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Consultation Report: Bicester Sheep Street Consultation – for an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) to allow cycling

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Executive Summary

This consultation aimed to gather feedback from residents and business owners of Bicester on the proposed Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) for Sheep Street to allow cycling. Views were sought on allowing cyclists to travel through Sheep Street either at all times of day or with restrictions (no cycling) during the Friday market day. The consultation received 1,254 responses via "Let's Talk Oxfordshire," survey portal as well as 13 postal submissions of the survey, therefore 1267 responses overall. Additionally, we received three emails regarding the proposals. These responses came from community organisations, the Bicester Bike User Group (BUG), Bicester Friday Market, and the Oxfordshire Cycling Network, and are included in **Appendix 3**.

The feedback highlighted a divided community sentiment. 21% of respondents supported the proposed ETRO, citing reasons such as improved cycling accessibility, environmental and health benefits, and successful examples from other locations. However, the majority, 77%, expressed concerns about the proposal. Key issues raised included safety risks for pedestrians, potential negative impacts on footfall to local businesses, and the increased likelihood of collisions between people walking and cycling. A small proportion, 2% of respondents, were neutral regarding the proposal, however, some cited in the free text box that they were open to the ETRO provided there were clear restrictions, such as designated cycle paths or additional safety measures to protect pedestrians.

In considering if a trial should go ahead to allow cycling 80% of people did not support cycling at any time, leading to 20% of people agreeing some type of trial should go ahead. There were mixed views about allowing cycling or not during the Friday market, however 11% felt this was worth trialling cycling except on Friday.

It is also of note that 10% of people who identified as having a disability agreed with a trial going ahead, some of these respondents may use a cycle to make moving around easier due to their disability; however most people with a disability did not want a trial to go ahead.

Introduction

Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to present the findings from the public consultation regarding the proposal to allow two-way cycling in Sheep Street, Bicester. The proposal aims to gather public and stakeholder views on whether to implement an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) to trial cycling on Sheep Street for a maximum of 18 months and to understand public opinions on the potential impacts of such a trial.

Background

Currently, cycling is prohibited on Sheep Street, which is part of a designated pedestrian zone extending from Bell Lane in the north to Market Square in the south. The proposed ETRO would allow cycling in this area as part of a strategy to enhance active travel route options in Bicester.

The main objectives of the ETRO trial are to:

- Improve accessibility for cyclists, including those with disabilities.
- Increase the availability of safe cycling routes across Bicester, particularly for students travelling to/from school.
- Reduce reliance on private cars for short, local journeys by providing alternative transport options.
- Attract more visitors to local businesses, market days, and community events, supporting the local economy.

Consultation method

The consultation took place from 15 July to 31 August 2024.

Information about the proposed ETRO and a feedback survey were available via "Let's Talk Oxfordshire", our engagement portal. The same information was also placed in Bicester Library with information on how to email or post a survey response.

The consultation process involved multiple outreach methods to maximise participation and ensure broad awareness. These included:

- A press release announcing the consultation.
- Direct emails sent to key stakeholders, such as local businesses and community groups.
- Promotion on social media platforms, including Facebook and X (formerly Twitter), to engage a wider audience.

- Posters displayed along Sheep Street and in Bicester Library to inform pedestrians about the consultation.
- Hard copies of the consultation were made available at Bicester Library, allowing individuals without internet access to participate.

The survey, available in **Appendix 1**, asked 15 questions. These included questions to gauge opinions on the proposal, as well as questions about the respondents themselves. Additionally, free text response boxes were provided for participants to share their views in their own words.

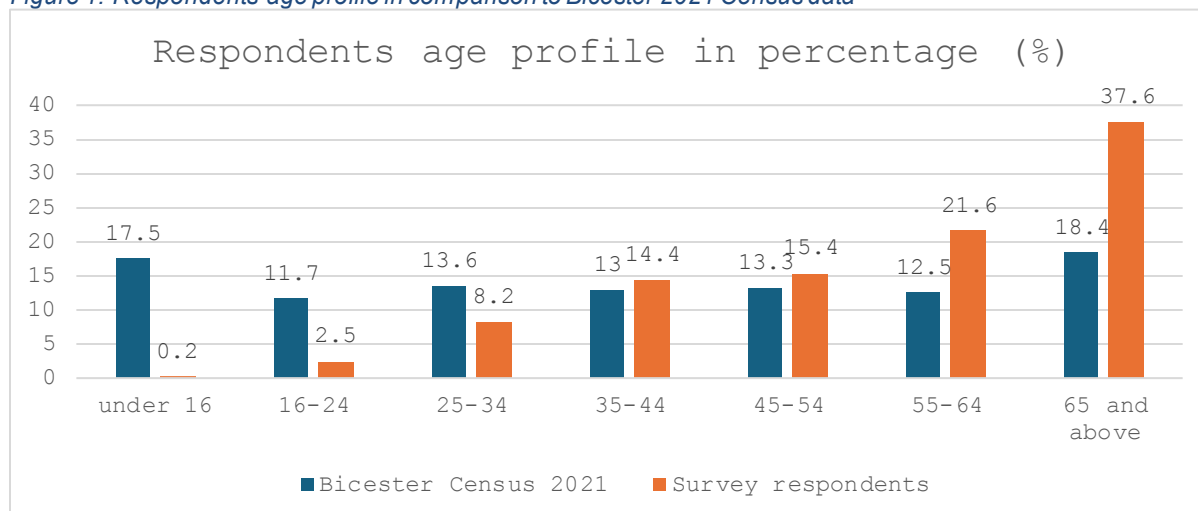
Survey challenges

The survey conducted as part of this consultation encountered two key challenges during the analysis of responses: duplications and representation. While the online nature of the survey allowed for broad participation, it also raised concerns about potential duplicate submissions. Additionally, the demographic profile of respondents revealed an overrepresentation of older age groups, leading to questions about whether the marketing of the consultation reached younger age groups. The following sections provide more detailed insights into these challenges.

Duplications: The main way people responded to the survey is through the Let's Talk Oxfordshire online portal. Through the portal it is possible for a single individual to complete the survey multiple times. It is not completely clear if individuals did try to skew the data set by submitting multiple responses as the same phenomenon could occur from several people using the same device, such as in a public setting like a library. However, out of the 1,254 responses received via Let's Talk, 191 (approximately 15.2%) have been identified as potential duplicates. The data presented in this report is the full dataset and no action has been taken to address the potential duplication.

Representation: Another challenge we encountered in the survey was the disproportionately high percentage of respondents aged 65 and over, who made up 37.1% of the total. Additionally, 59% of respondents were aged 55 and above, while only 11% were under the age of 35. When compared to the 2021 census data, it is clear that the survey does not fully represent the demographic profile of Bicester, particularly for those under 35, despite efforts to promote the survey across various platforms.

Figure 1: Respondents' age profile in comparison to Bicester 2021 Census data



Respondent Demographics

Participant profile

This section of the report outlines information about the people who responded to the online questionnaire. A total of 1267 people responded to the consultation survey, 1254 people completed online and further 13 on paper.

Not all people answered all questions so the totals below may not always add up to the total number of responses.

In what capacity are you responding to this survey? Respondents were asked to tick all that apply which totals 1640 responses.

- 68.4% (1,121 people) of respondents identified as local residents.
- 26.3% (432 people) of respondents were members of the public.
- 2.6% (42 people) of the responses came from Local Community Councillors.
- 1.1% (18 people) of the responses were from businesses.
- 0.9% (14 people) of the responses were from groups or organisations.
- 0.4% (7 people) of respondents fell into the 'Other' category.
- 0.4% (6 people) selected 'Rather not say'.

The majority of respondents indicated they are local residents to Bicester. A very low number of responses were from local businesses.

How often do you visit Sheep Street (e.g., for shopping, dining, or attending the market)? Total number of respondents: 1,267

- **51.1%** (647 people) visit Sheep Street several times a week
- **18.1%** (229 people) visit once a week
- **16.8%** (213 people) visit daily
- **11.0%** (140 people) visit several times a month
- **2.8%** (36 people) visit rarely
- **0.2%** (2 people) visit never

More than 85% of respondents said they visit Sheep Street more than once a week.

When travelling to Sheep Street, what mode of transport do you usually use?

Respondents were asked to tick all that apply which totals 1912 responses.

- 44.1% (843 people) said they walked
- 33.1% (633 people) said they drove
- 11.5% (219 people) said they cycled
- 9.9% (190 people) said they used public transport
- 1.4% (27 people) said Other mode of transport.

More people said they walk, cycle or use public transport to reach Sheep Street, at 65.5%, than drive at 33.1%.

What is your age? Total responses 1253.

- 37.6% (471 people) of respondents are in the 65 and over age group
- 21.6% (271 people) of respondents are in the 55-64 age group
- 15.4% (193 people) of respondents are in the 45-54 age group
- 14.4% (181 people) of respondents are in the 35-44 age group
- 8.2% (103 people) of respondents are in the 25-34 age group
- 2.5% (31 people) of respondents are in the 16-24 age group
- 0.2% (3 people) of respondents are under 16 years of age

Nearly 60% of respondents were aged 55 or over. The 2021 Census data for Bicester indicates that the age of consultation respondents is not representative of the age profile of Bicester, which can be seen below. Approximately 24% of Bicester residents are aged 55 and over.

2021 Census age profile of Bicester residents

- 13% of residents are in the 65 and over age group
- 11% of residents are in the 55-64 age group
- 14% of residents are in the 45-54 age group
- 16% of residents are in the 35-44 age group
- 17% of residents are in the 25-34 age group
- 29% of residents are in the 24 and under age group

Therefore, this particular consultation has been one that older people have felt more compelled to participate in than younger people. Potentially due to their strength of feeling on the issue or how they feel they will be impacted.

What is your sex? Total responses (1259)

- 51.2% (644 people) of respondents are female
- 42.5% (535 people) are male
- 6.0% (76 people) preferred not to say
- 0.3% (4 people) use another term

The 2021 Census data for Bicester indicates that the sex profile for Bicester is

- 50.4% female
- 49.6% male

The proportion of male/female respondents when compared to the 2021 census of Bicester residents show the consultation received slightly more female responses than is representative and fewer responses than males than is representative.

What is your ethnic group or background? Total responses (1267)

- 81.1% (1027 people) identified as British, English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish, Irish, or any other white background
- 1.6% (20 people) identified as Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups
- 1.2% (17 people) Asian or Asian British
- 0.8% (10 people) identified as Chinese
- 0.7% (9 people) identified as Black or Black British
- 13.5% (171 people) prefer not to say
- 1% (13 people) identified as Other.

The 2021 Census data for Bicester indicates that the ethnic group profile for Bicester is

- 87% White
- 6% Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh
- 3.5% Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups
- 2% Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African
- 1.5% Other ethnic group

The consultation appears to have receive responses from a great number of people identifying with non-white ethnicity than is representative of Bicester residents, although this data does include people who preferred not to say.

Do you identify as a person with a disability? Total responses (1267)

- 74.5% (944 individuals) do not identify as having a disability.
- 16.7% (211 respondents) identify as having a disability.
- 8.8% (112 respondents) either preferred not to disclose their disability status or selected an option such as 'prefer not to say'.

If yes, what type of disability do you have? Respondents were asked to tick all that apply which totals 253 responses.

- The most common type of disability among respondents is mobility impairment, reported by 142 individuals.
- Hearing impairment is the next most frequently reported, with 56 respondents.
- Cognitive or learning disabilities were reported by 13 respondents.
- Visual impairments were reported by 12 respondents.
- Other unspecified disabilities were reported by 30 respondents.

The 2021 Census data for Bicester recorded 13.4% of residents are Disabled under the Equality Act. The survey recoded a slightly higher number of people with a disability.

Awareness source

People were asked how they found out about the consultation and the proposals to allow cycling in Sheep Street.

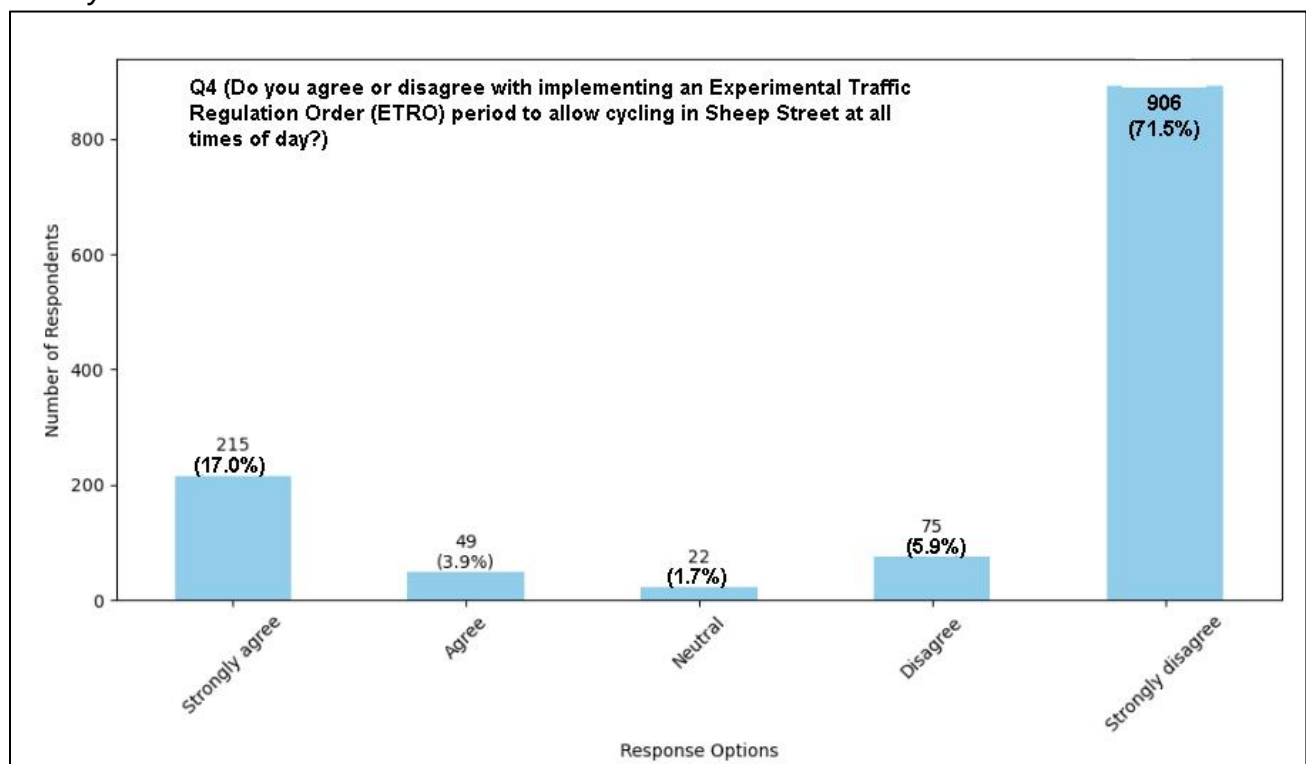
- The most common method of finding out about the consultation and proposals to allow cycling in Sheep Street was through Facebook, with 625 responses.
- 181 respondents found out through a local news item.
- 149 respondents learned about the consultation through friends or relatives.
- Smaller numbers of respondents, ranging from 106 to 2, found out through various other methods, including:
 - County or district councillors
 - Town and parish councillors
 - Local community news items
 - Other unspecified sources

Opinions on the ETRO Implementation

The survey asked people their views on the proposals.

Do you agree or disagree with implementing an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) period to allow cycling in Sheep Street at all times of day?

Figure 2: Respondents' opinions regarding the implementation of the ETRO at all times of the day.



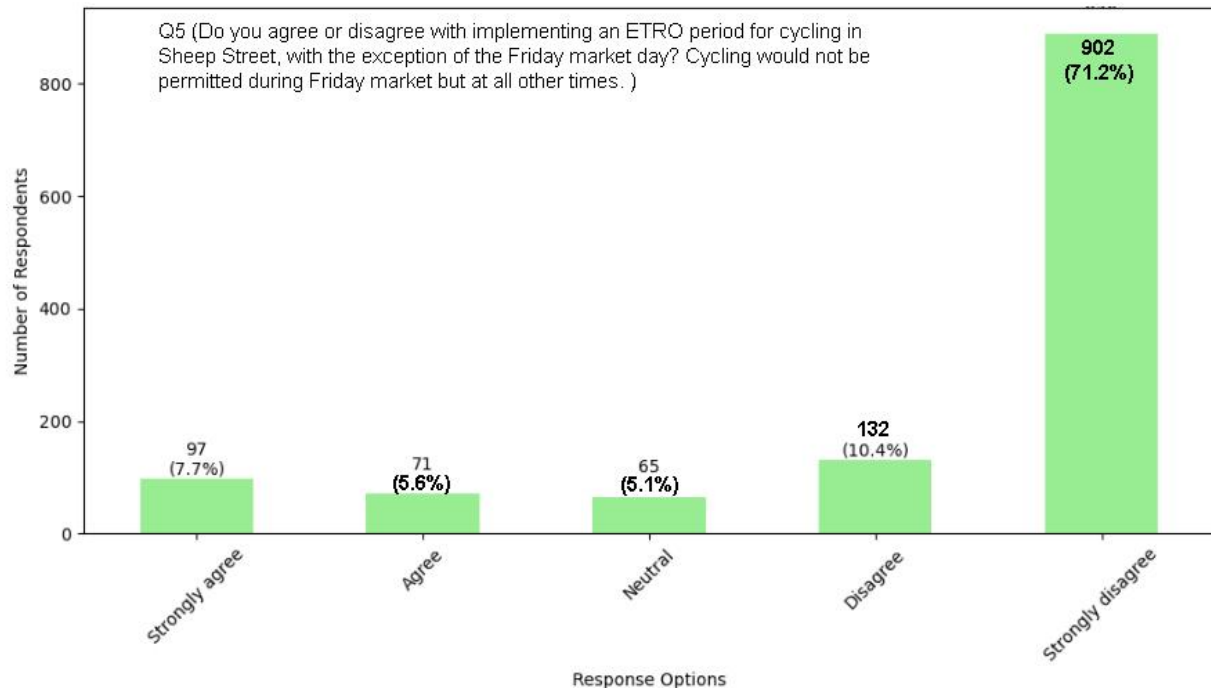
There were 1267 responses to this question.

- 71% (906 people) strongly disagree
- 6% (75 people) disagree
- 2% (22 people) neutral
- 4% (49 people) agree
- 17% (215 people) who strongly agree

More than three quarters (77%) of people who responded do not agree with using an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order to trial cycling in Sheep Street at all times of day.

Do you agree or disagree with implementing an ETRO period for cycling in Sheep Street, with the exception of the Friday market day? Cycling would not be permitted during Friday market but at all other times.

Figure 3: Respondents' opinions regarding the implementation of the ETRO at all times of the day, except on Friday market day.



There were 1267 responses to this question.

- 71% (902 people) strongly disagree
- 10% (132 people) disagree
- 5% (65 people) neutral
- 6% (71 people) agree
- 8% (97 respondents) strongly agree

This question sought to understand the extent to which people would be happy with cycling in Sheep Street so long as there was no cycling on the busiest day during the Friday market.

It is noted that over 80% of people disagree with the option to allow cycling in Sheep Street apart from on Friday during the market day. A higher percentage of people disagreed with this option than always allowing cycling. It is possible that those disagreeing are a mixture of people who want to cycle in Sheep Street at all times (therefore disagreeing with a restriction on Friday), as well as those who disagree with cycling at any time. We cannot separate these views completely but below we show how many people answered both questions together.

In Table 1 we have tabulated the responses to question 4 'Do you agree or disagree with implementing an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) period to allow

cycling in Sheep Street at all times of day?’ with responses to question 5 ‘Do you agree or disagree with implementing an ETRO period for cycling in Sheep Street, with the exception of the Friday market day? Cycling would not be permitted during Friday market but at all other times.’

Table 1: Tabulation of responses between allowing the ETRO at all times and allowing it at all times except on market day

Question	Opinion	Number of respondents				
Q4: Do you agree or disagree with implementing an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) period to allow cycling in Sheep Street at all times of day	Strongly Agree	59	37	42	32	45
	Agree	21	16	6	6	0
	Neutral	7	7	7	1	0
	Disagree	2	8	5	59	1
	Strongly Disagree	8	3	5	32	856
	Opinion	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
	Question:	Q5: Do you agree or disagree with implementing an ETRO period for cycling in Sheep Street, with the exception of the Friday market day?				

If we group together ‘strongly agree’ with ‘agree’ and ‘disagree’ with ‘strongly disagree’ and to simplify disregard people who responded ‘neutral’, this creates four groups (also shown in Figure 5):

1. People who agree with cycling in Sheep Street any time and also agree to no cycling on a Friday. 133 people had this opinion about 11%.
2. People who disagree with cycling at all times in Sheep Street but agree to no cycling on a Friday. 21 people had this opinion about 2%.
3. People who agree with cycling at all times in Sheep Street but disagree with no cycling on a Friday. 83 people had this opinion about 7%.
4. People who disagree with cycling at all times. 948 people had this opinion about 80%.

Table 2: Simplified tabulation of responses between allowing the ETRO at all times and allowing it at all times except on market day combining categories.

Question	Opinion	Number of respondents	
Q4: Do you agree or disagree with implementing an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) period to allow cycling in Sheep Street at all times of day	Overall Agree	133	83
	Overall Disagree	21	948
	Opinion	Overall Agree	Overall Disagree
	Question:	Q5: Do you agree or disagree with implementing an ETRO period for cycling in Sheep Street, except for the Friday market day?	

Opinions on ETRO Implementation considering age and disability:

Opinions on the ETRO related to respondents' age

Here we have correlated age against responses question 4 'Do you agree or disagree with implementing an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) period to allow cycling in Sheep Street at all times of day?'

Table 3: Opinions on the ETRO related to respondents' age

Age Group:	Number of Respondents				
Under 16	2	0	0	0	1
16-24	19	2	1	0	9
25-34	39	9	3	8	44
35-44	59	12	4	11	95
45-54	44	5	4	14	126
55-64	34	11	3	18	205
65 and above	18	10	7	23	413
Opinion:	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
	Q4: Do you agree or disagree with implementing an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) period to allow cycling in Sheep Street at all times of day				

If we remove responses from those under 16 and which were neutral to simplify the data (see table 4) by looking at the proportions of people who agreed and disagreed within three age groups we can see that in the 16-34 age group the opinions are approximately even spread across agree and disagree. However, in the older age group 55 and over we see that only 10% of people agree and 90% disagree with trialling the ETRO to allow cycling. This shows that older people are much more likely to be concerned about allowing cycles in Sheep Street than younger people.

