email sent to the statutory consultees, including Thames Valley Police, the Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance service, Oxford City Council, as well as the local County Councillor. Street notices were also placed and letters sent to adjacent properties.
4. Two responses were received, as summarised at Annex 2. Copies of the full responses received are available for inspection in the Members' Resource Centre.
5. Thames Valley Police had no objection to the proposal.
6. One objection was received from a member of the public on the grounds that the council should always be looking to increase the number and length of bus lanes to prioritise bus travel in preference to the use of cars.

## **Review of responses**

7. The response of Thames Valley Police is noted.
8. The objection was on the grounds of a general principle and, although was submitted by a resident of the area did not appear to be related to concerns over the priority given to buses at this specific location or any other concerns over traffic movements on the length where the bus lane has been removed. Although the bus operators did not respond to the consultation, subsequent contact with the two main bus operators using this route (Oxford Bus Company and Stagecoach Oxford) to establish their position confirmed that neither had any issue with the proposal.

## **How the Project supports LTP4 Objectives**

9. The proposal will help facilitate the safe movement of traffic.

## **Financial and Staff Implications (including Revenue)**

10. The amendment to the bus lane made under the experimental order was funded by the major improvement scheme at the A40 Cutteslowe and Wolvercote roundabouts, and if the proposal is approved, no further works are proposed.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

11. **The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposal as advertised.**

