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Dear [REDACTED],

**RE: A40 Smart Corridor, Oxford  
Invitation to presentation and Q&A session**

Oxfordshire County Council ('OCC') is proposing a series of improvement schemes along the A40 corridor between Eynsham and West Oxford to improve connectivity and unlock development in West Oxfordshire. The schemes are collectively known as the 'A40 Smart Corridor' ('the Project') and comprise three elements:

1. A40 Dualling – creation of a dual carriageway measuring approximately 3.2km between Witney and the future Park and Ride site in Eynsham. This scheme would also include upgrades to the Barnard Gate junction and the provision of improved shared use facilities for cyclists and pedestrians along the northside of the A40.
2. A40 Integrated Bus Lanes – creation of approximately 6.5km of eastbound and westbound bus lanes along the A40, as well as improved shared use facilities for cyclists and pedestrians, and other junction improvements. It connects the future Park and Ride site in Eynsham with the A40 bridges in the Duke's Cut area.
3. A40 Duke's Cut – creation of an eastbound bus lane and two traffic lanes within the existing width of the current structures. This scheme would also involve the provision of improved facilities for non-motorised users on both the south and north side of the highway.

The first phase of the A40 improvements received planning permission in March 2021. The first phase includes a new Park & Ride in Eynsham and eastbound bus lane along the A40 between Eynsham and Wolvercote. OCC previously carried out public consultation on the A40 improvements in 2019. The past consultation information can be viewed on our website: <https://consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consult/ti/ImprovingtheA40corridor>

The current proposals represent the second phase of the A40 improvements. OCC will carry out a virtual public consultation on the A40 Smart Corridor in **May 2021** and a planning application will be submitted later this year. A request for an Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Opinion was submitted to OCC Planning in March 2021 and the Scoping Opinion is now available online.

In advance of public consultation in May, we are inviting key stakeholders to attend online meetings with the Project team including representatives from OCC, our environmental advisors (AECOM) and our planning advisors (Stantec). The presentation will provide an overview of the scheme objectives, timescales and linkages to other transport improvements and strategic developments in the area and an opportunity to raise specific questions.

Please confirm by return if you or another representative from your organisation can attend a meeting on **26<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 12pm**. We will provide joining details in advance.

If you are unable to attend but would like to receive further information, please let us know.

Kind regards,

**A40 Corridor Planning Team**  
on behalf of Oxfordshire County Council



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