Table 4: Simplified opinions on the ETRO related to respondents' age

Age	Strongly Agree & Agree	Percentage agree	Disagree or Strongly Disagree	Percentage disagree	Total respondents in age group	Age group % totals
16-34	69	53%	61	47%	130	100%
35-54	120	33%	246	67%	366	100%
55 and Over	73	10%	659	90%	732	100%

Opinions on the ETRO related to respondents' disability

Table 5: Opinions on the ETRO related to respondents' disability.

Disability	Number of Respondents				
	No	171	42	17	63
Preferred not to say	25	5	1	6	75
Yes	19	2	4	6	180
Opinion:	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
	Q4: Do you agree or disagree with implementing an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) period to allow cycling in Sheep Street at all times of day				

If we remove responses which were neutral to simplify the data (see table 6) by looking at the proportions of people who agreed and disagreed within three disability categories, we can see that in the people who don't identify as having a disability or who preferred not to say had approximately a 25% of people agreeing to trial cycling and 75% who disagree.

However, for people who did identify as having a disability we see only 10% of people agree and 90% disagree with trialling the ETRO to allow cycling. This shows that people with a disability are much more likely to be concerned about allowing cycles in Sheep Street than those without, although the majority of people without a disability also disagree on the trial.

Table 6: Simplified opinions on the ETRO related to respondents' disability status.

Disability	Strongly Agree & Agree	Percentage agree	Disagree or Strongly Disagree	Percentage disagree	Total respondents in age group	Age group % totals
No	213	23%	714	77%	927	100%
Preferred not to say	30	27%	81	73%	111	100%
Yes	21	10%	186	90%	207	100%

Collision Data

In the survey free text boxes where people provided their comments, respondents expressed concerns about the risk of collisions on Sheep Street, particularly where people cycling might collide with people walking. Additionally, they highlighted that Manorsfield Road, the primary alternative route for cyclists to Sheep Street, is also perceived as unsafe, with collisions having been reported there. During a site visit, Councillors noted that entering and exiting Sheep Street poses risks for cyclists, especially at the northern end where it intersects with Bell Lane.

Upon reviewing recorded collision data from January 2010 to May 2023, a total of 10 collisions were noted involving cyclists or pedestrians. Other types of collisions, such as car-on-car collisions, were excluded from this data. The distribution of the recorded collisions is shown in **Figure 4** below. Collisions can be recorded as 'slight injury', 'serious injury', or 'fatal'.

- One collision, recorded in 2020, occurred in Sheep Street which involved a cyclist hitting a pedestrian, causing slight injury to the pedestrian.
- Two collisions are recorded at the junction of Sheep Street and Bell Lane causing slight injury. One of these involved a Police operation and the second where a cyclist was hit by a car whilst turning.
- The only serious injury recorded in the study area, involved a cyclist and a car collision at the junction of Manorsfield Road and Market Square.
- The remaining slight injury collisions occurred at Market Square and Manorsfield Road. These involved cars manoeuvring or motorist failing to see cyclists (even in dry, daylight conditions). There were also two incidents of a passenger opening a car door into a cyclist.

The data confirms that it is possible for cyclists to hit pedestrians, as has occurred in Sheep Street, but this appears to be quite rare, and cyclists appear to be more likely to be involved in a collision with a motorised vehicle.

Figure 4: Locations of collisions involving pedestrians and cyclists in Sheep Street and Manorsfield Road from 2010 to 2023.



 OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL	RTC data for Sheep Street and surroundings.	Total Accidents (10) ● Serious (1) ● Slight (9)	SCALE 1 : 1750
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Summary of themes from people's comments

The survey allowed people to tell us in their own words how they felt about the proposals. Two questions were asked:

Q8. Please let us know the reason(s) for submitting your responses (i.e. why you are supporting or objecting to the proposals?) and any other comments you may wish to make in relation to these proposals.

Q15. Do you have any further comments about the proposal?

Below we have summarised the main themes from the people's responses. The full responses are available in **Appendix 2**.

1. Support for a Trial

- "This is a trial, so we should test it at all times, rather than assuming it won't work."
- "Let's do a trial and see how it goes. Market day isn't that busy."
- "I think it's a great idea to trial allowing cycling. I'd start cycling to town."
- "It makes sense to allow cyclists, as it encourages people to cycle into town instead of bringing cars."

2. Concerns About Safety

- "Allowing cycling officially would cause chaos. There's already too much street clutter, and cyclists are hard to hear. It would be dangerous for children and those with mobility issues."
- "Cyclists already use Sheep Street, and I've nearly been hit several times. Giving them permission will only make it worse."
- "Sheep Street is currently a safe area for families. Introducing bikes will increase the risk to pedestrians, especially children."

3. Practical Considerations

- "There are cycle parking facilities at each end of Sheep Street, where cyclists can leave their bikes and walk. They can also dismount and push their bikes through."
- "There's not enough space for a cycle path. I've had near misses with cyclists while using my wheelchair."

4. Positive Examples from Other Cities

- "I lived in Beeston, Nottingham, where a similar approach worked very well."
- "I lived in Amsterdam for 11 years, where bikes are the main mode of transport. Cycling is carbon-neutral, and there's enough space on Sheep Street to safely include a cycle path."

5. Suggestions for Improvement

- “The council should focus on improving cycling in other parts of Bicester first, not this street.”
- “If cycling is allowed, there should be a clearly defined cycle lane to ensure safety.”
- “People already cycle through anyway. Formalising it won’t change much. It would be better to caution cyclists to take extra care in the pedestrian zone.”
- “Cycling is good, but there should be a designated cycle path to ensure pedestrian safety.”

6. Encouraging Cycling

- “I would cycle more if I could, but it’s not allowed. It’s a good idea to change that.”
- “Cycling is part of a healthy lifestyle, and we should support it to reduce pollution and traffic.”

7. Environmental and Health Benefits

- “Cycling is a carbon-neutral way to travel short distances. There’s enough space on Sheep Street to safely include a cycle path.”
- “The UK’s obesity crisis means we should be encouraging cycling. Removing barriers to cycling will help improve public health.”

8. Current Usage and Enforcement Issues

- “People already cycle through Sheep Street, and the rules aren’t enforced. Cyclists often speed, which is dangerous.”
- “Cyclists already think they own the pavements, and they ride too close to pedestrians, making it unsafe.”

Written responses by email

We also received written responses (available in full in **Appendix 3**) from the following stakeholders which we summarise here:

1) Bicester Bike User Group

- Strongly support the trial to allow cycling at any time in Sheep Street, and strongly object to the proposal to exclude market hours from the trial, to ensure it is a comprehensive trial.
- Cycling is very important economically, for accessibility to Sheep Street and as an important cross town cycle route. Alternative routes are indirect and potential safety issues which are strong disincentives to cycling.
- The prohibition on cycling in Sheep Street is discriminatory, in that there are a number of cycle users who are disabled within the meaning of the Equality Act 2010 who use their bikes to overcome their disability.

- Ample space for both pedestrians and cyclists to circulate without a real risk of conflict and the perceived risks to pedestrians from cyclists are generally greatly exaggerated.
- The current TRO discourages responsible cycling and encourages irresponsible cycling. This is precisely the opposite effect of what is desired.

2) Oxfordshire Cycling Network

- We support the introduction of cycling on Sheep Street in Bicester. We support the process of using an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) to test and develop the way in which this is done over up to 18 months.
- We are aware of concerns about people cycling in this area, but we believe that these are not strongly evidenced, that the impacts of cycling are significantly less than those of motor vehicles already using this street, and that there are many good examples of similar streets where cycling is permitted with no significant negative effects.
- Benefits of the proposal
 - i. Cycling is beneficial to mental and physical health
 - ii. Permitting cycling would benefit trade on Sheep Street as people who walk or cycle to high streets visit more often
 - iii. Parking benefits of cycling. 8 to 12 cycles can be parked in a single car space, and every person not driving frees up road and parking space for a driver.
 - iv. Connectivity benefits - a cycling link on Sheep Street would remove a broken link in National Cycle Network Route 51.
 - v. Enable disabled cyclists to use the route. Sustrans Walking and Cycling Index across 18 cities shows the 10% of disabled people cycle every week, compared to 15% of the total population.
 - vi. Cycling also has a significant role in social equity for example providing accessibility to job opportunities which would otherwise be out of reach.
- Potential Risks and Issues
 - i. Conflicts between pedestrians and cyclists has been raised, however the motorised traffic entering the street including HGVs is likely to be a much greater threat.
 - ii. We condemn irresponsible and dangerous cycling, danger from cycles is insignificant compared to the danger of not creating the environment in which people are encouraged to take physical exercise. Research shows cyclists to a large extent adapt their behaviour appropriately to the presence of pedestrians Cyclists to a large extent adapt their behaviour appropriately to the presence of pedestrians.
- A range of similar places where cycling and walking are working well were also cited.

3) Friday Market

- Bicester Friday Market has a licence via Cherwell DC to be in Sheep Street every Friday, we have been in this location for nearly 20 years.
- Even though Sheep Street is currently meant to be pedestrianised, we have had to apply for, and have a road closure put in place every week. This means signs and barriers are across Sheep Street at the one way entry end. This had to be put in because the automatic barrier is not manned and vehicles and cyclists were constantly in the street creating hazards and danger for the traders and the public.
- The market runs along the entire length of Sheep Street. From Superdrug onwards towards the end near Market Square. The first part we have stalls on either side, allowing access for emergency vehicles. From The works onwards the market runs on one side only.
- The part with stalls on both sides is busy with traders and the public. We feel cyclists would create obstructions and potentially a danger as traders and customers are manoeuvring around the stalls. The stalls are also an obstruction for the cyclists, behind the stalls are the entrances to the shops, another potential hazard as customers are exiting the shop premises. The part where we are on one side of the street is extremely congested. There is not enough room for cyclists to safely manoeuvre around the stalls and the public.
- The street as it currently stands does not look like it should have traffic or cyclists routinely coming along there. In an ideal world all cyclists and any permitted vehicles would cycle responsibly but the road closure we have put in place indicates otherwise.
- At set up and pack away the traders are permitted under our licence to have the vans on the street. Cyclists in the street could easily hit a trader as they are in and out of their vans, and cyclists would also have issues with vans in the street.
- Liability. As it stands, we have been on a pedestrianised street for nearly 20 years. Even this did not stop dangerous issues arising in recent times. This is why we requested a road closure. Our traders trade knowing the road is closed. We would want to know who would be liable should a cyclist hurt a trader or a member of the public, or if a cyclist is hurt by a stall/ van on market day.
- We would like to meet with officers on a market day to show them our concerns. We would also like to be sent any risk assessments that have been carried out. A risk assessment is extremely important on market day.
- We would strongly recommend cyclists are not allowed in the street on market day.

Conclusion: What has the consultation told us?

The consultation on the proposed Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) to allow cycling in Sheep Street, Bicester, revealed a community divided on the issue.

The majority of respondents, 77%, opposed the ETRO, citing concerns about pedestrian safety, potential negative impacts on local businesses, and the risk of collisions between cyclists and pedestrians.

A smaller proportion, 21%, supported the ETRO, highlighting benefits such as improved cycling accessibility, environmental and health advantages, and successful examples from other locations. A small proportion, 2% of respondents, were neutral regarding the proposal, however, some cited in the free text box that they were open to the ETRO provided there were clear restrictions, such as designated cycle paths or additional safety measures to protect pedestrians.

In considering if a trial should go ahead to allow cycling 80% of people did not support cycling at any time, leading to 20% of people agreeing some type of trial should go ahead. There were mixed views about allowing cycling or not during the Friday market, however 11% felt this was worth trialling cycling except on Friday.

Key insights from the consultation include:

- **Demographics:** The majority of respondents were local residents who regularly visited Sheep Street, with a significant portion being older people aged 55 and over. This particular consultation has been one that older people have felt more compelled to participate in than younger people. Potentially due to their strength of feeling on the issue or how they feel they will be impacted. 90% of over 55's disagreed with trialling cycling.
- **Disability Considerations:** Respondents with disabilities, particularly those with mobility impairments, expressed strong concerns about the safety implications of allowing cycling in Sheep Street. 90% of people who identified as having a disability disagreed with trialling cycling. Therefore, 10% of people who identified as having a disability agreed with a trial going ahead, some of these respondents may use a cycle to make moving around easier due to their disability.
- **Awareness and Participation:** Most respondents learnt about the consultation through Facebook, local news, and word of mouth.
- **Safety Concerns:** The primary concern was the potential for collisions between people walking and cycling and cyclists create a hazard are a danger for the traders and the public during Market days.
- **Support for Cycling:** Supporters of the ETRO emphasised the need for better cycling infrastructure to promote active travel, including greater accessibility for disabled people and reduce reliance on cars.

Appendices:

Appendix 1: Survey

Bicester Sheep Street consultation - Experimental Traffic Regulation Order for allowing cycling.

We're asking for your views on the proposal to allow two-way cycling in Sheep Street, Bicester. We proposed to implement an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) to trial cycling in Sheep Street for a maximum of 18 months. Cyclists would be allowed to use Sheep Street at all times. Currently cycling is prohibited at all times. This consultation is asking about your views on whether we should use an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order to trial cycling in Sheep Street and your views on the consequences of allowing cycling in Sheep Street.

Why is the experiment being proposed?

Our goal is to enhance active travel in Bicester by making Sheep Street more accessible to cyclists. By integrating Sheep Street into the cycling network, we aim to provide significant benefits for cyclists by improving the choice of routes across Bicester, including for students who cycle or wish to cycle to school.

We believe that allowing cycling in Sheep Street will improve access for all cyclists including those who have disabilities, enabling them to cycle more. Additionally, this change is expected to attract more visitors to local businesses, market days, and festivals, thereby boosting the local economy.

Our aim is that by increasing cycling routes there will be a decrease in reliance on private cars for local journeys, promoting a more sustainable mode of transport.

Where is the experiment being proposed?

Cycling would be trialled in the section of Sheep Street which is currently the Pedestrian Zone which runs from Market Square to Bell Lane. We have included a map showing where cycling would be allowed under the experiment in Sheep Street.

How to respond

Your opinion matters greatly in this decision-making process. By participating in this survey, you will help us understand the community's perspectives, concerns, and aspirations regarding this potential change. Your responses will aid us in assessing the feasibility and desirability of the proposed ETRO, considering various factors such as safety, convenience, and the overall impact on community life.

This survey should take approximately 5 minutes to complete.

What will happen next?

After this consultation has closed officers will prepare a report to the Cabinet Member for Transport Management to make a decision on whether to implement an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) to trial cycling in Sheep Street for a maximum of 18 months. If the trial is approved, a new public consultation will be held for the first 6 months of the trial for people to give their views on cycling in Sheep Street. The responses to this second consultation will also be reported to Cabinet Member for Transport Management. They will decide if cycling should be made permanent, this could include cycling at all times, or cycling only at specific times; or it may be decided that cycling should not be permitted.

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts with us.

Note:

You can post completed paper surveys to us for free (no stamp required) by writing this address as one line in the middle of an envelope:

Freepost OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Please also write 'Sheep Street' on the top left corner of the envelope, so we can easily identify what is inside the envelope.

Alternative formats:

If you (or anyone you know) needs this survey in an alternative format in order to have your say - ie Easy Read, large text, audio, Braille or a community language, please email consultations@oxfordshire.gov.uk or call the council's customer services team on 01865 816000 and we will work with you to meet your needs.

Usage and perception:

Q1	In what capacity are you responding to this survey? (Please choose all that apply)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Local resident
<input type="checkbox"/>	Member of public
<input type="checkbox"/>	Local or County Councillor
<input type="checkbox"/>	As a business
<input type="checkbox"/>	As part of a group/organisation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rather not say
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify):

Q2	How often do you visit Sheep Street (e.g., for shopping, dining, or attending the market)?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Daily
<input type="checkbox"/>	Several times a week
<input type="checkbox"/>	Once a week
<input type="checkbox"/>	Several times a month
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rarely

<input type="checkbox"/>	Never
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Q3	When travelling to Sheep Street, what mode of transport do you usually use? (Please choose all that apply)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Walking
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cycling
<input type="checkbox"/>	Driving
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public transport
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Please specify):

Opinion on the Proposed Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO):

Q4	Do you agree or disagree with implementing an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) period to allow cycling in Sheep Street <u>at all times of day?</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly Agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Neutral
<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly disagree

Q5	Do you agree or disagree with implementing an ETRO period for cycling in Sheep Street, <u>with the exception of the Friday market day?</u> Cycling would not be permitted during Friday market but at all other times.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly Agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Neutral
<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly disagree

Q6	Please let us know the reason(s) for submitting your responses (i.e. why you are supporting or objecting to the proposals?) and any other comments you may wish to make in relation to these proposals.

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Q7	Do you have any further comments about the proposal?

About you:

We would like to know more about you so that we can understand more about our customers and residents, as it helps us to know if we are hearing the views of a wide range of people and communities.

If you do not wish to provide any of this information, please select prefer not to say or skip the question as appropriate.

All information given is anonymous and is governed by the UK GDPR and General Data Protection Regulations 2018

Q8	What is your age?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Under 16
<input type="checkbox"/>	16 - 24
<input type="checkbox"/>	25 - 34
<input type="checkbox"/>	35 - 44
<input type="checkbox"/>	45 – 54
<input type="checkbox"/>	55 - 64
<input type="checkbox"/>	65 and above
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prefer not to say

Q9	What is your sex?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Female
<input type="checkbox"/>	Male
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prefer not to say
<input type="checkbox"/>	I use another term (please state here):

Q10	What is your ethnic group or background?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Asian or Asian British (Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi or any other Asian background)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Black or Black British (Caribbean, African, or any other Black background)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chinese
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mixed or multiple ethnic groups (White and Black Caribbean, White and Black African, White and Asian, and any other mixed background)
<input type="checkbox"/>	White (British, Irish, or any other white background)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prefer not to say
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other ethnic group or background (please specify):

Q11	Do you identify as a person with a disability?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prefer not to say

Q12	If yes, what type of disability do you have? (Please choose all that apply)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mobility impairment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Visual impairment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hearing impairment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cognitive or learning disability
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Please specify):

Q13	How did you find about this consultation? (Please choose all that apply)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Facebook
<input type="checkbox"/>	X (formerly known as Twitter)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Instagram
<input type="checkbox"/>	LinkedIn
<input type="checkbox"/>	NextDoor
<input type="checkbox"/>	Oxfordshire.gov.uk website
<input type="checkbox"/>	Email from Oxfordshire County Council
<input type="checkbox"/>	Your Oxfordshire newsletter
<input type="checkbox"/>	Local news item (newspaper, online, radio, tv) or radio advert
<input type="checkbox"/>	County or district councillor
<input type="checkbox"/>	Town or parish councillor
<input type="checkbox"/>	Local community news item
<input type="checkbox"/>	Poster / information in local library or in local community group / organisation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Friend / relative
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify):

Would you like to find out more about what's happening in Oxfordshire?

We'd like to invite you to receive email updates on news, events and developments across Oxfordshire and opportunities to have your say. The email contact details you provide will be separated from the feedback you have shared in this survey.

Q14	Would you like to sign up to any of the following (Please choose all that apply)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Your Oxfordshire – our residents e-newsletter
<input type="checkbox"/>	Consultations e-newsletter – with opportunities to have your say and updates on our response to residents' feedback
<input type="checkbox"/>	No thanks

Q15	Please provide your email address

Appendix 2: Survey free text box responses

This section publishes the responses to Q8 and Q15 verbatim. We do not correct spelling or punctuation. We do redact any information we think could allow the individual to be identified.

Usertype	(Please let us know the reason(s) for submitting your responses (i.e. why you are supporting or objecting to the proposals?) and any other comments you may wish to make in relation to these proposals.)	(Do you have any further comments about the proposal?)
Anonymous User:298718696	There's is currently no safe route from my home in North Bicester, to Bicester Village station by bike. The alternative to Sheep Street is Manorsfield Road which has an incomplete shared pavement with a bus shelter on it, so the risk to pedestrians is currently much higher than it would be on Sheep Street	This would finally make it possible for me to get around by bike, rather than drive to Bicester Village Station. It will have a big impact on safe cycling and had been down to be effective in many towns such as Kingston-upon-Thames and Exeter
Anonymous User:298719482	Cyclists already use sheep street even though it is not allowed ! I'm quite often nearly hit by cyclists speeding down the street without a care for pedestrians/wheelchair users. Giving permission will only make theirs WORSE !	
Anonymous User:298720421	People are cycling there anyway, never heard of this being a problem. Bicester lacks cycling routes/ lanes. There's enough space for pedestrians at the sheep street. Bigger issue are people who gather around costa cafes and smoke cigarettes like a steam trains to be honest.	Just do it as this place just screams for it
Anonymous User:298723176	Reasoning that it will encourage people to cycle more is a not a sound one, cyclists, if they want to use the short cut, can dismount and push the cycle through leaving the safe zone for pedestrians of all ages and be an enabler for more outside social zones for shops like Costa cafe1 and the market	Bicester is not central Oxford and the level of pedestrians far out ways the cycling minority. This will not encourage a massive uptake in cycling for a outlay of money that OCC need to save for other more important projects
Anonymous User:193694915	I strongly object to this as a danger to pedestrians when there are safe alternative routes for cyclists that would add virtually no extra time to their journey. This feels like not only a retrograde step but an ill thought out and dangerous initiative.	This really should not have been allowed to go ahead without proper consultation with the local populous.
Anonymous User:244756543	This is a pedestrian area and should not be open to any traffic. There are streets that cyclists and motorist can use. Leave pedestrian area to pedestrians only.	Yes, let's watch how it the consultation doesn't go your way again how you ignore a democratic opinion vote and do as you want, in your liberal autocratic manner.
Anonymous User:298727098	You may get cycling currently bit as it's not allowed most are considerate and don't speed through If you allow it, you'll get children and elderly knocked down as they should be allowed to not worry and walk run around	
Anonymous User:298727941	This is a trial. So we should try at all times, not assume that something won't work without trying it.	Are we consulting on a consultation? Let's just implement the trial and see how it goes.