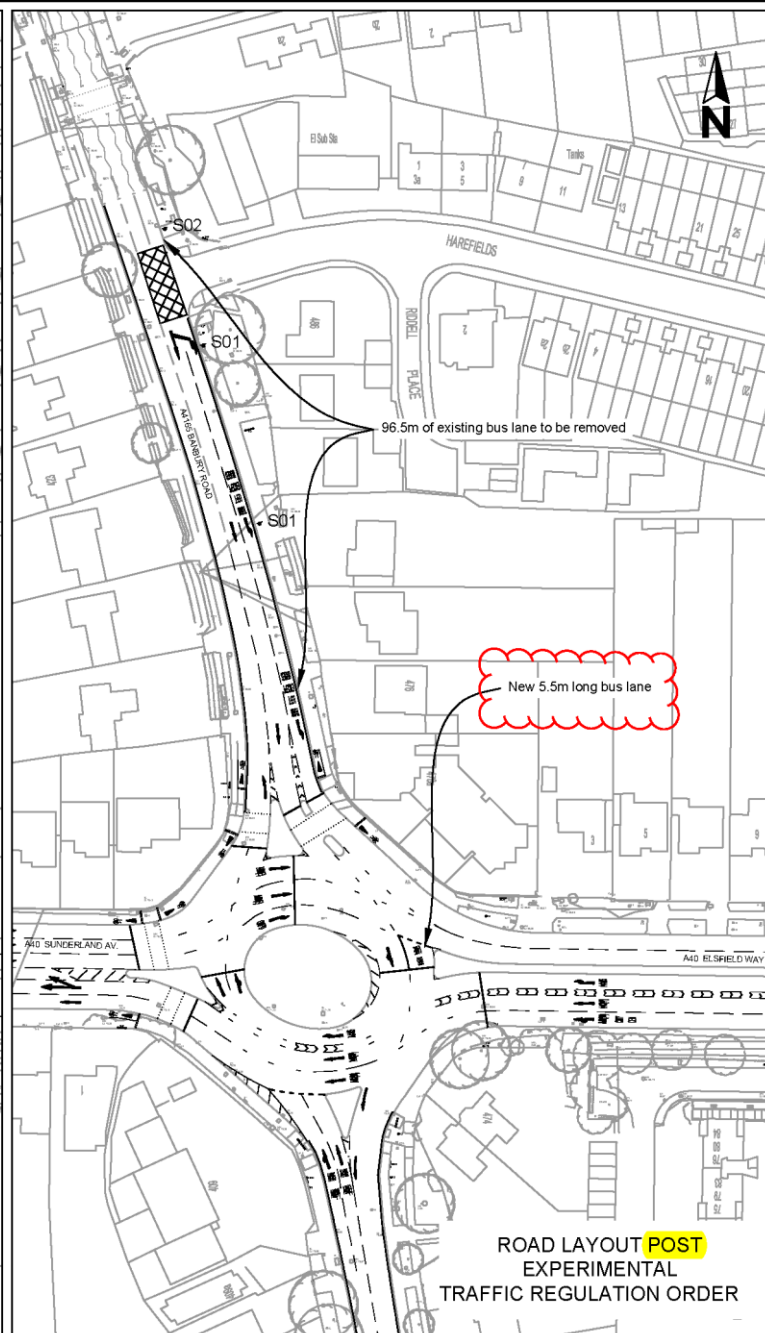
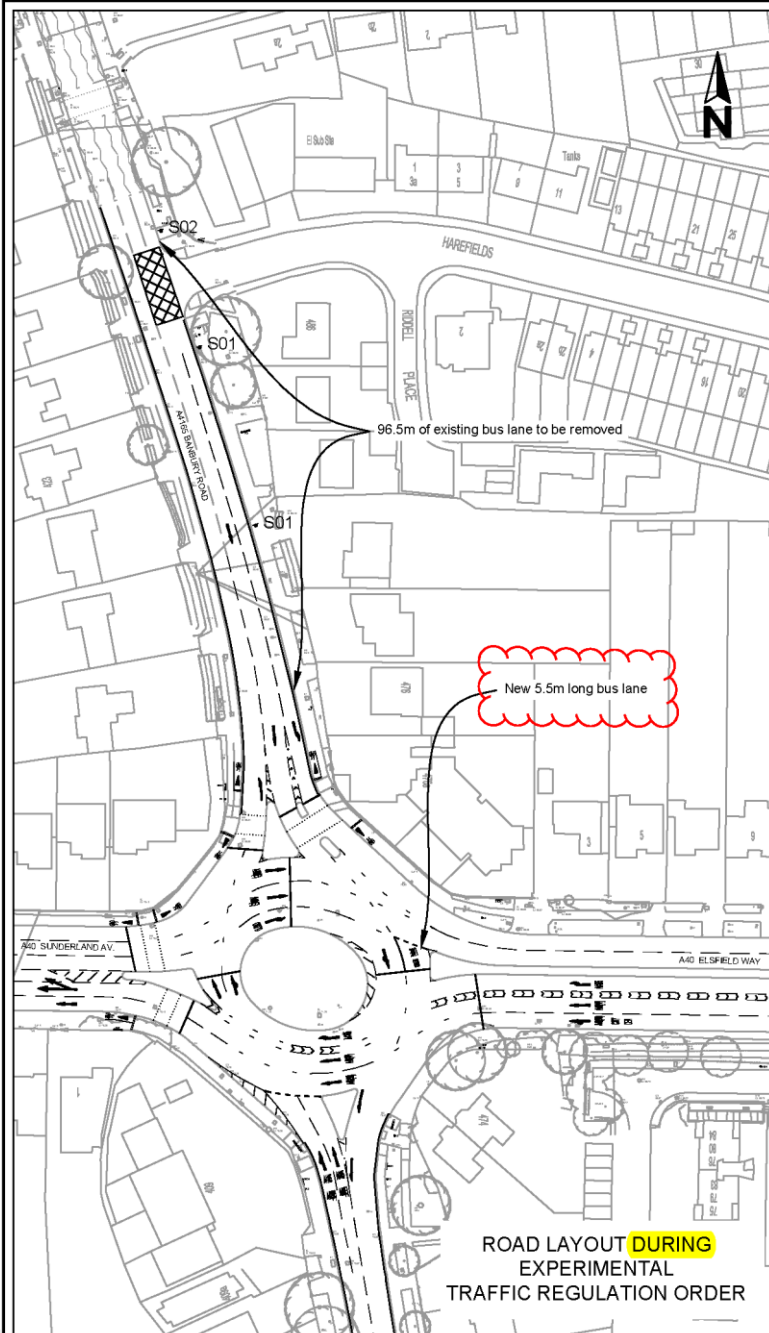
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Background papers:            Plan of proposed restrictions  
   Consultation responses

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RESPONDENT	SUMMARISED COMMENTS
(1) Thames Valley Police	<b>No objection.</b>
(2) Resident, (Sunderland Avenue, Oxford)	<b>Object</b> - I do not agree. The council should be looking always to increase the number and length of bus lanes to prioritise bus travel and always hinder private vehicle movements by comparison.