

Decision Maker:	Director of Environment & Highways
Decision Title:	Oxford trial traffic filters: changes to exemptions/permits
Decision date:	2 July 2026
Source of delegation:	Express delegation under resolution (c) of the November 2022 Cabinet decision on the trial traffic filters
What decision was made?:	<p>Ensures the permits offered for the trial traffic filters are appropriate and workable. Changes are in response to feedback or practical considerations arising from implementation.</p> <p>All changes except the Oxford Driving Test Centre permit are already in place for the temporary congestion charge</p>
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Reasons:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes are in response to feedback or practical considerations arising from implementation. • All changes are consistent with the objectives of the traffic filters scheme and the council's broader transport policies and help ensure the scheme is appropriate, workable and equitable. • The changes demonstrate that the council has continued to listen to feedback as part of its ongoing public sector equality duty and wider commitments to customer service and community engagement.



- The exemption by permit application for emergency or health service car was originally added in error. These vehicles are exempt, and do not require a permit.

The changes are minor and do not materially alter the impacts of the scheme approved by cabinet in November 2022.

Other options considered:

In each case, officers considered:

- not making the change at all
- different changes that could achieve the same or similar outcomes

In all cases, the recommended changes were considered to be the simplest and most effective way to achieve the desired outcome. Not making the changes at all could lead to reasonable accusations of unnecessary inflexibility and unwillingness to respond to feedback.