Anonymous User:298727098	Unsafe to let young children have freedom to walk Elderly will be vulnerable Gangs will happen in cycle groups	
Anonymous User:298730254	Sheep street has been pedestrianised. For the safety of pedestrians, young and old, we need it to remain so. Walking is as viable as cycling for health and for the environment. We need to champion vehicle free areas in Bicester.	Other than it's a bad idea, no.
Anonymous User:298731583	Walking on pavements in Bicester is already dangerous due to cyclists. I am visually impaired and I'm reliant on walking for all my shopping needs. Cyclist already are legally on pavements and going too fast, I have had multiple frightening near Mrs. Which have resulted in me being cautious and sometimes not wishing to walk to town. Sheep Street is already a problem with cyclists. However, currently it is illegal, if you legalise this then cyclist would go faster and cause more problems for pedestrians. Nine implementing this scheme in Bicester would ignore the needs of our most vulnerable in society who have disabilities, visible or not, aa they are reliant on safe spaces to walk. At present, there are a few places like this in Bicester.	The justifications are very weak. Ignoring those are disabilities who will be made more of vulnerable by the scheme, was stating it will aid people disabilities who use bicycles. People with disabilities can currently use mobility support and aids in Bicester, adding bicycles and aiming to increase the number is purely ignoring the needs of our most vulnerable. Bicester is one of the few towns I know which still has a pedestrian an active town centre and you only have to look around at the people using it to see that cycle should not take priority.
Anonymous User:298730413	Sheep street is currently a safe place for families to wander, with plenty of lovely eating seating outside. By allowing bikes the risk to pedestrians increases, especially children, and will impact local businesses when people stop visiting the outside seating. Local businesses are already struggling without losing custom due to trialing this. The street is only about 300 meters, getting off your bike and pushing it isn't a big deal (I cycle too and haven't found this an issue) or there are plenty of other routes cyclists can take if discounting is causing them issues.	There are more pedestrians than cyclists in Bicester, why change for the minority? It will also increase the antisocial behaviour in town. If the issue is an inability to challenge the rule breakers that is what should be being addressed not removing the rule.
Anonymous User:252279764	I have 2 children aged 4 and 2. I fear they will be knocked down by an inconsiderate cyclist. Sheep street is already notorious for having cars and vans going down the street at unauthorised times without proper policing considering it is meant to be a pedestrianised zone. At least a vehicle can be held to account if an accident occurs whereas a cyclist has no license and therefore would make it harder for the purportator to be caught in the event of a collision. If cycling is allowed, why not just open up the street to all vehicles so that pedestrians are aware of the dangers of a live roadway?	Either open the streat to all vehicles or leave it as a pedestrianised zone
Anonymous User:298729850	I'm against this proposal for the following reasons. Dangerous for toddlers and young children.	Against

	<p>Partially sighted, or blind. Frail adults. Leaving shops and not aware. It is a ridiculous suggestion, as it's already a danger with electric mobility scooters etc going at speed. Would it take an accident to stop this madness.</p>	
Anonymous User:298730413	It will decrease the safety of pedestrians, especially the elderly and young children. It will also increase the anti social behaviour.	No
Anonymous User:193457272	<p>Sheep Street should remain pedestrian only access. Allowing complete freedom to cyclists would be a danger to pedestrians particularly elderly and parents with young children. It would be extremely hazardous and would rely on the correct and safe conduct of the cyclists. This cannot be guaranteed and without wishing to denigrate all cyclists, many ignore current traffic regulations as it is, to be given free reign to ride through a busy shopping area is absolutely reckless. I do not believe that allowing cyclists to use this area would decrease the use of cars. Many visitors to Bicester are elderly who live in outlying villages with poor public transport, for whom a car is a necessity. Making Sheep Street available to cyclists would, I believe, deter many from visiting Bicester. Think of your older and less able residents please.</p>	<p>Please think of the danger this would pose to pedestrians. This could result in serious, life changing injuries or even death. Pedestrians and cyclists do not mix. There have been two recent deaths where pedestrians have been killed by cyclists, perhaps not the fault of the cyclists, but why increase the risks, think of people with poor vision, mobility or hearing, they need safe spaces away from danger. Some people will be deterred from using the town so often and to many this may be their only opportunity to socialise, please don't deny them this.</p>
Anonymous User:298730413	It is a safe place to walk with my dog, having cyclists whizz up and down will make it less safe.	
Anonymous User:298739494	Cycling should be encouraged, I would cycle more if safety of cycles also good (we had regular broad daylight thefts near Sainsbury's) it works well outside siad Business school by Oxford station	Give it a go!
Anonymous User:298752074	<p>Well, cycling is part of lifestyle Cars must be forbidden in town center</p>	
Anonymous User:298757618	<p>Too dangerous to older people and people with hearing problems. Sheep street is not wide enough for both to coexist. Scooter should be banned as well and Sheep street should be Policed</p>	The current situation is not policed at all. Even your picture on this page shows an illegal cyclist.
Anonymous User:193448172	Cyclists already think they own the pavements. They come very close and if you are unsteady on your feet could cause a nasty accident	
Anonymous User:298759381	<p>Safety for pedestrians as already without policing cyclists and scooters are a hazard to the elderly and young children in the proposed area. Can see no need for this or benefits</p>	Again this is just been put forward so the area in question can just be unpoliced, and with no regards to safety

Anonymous User:298759381	An influx in unsupervised cycling in this area will onky be a matter Of timevefore an accident occurs.	As a regular cyclist I see no reason this small high footfall pedestrian area (especially on Friday market days) needs to become a cycle route. Make around by the buss station and down into chapel street better for cycling
Anonymous User:298763663	Sheep street is busy and cyclists are due too fast as it is and nobody stops them. They should push their bikes	Better enforcement of the rules to stop cycling in sheep street and around Sainsburys
Anonymous User:298759381	As an elderly lady who goes into town a few times a week I will not feel safe with my walker with cyclists whizzing past,and my hearing is not what it used to be so will be unable to hear anything coming. So my enjoyment of.popping into town will now become a worry that I may get knocked down and causing me a broken bone.	Please do not do this!!
Anonymous User:298765536		More secure cycle parking would enhance confidence of leaving my cycle on Sheep Street. There have been quite a few thefts recently. Cycle parking in an area with lots of onlookers and cctv would boost confidence.
Anonymous User:298764742	Danger to pedestrians, particularly the elderly, less mobile and those with young children. Cyclists already use the pedestrian area without watching their speed and I have witnessed a very near miss between a cyclist and small child. Also there is no secure cycle parking, so I don't believe it would encourage cyclists into town. Those trying to get through the town can already do so without using Sheep Street.	Cycling is great and should be encouraged but not in a busy pedestrian area without clear and safe demarcation of cycling zones, which would need to be firmly enforced. I also have concerns that it would increase petty crime by making it easier for criminals to get away faster.
Anonymous User:298759381	As it stands I have nearly had my 4 year old knocked over whilst in this area . Turning it into a none pedestrian area allowing cyclists free rein would stop my son being able to have his independence and walk without having to mum a d dad's hand	This feels like an exercise or (cost cut) to then be able to just not actually police the area as is meant.
Anonymous User:298764878	The pedestrianized Sheep Street is routed and designed as such - A local bastain for shoppers, and strollers. Leave it be. Allowing cycles through will cause a danger to pedestrians as has already happened on numerous occasions already. Older residents use the street for local shopping and many have witnessed speeding cycles with utter disregard to others safety. Plus what happens on the busy Friday Market day? Whos' fault will this be aimed at when someone is knocked over? This will be on you OCC. There are perfectly accessible parallel roads of Victoria Road and Manorsfield Road for cycles to easily navigate. Yet another ill thought out box ticking exercise to ignore the majority and go with the minority as it fits with your criteria.	
Anonymous User:298771716	I have nearly been hit or have been hit several times. It isn't policed already so proposing this is the most retarded waste of time I have ever seen.	Police the current rules of no cycling or stop proposing dog shit brain rot ideas

<p>Anonymous User:249954766</p>	<p>While I am happy that sheep street is being opened to cyclists I have concerns that those cyclists who ride without care and attention of others would tarnish those who are respectful. This needs to be policed carefully and those who disregard the safety of others re-educated.</p>	
<p>Anonymous User:298774575</p>	<p>When cycling in Bicester, having to avoid Sheep Street is a major inconvenience and also a safety risk. Sheep Street is a major artery that connects, not only North-South but also East-West. Many roads around Sheep Street are quieter and thus safer when cycling. Having to use the very busy roads, such as St. John's Street or Buckingham Road on a bicycle can be quite unnerving and it feels unsafe. When Sheep Street is filled with market stalls and market shoppers, I'd be happy to let them take priority and avoid cycling on Sheep Street. I'd also like to point out that there seems to be some unwarranted safety issues regarding cyclists and pedestrians colliding. Nobody wants to collide, and when a pedestrian and a cyclist collide, it's usually the cyclist that's going to be worse off. Therefore, it's in everybody's interest to stay safe. Another thing I'd like to mention is that I have not visited another pedestrianised street where cycling is forbidden. Cyclists and pedestrians seem to coexist really well everywhere else.</p>	<p>I would very much like to see cycling promoted further. Bicester's geography as a fairly flat town is very well suited for cycling. Allowing cycling on Sheep Street will greatly improve the cycling routes around town. This could even open up the possibility of using cargo cycles to do the main shopping in town and perhaps even revive the town centre, even if only a bit. Cycling is healthy, clean and low impact. Please endorse cycling more.</p>
<p>Anonymous User:253136612</p>	<p>Will encourage more cycling within Bicester. I used to live in Beeston, Nottingham where a similar approach had been taken and was very successful.</p>	
<p>Anonymous User:278305566</p>	<p>There are facilities for parking cycles at each end of Sheep Street, where cyclists can leave their cycles and walk. Similarly car users park in car parks and walk through the pedestrian areas. Or cyclist can dismount and push their cycles through Sheep Street as in other Bicester pedestrian areas. Cyclists and EV scooters currently weave in and out of pedestrian in the pedestrian areas. Is the main reason for allowing cycling through Sheep Street because there is no police to enforce the current No Cycling. Pedestrian only areas are created for just that - pedestrians! As they are all around the world.</p>	<p>If it's not broken why try & fix it!</p>
<p>Anonymous User:298782468</p>	<p>Sheep street is a busy pedestrian area with many existing obstacles including vehicles, shop fronts/seating areas, central diving area, signs and bollards. Introducing a free for all cycle allowance increases the chances of pedestrians, many of whom are children/babies or elderly, being</p>	

	injured or worse in a collision whether accidental or deliberate. Bicycles are classed as vehicles and belong on the road or in a designated cycle path.	
Anonymous User:124059210	The few cyclists that come down already cause disruption, parts of sheep street just aren't big enough for people walking and cyclists. I think there would likely be accidents and there's already adjacent roads that could be used	
Anonymous User:298789662	I am an elderly person (82) and find the present illegal cycling in Sheep Street to be a threat, so to formally allow it may well increase the risk. What is needed is the enforcement of the existing cycling ban.	To randomly mix cyclists with pedestrians is very short sighted and a risk to children and the elderly.
Anonymous User:252443195	Because cyclists go too fast already and this is a pedestrianised area where I should feel safe to walk.	It should only be for pedestrians.
Anonymous User:298793687	Sheep street is used by cyclists now despite no cycling signs both ends. They and electric scooters are an accident waiting to happen which I have been close to several times. The police do nothing although no cycling is a bylaw. There are cycle racks both ends so there are no excuses.	DO NOT ALLOW THIS, those that agree with it are just too lazy to walk a few yards. Like the cars that use Sheet Street as a cut through it is ILLEGAL
Anonymous User:252443195	Dangerous for old people	It's not safe especially with faster new electric bikes
Anonymous User:252443195	Cyclists already use this PEDESTRIANISED area as a race track it is so so dangerous!	No
Anonymous User:298809181	I think we should be supporting all non-vehicular access to local shops otherwise high streets will die. A cycle lane would need to be clearly defined, however to maintain safety for all.	
Anonymous User:298813775	It is a pedestrian only and has been for years, someone will be seriously hurt by someone on a bike/ebike	
Anonymous User:298812353	Although cycling is not permitted at this moment, I have had several near misses with a cyclist, they travel at speed, weaving in and out of the pedestrians and rarely alert you to their presents by ringing a bell. This is not just cycles, electric scooters are as bad. For those members of the public that are not so nimble, or have hearing or sight loss cycles or scooters are extremely dangerous. There are also many young children taking advantage of what should be a safe traffic free environment, they will be very vulnerable to cycles and scooters moving at speed in Sheep St. I urge you to seriously reconsider allowing cycles and scooters in	If this has to go ahead a cycle lane should be installed

	sheep st, I really cannot see any advantages that will be gained by allowing this experiment	
Anonymous User:298815219	This is a DIRE idea - should not happen - imagine if all towns with paved shopping streets being traffic free tried to implement this cycling idea - remind yourselves - what were the original notions behind paving over the high street - they should taken precedent Bicester is fortunate in that Victoria road and Manorsfield road provide parallel access routes - a cycle route through sheep st isn't required at all - go to sheep st to conduct your business or social life whatever age you are - not cycle - I have grown up in Bicester since 1963 and I find the fact that this is being put forward for discussion offensive to my logical understanding of closed stress-free highstreets and yes I do ride a bike and drive a car.	please accept that pushing your push bike whilst mixing with the community in sheep st isn't a hardship - at either end of sheep st you can mount and cycle onward
Anonymous User:259241530	I think the street needs to be safe to those less able to maneuver quickly (e.g. elderly or physically disabled) and that bikes, EBikes and E-scooters can just as easily use the roads around sheep street and not risk pedestrians	Please take the peoples views seriously on this consultation
Participant	Because people cycle down there anyway	There should be designated cycle lanes e.g straight down the middle so pedestrians can walk at the sides entering and exiting shops and cross over the middle cycle area when safe to do so.
Anonymous User:298835150	I think it's utter madness to allow cycling through a busy pedestrianised area. My child is a teenager now, but I'd be concerned for any parent trying to walk through what should be a 'safe' area for pedestrians and especially younger children with the added danger of cyclists to avoid. I don't see the need for this change at all.	
Anonymous User:298835790	I think it will be dangerous for members of the public using the pedestrianised area, especially my children. Bikes are much faster than cars on sheep street and the kids can see/hear them coming. The pedestrianised area means the kids wander more freely and so not always within reach if they were in danger. I would prefer to see improved cycle paths down Manorsfield road.	If it does go ahead I think there should be a restriction that bikes only use the pink area and not the orange area of pavement to reduce the areas of danger to pedestrians.
Anonymous User:298815219	I am a wheelchair user in the main but can use a rollator when I feel fitter and during warmer days - without trying to be a killjoy - often the café society is an obstacle to my pathway in sheep st - having said that - its not insurmountable and I do participate in a good refreshment on a sunny day - a bike track on the other hand, only serves the selfish desire of cyclists - the greater community is not on an equal footing in terms of going about their business safely in sheep st - awareness of	cycling accidents have killed pedestrians using facilities on roads both correctly and incorrectly and seriously injured them - why would you want to encourage the possibility of this happening in sheep st - must you introduce the need for all of us to be vitally aware whilst shopping or socialising of two wheeled transport

	danger becomes paramount and the ambience and atmosphere of sheep st changes in an insurmountable way - shame on Oxfordshire for possibly dismissing the general Bicester and visiting public wellbeing.	
Anonymous User:298838487	I cycle and I would find it useful to cycle, also it's never too busy.	
Anonymous User:298837280	The situation now is dangerous. would be be much worse if allowed. Elderly people such as myself cannot always move fast enough to get out of the way of an uncaring cyclist.	See previous statement. Sheep Street is far too busy to allow this safely
Anonymous User:298843812	Too many old people and children to consider. Cyclists should dismount and walk. It will take an extra 5 minutes of their time. Sheep street should remain a pedestrian zone to encourage shoppers and people using it as a leisure area. It should not be a short cut for cyclists who add nothing to the local economy and who will discourage the vulnerable from visiting the high street.	No
Anonymous User:298851341	Cyclists and Escooters are a risk to pedestrians, particularly those with small children or disabilities. There isn't enough bike parking in the town to support trying to attract more cyclists.	
Anonymous User:298858858	Dangerous to pedestrians, children, the elderly and those with mobility issues/disabilities. The street is safe and has cafe tables and chairs out which give a great atmosphere	Many would not take care if allowed to cycle through. Some do this already. Cyclists can go around market square and walk their bicycle through. More racks at either end of sheep street would help
Anonymous User:298860488	As a cyclist this proposal is not detailed enough to allay concerns. Will the cycle area be segregated in any way (map does not show/has no detail) the street is pedestrianised and also has mix of planting, tumblers, street seating etc plus a DAILY market stall. Allowing cycling through this street without segregated areas will cause danger to pedestrians, children, families etc. not all those who cycle are responsible. This plan is currently poorly thought out, the speeds a pedal cycle can reach are not considered here. If CDC would like to improve cycling in Bicester there are many other areas to start with not this street.	This proposal does not currently explain how the council will mitigate risks to pedestrians or how any restrictions would be enforced. I would urge you that review with better research.
Anonymous User:298870865	Although I am disagreeing with it- I must ask what is the point as cyclists use it anyway and people on scooters. Usually very fast and expect you to get out of the way. It is a pedestrianised area.	The picture you have shows a cyclist on Sheep Street, rather proving my point that people already cycle on there with a flagrant disregard for those on foot or the multitude of mobility scooter users. The only way I can agree is if there is a specific cycle lane.

Anonymous User:298873329	It's a pedestrian zone and cyclist are not pedestrians. It will become dangerous for everyone more so the elderly but most cyclists are not considerate of pedestrians.	
Anonymous User:298873036	Twice a cyclist has almost collided with me on Sheep St and as I'm in my 80s it's made me very nervous,I don't see why they cannot walk to the other end, it's safer for everyone.	No
Anonymous User:234320030	I strongly object to allowing cycling along Sheep Street at any time. It's already difficult navigating this area with motor vehicles, cyclists (who are currently ignoring the No Cycling signs), outside tables and chairs etc. It is even more hazardous on market day. The cyclists who currently use Sheep Street cycle at speed with no regard whatsoever to pedestrians. If cycling is permitted, there will be a higher number of users which I strongly believe will lead to accidents. As an able bodied adult I have had several near misses with cyclists and been run into once. Young children, the elderly and infirm will be at an increased risk of injury and it's totally unnecessary. It takes a cyclist approx a minute to dismount, push their bike the length of Sheep Street and remount. The issue of insurance/ claiming in the event of an accident also would need to be addressed.	Only that I would urge a total rethink on this ludicrous proposal
Anonymous User:298883219	I think cycling through the high street at all times could be very dangerous. A lot of cyclists ride really fast, take corners blindly. A lot of the elder community and young families walk around the high street and allowing bikes all times would be so dangerous. I agree after 5pm or before 9am would be a good start but walking down the high street can be busy enough let alone adding bikes all day.	
Anonymous User:193678629	I consider this will be hazardous to pedestrians especially the elderly and less Mobile persons	
Anonymous User:298884323	Crazy idea. I'm 76. A cyclist nearly hit me a couple of days ago. Cycling really fast. I shouted at him to get off his bike. I got a finger in the air response.	For the safety of the elderly and infirm. DON'T DO IT !!!!!
Anonymous User:298885486	I lived in Amsterdam for 11 years and the bike is the principle mode of transport there. Cycling is a carbon neutral way to travel for short journeys. There is enough space on Sheep Street to include a cycle path safely. Responsible cyclists know to slow down when there are pedestrians around.	There is a lot of Nimbyism in Bicester, and resistance to change. I found out about this consultation due to one of them, and felt I needed to support the venture, because it is a positive change.

Anonymous User:298889679	Because it should be traffic free and that includes bikes . It's a pedestrian zone	No because you take no notice of residents wishes Egypt new traffic lights replacing roundabout and Howes lane realignment
Anonymous User:247951854	It is a short distance and cyclists can push their bikes along sheep street. Sheep street should be a safe zone for young children and the elderly in particular and cyclists wizzing up and down will be hazardous. Also teenagers will use it as a place to congregate and ride about with no purpose and become a nuisance. Do you want sheep street to be a pedestrian zone for shopping and cafes and leisure? Introducing cycles conflicts with this and offers no benefits.	
Anonymous User:134370072	<p>Sheep Street is pedestrianised and lots of families and elderly people use Sheep Street. It IS VERY difficult to hear a bike coming up behind you, especially if you are elderly, have a hearing impairment or if you are very young.</p> <p>I often walk into Bicester from Langford and have often been surprised by bikes whizzing past me on the footpath between the station and Langford Park....I have walked with older friends that have been frightened when a bike goes hurtling past, and my elderly friend has nearly fallen over as a result.</p> <p>Having bikes whizzing up and down Sheep Street will only encourage skateboards, electric scooters (also scary as they zoom past) and although I think cycling should be encouraged, it is not that difficult for cyclists to either walk Sheep Street or to detour round the road with the bus stops on it.</p>	Do not even consider this..... it is an accident waiting to happen!
Anonymous User:298899415	Because people shouldn't need to have to be aware in a pedestrian area of cyclists who ride very quickly and silently. The elderly or disabled or people who are busy thinking about other stuff will be severely affected. It's bad enough now with people doing it illegally now. Cyclists can be a bit arrogant and unthinking (and I have been one) I see no benefit to the proposal, why is it going to encourage more people to cycle to town? People cycling to town get off and park their bikes at the end of Sheep Street. As there will be a cost has a cost/ benefit analysis been done. Are you going to spend/waste money on something that isn't needed and the actual inhabitants of Bicester don't want. The pedestrian is at the top of the highway code and you are putting them at risk by mixing cyclists with them. Cycle paths should be to make the cyclists safe - there is no risk to them here, they just need to get off and walk a very short distance. The risk is now to the pedestrian. Please do not implement it and please take into	Do not implement it.

