

## **Written Statements – Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Transport Management (10 October 2024).**

### **7. Oxford City Cycle Parking Improvements 2024**

Reviewing most of the proposed documents, I have to say the cycle spots seem quite well considered. The only place I'm not convinced about is the space nearest us, (marked 'Cycle Racks 2') opposite the library, where there are already ample spaces, and where parking is already slated to be heavily cut back for the contra-flow cycle lane to be added. From the perspective of our business, the few remaining short-term spaces are often filled with residents all day, meaning there is very little opportunity for customers to legally park, pop in and pick up cases of wine. Removing a resident's space will put even more pressure on these spaces and reduce those opportunities further. By contrast, cycle parking is amply provided for, and our many cycle customers park either in the library, or simply lock to themselves for the few minutes they're in the shop. I would propose removing that space from the plans, leaving the one further down South Parade ('Cycle Rack 1') for later evening North Wall patrons to use in addition to the library spaces.

**Michael Jelley**  
**Director – Grape Minds.**

### **9. A420 Faringdon and Shrivenham Bypasses – Proposed 50mph Speed Limits**

I know that the consultation on the A420 Oxford to Swindon Road Corridor has now ended. However, I wanted to pass this email on by way of showing support of Cllr Gant's proposals to improve the road safety.

As a District Councillor for Faringdon (along with colleague Cllr Bethia Thomas), I hear daily of residents' concerns over the safety of the road. I know over the years various ways of reducing the speed limits around Faringdon have been considered – therefore these proposals have my full support. I am particularly in favour of the reduced speed limit to 50mph away from the national speed limit.

It is great to see action, particularly as some of the methods rely on developer money such as at the Great Coxwell exit, so make earlier remedies is welcomed and would be appreciated by residents.

**Cllr Lucy Edwards,**  
**Faringdon Ward – Vale of White Horse District Council**

## 9. A420 Faringdon and Shrivenham Bypasses – Proposed 50mph Speed Limits

The housing developments in Swindon, Highworth, Shrivenham, Faringdon and the whole surrounding area has increased traffic so much that the connectivity is being "stretched" beyond endurance within the existing infrastructure. The A420, when it was detrunked by the Labour Government in 2003 was a decision taken at the time as it was considered that the road only carried local traffic - this most definitely isn't so. Car travel for business and school bus transport from villages close to Faringdon is essential as there are no public bus services for example in Fernham, Buscot, Eaton Hastings, Coleshill and other villages - equally, traffic from across the Wiltshire and Gloucestershire borders has increased too, with housing growth that has been experienced likewise in these two counties. As we all know drivers will find a route and the village of Gt Coxwell is seen as an excellent "shortcut" from the B4019 from Coleshill through to the A420. It is to be remembered that the Faringdon Division lies adjacent to the county boundaries of Gloucestershire and Wiltshire.

Road safety is so important - and the slowing down of the traffic is also important. I recognise that the proposed 50mph speed limit which in itself is not the complete panacea as accidents will still happen but, slower speed makes accidents less severe, and I whole heartedly support the proposal. Access onto the A420 is horrendous and the planned for new A420 Great Coxwell Turn Layout/installation of traffic lights will break the flow of traffic making the the whole area a lot safer. Traffic will be able to turn onto and off the A420 at the Gt. Coxwell junction. The Steeds South Development with the planned for new A420 Gt. Coxwell turn layout/installation of traffic lights is essential. I was advised by officers, that the VWHDC secured the highways contribution through a bipartite agreement and they now hold the sum of £864,653 (index linked) towards the cost of the Works together with any traffic orders that may be required and maintenance of traffic lights in connection with the works etc.

**Judith Heathcoat**

**Honorary Alderman – Oxfordshire County Council.**