	account our views and not national cycle groups who have no idea about Bicester.	
Anonymous User:298906843	It's a pedestrian area for the safety of families, and cyclists don't care about people	
Anonymous User:125635551	It's more like formalising the current arrangement. There's no enforcement anyway so might as well get rid of the rules. Better to caution cyclists that it's a pedestrian first zone, take extra care.	I can only assume with more cyclists there will be more bicycle thefts unless something can be done about that?
Anonymous User:205698031	Want to keep sheep at safe and not a free for all.	
Anonymous User:298913562	I use an electric wheelchair, I'm very careful when out but with disabilities having to look both ways all the times for cyclists who often don't consider others would make it very dangerous. I can't go out often, this would make it much harder for me	I believe having cyclists in sheep street will cause more accidents and make it dangerous for everyone
Anonymous User:298914368	Sheep Street is effectively pedestrianised except for loading and unloading. Turning what is already a struggling high street into a thoroughfare for bicycles will make it harder for Bicester residents to use Sheep Street safely. Cyclists should be kept away from pavements and pedestrianised areas and keep to roads and designated cycle lanes. This proposal to use an ETRO in Sheep Street is an unnecessary solution to a non-existent problem.	Should the ETRO go ahead the Council should be help liable for any injury or damage caused by any cyclist making use of Sheep Street.
Anonymous User:298918172	Cycling on Sheep Street will not improve the footfall to local shops, it is more likely to do the opposite. If Bicester really wants to encourage and support cycling, then a proper cycling path around Bicester and even through to the centre is needed. It is shocking that Bicester has an eco village with no dedicated cycling path. Sheep Street should be preserved for pedestrians and focus on filling the empty buildings.	
Anonymous User:298921359	I am a cyclist, who currently works best signs and diverts around market square past Sainsbury's etc to head onwards towards Bicester North. The amount of times I have felt unsafe on my bike on that part of road dodging buses etc means I would welcome being able to go straight up sheep street within a specified "lane". There are always vehicles coming down there as it is at the moment, I don't see how considerate cyclists should be viewed as any more "dangerous".	
Anonymous User:298821751	It is a pedestrianised area and the addition of cyclists would make it dangerous.	The reasons set out are spurious - it would not encourage more people to cycle rather than use cars. It also seems rather cloud cuckoo-ish to suggest it would increase trade in the shops and market.
Anonymous User:298927228	I am a pensioner and cycle to town. I have no objections to walking my bike through Sheep Street. The cyclists that don't adhere to the no	

	cycling rule do not ride carefully and I've seen near misses with pedestrians, myself included. I doesn't hurt to walk. Sheep Street isn't horrendously long and if they really want to ride their bicycles they can always go around it via the road. It doesn't take long.	
Anonymous User:298934762	I have difficulty walking and no matter where you put the cycle lane, they will not stick to it. ITS TOO DANGEROUS. Have you considered a parent pushing a buggy, with one or two children walking, you know damn well children wander or run. Who will be blamed if a cyclist or scooter collides into them!!	It is a complete utter waste of money, cyclist to not even dismount know. They are a law unto themselves, and are very selfish when using a road or paved area. Why give them license to cycle at any speed they want, they even ignore a 20mph sign!!!!
Anonymous User:205523419	People on bikes that cause problems ignore current restrictions so by allowing it all you do is let the careful and considerate cyclists through	Any restriction is only as good as the enforcement and as such the current situation is a bit pointless
Anonymous User:296565966	1. Encourage active travel. 2. The road is very wide so there is more than enough room, especially if a two-way cycle lane is added to one side	
Anonymous User:298939364	Other countries allow you to do this (Netherlands) and that increased the use of bikes	More spaces to lock bikes would be good
Anonymous User:298941951	Sheep Street is also busy at weekends, making it dangerous to mix cyclists and pedestrians. There are often delivery vehicles parked on the street as well, making it a cramps space, especially towards market square end with more street furniture	Ensuring sheep Street is clean, tidy and attractive to shoppers is a higher priority for the town.
Anonymous User:298949565	Having travelled to London regularly over the last few years. I totally agree that cycling should be encouraged. However, I am most concerned that in a pedestrianised area, cyclists will forget that they have to give way to pedestrians. Also whilst I applaud the idea of children being encouraged to cycle, many do not have any road safety training.	
Anonymous User:298951858	Cyclists should not be allowed in Sheep Street on market day, a separate email has been sent listing all the reasons why. Also, Sheep street can be busy on other days and many of the issues cited in the email sent also apply to the rest of the week. In our experience, if you allow it for the majority of the time, it is harder to stop it during times it isn't permitted. Who will police it on a Friday? What happens if there is an accident?	It would be nice if officers actually visited the market and spoke to the traders who manage it. We would also like to see any risk assessments that have been carried out.
Anonymous User:298955741	This should stay a pedestrian only area with the number of elderly who use this area it is a tragedy waiting to happen	
Anonymous User:298955741	This will make a the area unsafe for pedestrians	

Anonymous User:298971566	It is safer as pedestrian route and encourages social interactions on certain days of the week. People do cycle and electric scooter up and down already despite the law and it's dangerous	
Anonymous User:238238006	Allowing cycling in Sheep Street makes it unsafe for pedestrians and should be banned at all times	
Anonymous User:298971002	My young daughter got hit by a cyclist on Sheep when she was 3 years old. That was during lockdown when it was very quiet. Pedestrianised areas such as Sheep st. are for pedestrians, who are bringing trade to the shops. Cyclists are mainly transient - they will be using Sheep St. as a cut through. The centre of Bicester is an absolute filthy grim shit hole - you should be helping businesses not cyclists.	Yes, it's a load of rubbish. Straighten out your priorities like fixing the awful road surfaces and overgrown footpaths first.
Anonymous User:298980607	People enjoy walking through sheep Street at their leisure, adding cycles to this mix, I feel, would be an accident waiting to happen.	No
Anonymous User:298983143	It's for pedestrians cyclists can take other routes	Unsafe for kids /oaps etc
Anonymous User:298979991	There are 2 routes that cyclists can use either via Manorsfield Rd to the south or Victoria Rd to the north. Both roads run parrallel to Sheep St. shoppers should be able to walk freely through Sheep St to do their shopping without having to keep their eyes open for cyclists. There are likely to be accidents and it will encourage anti social behaviour. I cycle to town and am more than happy parking my bike up in the bike rack by Chancellors and walking through Sheep Street	Have you considered where the bikes would travel on market day when Sheep Street is has market stalls?
Anonymous User:298995207	Allowing cyclists to use the street will make it incredibly dangerous for pedestrians, especially those with children who rather than being able to treat it as a pedestrian area, it will have to be treated as a normal road. There will be no way to control the speed of the cyclists.	
Anonymous User:298998330	Bollards that don't work cannot stop vehicles into sheep street putting members of the public at risk. Yourhs on bikes, e scooters are the main issue. Unlicensed bike and scooters no one to place the restrictions!!!	Bollards have not worked for years, protection of your community comes first, fix this before cyclists
Anonymous User:298991057	Endangering people's safety; turning shopping into a stressful experience always on the lookout for a bike to zoom past: parents no longer feeling relaxed to let kids loose whilst chatting to friends, looking at shop windows, sipping a coffee, etc; the opposite effect for attitude towards cycling and cyclists, as people will start hating them; bad for trade as people will not go to a shopping street with zooming bikes.	This proposal is ridiculous. Sheep street is tiny and at times full of people of all ages and abilities enjoying their leisure and shopping. Any cyclist can dismount their bike and push it for a few minutes, or use alternative routes (many available) if they need to hurry. Enforcement of the current cycling restriction is what's necessary. Promoting cycling should be done by building cycle lanes, through taking space from the cars, not from the pedestrians. Just look at examples of cycling cities in Denmark, Holland,

		Germany, strictly pedestrian spaces are free for people to enjoy their leisure, shop, chat, whilst bike lanes are built on the streets, cars pushed out of the city centres.
Anonymous User:299008149	Cyclists use it now and it's dangerous so why do this	Don't waste any more time and money with this
Anonymous User:299014245	It's supposed to be a pedestrian area. Cycles and scooters (pedal and electric) are a real danger to all pedestrians young and old. There are other roads that run parallel to sheep Street which could be used.	Enforce the current cycling ban and extend it to include scooters
Anonymous User:299017452	There are a lot of elderly people who may be infirm, parents with young children, people with disabilities who walk with the aid of sticks or in a wheelchair who shop in Sheep St. They criss cross to go to different shops. It would be totally irresponsible to allow cyclists to ride there, putting lives at jeopardy of having an accident. There's an area where a stone planter is in the middle which reduces the space which would not give sufficient room for both pedestrian or cyclist. This suggestion makes no sense and is giving preference to those who cycle. This will result in a decrease in footfall in Sheep street! Those groups I refer to could decide not to shop there at all for personal safety reasons. What effect would that have on trade!!!! This is an insane suggestion	I hope it does not see the light of day.
Anonymous User:299030458	It's dangerous. Vulnerable elderly people and children are at risk due to their immobility/spacial awareness. An elderly lady was killed by a cyclist in Oxford. This proposal would be a ticking time bomb. It is not necessary and a waste of money. As is the market square pedestrianisation.	Listen to the majority and keep democracy alive in our town
Anonymous User:299032653	I have a disability and have a lot of pain. These cyclists come straight towards me and I have to move out the way. I do not agree with cyclists being able to ride their bikes down sheep street.	
Anonymous User:299060896	Cyclists already have no regard for pedestrians this would encourage them to have even more disregard and they would not stuck to the designated cycle way they as they already do use any and all pathways regardless. I feel if this would be implemented there is a high probability of a serious accident occurring	
Anonymous User:299069573	It's a pedestrianised street and people meander along it as is their right in a pedestrianised zone. S there is not going to be a designated cycle lane, this a disaster waiting to happen, a serious injury or death as a result of the two mixing.	Don't don't, but I suspect that this survey will ignored as the decision has already been made, or worse still our intelligence insulted, by the Council reporting that the majority agreed with the trial. Not according to social media though.

Anonymous User:299099313	Sheep Street is an active pedestrianised street, used by young children, elderly residents and those with disabilities. Mixing cyclists with pedestrians is a recipe for disaster! On tge occasions I walk through sheep street and see cyclists (illegally) moving through the space, they show little consideration for pedestrians and move fast through the space. The roads around are more than sufficient option for cyclists, who seldom use the pavement sections of cycleway presumably due to the increased risk of collisions. E bikes and scooters would be an added danger due ti their speed. I am also concerned about potential crime incidents and risk to bags/phones being grabbed & the area of sheep street becoming an increased area of anti social behaviour.	It feels a backwards step in a time of heightened road safety awareness & knowledge to take such a risk on pedestrian safety in a busy market street. Any rules around prohibited days would be firmly ignored or at the very least confusing and tricky to enforce
Anonymous User:299118356	I walk through town with young children, they should be able to walk around safely without fear of cyclists around them.	Cyclists can easily dismount for the short wall along Sheep street, there are very few places for pedestrians to walk safely.
Anonymous User:299120890	Sheep street is a pedestrian area. Allowing cyclists to use it as a through route at speed will endanger children, the elderly and the infirm. It currently is a lovely place to walk and chat and enjoy the town. Cyclists can easily bypass this area using the many other routes round Bicester.	Imposing this unnecessary change on Bicester when the rest of the town is already suffering from numerous road closures will only make living here a total misery. Do pedestrians not matter at all?
Anonymous User:177598666	I am a elderly person who on numerous occasions has had to move out the way of bikes coming down sheep street even though this is not allowed,l've been met with abuse when l've said anything	Do not allow think of elderly disabled people who would not be able to get out of the way
Anonymous User:299126102	Allowing cyclists to ride through Sheep street has a high potential to cause a serious accident. I feel people will start to avoid the town centre as they will feel unsafe, especially the elderly and people with young children.	
Anonymous User:299128698	Cyclists already use Sheep Street, unstopped. It is very dangerous as they are not always considerate to pedestrians.	
Anonymous User:299130531	Even though cyclists aren't allowed to cycle in Sheep Street at the moment, they do. They weave in and out at such a speed it is dangerous for everyone. Even if you have a set lane this will not be adhered to the cyclists will be all over the place trying to get from a to b quicker. There'll be no respect for the pedestrians , as is the case now - it being already a pedestrianised area!!! Why make it pedestrianised, making it safe for everyone, then change it. It only takes a couple of minutes to walk through Sheep Street so cyclists can easily get off their bikes and walk. TOO DANGEROUS!!!	Don't do it. Think about the pedestrians!! Challenging enough with the mobility scooters.

<p>Anonymous User:299134863</p>	<p>Total madness. Cycles go far too fast too. It's an accident waiting to happen. If a cycle went into an old person or child it could kill them if they fell back and hit their head. Most pedestrians are more senior and have fragile bones. The idea is unbelievable. You want to be stopping it and not starting it .</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Anonymous User:299139346</p>	<p>It's just completely unnecessary. It takes about 5 minutes at the most to walk from one end of Sheep Street to the other. Why run the risk of someone getting injured for the sake of saving a couple of minutes. Who will take responsibility if, and when, someone gets injured. Will it be the council, the cyclist or both. I really don't understand why this is even being discussed. There really is much more to lose than there is to gain. I think if this is to happen it would put plenty of people off from visiting Sheep Street and we'd end up with more shops closing</p>	<p>A really bad and unnecessary proposal</p>
<p>Anonymous User:299142245</p>	<p>I take my father who is elderly to town several times a week. He is 88, partially deaf and uses walking sticks. I have lost count of the times he has nearly fallen, been knocked into or so closely missed by inconsiderate cyclists going too fast and too close. He cannot hear if one is behind him It is such a short stretch of road, it is really not too much to ask cyclists to walk their bikes from one end to another. Also young children. They can be unpredictable and move direction quickly into the path of cyclists. KEEP SHEEP ST PEDESTRIAN ONLY!!!</p>	<p>It is not needed It is not safe It is not what residents want For once listen and act in accordance with residents wishes</p>
<p>Anonymous User:299140888</p>	<p>I think it would be very unsafe for pedestrians if cycling is allowed in Sheep Street. Cyclists who use Sheep Street illegally at the moment do so without any care to the pedestrians and I can't believe they will change their attitude if they are allowed to use it legally. Also what about the E scooters that are used illegally at present on our pavements. They use Sheep Street and their riders have a terrible attitude to pedestrians. I always get off my bike and walk if I need to use Sheep Street so why can't other people do that or maybe you could make a cycle lane around the outside on Manorsfield Road.</p>	<p>Yes don't bother by wasting the money on instigating and leave the street as it is.</p>
<p>Anonymous User:299150677</p>	<p>We are a big community with lots of little people who when they are starting to walk like to walk around town and see the birds on the floor some people on bikes are not thoughtful of others and ride past you</p>	<p>It's not a good idea</p>

	really fast and don't look where they are going. We also have a high population of elderly people and some of them are unsteady on their foot and again wouldn't want a cyclist to hurt them we don't need cycling in town they can go around the outside of town down queens avenue to get to Bicester Village or go up to Bicester north station etc no need for bikes	
Anonymous User:299155241	I don't understand the need for the experiment, if you want to get from one end of Sheep Street to the other then you can either push your bike along Sheep Street, or use Manorsfield Road or Victoria Road. Money would be better spent by putting the rising bollard back in action, it has rarely been in use since it was installed and over recent months more and more traffic is using Sheep Street and there is increased parking too and no sign of any enforcement of the existing regulations.	
Anonymous User:299156620	When using sheep street as a pedestrian it is "currently" reassuring to know there are no cyclists or scooter users. I enjoy a coffee and watch the world go by as its a slower pace. There are a lot of elderly and families with children "Mooching" including myself and, having to watch out for those on 2 wheels will make it much much harder to navigate. It's a place where people gather to chat, to see people without that worry of getting knocked over. I would also worry that more thefts from the vulnerable will occur as the suspects would use the 2 wheels they are on to escape. I personally will avoid sheep street if cyclists and scooters are legally allowed and take my shopping elsewhere. Essentially it's a very bad idea.	Please don't do it.
Anonymous User:244752575	There are plenty of other routes to the town centre for cyclists which avoid Sheep Street eg Manorsfield Rd or Victoria Rd and Market Hill and Square. Sheerep Street is often full with pedestrians many of which are older or with young families which are less able to quickly avoid faster moving cycles.	
Anonymous User:299155241	Current no cycling regulations/ no vehicular access is often ignored. Sheep Street should remain a pedestrian area. Cyclists/vehicles are an added risk to public safety and there is no logical argument to allow cyclists to use Sheep Street. I hope that you will listen to public opinion	no

	on this occasion. There are far too many examples of public opinion being asked for and then completely ignored.	
Anonymous User:157949999	We need to support local shops. When people are shopping the last thing they want is to dodge cyclists. When walking into town I'm often having to give way to cyclists on the PATH. They don't use their bicycle lane and the rudeness is unbelievable. Giving them access to sheep street would be a massive mistake. Accidents will happen with young children, teenagers on phones, older people will be more anxious. So by giving cyclists this lane you are killing the freedom of the town .	
Anonymous User:299200540	Would make a pedestrian area very unsafe for young children, disabled and the elderly. It needs to stay pedestrian only, plenty of other areas to cycle.	Stupid idea.
Anonymous User:299218922	It's currently hazardous with traders having seating on Sheep Street, there are also a number of cyclists disobeying the rules together with electric scooters. I've on occasions been almost knocked over by these people.	
Anonymous User:299219852	It is hazardous being a pedestrian on Sheep Street currently. Plenty of people cycle down it already and there is no policing. I have almost been hit many times. Also the cafe tables move further and further out, reducing the walking area. Add in a few skateboards and you are lucky to make the journey unscathed.	It is ludicrous. Those proposing it need to try walking up and down it safely as a pensioner now.
Anonymous User:299219678	Pedestrians and cyclists sharing this space is a recipe for accidents and road rage style incidents, cyclists and scooter riders already ignore the restrictions on sheep street resulting in many near misses and angry exchanges, I feel that if this proposal went through you'd reduce the footfall in an already struggling town centre	Don't do it
Anonymous User:299224432	It is bad enough with the cyclists that use the route as it is, they are silent killers, give no warning to pedestrians, young or old. Any cyclist should dismount and park up. I've even seen one ride around Iceland shop!	Stop wasting money on this.
Anonymous User:299228597	I don't think it's fair on older people, disabled people and families to have to constantly look out for speeding cyclists and e scooters in what is supposed to be a pedestrianised area. They should cycle around the town centre not through sheep street. Already too many cyclists who ignore traffic lights etc on the road without them being able to access sheep street too.	Stupid dangerous idea. Someone innocently going about their business in sheep street will get hurt by an uninsured cyclist or e scooter rider!!

Anonymous User:299219753	Sheep street is always very busy with pedestrians, lots of families with children running around. You are dodging around people already, plus navigating past other obstacles like the islands in the middle and kiosks. Adding people whizzing past on bikes too is asking for an accident. I hope this doesn't pass.	
Anonymous User:299248587	Cycling mixed with pedestrians on Sheep st is not safe it's an accident waiting to happen in my opinion especially with lose children running around .	
Anonymous User:299253294	I believe that cycling in a pedestrianised area is dangerous and would be an accident waiting to happen. Whereas many cyclists are respectful & considerate of pedestrians there are also those that are not. Pedestrians do not always hear bikes approaching from behind. There are routes around the town centre that cyclists can take without the need to open up Sheep Street to them.	
Anonymous User:299260459	Dangerous for pedestrians, the elderly and disabled. Already we have to dodge electric scooters etc it should be a safe space for walking pedestrians	
Anonymous User:299261702	It's a pedestrian area and should remain as such. All of the coffee shops and cafes seem to have claimed the pavement areas outside of their premises to put tables, chairs and barriers up which very much narrows the street in parts	
Anonymous User:299260761	It's to dangerous for elderly and young who don't see or hear the bikes coming. People riding bikes don't respect the people walking and 9 time's out of 10 walker's have to jump out the way or get knocked down. This is the worst decision ever.	Bicester has a huge elderly community and it's going to encourage the young people to ride to fast and not ride responsibility around walkers
Anonymous User:299266723	Bicester needs safe and pleasant walking places for all people, including toddlers and disabled people, and that includes safe from fast moving bicycles. It also needs better cycling infrastructure to get from one place to another, but not at the expense of making the destination place less enjoyable and safe.	
Anonymous User:299277795	The pedestrianised area gives freedom to pedestrians of all ages. These that are elderly or otherwise vulnerable will find it difficult to navigate sheep Street with cyclists able to use the same space. Cyclists can already walk down sheep Street with their bicycles. Cyclists can go at great speed and I think this is a negative move for a piece of bicester where all pedestrians can feel safe.	No.

Anonymous User:299300930	Myself and my wife are keen walkers and both aged 74. If cycling is allowed in sheep street we will not continue to use this shopping center. Once you give the right to cycle you rely on persons being responsible, we both know as [Redacted] that this will not always be the case. We cannot take the risk of being in a free for all, we need to feel safe. This means we are likely to drive to mk or other cities that respect the safety of pedestrians.	A worrying move that drives us away from shopping in Bicester center. Something we have both undertaken all our lives. Also we will not be able to take our young grandchildren there and feel that they are safe whilst under our care. Do not experiment with this, it is likely to cause distress for someone. It will of course not be us as we will then avoid.
Anonymous User:299300542	Far to dangerous for pedestrians. Current situation is not being managed so I'm not sure anyone will be aware of the ETRO period when it begins. Just a reason not to take responsibility. Not sure why anyone would think this a good idea?	
Anonymous User:299305923	I'm a wheelchair user and cyclists are a huge danger to myself and my carer. Children will also be in significant danger from cyclists.	
Anonymous User:299334989	There are many elderly people and mums with toddlers who would be in danger from cyclists. Surely they can cycle along the roads where they are meant to be. How can Sheep street be a designated pedestrian area if you allow cyclists?	It is ill judged
Anonymous User:299334707	It would be an accident waiting to happen. It's lovely to be able to wander along sheep street without having to look out for any form of transport.	
Anonymous User:299349413	Needs to be kept safe for children, vulnerable people even able body people to go about and do their shopping.	
Anonymous User:299356628	There should be no cycling at all in Sheep Street as many of the cyclists have no manners and have no idea about priorities	All transport should be stopped in Sheep Street after 0900
Anonymous User:246918229	Three Decades ago, Sheep Street became a pedestrian only zone for a reason, a safe shopping experience for all pedestrians. No Vechicles! Currently one way, with the permitted direction of travel being from northwest to southeast for allowed access. Before 9am and after 4pm. I do not see a problem for cyclist if they too only have access before 9am and after 4pm. Or.. Will there be a defined cycle path, access only times, one way or bother directions, will pedestrians have the right of way, or are they expected to dodge rogue bikes? Timed access does not work now, vehicles have access, all day, every day, you do not police the area now, you are not going to police it in	That you listen to the community, that if the consensus is a) not to allow bikes, there will be no bike. Unlike the consensus for the Banbury Road Roundabout, Bicester, where the majority opted for A (keep roundabout or enlarge) OCC went against all concerned.

	<p>the future. If there is an accident how do pedestrians get any recompense. From cyclist or you, Oxford County Council?</p> <p>You have raised planted areas, coffee shop seating, A frames signs dotted through the street, & the Friday market.</p> <p>Pedestrians at present only need to check for on coming vehicles, and you can hear motorised vehicles approach.</p> <p>If cyclist were insured, then they would have a justifiable voice, would be contributing to new/updating cycle routes, but they would also be accountable for their actions good or bad.</p> <p>Whereas they demand but give nothing in return.</p> <p>I expect BBUG (Bicester Bike User Group) to say they fully support lifting the ban. Saying it an extremely spacious street with a clearly defined central 'road' area and ample pavements, that footfall is light, accidents involving bikes are rare and a negligible risk, they would!</p> <p>I would like to see these cyclists using the existing route but find them hard to spot when out & about.</p> <p>I would say the majority of cyclist irrespective of age are considerate. But there are those of all ages, who have a complete disregard to the law, road safety and who think, rules do not apply to them and if you dare speak to them, their language and attitude is a disgrace.</p> <p>Cherwell DC have plans to rejuvenate the Market Square, Bicester, making it a multi-use community hub.. more artisan , event's, coffee shops & more pedestrians!</p>	
<p>Anonymous User:299620298</p>	<p>I am a cyclist and I strongly believe that this plan should NOT go ahead. I have seen people cycling in Sheep Street many times, even though it is currently not allowed, and it is dangerous. They give no consideration to pedestrians, and just go through like they own the road. This is an accident waiting to happen, and there really is no need to it. I have never ridden through Sheep Street, and never ever felt that going around rather than through was an inconvenience. I would need to see a very strong argument FOR before someone can justify the reasoning for this even being considered.</p>	
<p>Anonymous User:299623346</p>	<p>Cyclists will be a danger to pedestrians, given some cyclists attitudes on the road</p>	
<p>Anonymous User:299653372</p>	<p>Being unable to cycle down sheep street is a deterrent from coming into bicester for things when I am cycling home from work.</p> <p>Cyclists tend to be courteous when around pedestrians as they will usually come off worse in an incident.</p> <p>The high street is dying and we should be encouraging people to get</p>	

	out and be active. In most other towns cyclists are allowed with pedestrians, and there are no issues.	
Anonymous User:299695248	<p>People still cycle along Sheep street even though it is not legal to do so.</p> <p>Electric scooters also travel along the street which again is not legal. Some days it is difficult to avoid the mobility scooters but they are needed and generally move quite slowly. Sheep street is pedestrianised and should stay that way. Otherwise it should be opened up to all vehicles.</p>	
Anonymous User:281772108	<p>It is totally unsuitable for cyclists to ride along sheep Street as there are lots of elderly people trying to get around without having to worry about looking out for the next close encounter with a bike. In addition many parents with young children frequent the town and if a cyclist connects with one of those children it could be very dangerous. There are also dog walkers that use sheep street too and if one of the dogs gets spooked by a bike then that too would be dangerous. A pedestrian walkway should be exactly that, for pedestrians. Surely a cyclist could leave their bike in a secure bike stand and then walk through the town. It is not difficult to cycle behind the town centre and surely the roadway would be quicker anyway for them. There are two going either side of the high street so why the need to use a bike directly through the shops and pedestrians anyway?</p>	
Anonymous User:299724610	<p>Cyclists and pedestrians require their own dedicated space. Shared space simply creates antagonism and danger between both. There are plenty of easy routes to avoid sheep st and if people are worried about children then they can already access sheep street by pushing their bicycle along it.</p>	<p>It is foolish and ill conceived. The benefits proposed are not realistic and the dangers to both pedestrians and cyclists outweigh any minor commercial benefit.</p>
Anonymous User:299756161	<p>Even though cycling is currently not allowed I have experienced problems with cyclists (and eScooters) rushing past too close. Either take another route or get off the bicycle and walk the few hundred metres.</p>	<p>No</p>
Anonymous User:299868884	<p>Helps getting from one end of town to the other quicker. Lots of cyclists use sheep street even though it isn't allowed (they cycle and don't dismount).</p>	<p>Maybe a bright coloured line with arrows in the direction that lane is which will be aimed at those cyclists. Warning signs should also be put up to warn/remind pedestrians bikes now use sheep street also.</p>
Anonymous User:299878491	<p>Safety of pedestrians especially the vulnerable would be tremendously compromised</p>	

Anonymous User:299890159	Traffic around pioneer square is dangerous. A dedicated cycle route is long overdue	
Anonymous User:299887085	It's pedestrianised and should stay like that. People will be less likely to use the road if they have to keep a lookout for bikes. There is at least two other roads that cyclists can use to circumvent Sheep Street, Also some people can't use public transport .	I really think it's madness to take away a pedestrian street it will be dangerous. also I can't see cyclists keeping to a designated area it will be a free for all
Anonymous User:299897727	To get more people cycling	
Anonymous User:299915701	<p>As a town centre that encourages families and people with disabilities, I think this will be less safe and much less attractive to non bike users of Sheep Street. The cyclists are not adding to the place making of sheep street, they will be traveling through, at speed as a short cut. As someone with a young child, having unrestricted bike access will impact my decision on visiting the town centre. In reality I think this decision will hinder the social element of the town centre, make it less safe and actually discourage active travel.</p> <p>The town centre has had many stores close over the last two years, discouraging less people to the town centre to shop, eat and use the amenities will make this worse and encourage people to shop elsewhere (whether it is other centres which then requires driving to and again negativity impacting active travel, or shopping online which has a detrimental impact on town centres).</p> <p>The cyclists that will use this, are not using the services in the town centre and helping to support the local shops (otherwise they would cycle to sheep street and use the bike stands provided).</p> <p>The multitude of shops, cafes and restaurants on both sides of sheep streets that enable children and people with disabilities will create a safety problem and sadly when a collision occurs between a cyclists moving at speed and a pedestrian (potentially a child), the pedestrian will likely come off worse.</p> <p>The order at the moment is not followed by some, and the amount of near misses I have witnessed personally, will only be exasperated with the permitting cyclists.</p>	
Anonymous User:299927301	Currently the police do not prevent cycling...even when they are in the immediate vicinity. Cyclists do not have the facility to cycle in a straight line so weave in, out and around pedestrians....and many cycle at great speed. The elderly, those in wheelchairs etc will be very vulnerable to being hit...with possibly life-changing consequences.	Yes, I think it is a typical idea thought up by someone with little day-to-day knowledge of what Bicester is really like or needs

	<p>Even exiting a shop will be dangerous if cyclists happen to be whizzing past. It's a very dangerous idea and totally unnecessary when they can use the current roads quite adequately. It might be better to put a decent cycle-park at both ends of Sheep Street. Why is it scheduled to last 18 months.....i.e long enough for it to be easier to continue, rather than stop.</p> <p>This is a totally mad, unnecessary and dangerous idea, which will only result in a lot of annoyance and inconvenience to the pedestrians and will surely result in accidents - especially to the vulnerable.</p>	
Anonymous User:117428313	Cycling would be dangerous for people walking in Sheep Street. Also dangerous for wheelchair users. Cyclists ride too fast, particularly young riders	No
Anonymous User:79832309	<p>Sheep Street is a pedestrian only street, where people can shop without needing to consider or heed traffic. Patents can allow children a little freedom in the area. Cyclists charging up and down the street is dangerous, irresponsible and totally unnecessary, Cyclists can travel along Manorsfield Road parallel to Sheep Street, to get through the town. Leave Sheep Street alone.</p> <p>Market Day on a Friday sees stalls all up and down Sheep Street, it will be carnage for everyone if Cyclists are allowed to use Sheep Street.</p> <p>I fail to understand the statement , it will encourage more people into town. Cyclists can already ride into town park their bikes at the end of Sheep Street or by Sainsbury's and then walk along the street, do their shopping, keep appointments, have coffee/ meal, then collect their bike and cycle home. Have they become do lazy they can't walk a few feet, this is a good form of exercise as well. This proposal is dangerous for both pedestrians and Cyclists and should not be allowed.</p>	Ditch this proposal as this is not needed , is dangerous and an ill conceived idea.
Anonymous User:300035214	the speed at which most cyclists ride is downright dangerous to pedestrians - it will be an accident waiting to happen	
Anonymous User:300050954	As there are bike racks either end of sheep street it's accessible already to cyclist, if you allow people to cycle along they are only going to cycle through probably at speed. This goes against your aim of it by encouraging more business to Sheep Street. It's great to have a pedestrian area that I can walk with my young children without worrying a cyclist will knock them down. I currently cycle around	You don't need to allow cycling through sheep street to increase business you want people to park their bikes and walk in shops (as last I checked you can't cycle in shops!) maybe Improving the road behind Sheep Street for cyclist would be a better option?

	Bicester and park/lock my bike before visiting sheep streets shops maybe improving the bike storage would give more encouragement?	
Anonymous User:300072771	Of course cycling should be allowed in the town centre, perhaps it's time to implement an identification process and have police controlling the area at all times like the did in my youth in the fifties.	No
Anonymous User:300091337	People cycle there anyway at the moment ignoring and current restriction. This is rather pathetic, there are much more urgent matters such as fixing all our roads and scrapping plans for any 20 mph limits.	No
Anonymous User:300118439	Already too many e-scooters and bikes using, create bike lane to stop so much dodging of bikes if you go this route.	
Anonymous User:300127315	I am a disabled person and cyclists already cycle down sheep street with no regard for other people	Leave well alone
Anonymous User:300148874	If I knew cyclists would be respectful of pedestrians then I would be happy but I fear that younger cyclists would not and would go too fast. We need to be mindful of older people, children and the disabled and I think it will be hard to monitor it.	Perhaps have a designated cycle lane down the middle so pedestrians know to avoid it and look for cyclists.
Anonymous User:299608229	Friday is very busy and bikes weaving in and around people could be more dangerous for all.	
Anonymous User:300153190	Sheep Street was pedestrianised for a good reason. Manorsfield Road was created for traffic including cyclists. There are many elderly people who use Sheep Street. Elderly people on the whole can't move quickly and might not be aware of approaching cyclists who almost invariably discard the bell as soon as they have bought their new bike. Just a few years ago there were a lot of A boards in Sheep street, and a campaign was launched to remove them as they were hazards to pedestrians. How much worse a cyclists? Frankly there is absolutely no need to cycle in Sheep St as alternative routes exist, and they are dangerous to elderly users.	No.
Anonymous User:300161834	We should be supporting cycling and the market. As a local business owner, we need all the footfall we can get.	Just do the trial.
Participant	For the safety of cyclists and pedestrians.	
Anonymous User:300161834	The current situation is not enforced anyway. Might as well run a trial.	Sounds like a long overdue idea.
Anonymous User:300186102	The question is 'why'. I realise it's a problem monitoring the current situation, but in my opinion, cyclists are oblivious of pedestrians. Everything seems to be changing just to accommodate them i.e. The Highway Code, Banbury Road roundabout and this is going to make	No

	them feel more 'entitled' than they already do. Keep them out of Sheep St at least!	
Anonymous User:300161834	Good for health. I would cycle instead of driving if it was allowed.	We should think about health more.
Anonymous User:300215561	I believe we need to encourage cycling and green methods of transport at the very least bikes should be given the same access as cars which are allowed before 10am and after 4pm seems ridiculous that delivery companies and cars have access but not bikes	Minimum access needs to be given to bikes at non busy times we live in 21st century promoting healthy living
Anonymous User:300215561	Green healthy living should be at the forefront of all council business and be promoted	
Anonymous User:300227779	I believe the proposal will increase the risk and likelihood of accidents, primarily due to the less cautious and positively aggressive cyclists and scooter riders who will consider they have some form of priority in using the area. As an ageing pedestrian, I am not as fast on my feet as I used to be and my hearing is also reducing. If I and many others like me, have to spend our time looking left, right and over our shoulders in what we have known as a "pedestrian" zone, it will become a nightmare to use Sheep street in future.	Take the politics out of these decisions and take into account the concerns and needs of the majority, rather than continually supporting the minorities.
Anonymous User:300233363	Should do a trial and see how it goes. Market day is never very busy.	Good idea.
Anonymous User:300235005	I would cycle if I could, but it's not allowed. It's a good idea.	Good idea.
Anonymous User:158988275	As someone with mobility issues it is not easy to move out of the way of cyclists. That area should be a safe space for pedestrians.	
Anonymous User:300264779	It's a good idea to encourage locals to cycle into town, it may prevent them from driving to other towns and stop Bicester becoming a ghost town!	More proper safe cycle routes needed in Bicester and surrounding villages.
Anonymous User:256857810	I am at a loss why there is the view that adding a cycle lane would benefit the people and businesses of Bicester. There seems to be no appreciation of pedestrians, disabled users, vulnerable people, people with pushchairs or cars accessing private residential homes. It is not only market days but Bicester town also holds other activities e.g Christmas markets. Anyone who visits the town on a regular basis already see cyclists cycling through town with no regard to pedestrians. I struggle to understand where the space is coming from which can provide both a cycle lane and pedestrian safe access.	I struggled to understand why the views of the previous consultation has been ignored and instead a second consultation deemed necessary. Are the concerns raised going to be listened to or is there going to be a third, fourth, fifth consultation? Do the people bringing this proposal forward really believe that allowing cyclists is suddenly going to bring an influx of people to the town centre and business?

	Instead on the spot fines for cyclists should be introduced to allow a safe environment for all.	<p>If the proposal is going to happen it will be a case of when not if an accident is going to happen!</p> <p>A trial is not a maximum of 18 months. Is this time limit suggested because it is thought after this length of time we might as well keep it in place, if agreed.</p> <p>How much is the proposal going to cost? Wouldn't funds be better spent trying to improve the town centre and bringing more people into Bicester not driving them away.</p>
Anonymous User:300314808	I'm against it as it can be busy in town and quite frankly, if cyclists can go through then vehicles should be able to. It was a lot better when North Street was open and you could drive all the way through and into Market Square, I'm 30 years old and grew up here and quite frankly if you allow cyclist's then you should allow vehicles all day through the town and abolish that ridiculous idea of turning market square into a pedestrianised area. Bicester needs free parking not messing up market square.	Honestly, do the people who make these proposals actually speak to local businesses in the town and the people that actually live in the town centre?
Anonymous User:300215561	Good for the community	No
Anonymous User:300336497	Current pedestrian zone. No cycling - is bad enough since the police don't care to enforce the the regulation. numerous bikes cycling dangerously without due care for pedestrians. Enforce the current regulation and fine them/confiscate the bikes.	Just us that you need to listen to locals WITHOUT having to refer to a meaningless survey. You will probably have a small, unrepresentative set of replies upon which a faulty judgement will be based. Don't waste your money; enforce the decisions already made and spend the money you are wasting on repairing the roads.
Anonymous User:300378125	Insufficient safety considerations. Insufficient traffic management. There are too many idiots on cycles now, even with cycling banned. There is no mention of managing or restricting electric scooters. People will assume that it is ok to cycle around Pioneer Square, which is not part of the proposal.	The status of electrically powered vehicles in the proposal needs to be explored.
Anonymous User:252443195	Dangerous to mix pedestrian and cycle on same space	Bad for pedestrians
Anonymous User:268326404	Will there be designated cycle paths?? Otherwise this could be dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists. If so then happy for this trial.	Friday ban would not be needed if cycle paths in place and monitored.
Anonymous User:297740324	I really enjoy the pedestrianised area in Bicester and feel safe with no traffic or cycles.	Manorsfield Road and Victoria Road run parallel to Sheep Street with several access points into Sheep Street. There is no need for cycles to use Sheep Street to address the requirements stated in the ETRO.

<p>Anonymous User:300417788</p>	<p>Firstly as a resident who drives to their property on a daily basis this proposal is not logical. You state that it is prohibited to cycle but everyday cyclist bomb down Sheep Street without due care and attention as there is no deterrent. Only today while visiting the local butcher I witnessed a 40 something gentleman cycling through town past a PCSO and nothing happened. I then crossed over to the other side for another cyclist to nearly knock into a young mother and child. Whoever thought this is a good idea should visit Bicester and speak to local businesses and residents. This proposal is an accident waiting to happen. You only state prohibitions for the Friday market but what about the other events that take place in the town centre throughout the year.</p>	<p>I feel this will be pushed through no matter how many times an objection is raised.</p>
<p>Anonymous User:300431462</p>	<p>Allowing cycling in a pedestrian area is dangerous. Older people or children could be knocked down. There are already too many delivery vehicles and illegal cyclists in Sheep Street. The road is short, it's no hardship to push a bike for this section. I don't think allowing cycling will encourage more people to cycle to town. They'd still fear for bike being stolen. For people like me who live in a village, there aren't enough safe cycle paths that are separate to pedestrians and traffic. So still need to drive to town.</p>	<p>Can safe cycle routes be provided elsewhere, to go around the pedestrianised Sheep Street?</p>
<p>Anonymous User:300477820</p>	<p>I believe that people should experience what it's like to have cycling on Sheep Street, and I believe those less confident or are disabled, should have a safer route to travel on bike from East to West Bicester.</p>	
<p>Anonymous User:300480238</p>	<p>Cycling should be allowed in Sheep Street, its the most effective and environmentally friendly way to do it</p>	
<p>Anonymous User:300481744</p>	<p>Easier to get through town</p>	
<p>Anonymous User:300482009</p>	<p>I use Bicester Village train station regularly and this would make my journey much safer.</p>	
<p>Anonymous User:180335725</p>	<p>I think it's a great idea to trial allowing cycles along the road. I'd start cycling to town. When I've spoken to people against the ban they complain about the teens who ride at night on the road at the moment and mess about - but as they disrespect the ban I don't think allowing all cyclists will make that problem worse. I think people will show common sense and even on market days not be a problem. I would go to market on my bike and then slow ride / sit and push it along - but with a ban that would be tricky.</p>	

Anonymous User:300482085	I am a cyclist, I have also been Almost knocked down by a cyclist in Sheep St, no control over cyclists and no observation of them at all, that will not improve under the new regulations, police take no notice when cyclists drive down the road.	No
Anonymous User:300487010	Makes sense providing pedestrians are safe too.	Ensure there are clearly marked cycling areas
Anonymous User:300488334	Safe route across Bicester and encourage cycle use	None
Anonymous User:300490696	I have been crashed into numerous times by cyclists on sheep street despite cycling being banned. I hate to think how bad it would be if cycling was allowed. There is a road that cyclists can use, with cycling lanes in some areas already.	
Anonymous User:300490982	Cycling should be allowed at all times (including market day). It will be fine. It is a normal, low risk undertaking which happens in every town in the land (including on pedestrianised streets). The street is extremely wide - it was originally built for 2-way motor traffic, so it can cope with a trickle of bicycles moving through.	Why are we even debating this? It's a no-brainer that should have been introduced long ago.
Anonymous User:300495644	I'm supporting with caution as the amount of illegal electric scooters and cycles means they will also use the road and with excessive speed	
Anonymous User:300496122	I am a cyclist.	Might be useful to have a painted cycle path so visible to all users.
Anonymous User:298718696	There are not enough buses to get from [Redacted] to town, so driving is the only option unless cycling is permitted	No
Anonymous User:300499917	Friday is the most important day to allow it. Traffic and parking is the worst /impossible, most people work so cannot take a whole day to go into town to buy goods so my choice is cycle (bus service to [Redacted] is completely inadequate) or don't go and buy produce from a supermarket on another day instead. Bike thefts are too high in Bicester to park it elsewhere and walk in	The bus network in Bicester (particularly [Redacted]) is really poor with a big lack in regular services. I have to travel with my toddler and most buses at busy periods are full with buggies or wheelchair users and so you either have to walk in or wait for the next bus an hour later making going into town impractical. Driving is unsustainable and traffic and parking make it restrictive. I also prefer to set a good example to my son and use active green transport. Walking takes 40 minutes each way and means any trip into town is a half day event so the only practical solution is to cycle. However, with all the main shops and market stalls on sheep street it makes it really impractical to do so as I cannot carry all my shopping and my son from sheep street to any bike parking elsewhere. Also, given such high bike thefts rates in Bicester now, I don't feel able to leave my bike anywhere out of site. Any 'bad' cyclist would not follow the ban anyway so it seems ridiculously unfair and counterproductive to the

		desire to increase sustainable transport, increase health and fitness and increase market / sheep street business by banning bikes and cycling on sheep street because a few people feel their 'right to drive' is threatened by active travellers based on the excuse that cycling here would be dangerous without any evidence to back this up.
Anonymous User:300504784	I feel that cycling in Sheep Street could be dangerous for all, especially children and senior citizens. I cannot see why cycling in a pedestrian area is in any way necessary .	How will this be monitored or the speed and safety controlled?
Anonymous User:231678038	Cycling should be encouraged as much as possible	
Anonymous User:300507850	There are no safe routes for cycling between north and south Bicester. In particular, there is a not a good route from north Bicester to Bicester village station. Sheep street is direct, quiet, safe and will take cyclist past shops which will in turn increase business footfall. I think it could still work during market time. Cyclists and pedestrians share paths successfully all over Bicester, including near schools, shops and busy interchanges.	
Anonymous User:300520483	I'm not sure I would remember that there is a market day every day because I make infrequent journeys through the town.	
Anonymous User:300522537	Can't see the harm. My kids would like to cycle through there and it wouldn't hurt anybody.	Seems like a good idea.
Anonymous User:300523293	I'd cycle to the station rather than walking, so it would save me a lot of time.	[Redacted] says we need to object to this, but I can't see the problem.
Anonymous User:68234155	It would be really great to be able to cycle into town, visit the shops and the market. There is often too much shopping to carry to the bicycle racks, which hurts my back. I suffer from chronic back pain and my bicycle helps me get around and get a bit of exercise despite my back issues. This is why I would like to be able to visit the town centre. The current cycling ban is unjust and discriminates against people like me who do not pose any danger.	The question about allowing cycling on Friday was phrased in a strange way. I wish to emphasise that I support allowing cycling at all times. I believe it will benefit market traders as people who cycle through the market, find it easy to stop and buy stuff.
Anonymous User:300524932	I agree that cycling should be allowed at all times, and for q5, I would rather have that than cycling be banned at all times. However, for the sake of ease of administration and for people to know what the rules are, it would be better to have cycling at all times. People are capable of being sensible and using their best judgement when cycling. If it's crowded, it's not as if people will be zooming through, it's just not possible. People can be sensible.	I strongly support cycling on Sheep Street. I am a bike user and it is my main form of transport (alongside walking and the train). At present, when I need to go between the market square and the other end of Sheep street, e.g. to go to Bicester North Station or the shops in the non-pedestrianised area, or the Church, one either needs to get off and walk, when there is often no one really around, or cycle along quite a dangerous and unfriendly street on the other side of Sainsbury's. At the moment, it is banned but since the ban doesn't really make sense,

		some people do cycle down Sheep street. These tend to be people that disregard rules anyway. If rule-abiding people could also cycle on Sheep Street, then the perception of people on bikes as being dangerous to pedestrians would change, as more considerate people would be using their bikes there.
Anonymous User:300530892	It will enable many more Bicester residents easy access to the ten centre as well as being able to cross town to reach railway stations. It will reduce pollution and traffic jams caused by cars, improve health and increase custom for town centre shops.	
Anonymous User:300537064	It is a crucial via to reach Bicester North Station in time for train, when cycling from Bicester Village Station direction	Finally! The only people seen enforcing the policy (of no cycling) are police-trainees in cases of training purposes. My landlord told me she was stopped by a superintendent when on her bike just because there was a trainee or volunteer to spectate.
Anonymous User:167668329	Sensible cycling through this street will be much safer as the parallel Manorsfield road involves transitioning between road to shared pavement and back to road which I find risky when cycling. To cyclists and pedestrians. But the Friday market is so congested it would likely be unreasonable to ride through.	
Anonymous User:234172485	Cycling needs to be encouraged in Bicester. The only way to start making it a normal daily activity is to allow people to cycle into sheep street especially on Friday during market day so that people can carry their shopping home with their bicycle. Bicester's cycling culture is still its infancy. The fewer barriers there are to it, the more likely that it will be adopted as a norm. The current car dominant culture of the town centre is actually a deterrent to the town centre becoming a vibrant place where cars don't dominate. Combined with a low traffic scheme for the town centre, with regeneration of the town square into outdoor cafe style streetscape, Bicester could become a really attractive place to spend time with friends and family.	No
Anonymous User:300557540	There is insufficient space to put a cycle path in, it's an accident waiting to happen. I've had several near misses in my wheelchair with cyclists. It will be especially dangerous for the elderly, children and disabled people.	Please do not go ahead with this. There will be a nasty accident. Cyclists go way too fast as it is.
Anonymous User:300157060	Feel it is an accident waiting to happen if allowed to cycle down there.	Find it concerning if someone can come and loyter about.

Anonymous User:300671276	Gives another choice for getting into town.	No
Anonymous User:300675442	Sheep Street is usually quiet and allowing cycling is a benefit to cyclists with no drawback to anyone else. But I can understand the argument for discouraging it at busy times. As a cyclist I would never choose to cycle through crowded streets anyway so don't think the Friday morning restriction is necessary. But it's a small price to pay overall	
Anonymous User:125354585	There is plenty of space on Sheep Street so that pedestrians and cyclists can share it.	No
Anonymous User:300705214	Because market day is the best day to cycle into town	No
Anonymous User:300706750	Because I travel there regularly and it is a pain in the backside to get of my bike and walk every time	
Anonymous User:300699102	<p>I am totally against a cycle track through Sheep Street because of the obvious dangers it will put pedestrians in. I cannot understand why cyclists want this to go ahead. If it happens at all, then a time constraint should be used: perhaps allowing cyclists to ride through Sheep Street before, say, 9.00 am and after 7.00 pm. Except, obviously, Fridays when the market stalls need access to Sheep Street at a very early time.</p> <p>But there you have it - perhaps I've become a crotchety old lady now that I no longer cycle. Or perhaps I'm seeing the massive dangers that lay ahead should this happen. Let's hope that anybody who uses a cycle track alone Sheep Street has good third-party insurance - because even using a designated cycle track does not protect them from the law should they knock down an unsuspecting passer-by. And, let's face it, if you can't walk through a general pedestrianised area in the centre of a town, and not have to worry about fast-moving traffic, where can you? Am I wrong in thinking that perhaps the money that would be used for such a mad-cap idea could be better used to install a Zebra crossing on Victoria Road? Now that Poundland has moved to Market Square, it is very noticeable that traffic along this section has increased, putting older pedestrians in danger as they cross.</p> <p>Now that I am among the 'older generation', and look at things from a</p>	

	<p>different angle, having people cycling through Sheep Street (sadly, many do even now which is totally illegal but, sadly, not monitored), puts everybody in danger. People currently use Sheep Street as a "Safe" environment where they do not have to keep their wits about them, worrying about fast-moving traffic, whether it's someone on a bike or scooter or in a car.</p> <p>[Redacted], [Redacted], Bicester, [Redacted]. Phone: [Redacted].</p>	
Anonymous User:300161834	My kids would be able to cycle to school.	No
Anonymous User:300161834	I see cars there. Would support the high street which is dying.	Na
Anonymous User:300718878	It makes sense to allow cyclists as it encourages people to cycle into town rather than naming roads with cars	
Anonymous User:300161834	It's daft you can drive a big truck but not a piddling bicycle down Sheep Street	No
Anonymous User:300161834	I am living in here with my family. We is riding and walking. It	Yes
Anonymous User:300741684	It would help me get on my bike more	
Anonymous User:300161834	Need to try something to see if it works. Don't really know what am the fuss is about.	
Anonymous User:300748178	When driving through sheep street it is very hard now with bicycles and they are not allowed at the moment. It is not safe all all	There is parallel streets to sheep street so many other options for cycling.
Anonymous User:300759532	I feel that the implementation of the ETRO will help encourage active travel in Bicester and help reduce unnecessary short distance car travel and help reduce pollution. I believe that the extra footfall on Friday Market day will effectively reduce cycling on Sheep Street, but creating the rule of no cycling when it is on, is not a big issue.	
Anonymous User:249342156		I believe Sheep Street is wide enough to safely accommodate both, pedestrians and cyclists. We need to encourage more people to cycle by providing safe and convenient options and permitting cycling in Sheep Street will do exactly that.
Anonymous User:300793052	Environment, health, wellbeing, economic.	No
Anonymous User:300794070	Cyclists do not have mandatory insurance. Therefore, if there were to be accidents between pedestrians and cyclists, the pedestrian is highly	Until cyclists have to carry mandatory insurance, it is arguably better to continue to segregate cyclists and pedestrians using physical barriers and/or no cycling zones.

	likely to be injured - and without any insurance to rely on, how would the cyclist be able to afford any costs awarded against them?	
Anonymous User:247818285	Sheep street is a busy walkway and used by many young, disabled and old people and they presence of bikes will have a detrimental impact. This is simply an unsafe proposal and will see an area that is already seeing a decline in footfall for the shops along it become even less popular for pedestrians and will furthur impact businesses.	Please do not implement this - it is not in the interests of the community or the businesses.
Anonymous User:300798002	Sheep Street is visited by many older residents and, whilst the vast majority of cyclists would be mindful of this, Bicester also has a problem with juvenile delinquents who I can envisage racing up and down the road with no respect for anyone else. In short this proposal is "an accident waiting to happen!"	No
Anonymous User:189290831	Sheep street is a pedestrianised area . It is dangerous even at present with cyclist riding up and down . Even if there were lanes it would still be dangerous as pedestrians will need to cross them to access shops . I have previously been hit by a cyclist in sheep street which resulted in an injury to myself . No apology from said cyclist as they thought they knew better .	NO
Anonymous User:300804370	Cyclists have never cared when travelling down sheep street when they are currently not even meant to. Once they are allowed, there will be more traffic and more accidents involving the most vulnerable in our community. I have witnessed multiple incidents involve cyclists and pedestrians. Sheep street should only be and still be pedestrian only.	Unsafe and not practical. There is a road around sheep street where you could create a cycle route. Not through a pedestrian only street.
Anonymous User:300811394	Elderly pedestrians and others will not see it hear the cyclists who will not be managed as regards speed or behaviours.	Dreadful idea - go spend yet money elsewhere.
Anonymous User:300829322	Much too dangerous for elderly and children using Sheep Street	Ludicrous idea
Anonymous User:300831799	I think this Idea of opening sheep street up to cyclist is very dangerous, some cyclist disregard the signage anyway and either you have to move out of their way or they come up really close before swinging out of your way . they have no consideration for elderly people	some cyclist think that the highway code does not relate to them.
Anonymous User:300836723	Cycling is harmless	No
Anonymous User:300840515	There is far too much traffic in the town centre. It's not safe to cycle. There should also be more choice of how to get into town. I don't like that we have to drive always.	

Anonymous User:299134863	It's far too dangerous. Young children walk all over the place with no road awareness. I take my parents to town who both have dementia . My Mum in particular wonders all over the place as her mind has gone . If a cyclist hit her or my dad can you guarantee it wouldn't kill them or seriously injure them? Old people break their hips easily, they bruise easily and have thin skin them bleeds easily . Who will take responsibility because it won't be the cyclists . They will speed no matter what speed limit you put. It's either a road with paths or it's no vehicles and no cycles .	
Anonymous User:300854263	Time and time again I have given feedback about the lack of joined up cycle routes from Elmsbook into Bicester along the Banbury Road. What good is being able to cycle along Sheep Street when I have to join road traffic at the end of the Bure Park cycle track to reach Sheep Street? And why on earth OCC thinks being able to cycle along Sheep Street will increase footfall to local businesses I have no idea. This is a waste of resources. But OCC won't change it's proposal.	Spend the money on joining up cycle routes so that Sheep Street can be reached safely in the first place.
Anonymous User:300864016	It doesn't really matter anyway because people don't dismount now even when they're supposed to.	
Anonymous User:235192732	I feel cycling is Sheep Street is potentially very dangerous. A few will give pedestrians priority but sadly the majority won't . Sheep Street has a lot of street furniture which can cause problems for both cyclists and pedestrians. Who would 'policé ' the area ?	I've been told that this proposal has come about as CDC didn't understand what it was agreeing to for the National Cycle route . Is this true ?
Anonymous User:300913800	I think you are forgetting pedestrian safety here. Not all cyclists are considerate! And the demographic is quite older, especially with several elderly residential places nearby. Also with no rules about electric scooters, it's an accident waiting to happen. Ridiculous idea! And I'm a cyclist by the way!!	
Anonymous User:300836723	There is too much traffic in the town centre. There needs to be a safe place to cycle. At the moment you can only really drive to the centre. A safe cycling connection on Sheep Street would be amazing.	
Anonymous User:300943642	Cyclists are a hazard to pedestrians safety and it is completely unnecessary, the route around the pedestrian area is not a long diversion. There will be no more browsing around town is this is brought in. They cycle way too fast with no regard for others safety, pedestrians should be allowed to keep this safe space for shopping, enjoying lunch etc.	Scrap it, it's ridiculous

Anonymous User:178853864	I was recently walking beside the old HSBC bank and youths rode past with speed and no care, one on back tire doing tricks. Agreeing to cycling would Jeparidise walkers it is a Shopping area.	It would be a dangerous proposal
Anonymous User:300947896	Allowing cycling during Friday Market, when the street is full of children's buggies, scooters, walkers, mobility buggies, and general public on foot, is not sensible because (1) it will add to the problems with restricted mobility people; (2) it will reduce the attraction of the Market for a full range of users; (3) the number of pedestrians on the street will make it more dangerous for cyclists. For the rest of the time, I think cycling should be allowed - mainly because people cycle anyway and don't observe the restriction, which does not seem to be enforced. Maybe mark cycle lanes for both directions, and then set out to enforce them.	See 6. above
Anonymous User:300928868	I have no idea why you think this is a good plan. If you were a local pedestrian you would know that cyclists, scooterists & skate boarders often put us pedestrians at risk by riding on footpaths as well as in Sheep Street despite the signage! The onus should be on safety rather than encouraging more inconsiderate wheeled transport on what should be safe footpaths and PEDESTRIANISED walkways	People who use Sheep Street frequently feel intimidated by cyclists speeding close to us. This should be attended too rather than encouraged
Anonymous User:300836723	There's loads of space. Can't see the problem myself. Seems like a good idea.	No
Anonymous User:237929121	A fully pedestrianised street is much more pleasantyou can wander without constantly having to look out for 'traffic' I would shop elsewhere, get coffees etc somewhere else if cycling was allowed as I would not feel safeI cycle in to town regularly. Manorsfield Rd has a shared cycling/pedestrian route	Do not allow cyclesmanual or e cycles
Anonymous User:179718112	Danger to all pedestrians especially the vulnerable and children. Cyclists can get exercise by dismounting and walking. Disabled could be exempt. Opens Sheep St to illegal e-scooters and inconsiderate people on bikes. Cyclists don't stop to shop but just pass through and as for suggesting this would attract more visitors - words fail me! We need more and better shopping experiences and cheaper/free parking, not money spent pandering to one section of the community. I have no idea who could think up such an inane plan but if that's the best the council can do, I despair!	Please don't go ahead with this scheme. What next? Cars in Sheep Street?!
Anonymous User:300962260	Accessibility for disabled cyclists is crucial for independence. Many able bodied people don't appreciate what a difference a tricycle	

	makes. Not everybody can drive a car. I really support this despite the comments on Facebook.	
Anonymous User:300975429	They shouldn't be allowed to cycle or use e scooters in sheep street they ride way to fast and the scooters weave in and out to fast it's an accident waiting to happen	
Anonymous User:284551140	It will be far more dangerous for pedestrians. This area is pedestrianised to provide safer access to shops for pedestrians. It would provide more exercise benefits to cyclists to take a longer route around if they need to get from one end of Sheep St to the other, it's not a long extension. They can always get off their bikes and walk along Sheep Street. And what about scooters, will you be proposing they have similar access too?	These days more rights are being given to cyclists than to pedestrians and wheelchair users, who will suffer from this proposal.
Anonymous User:235776443	<p>The UK has an obesity crisis - there are huge implications for people's health and quality of life, not to mention the impact on the overstretched NHS budget. Cycling is part of the answer. Removing barriers to cycling has to be a good thing. I cannot see issues arising from allowing cycling on Sheep Street. The keenest, fastest cyclists will prefer to take the existing road routes. For those who ignore the rules, any change in the rules will make no difference. But for sensible, careful ordinary people then being able to cycle on this key (and wide!) route will be a help.</p> <p>For others, cycling is not a choice. My wife has a disability that means she is legally prohibited from driving. Cycling is the only way for her to transport our young children around Bicester. As you can imagine, safety is a concern for us. The additional option of a new safe route would be a big help with ordinary family life.</p> <p>With regard to the market: I cannot imagine there being issues with cycling on this day. I would strongly advocate trying it. If issues arise, it can be rapidly amended.</p>	
Anonymous User:234178773	Having a cycle route through sheep street will encourage me to go to town in the first place	
Anonymous User:301077334	Dangerous especially for the elderly and people with sight and hearing problems	No no no
Anonymous User:300836723	To get back on my bike at my age, I need a safe connection. The other roads in the centre are not safe. This is a good idea and should be supported.	

Anonymous User:301099827	I don't see any benefit for local businesses as I foresee cyclists using Sheep Street as a shortcut and nothing more. Allowing cyclists would be dangerous for pedestrians and vice versa. Both would have to increase their awareness which is counterintuitive in a pedestrianised zone.	Encourage more shoppers by increasing police presence to discourage the anti-social behaviour by some local kids.
Anonymous User:241131541	I don't believe cyclists and pedestrians should share the same space. There are plenty of other routes that are safer and reduce the risk of accidents. This feels unnecessary and there is no evidence put forward to show how this would encourage more cyclists.	Money would be better spent making existing cycle paths safer (better markings, signs and surface repairs). Making better provision to cycle to the town centre and adding safer bike racks rather than mixing cyclists and pedestrians would be more helpful and encouraging. Sheep street should be enhanced for shopping, not cycling.
Anonymous User:301204654	Have nearly been hit by bicycles several times in sheep Street people go to fast on their bikes	should be making sheep Street safer I will stop <input type="checkbox"/> using bicester to shop if this goes ahead
Anonymous User:301226926	The design of Sheep Street does not allow pedestrians and cyclists to mix safely. When walking there are times you have to stop to let people coming in the opposite direction pass by. It isn't feasible that some areas of this street could have people and cyclists in such close contact. Also, what would happen to the fruit and vegetable stall that is there on other days, not just Fridays	Just what I have mentioned. Put cyclists into the mix and you increase the potential for people to get hurt
Anonymous User:301228528	There is no need for people to cycle on Sheep Street. Pedestrians need to feel safe and enjoy Sheep Street. Sadly due to certain groups of cyclists it feels threatening and aggressive and if cycling was allowed this would increase. At the moment at least the police and warden can stop them.	Not a great ifea
Anonymous User:301241851	Sheep street has shops both sides and pubs cafes etc. for people to have to negotiate crossing from one side to the other in case they get mowed down by a bike is ridiculous. This is the only pedestrianised place in Bicester town and needs to remain. Kids run around, dogs etc you are asking for someone to be injured. It is also encouraging more shoplifting as they use bikes for a quick getaway. Sheep street should be seen as a lovely place to hang out with tables and chairs for outdoor eating/,drinking at the cafes being available to make it a destination rather than a place to be avoided.	Make Sheep Street a great destination place where people can safely walk, meet up and enjoy the town rather than keep coming up with ways to decimate the town further and make it the place not to be
Anonymous User:301245282	Pedestrians are the most vulnerable and cyclists must give way in a pedestrian area by walking their bikes.	
Anonymous User:301247044	I am a cyclist. Bicycles belong on the road, particularly now so many people ride high speed electric bikes. This is already bad enough on shared pavements in Bicester, if you are a pedestrian/dog walker etc.	Bikes should be on the road. Pavements should be for pedestrians.

Anonymous User:301247006	Thank you for notifying us of your plans. We regularly walk into Bicester but if this goes through we will no long continue to shop here. Even though I am a resident of Bicester itself we will either change to online shopping or drive to where cycling is not allowed. At 74 and 78 we are not prepared to continue shopping here if we are put at risk by cyclists. I have already been knocked over by someone on a bike and injured my knee. I am not prepared to put myself at risk any longer so once this policy is put through I will go elsewhere. There is a main road that runs parallel to Sheep Street so why can't that be used!?	Once again the elderly are being ignored.
Anonymous User:301249310	There is no case for allowing cycling in Sheep Street, that said, owing to a complete lack of any enforcement of the current regulations, not helped by the rising traffic bollard which hasn't operated for years, cars and other vehicles both drive through and some park every day in Sheep Street, Cyclists ride through Sheep Street. So regardless of the outcome of this consultation people will carry on as they do now.	no
Anonymous User:301252068	To congested at present with a greatly range of disability scooters.	No
Anonymous User:301251077	It is positively dangerous to allow pedestrians and cyclists to mix. The current situation with cyclists and scooter riders has caused a near miss on several occasions even though it is a pedestrian only area. WHY IS THE NON CYCLING AREA NOT ENFORCED ? Just got back from the Canary isles that had a cycle path in the middle of a wide pavement. It was dangerous, the speed of the cycles and scooters was far too fast.	Why is this proposed? Road access around Sheep St is adequate as it is.
Anonymous User:301255844	I am deaf and would not hear a cyclist. This would be a danger to pedestrians and a accident waiting to happen! Most bikes do not have bells on some cyclist just do as they please.	
Anonymous User:238632742	There is a danger to pedestrians being in contact with cyclists in this area. It was pedestrianised for a reason. There are plenty of alternative routes for cyclists. These days pedestrians rank highest in the traffic network and should be able to enjoy walking without being impeded by cyclists seeking the shortest route from a to b. I have witnessed careless cycling in sheep street, speed, talking on mobile phone and riding hands free. I fully anticipate my views being ignored as per all previous 'consultations' by OCC where democratic principles are never applied by the virtue signalling councillor responsible.	Do not allow this etro to proceed.

Anonymous User:247921552	As a regular walker through sheep st it is clear that cyclists would cause danger to anybody crossing and remove the relaxed easy walking within the area. I do not believe it is unreasonable to require cyclists to dismount and walk through Sheep street.	An alternate route could be created via Manorsfield rd.
Anonymous User:301272061	As a pedestrian zone, the street is regularly busy with pedestrians. The prospect of numerous cyclists travelling at speed is highly dangerous and will cause accidents and injury.	The current ban should be enforced as I have frequently had to avoid cyclists in sheep street.bi often take my dog there too and my husband needs a hip replacement and walks very slowly, which makes me more concerned about us getting hit by a cyclist.
Anonymous User:301276640	Sheep street is pedestrianised so that people can walk safely around the facilities. Children are often seen running around and enjoying themselves. Elderly people are able to walk around safe in the knowledge that no bikes will be racing past them. There is no place for cycles in an pedestrianised area as it will be dangerous. You cannot guarantee people will cycle sensibly and that pedestrians will watch out for cyclists. People can still cycle to the town and lock there cycles up and walk around the town. Do they need to be able to cycle to each shop they visit.	It will be detrimental to the town centre. Some cyclists will be sensible but there are so many cyclists who have no idea about the safety of others. Maybe we should have road safety rules for cyclists especially the banning of wearing earphones while cycling and using mobile phones while cycling so that they are aware of whats around them.
Anonymous User:301288516	will create problems with pedestrians in sheep street	no
Anonymous User:301281745	Bicycles and electric scooters already use sheep street as a clear way through the centre of town making it a danger for children, older shoppers and groups of shoppers. Some businesses have to receive deliveries from parked vans and HGV's causing additional risk to pedestrians. We have coffee shops and public houses narrowing the street with tables and chairs forcing groups of pedestrians to manoeuvre around bottlenecks.	
Anonymous User:301283371	While I understand the benefits of cycling and why it's worth encouraging it I don't think Sheep Street is a suitable place for the potential volume of cycle traffic given how many pedestrians there are. People often move around freely on the paths and don't keep to one side or cross in specific places, and I think that will increase the risk of collisions - especially when considering the occasional vehicle use, as a cyclist could possibly swerve around a delivery van and hit someone who wasn't able to see them. On a busy sunny day in the school holidays, for example, Sheep Street is very busy and crowded with foot traffic, and I don't see a safe and reasonable way for cyclists to use it at the same time.	I feel as though walking a bike down Sheep Street is still a reasonable option. It's not a long street and only takes a minute or two to walk down if you're decently mobile, which I'd argue most bike users are likely to be. I don't think free cycling is worth the increased risk when there's such a minimal difference to be had.

<p>Anonymous User:193796960</p>	<p>I'm objecting due to the danger to foot traffic in the proposed area. There is no lane can can be made for cyclists through the town that will not endanger pedestrians. This poses an increased danger to the elderly & those with young children as the cyclists, who already ignore the current restrictions, tend to ride through at speed would then be given license to do just that.</p>	<p>Any money advanced for this proposal should be used for safer cycle storage for those cycling to town & for police enforcement of the area - including the anti traffic barrier which never seems to work!!!!!!!!!!!!</p>
<p>Anonymous User:301292402</p>	<p>I disagree with cyclist going through sheep street as the go fast and not necessarily visible until close. I have seen so many near misses with pedestrians walking. I think it won't be long before people are hurt. Seeing young children wondering is also a worry.</p>	
<p>Anonymous User:247807821</p>	<p>I'm a keen cyclist (200miles/week) and go everywhere locally on foot or on the bike. Better for health, time, environment and wallet. Get cycling everywhere. All I would say is there has to be a speed limit and unfortunately somehow enforced. Too many cyclists think footpaths are just for them and speed through/past people which shocks them when coming from behind. Personally I'm on the road all the time.</p>	<p>See 6.</p>
<p>Anonymous User:301288757</p>	<p>Allowing cycling through town center would put pedestrians at risk. Despite cycling currently not allowed through town, some people still cycle through town. Over the last few months I've witnessed several near misses. When cycling is allowed all the time, the number of cyclists will increase significantly, and so would the number of near misses, which would most likely result in an actual incident/ accident. The risk of accidents can further be increased as currently cyclists mostly use caution as they are aware of the restriction. Without restrictions, Cyclists would most likely be less cautions and treat it as a normal cycle route, with increased speeds. Sheep Street is currently a safe zone for pedestrians. You see a lot of young children running around. This would put them at increased risk. Where cycling is allowed, E-scooters would follow. Where they have increased speeds, this would also cause further risk to pedestrians. With Friday markets, there would not be enough space for traders, pedestrians and cyclists. Since the market result in significant additional footfall into town, this should be seen as a priority. A cycling route around Sheepstreet instead of through, should rather be considered. The route would add a couple of hundred meters for cyclists, which would take them less than 30 seconds. Sheepstreet should remain pedestrianize only and some of the smaller traders (coffee shops, bars, restaurants, should be encouraged to have outside seating areas, in order to attract more people to town and</p>	<p>No</p>

	thus increase footfall and therefore the overall well-being of the town center. Adding a cycling route through town center will most likely have the opposite affect on the town center.	
Anonymous User:301305106	Absolutely no need for this as cyclists can use Manorsfield Road and this will not take more than 1 minute extra	Waste of Money - hardly any shops worth visiting now in the town centre and there has been no mention of bike racks for anyone entering sheep street to shop by bicycle
Anonymous User:301314436	Objecting as you can't hear bikes tearing up behind you until they shout 'get out the way'. No respect for pedestrians, clearly shown by ignoring the current ban in Sheep Street. Bikes and pedestrians don't mix well.	
Anonymous User:301339503	It's often busy with people in the high street. I think cycling will increase accidents/collisions. It's not difficult to get off your bicycle and walk down the 200m or so. You can't move down any pavements in Bicester without having to step on to the verge to make way for cyclists, whether it's a cycle path or not.	
Anonymous User:301338675	Sheep street is pedestrianised which should mean no wheeled vehicles at any time. The area is too restricted to allow cyclists to use safely. If this is allowed to go ahead there WILL be accidents with possible pedestrian injury. I have been knocked down by a speeding cyclist in the past. It's not a pleasant experience.	It's a bad idea that will change the nature of Sheep Street and will lead to conflict between pedestrians and cyclists. Cycling is currently banned in Sheep Street pedestrian area, it would be better to enforce this ban that is ignored all the time. Cyclists, sometimes aggressively, make the pedestrian experience unpleasant.
Anonymous User:301345421	Prohibition of cysling on Sheep Street causes cyclists to have to divert on a busy road (past the entry/exit of the Sainsbury's car park. Sheep Street is very wide and should easily be able to accomodate both pedestrian and cyclist traffic. If commercial vehicles and some cars (associated with businesses on Sheep Street) are allowed access, why not bicycles?	no
Anonymous User:292336802	Whilst some cyclists MIGHT travel more slowly on combined use streets, too many will just whizz down. They don't even warn people they are coming, forgetting that when travelling at speed they will reach a pedestrian in a far quicker time than the pedestrian will have to react, or forgetting that over 50% of people over 55 have hearing loss (Source: RNID), and that during the working day a large percentage of those out shopping will be over 55.	
Anonymous User:301364759	This will open it up for kids and adults to ride fast going down sheep street with the risk of children being knocked over. Elderly being hurt and gangs of kids on bikes making it feel quite unsafe to be in sheep street.	Maybe no bikes between 9-5 so it's safe to shop.

<p>Anonymous User:301368628</p>	<p>Currently cycling takes place through Bicester sheep street regardless to signage prohibiting it. Just these few cyclists are totally unaware or choose not to notice the pedestrians that use this thoroughfare. Allowing this street to become 2 way cycling traffic is an accident waiting to happen old and young residents are maybe not as aware of the dangers should a cyclist bear down on you. There is a perfectly suitable road that the cyclists can use should they wish to travel quickly through Bicester. There is no reason why they cannot dismount and push there cycles through sheep street</p>	<p>All cycles should be diverted around the road system and already marked out cycle lanes.</p>
<p>Anonymous User:301375218</p>	<p>Dangerous for the locals and absolutely pointless</p>	
<p>Anonymous User:301391331</p>	<p>It can only be one or the other in my opinion ie...cyclists or pedestrians. If cyclists are restricted to a barriered passage (which would look ugly) it could work but, in my experience, cyclists move dangerously fast with little or no regard for pedestrians or speed restrictions. Take London for example, there are regular collisions between cyclists travelling at 10-15mph (where they should not be cycling) and walking pedestrians. In Bicester there are many elderly people walking and I guarantee you there will be incidents for regret.</p>	<p>I would not support this idea.</p>
<p>Anonymous User:301396130</p>	<p>[Redacted] does not consider people with disabilities at all. The amount of times I've nearly been knocked over by cyclists in Queen street which is larger and I need a walking aid. I rely on my car from A to B.</p>	<p>GET GANT GONE!</p>
<p>Anonymous User:178667075</p>	<p>I'm a cyclist and feel very strongly that it would be too dangerous to cycle in a pedestrian area. It's bad enough with rogue cyclist riding through Sheep Street. That should be stopped.</p>	<p>Don't do it.</p>
<p>Anonymous User:241594610</p>	<p>Unfortunately, there are a substantial minority of cyclists who will never safely co-exist with pedestrians as they think they have a right to travel at whatever speed they choose and that it is the pedestrian's responsibility to get out of their way. Sheep Street can be congested with pedestrians at any time (not just on market days) and mixing cycling with pedestrians - many of whom are elderly - is a recipe for disaster.</p> <p>The argument that it makes journeys quicker for cyclists is a nonsense when one considers the requirement for them to travel at a speed that is safe around pedestrians, i.e. walking speed. If cyclists are that</p>	<p>Just because the current restriction on cycling in Sheep Street is poorly enforced is no reason to relax the restriction. It is completely unreasonable to expose pedestrians to risk of injury for the (questionable) benefit of a vocal minority.</p>

	anxious to travel down Sheep Street instead of one of the two main alternative routes then they should dismount and push their cycle.	
Anonymous User:301411306	I feel allowing cycling in Sheep Street will make the area unsafe for pedestrians	
Anonymous User:301405036	Despite supporting traffic and speed restrictions throughout Bicester I feel the length of Sheep St means a dismounted cyclist would be able to walk the entire length in several minutes. In addition, I feel this will empower the anti-cyclist lobby which is prevalent. However, I feel that by allowing cyclists outside of shop opening hours would be a good idea because Sheep St is practically deserted in the evenings.	
Anonymous User:244566440	Allowing cycling will present a danger to pedestrians. Cars are dangerous for cyclist and thus the provision of cycle lanes for safety. Cycles are equally dangerous to pedestrians and thus should remain separate	I wonder if the consultation will be listened to or if Mr Nanny knows best will ignore it as he has all others
Anonymous User:301415603	I am objection on safety reasons. Cyclists weaving in and out of pedestrians represent a serious danger and risk of accident and injury. Particularly to elderly and infants.	
Anonymous User:301422115	There is no reason why cyclists cannot dismount for the length of the pedestrianised sheep street and then remount at the other end. It is only a few minutes of their time and will ensure the safety of vulnerable pedestrians.	This is likely to be abused by some cyclists and put pedestrians at risk.
Anonymous User:301424470	I think allowing cycling would be risk to pedestrian especially the elderly, if when walking to have to sometimes avoid other pedestrians if the stop or suddenly change direction.	Cyclist should dismount before entering sheep street.
Anonymous User:231549773	I already cycle from Bicester Village to the north of town and opening up Sheep Street to bikes would definitely be my preferred route. Currently I have to do detours and share road with traffic or pedestrians.	
Anonymous User:301421107	A large proportion of cyclists have no respect for any rules, and will make walking in sheep street very dangerous. The elderly and anyone with poor eyesight would be particularly at risk. Many cyclists currently disregard the no cycling rules at the moment also using dangerous high speed electric bikes and powered scooters.	As there is no enforcement dealing with dangerous cyclists using footpaths, a free for all in Sheep Street will be a nightmare for pedestrians
Anonymous User:301426098	It is a pedestrianised area for the enjoyment and safety of the public. A cyclist at speed will pose a significant danger to pedestrians, with serious injury and even possible death. It would save very little time allowing cycling rather than having to dismount.	The route around the rear of the shops is not much further and would add very little time to a cyclist's journey.

Anonymous User:301428819	It is pedestrian only. It is not enjoyable when every so often you have to dodge being knocked down. It's like saying pedestrians can walk in the middle of the road!	No. Just don't do it. Oxford is messed up enough
Anonymous User:301431641	Because it's dangerous and someone will get hurt, even now people cycle through wizzing round old people	Sheep street was made to be Pedestrian, why change it now, if that's the case put it back to a road how it was.
Anonymous User:301437078	Sheep street should be only for padestrian use , cyclists should dismount .	No
Anonymous User:301438712	I consider that this a totally unrequited need to allow cyclist access to Sheep Street. Therefore a trial is also not required	Sheep street is busy avenue bordered by shops (with some pavement seating) and the through route is narrowed by flower beds etc. This proposal puts many at risk of injury for the benefit of very few. The very few could simple "walk" their cycles through this route which is a short distance. Also cyclists have 2 alternative routes around the town centre which connects with existing roadways and adds little time to their journey. The idea that this required because the current system cannot be policed is not a viable reason for the scheme.
Anonymous User:301442192	Due to multiple times I have been nearly hit, swerved out of way, by cyclists & electric scooters	People will have another reason to stop visiting town centre if this goes ahead. Area of Sainsburys is so disgusting I am nearly at point of doing shopping entirely online.
Anonymous User:301440758	I object to allowing cycling in Sheep Street at any time, due to the safety for pedestrians using this street. Since the area was made a pedestrian zone many years ago, I have seen a lot of near misses, and some collisions, as people are already using bikes and now e-scooters in the area. Allowing cycling would just make it a free for all, and I can envisage more collisions. I have nearly been hit by bikes and e-scooters several times as I walk out of shops, even though I am diligent enough to look around me when I do so. The elderly, people with vision impairment, people with push-chairs and others who are carrying items such as shopping, may be injured by those speeding around on wheels. Sheep Street should stay as a pedestrian zone and this should be policed to ensure it stays a pedestrian zone.	Our local Police and Crime Commissioner should be held to account over comments he made when he was re-elected, to ensure cyclists and e-scooter riders are stopped from riding illegally in our town. If he makes pledges, he should provide the officers to carry out those pledges.
Anonymous User:301448122	Sheep St was pedestrianised at a great cost in the early 1990's to allow it for it to be used as a safe space for all, cleaner air, no traffic pollution and / or hazards for those on foot. To encourage cyclists to use Sheep St is ludicrous when plenty of alternative routes exist, this would ut all pedestrians, children and the elderly at great risk.of being knocked over by cyclists, for this reason alone I am totally against the idea! Fines should be enforced for anyone cycling in a bike free zone.	AGAINST FOR REASONS PREVIOUSLY GIVEN

Anonymous User:301443222	I am an elderly person who uses a walking stick and have encountered a few close hits with cyclists .This is before cycling is permitted in sheep street.	no
Anonymous User:301450928	Sheep street needs a refresh and redesign that will work with all users including cyclists	
Anonymous User:62814398	i write in support of pedestrians, elderly people, disabled people, young children, dogs, all of whom would be adversely affected by this dangerous and stupid proposal.	fix the roads not spend money on crackpot schemes.
Anonymous User:301452205	as a disabled pensioner i would dread more footfall in that area let alone a bicycle	its a mad proposal disabled people can already use their vehicles mums their prams/pushchairs next you will want a runway for green gliders.
Anonymous User:301454650	A pedestrianised area should just be that for pedestrians. Having been hit from behind by cyclists in Commarket Oxford I do not want to repeat that experience in Sheep street.	
Anonymous User:301459436	Concern for pedestrian safety. Especially crossing Sheep Street	
Anonymous User:238260652	Health and Safety concerns, too busy with walkers. children etc	Would need to be policed everyday.
Anonymous User:301457076	Sheep Street is a supposed pedestrian zone at the moment. Already cyclists have no regard for the fact that cycling is not allowed, & are often not paying attention or using their mobile phones. There are frequent near misses between pedestrians & people on cycles or electric scooters. The no cycling rule never seems to be enforced. Many people using Sheep St are either adults with young children or older people who may not be so mobile or are using mobility aids. To allow cyclists I'm my opinion would increase risk of accidents to pedestrians, I would urge you to reconsider	
Anonymous User:301461807	I think cycling is a good thing, and should be encouraged, however I think the cyclists should be given a cycle path to stick to for pedestrians safety	I believe there should be a cycle path along sheep street rather than the ability to freely cycle around sheep street
Anonymous User:301464465	It's a pedestrian area not for anyone to be cycling they go so fast and they would hurt a child or elderly person Walking pushing a bike is different but not actually riding it.	Keep Bicester sheep safe for everyone
Anonymous User:301463978	Sheep Street was created as a safe pedestrian area, not for people on bikes and electric bikes. There are two roads that run parallel to Sheep Street that cyclists can use.	
Anonymous User:301468089	Permitting cycling down the middle of a congested high street is nothing short of irresponsible. You are endangering the pedestrians	Just look at fatal accidents involving negligent cyclist, and you want to allow this in a busy town centre. Absolute insanity

	unnecessarily. There is no necessity to allow cyclists, when there are routes that make very little additional time for a cyclist to take instead	
Anonymous User:301469363	I have had two near misses with cyclists riding on sheep st and on pavements, they do not have any consideration for anyone and drive with due care attention and at speed. It will only be a matter of time before someone is seriously hurt. Absolutely ridiculous proposal. Ban all bikes from any pedestrian areas including paths. Enforce the law and rules with them!	It is ridiculous to even consider placing bikes in the way of pedestrians! Most are so entitled rude, I saw one swear at a friend of mine when she got in his way while he was speeding ! Make them all take a proper test!
Anonymous User:301471837	I am partially deaf. People already cycle down Sheep Street with absolutely no regard for pedestrians.	
Anonymous User:286730520	I am a senior citizen and have nearly been knocked over on three or four occasions by cycles and e bikes. I do not feel safe walking along Sheep Street now when cycling is not permitted so I feel to allow cycling in Sheep Street will endanger pedestrians like myself. Who do I contact if I am knocked over by a cyclist?	As before.
Anonymous User:301478040	Bikes and scooters currently access sheep street now and is very dangerous and an accident waiting to happen. If this was to be given full permission then pedestrians would be in constant danger of being hit. If you want to allow cyclists and scooters to go through sheep street then change it back to a full access high street with a one way car lane. Cars also come into sheep street from both ends so you may want to review this as well.	Not required as it has been pedestrianised for years so why try and change now.
Anonymous User:300123455	Many cyclists DO NOT adhere to the basic rules of safety!! There are many elderly & disabled, small children plus those that are simply trying to walk through Sheep St without having to avoid cyclists. It's quite easy to just get off their bikes & walk through for the short distance it takes.	Just that it should not happen, there are already cyclists & electric scooters that charge through the town, an accident waiting to happen.
Anonymous User:301490409	People already cycle in Sheep Street - as such the rules are not fully enforced or adhered to. People already complain that cyclists speed down Sheep Street, which could cause injury to others.	
Anonymous User:301493641	sheep street already has alot off law breakers thinking they are at siverstone cycling like idiots during the day just go and monitor it they are above the law so if they are allowed it will be so much worse the elderly have no chance off getting out of the way now let alone if it is allowed also at night it is already a skae board racing track and cycling track	should not be allowed and has to be controlled with fines for offenders the people who are supposed to fine cyclists dont even bother so there is no deterrent

Anonymous User:301495554	Dangerous to older people or those with reduced mobility who cannot easily move out of the way of cyclists. Pedestrian access will be limited, there just isn't room for cyclists.	Please don't compromise pedestrian safety.
Anonymous User:301499653	Too many people are being injured or hit by cyclists and children run around on sheep street so it's too dangerous	It's disgusting that the council are thinking this could be a good idea
Anonymous User:301494233	<p>My wife has suffered from long COVID for two years now. Her electric bicycle is proving to be an excellent way for her to extend her range, so to speak. It functions as a mobility vehicle.</p> <p>With the energy that she has available being limited before rest is necessary, walking her bike reduces how long she's able to engage with world before a rest is required.</p> <p>Cycling access along Ship Street provides for better access to the shops on Ship Street.</p> <p>I'm also a firm believer in a National Cycle Network that you can cycle on. If cycling remains prohibited please don't call this an NCN, as it's clearly misleading. It also ignores that people use cycles as mobility aids.</p>	
Anonymous User:301504048	It's a pedestrian zone, and should remain a pedestrian zone. The cyclists can dismount to get through or cycle around the back. Let the elderly and parents with children walk in peace without having to worry about a cyclist going 12mph behind them. Or ringing their bells as it's not their right of way too.	Pleas just don't.
Anonymous User:301499138	I strongly disagree with the idea of allowing cyclists in the town centre, it's bad enough now with teenagers racing through on a bicycle also idiots on electric scooters, have some thought for the poor old pedestrian I myself have had a near miss with a cyclist, if cycling is allowed they should be made to take out an insurance like the car drivers. Whoever thought of this idea is ridiculous.	I personally think cyclists should have an insurance, they go along with earphones plugged in, also using mobile phones. The world has gone mad.
Anonymous User:301509457	There's so many retirement housing complexes in Bicester that the elderly population will not be safe with cycles in their pedestrian areas. Awful proposal	No
Anonymous User:301510527	LTN 1/20 and gear change makes clear that pedestrians and cyclists must be physically segregated in urban areas - you are not allowed to force pedestrians in to the path of cyclists.	

	Disabled groups have made clear that disabled people can't use shared spaces, you have a legal obligation to advance equality.	
Anonymous User:301516411	Sheer lunacy to allow cycling in a pedestrian zone. Let alone on certain days. It won't be observed and there will be bikes on Friday and cars at random times. Someone will get killed and you will be responsible. Don't say you weren't warned.	Try cleaning the place up and providing some secure places to lock bikes in areas where cycling is permitted rather than pending money on questionnaires. No where in sheep st is that far from an existing accessible and permitted cycling area. To Implement it asap
Anonymous User:301520974	Ridiculous to restrict free movement of cyclists we are here to encourage healthy living	
Anonymous User:301515530	This would lead to cyclists riding down Sheep Street, an area that was pedestrianised to enhance pedestrian safety. The reasoning being given is to increase the number of cycle routes in Bicester and make cycling more attractive - I disagree that this would achieve the stated aim. It is not onerous to cycle around this area and it takes little extra time for the cyclist to do so. The biggest cause for cyclists colliding with pedestrians is a lack of awareness of each other. The mixing of cycle lanes and pedestrian routes, which the council seems to be in favour of, will lead to more accidents for both parties. It is placing the convenience of cyclists ahead of their safety and that of pedestrians. Responsible cyclists will cycle slowly through such a route, however, many will not and children and other distracted pedestrians will, inevitably, stray into the path of such high speed cyclists. This is an ill considered proposal.	
Anonymous User:301518277	Will make sheep st dangerous for walkers Especially with the speed some go to and no regard for anyone	Sheep st dying as it is This will only accelerate the process
Anonymous User:301519186	Each time I've ever encountered a cyclist, they seem to have no regard for pedestrians, or any signage in regards to cycling. I do see people of varying ages cycling in Sheep Street. It's not difficult to push a bike there, and then continue riding once you're off Sheep Street. I worry for the safety of other pedestrians and the cyclists as well.	
Anonymous User:301524886	Cyclists are dangerous and have no thought or care for pedestrians You wouldn't allow a motorcycle down here so why a speeding bicycle, I have almost been hit several times by fast cyclist not caring and riding on and off the pavement Please keep the ban to protect vulnerable pedestrians	Cyclists are generally reckless and break the laws.

Anonymous User:301526884	I am not allowed to drive due to a medical condition and would like to be able to cycle around Bicester safer and easier.	Improve cycling lanes around our big roundabouts too please.
Anonymous User:292367892	Cyclists rarely pay any attention to those around them, are a menace and dangerous to pedestrians. Bicester has a lot of elderly and disabled who are in even greater danger from being knocked over/injured by cyclists than everyone else. It's a pedestrianised street for a reason; to provide a safe space for people to walk not for arrogant cyclists to speed through. They can easily dismount and push their bikes or just go around it's not much further and safe (so long as they pay attention and don't act like idiots).	
Anonymous User:73222951	It is dangerous to pedestrians, that is the reason it is pedestrianised. Cyclists generally don't care about other road and path users, often cycling on pavements around town. There is no visible enforcement so why wouldn't they?	Money had already been wasted on an unnecessary roundabout at the top of Banbury road, we don't want more of our money wasted on this scheme. Spend the money on enforcing the pedestrian status of Sheep St.
Anonymous User:234784523	Cycling is healthy and good.	No
Anonymous User:301517575	Sheep Street is used by, amongst others, parents with buggies, young children, people with mobility problems and the elderly. Allowing cycling on this road presents a danger and safety issue to these people. I have already been nearly knocked over by a cyclist on Sheep Street. Rather than increase footfall it will reduce it because pedestrians will be frightened to go there, especially the above group. Accidents on Sheep Street are non-existent I envisage this changing if you pursue with this plan. Please leave Sheep Street as it is!	I do not agree with the proposal and feel it has not been thought through fully.
Anonymous User:301529726	The statements made about the benefits of this scheme must have been written by someone who is strongly in favour of this scheme and in no way reflects the necessity for, or the majority opinions expressed by local people. Unless the speed is regulated, and enforced, this is nothing but multiple accidents just waiting to happen. At present, the cycles that use the street, when they are not supposed to, do not give me any reason to believe that an increase in volume will help anyone or increase footfall in the town centre. As for attracting further visitors, where does this idea come from? Clearly no local feelings are being considered with this proposal and no local pedestrian is going to benefit by encouraging this further erosion of this supposedly traffic free zone.	
Anonymous User:301537650	Sheep street is already difficult to navigate for old, disabled or physically impaired people. Adding cyclists would be dangerous. We	Free parking to encourage regeneration on Bicester. Cyclists just need to be careful on roads that are maintained

	already have illegal scooters whizzing around not being dealt with antisocial behaviour adding another issue that won't be tackled will make the town and even less attractive place to go.	
Anonymous User:284359492	Cyclists present a hazard to pedestrians. E-bikes & cargo bikes are an even greater danger. ALL vehicles should be on the carriageway, regardless of how they are powered.	<p>You said: "Our goal is to enhance active travel in Bicester by making Sheep Street more accessible to cyclists. "</p> <p>Sheep St. already is accessible to cyclists. Should they wish, they can dismount & push their vehicle through, which also constitutes 'active travel'.</p> <p>You said: "We believe that allowing cycling in Sheep Street will improve access for all cyclists including those who have disabilities, enabling them to cycle more."</p> <p>They already have access to Sheep St. Should they wish not to dismount or be unable to, an alternative route is readily available, only a few yards away & only marginally longer.</p> <p>You said: "Our aim is that by increasing cycling routes there will be a decrease in reliance on private cars for local journeys"</p> <p>Do you have any evidence that car drivers are not cycling because they cannot cycle through Sheep St or that they would choose to cycle if they could? I very much doubt either is the case. I, for one, would be less likely to visit these shops if cyclists were thrashing along Sheep St, as they inevitably will.</p> <p>I would ask the Cabinet to reflect on why cycling was prohibited here in the first place. Since then, cycles have become larger &/or faster & present more danger to pedestrians than ever before.</p>
Anonymous User:301539267	With pedestrians it's dangerous my children walk this route so no I strongly disagree	
Anonymous User:234294635	Cyclist can ride around town on other routes safely without needing to use a pedestrian area.. it wouldn't be safe	Do something about the problem instead of creating another problem
Anonymous User:301541826	Bicester town centre lacks any cycling infrastructure that is more appropriate and convenient, and the space available on sheep street should be more than enough for safe passage of cyclists and pedestrians. This is even more evident when considering the street is used by both delivery drivers and others who bring vans and small hgv's down the street yet apparently posing no risk to pedestrians	

Anonymous User:299007517	<p>It's a pedestrianised area used by many young families and older people.</p> <p>Many older people have problems with hearing, sight, mobility and speed of movement. The use of bicycles will destroy their sense of security and safety.</p> <p>Most cyclists are responsible but, sadly, not all.</p> <p>Please respect the needs of all the community, which is the true meaning of 'inclusion'.</p> <p>Health and exercise are vital but not when they cause unnecessary problems</p>	It is dangerous and should be abandoned
Anonymous User:301547716	<p>You have only to look at Cornmarket or Queen St to see the total disregard cyclists have in the pedestrian zone. They hurtle through without any care in the world. Not forgetting what happened on the towpath where a pedestrian lost her life thanks to a cyclist.</p> <p>It's been proven over the years that cyclists have a total disregard to the law, and do whatever they wish, and this is in part down to the council's irresponsible behaviour in regards to cyclists.</p>	
Anonymous User:301545885	<p>Sheep street is a shopping area and as a shopping area people should feel safe to go about their business not always looking around for wayward cyclist and e scooter users. Its not a hardship for any cyclist to dismount and push their bike through Sheep Street 3 minutes tops. No cyclist through our shopping area thank you.</p>	If the proposal is turned down could bigger signs be put up and the occasional policing of the area.
Anonymous User:301536080	<p>I am a cyclist and improving the options for both walking and cycling will improve Bicester and reduce our combined carbon impact so I support anything that is not car-centric</p>	
Anonymous User:301555356	<p>Will it be a free for all or will there be designated cycling paths? If a free for all then it will be chaos and an accowsiting to happen</p>	Ad previous
Anonymous User:301552501	<p>What types of control will be implemented to monitor the speed of the cyclists riding on the street? when you have another pedestrians walking alongside them? What is the penalty for over-speeding cyclists? Who will be monitoring this? What if pedestrians get hit by the cyclists? Will there be paramedic standby all time? What safety measures will be implemented to keep pedestrians safe from getting hit by the cyclists?</p>	A separation of cyclists and pedestrians. A designated path for both parties would be ideal.
Anonymous User:301560362	<p>When walking with my children and elderly Mother I would not want people cycling past me at speed causing accidents</p>	I strongly disagree for cycles to be used on sheep street
Anonymous User:301558331	<p>As a pensioner I don't walk very fast and parts of Sheep Street are already difficult with steps etc that are not clearly marked, I know of</p>	Just don't do it please.

	people who have fallen down those steps and been injured. Also we already have mobility scooters and scooters, which can also cause problems for those with pushchairs etc and walking dogs. I really don't see how adding another fast moving, silent approaching form of transport is going to make it any easier. It's surely not that irksome if cyclists need to visit Sheep Street shops to dismount and push their bikes	
Anonymous User:301534894	While I strongly agree that Bicester needs improvements for cycling I fail to see what this proposal is really going to achieve in the long term, surely implementing safe cycling infrastructure from the various housing estates into and out of town would be more beneficial?	
Anonymous User:301563770	People already cycle through anyway. Giving them permission would cause chaos, cars and vans go down to deliver. So much street clutter i.e signs, cafe sitting. You can't hear bikes behind you and children and those with mobility scooters would be vulnerable, it's just too crowded.	I can't see where the areas are for bikes.
Anonymous User:301570341	Many cyclists are responsible. A significant majority are not and will cycle through at pace with disregard for pedestrians. They pose a significant risk to pedestrian users of the street which is generally very busy as expected for the main shopping precinct of the growing town. The potential and actual presence of speeding cyclists makes the environment less pleasant, dangerous for less able or younger/older folk, and will reduce footfall. I assume there will also be further street clutter with bike racks as otherwise the proposal only adds a through route not stopping points: this again is detrimental to pedestrians when coupled with cycle traffic. This scheme should not go ahead. Please provide more bike racks and better cycleways *outwith* the pedestrianised zone.	Mixing cyclists and pedestrians in pedestrian zones is detrimental to pedestrians and unsafe for cyclists. There is no clear benefit to either group from this.
Anonymous User:301576207	I have two young children who have had many near misses from bicycles in Oxford (Cornmarket St), which is pedestrianised. Unfortunately, although bicycles cannot drive down Cornmarket St at certain times, they still do and fail to slow down/take care (especially the delivery cyclists!). I recommend allowing them to cycle down Sheep St during off-peak times.	Consider off peak timings only
Anonymous User:298814401	I have already been almost knocked down on several occasions, by cyclists tearing through Sheep Street even though it's supposed to be a pedestrian precinct. By allowing it to become a cycling freeway, it is going to increase the danger for pedestrians. I am a 74 year old	Apart from it being dangerous for elderly people, it will also be dangerous for young children. Small children will be unable to freely walk in a safe space. It is beyond me why on earth you want to put the public in danger

	woman with osteoporosis so if I get knocked down by a cyclist it would almost always result in multiple fractures. It's a crazy idea and totally beyond my comprehension why you would even consider it.	
Anonymous User:301585259	Cyclist already use sheep street against the current no cyclic rule and there have been many near misses and several actual accidents. Stepping out of a shop into the path of a cyclist is not fun, and if it's a child or pram with baby, deadly! Maintaining the pedestrianisation protects people shopping and going about their day in a safe (or slightly safer but for the errant cyclists) space.	Not in favour and should be denied. When your looking to change market square adding more cyclists is a recipe for disaster.
Anonymous User:301591541	If you are trying to encourage more cycling, turning a pedestrian area into a cycle free for all is not the first starting point, it is the last one. Until all the roads leading to Sheep street are cycle friendly the pedestrianised area will be safer for cycling but much more unsafe for the pedestrians by doing what you propose to do. Most roads in the UK where not created with cycling as well as driving in mind. I come from [Redacted] and spent the first part of my life getting everywhere via push bike. Here, my bike stays safely in the shed because it is totally not safe to cycle on the roads. And cycling on the footpath is dangerous for... pedestrians! Please, this is a totally wrong idea and very dangerous.	If you are going to do anything, think about how to make it safer for cyclists to cycle on the road, but knowing how little space there is already on the roads and how the British people are just not used to bicycles everywhere, I think it won't be doable. Sorry, but [redacted] have been factoring cycling in to their planning for decades and there are separate paths everywhere.
Anonymous User:193621345	This was changed to a pedestrian thoroughfare only a few years ago. Although cycling, cars vans etc are not allowed, they still use this for drop offs to the shops and market. As someone who has had a connection with a cycle in sheep Street, I firmly believe they should be banned. If you are hard of hearing or disabled, or even a person with a young child, they ride up along side of you at speed without much to suggest they are there. Sheep Street is not that long, so surely if you're able to ride a bike, you are able to get off and walk a short distance.	No.
Anonymous User:301604355	Currently with the amount of delivery traffic current cyclists that ignore the current rules and e scooters it is very difficult to walk down sheep street as it is now. Opening sheep street to more cyclists would add to this. Why not direct cyclists down Victoria Road? I would also comment that of all the current issues in Bicester I cannot see how spending money on this is a priority? London road crossing should be your main task to resolve.	Waste of money and not a priority.

Anonymous User:301607165	The more that is done to encourage cycling rather than driving, the better. There should be a dedicated cycle lane (preferably smooth, and coloured surface) which cyclists may use with caution (rather than a general free-for all down a pedestrianised street). This would involve some proper investment, however, rather than simple box-ticking which is the usual way the council treats cyclists.	
Anonymous User:301607220	Totally dangerous allowing 'speeding' bikes to be ridden through a pedestrian area. It's bad enough at the moment with the ban in place, with cyclists ignoring the ban. The town has several retirement complexes situated around the area and the majority of people using the town centre are elderly and not sleek of foot to be able get out of the way. The space is not monitored at the moment, would it be if cycling was allowed to stop youngsters doing wheelies! There is enough trouble with youngsters in the town centre, why add to it giving them freedom to knock someone down.	It's stupid and a waste of taxpayer funds!
Anonymous User:301610310	Pedestrians on Sheep Street, many of whom are elderly, often walk around in groups talking while shopping and are not really taking too much notice of their surroundings as they feel safe due to the pedestrianisation. There will inevitably be accidents as people wander all over the street from shop to shop and cyclists ride (probably quite quickly) around them. As Sheep Street is not a long stretch of road it would be no great disadvantage for cyclists to dismount and walk with their cycles. This is more important than ever on a Friday Market Day where space for pedestrians is more limited.	Sheep Street was originally pedestrianised to allow people to walk safely down what is the main shopping street in Bicester. To introduce cycles into the mix would be a huge mistake and I'm sure it wouldn't be long before an accident with a pedestrian occurred, the tragic death of 81 year old [Redacted] who was hit by a cyclist while walking on an Oxford towpath a year or so ago shows that cycles and pedestrians don't easily mix. This accident was just one cyclist and one pedestrian, not one cyclist and dozens of pedestrians milling around.
Anonymous User:301617695	It is a pedestrian area and the safety of pedestrians should be prioritised. Cyclists can use the road that passes the bus station. It would be as quick as dodging pedestrians.	
Anonymous User:301617335	Sheep Street is a pedestrianised street for a reason. Many age group use it from old to those with young families. Many cyclists currently using it illegally are irresponsible, ride at speed without bell or notice. There are nearby alternative routes for cyclists already. Why is OCC ignorant of local opinion on traffic management to fit with a personal crusade or vendetta on local communities by Cllr Gant?	
Anonymous User:234333046	Sheep Street was pedestrianised many years ago and it's been a huge success. If cyclist need to use Sheep Street they can walk with their cycles. It would totally change the Sheep Steert environment for the worse.	A better cycle route would be to use Manorsfield Road.

Anonymous User:301619598	Our kid and our friends kids play on sheep street. Allowing cycle would be dangerous for the kids.	
Anonymous User:301620674	Allowing 2 way cycling would put pedestrian lives at risk. Pedestrians are the most vulnerable and whilst a bike has significantly lower kinetic energy than a car it still has enough to cause injury or even death.	
Anonymous User:301621045	It is a pedestrianised area used by the whole community young and old. The layout of the stores encourage you to not travel the length of the pedestrianised area but also cross repeatedly. It should be a safe haven from vehicles for the elderly but also to allow children to walk with their families with more freedom and enjoy the shops. Adding cycles massively endangers that. The council should be concentrating more on enforcing the no cycle route than encouraging it more and the bollard at the Bell Lane end should be reinstated to prevent the multiple vehicles that use it during prohibited hours. I could not be more opposed to this safety threatening plan	No
Anonymous User:301621375	Cyclists (I am a cyclist I commute by bike to the train station where I catch the train to Bicester) need regulation before sharing roads with pedestrians. Many cyclists are on pavements whatever the demographic but some are very aggressive and a danger to children and adults but especially children and the elderly.	No but I want separate cycle lanes in general. It's not working to share with pedestrians.
Anonymous User:295339605	We have to be sensible about this, and cyclists never have the best judgement when it comes to cycling around pedestrians, this has been prove with shared pavements. It has been a pedestrian area since 1994 and has been a safe haven for pedestrians as shoppers to walk safely across this section without being impended by car or cyclists. I feel this motion will put pedestrians at significant risk especially as many are elderly residents whom use this area, sadly some cyclists already flout the current prohibition which is not enforced by the police at any given time. I feel that cyclists will not stick to the centre section which I believe is going to used for this motion and will just use the pavement side designated for pedestrians if this motion went ahead.	If you allow this then I will strongly recommend that motor transport be able to use this street, it is not feasible to use 'active travel' as an excuse.
Anonymous User:301621809	I'd cycle more if there were safe routes. Until there are safe routes I'm not bringing my son on this route.	We need more of these routes and fast. Places people want to go and which are the most direct and not via some back routes where drivers are prioritised.
Anonymous User:301622532	Sheep street is such a nice area to walk around. It often has children and elderly wandering, and adding cyclists would fundamentally change the function of this pedestrian area. It is not safe to have cyclists where pedestrians should feel safe to walk freely, especially	

	when there are roads that easily connect these areas that can be used for cyclists.	
Anonymous User:301621333	Been run down by a cyclist.	Bikes take two minutes to push length of high street. Illegal bikes 1000 watts used just like Oxford where is out of control. Mr Gant is clueless about the reality.
Anonymous User:301622900	Just not safe for children and vulnerable people. Cycling will cause accidents and if someone is seriously injured who's going to be sued for compensation especially as cyclists don't need any insurance.	
Anonymous User:301623172	Cycling is dangerous to pedestrians walking around the shops, no cycling should be allowed in pedestrian shopping areas	
Anonymous User:254755432	It would make using Sheep Street a worse experience. There is no reason a cyclist cannot dismount in a busy pedestrian area. Only an idiot would suggest a stupid idea like this	Ridiculous idea to allow cyclists to use a pedestrian area with children and the elderly. Who comes up with this rubbish?
Anonymous User:301626841	Street is far to busy for this to work, cyclists will not stick to the designated area it only takes 1 extra min to take the back roads however secure cctv bike racks would be of more benefit	I'm sure the council will make the wrong decision they aren't the brightest bunch are they, just look at the roundabout traffic light systems & number of road works being carried out at the same time 😊
Anonymous User:301625139	Traffic was removed from street and pedestrianised for safety. Cyclists, young and old, pay no attention to the safety of walkers and cycle at speed. Some teenagers cycle in groups and perform tricks and weave in and out. As cycles are silent you can't hear them coming up behind you so they cannot predict where pedestrians are going. I have witnessed accidents and near misses and more will happen if you allow this to go ahead. There is no help with the current cycling problems and legitimising it is just an excuse not to police the safety yet again of the public, young and old. Pedestrians also face the problem of electric scooters also which is illegal and they also weave in and out with no comeback. Is it really so hard for cyclists if they want to go from one end of sheep street to get off and walk for all our safety or stay on the road and cycle if they don't want to.	For once do the right thing for the safety of the people of bicester. Cyclists belong on the road not cycling through a street which the council pedestrianised for the safety of residents.
Anonymous User:301632216	It will make walking safely in Sheep street very difficult especially for the elderly. Not all cyclists are thoughtful, some just fly through with no respect for people walking.	
Anonymous User:301635340	It is already in my opinion highly dangerous and will become even more so. They do not slow down already and I feel vulnerable...	I don't think it is unreasonable for cyclists to dismount and walk through Sheep Street courteously ...
Anonymous User:301638586	Cyclists are inconsiderate at the best of times and this will pose a significant danger to pedestrians. Moreover, just like electric bikes, this will not be policed.	No

Anonymous User:296844995	People cycle down sheep street already with no consideration for pedestrians.	
Anonymous User:301645155	Cyclist are cycling at a great pace to get somewhere, pedestrians walking are more at a leisurely pace. This will result in accidents and serious injuries. Keep cyclist away from the city centre. Also worth noting some e-bikes can get up to 28 mph. At this point you might as well let scooters, mopeds and even cars drive through sheep street	No further comments, other than don't do it
Anonymous User:301648779	Major health and safety issue risk for pedestrians	
Anonymous User:301647811	I have young grandchildren and also elderly parents who often accompany me while shopping I have seen first hand when scooters and bikes are being ridden in town We want a safe space for our children to be able run and walk as they wish For our elderly to not be taken out by a bike and then spend 4 months in hospital with broken hip There are plenty of cycle paths in Bicester Making sheep street a cycle path is the worst decision you could make and will definitely stop shoppers young and old using a dying town centre	
Participant	Allowing cycling on the street all the time except one day of the week feels unworkable and I can't see it being adhered to. Let cyclists use common sense and just cycle more cautiously when the street is busier.	We should be doing more to encourage cycling. It us car use that makes walking more difficult and unsafe. Don't let a few vocal non cyclists prevent progress with supporting more people to cycle. I very rarely cycle but would be more inclined to if there were safe routes, quality parking provision and not strange restrictions on where I can and can't cycle. Why shouldn't I be able to cycle on the main shopping street in town? The street needs to facilitate access as much as it can or it will continue to decline.
Anonymous User:301653707	I can't stand seeing bicycles that zoom down pavements , there are children, pet dogs etc and bicycles should stick to the road only and not be permitted at all to cycle down sheep street. Please do not allow and stop bicycles , they are so dangerous and they are a vehicle and should only be on the roads like cars. They don't respect people walking and it means children can't roam freely with their parents to explore with parents in the town centre if bicycles are permitted	Don't allow bicycles

Anonymous User:301653748	I support the proposal as it would make cutting through town easier. There would be plenty of space to cycle almost any time (with the exception of Friday market day).	
Anonymous User:301655312	Cycling at a reasonable speed is fine, most are already doing this. Anything that promotes access and visitation to the town center I endorse, as the town center needs custom	Great idea, please do it now
Anonymous User:301655683	It needs to be a pedestrian only space. There are roads through town without needing to cycle through sheep street.	
Anonymous User:301656638	As an older resident (80+) with hearing and mobility problems I have already experienced problems with cyclists and electric scooters. As there is now a complete lack of any enforcement what problem do these cyclists who cannot walk have ?	Please keep and enforce the current non cycling ban.
Anonymous User:224637920	I remember Sheep Street before it was pedestrianised. You could do your errands there and park your car easily on the street. Pedestrianising it was the beginning of a slippery slope for Sheep Street. We only go to Bicester for Sainsbury's now. Sheep Street is a s**t hole. The majority of people you see on Sheep Street are unemployed, elderly or nutters. The Council should be ashamed of what they've allowed Sheep Street to become. They should look at places like Burford, Henley on Thames and Leamington Spa - towns which have easy parking. Looking back at historical photos of Sheep Street it was every bit as attractive as those towns but multiple wrong decisions were made about Bicester and Sheep Street wouldn't look out of place in a northern industrial town in decline. Letting cyclists down Sheep Street is not popular and should not be allowed.	
Anonymous User:301663131	Had my kids knocked over plus I've been almost run into It's not far to walk	This is a stupid idea
Anonymous User:301664405	Have you ever tried walking down Sheep Street, or pushing a pushchair, wheelchair, on a mobility scooter, got sight and hearing impairment or unsteady on your feet. This won't allow genteel Oxford dons to cycle slowly down the road, but will allow a free for all which puts everyone at risk. What with street furniture, random tables, signs, flower beds, lamp posts, uneven slabs and market stalls, it is hazardous enough. Add in bikes charging past is an accident waiting to happen.	I am the [Redacted] - and every day watch the most vulnerable people in our town enjoying being able to travel down the pedestrianised area. Walking with friends, feeling safe, on their mobility scooters, aided by a stick, pushing a wheelchair or taking an arm for support. Add in bicycles and it will become a race track or worse.

<p>Anonymous User:301667950</p>	<p>It would make my commute To work by bike much easier.</p> <p>Though honestly I didn't know you couldn't cycle down the road until very recently there are often cyclists there</p>	
<p>Anonymous User:301670214</p>	<p>It would be impossible to prevent cyclists using the path just on Friday and in practice, the street is so busy that most cyclists will go around (or slow right down) anyway.</p> <p>We desparately need better cycle connections in Bicester. Sheep street is extremely wide and is rarely busy enough to be a risk to cyclists and is certainly safer than shared cycle/pedestrian paths as there is plenty of room and clear visibility</p>	
<p>Anonymous User:301666236</p>	<p>It is a pedestrian area, young children, the elderly and vulnerable people walk through at all times and not always aware of cyclists who already cycle down Sheep Street. There is a lot of street furniture, flowers beds and a-frame signs so it is not a straight path for most. While this should reduce the speed of cyclists my casual observations are that they do not observe speed. In addition there appears to be no restrictions on motor vehicles using Sheep street, I have observed vehicles at all times of the day coming in from both ends. It would be absolutely ridiculous to allow it on any market/event day and I feel dangerous. My other concern is about the current situation and enforcement, I have watched people being stopped on cycles and asked to push their bikes. They generally do for a short distance and then get back on their bikes. I have seen escooters stopped and told they will start enforcing legislation soon.... I feel consistency is key and public safety appears to be a secondary consideration. If cycling is permitted through how is public safety to be addressed as cyclists do fly down Sheep Street including cycling groups. Is it easier to allow cyclists rather than enforce current regs? It is such a short distance. Is it going to make genuine difference to the overall cycling scheme for the County. The biggest issue is bike theft in the town and more secure bike parking might be more to encourage bicycle journeys to the town and be a more positive experience for all.</p>	<p>Better bike racks/parking. What about when Market Square is developed, what consideration for cycling, are you proposing an extension of this plan when trying to encourage a cafe culture. Also vehicle access again.</p>
<p>Anonymous User:301672776</p>	<p>The majority of cyclists show no awareness or respect for the safety of pedestrians. Even if they are provided with their own cycle lane along Sheep St, they would still ride unsafely wherever they wanted. Safety of pedestrians also needs to be looked at in other parts of</p>	

	Bicester too where cyclists ride on pavements that are not designated as cycle paths. This is incredibly dangerous as they travel at speed.	
Anonymous User:301670031	The elderly and young families are mainly the folk who use the shops in Sheep Street. Already this occurs with youths on cycles flagrantly cycling down the pedestrian area and quite often I've seen the elderly being targeted by the cyclists. They don't dismount now so I don't see how this will benefit the public attempting to shop. Crazy idea.	I strongly oppose the suggestion of opening the pedestrian area to cyclists 24/7 with the planned exemption of Fridays. I foresee this proposed plan being a real hazard for young families and the elderly.
Anonymous User:301673346	Cycling access from the north is currently limited and dangerous south of Bicester North station - this must be improved with a dedicated crossing on Field Street as part of any plans. It is also imperative that a designated cycle lane is provided along Sheep Street rather than a free for all. Although improved cycling access to the town centre is desperately needed to help reduce traffic issues, a minority of existing cyclists behave like idiots, and there needs to be some separation between bikes and pedestrians. Note my husband already prefers to cycle in; I would love to be able to but feel there is currently no safe route for less confident cyclists. Banbury Road is too narrow to comfortably share with traffic, and the Field Street crossing is busy and dangerous for both pedestrians and cyclists.	Detailed comments provided in 6.
Anonymous User:301690181	It's a ridiculous idea. There are so many pedestrians, many of whom are older, bicycles weaving in and out of them is a disaster waiting to happen. I've literally just been reading about the 81year old struck by a cyclist and killed take heed from that story you are putting the safety of shoppers at risk.	
Anonymous User:301694866	I would like to see Bicester become more cycle friendly. I have seen similar shared cycle/pedestrian town centres work well in other places. Yes please!	Some people will be negative about perceived 'cycle danger' of shared space but the evidence from other areas does not bare this out and shared space usually works well.
Anonymous User:301703071	The whole point of a pedestrianised zone is so people can walk freely between both sides of the street without having to watch out for traffic. It will cause too many accidents and won't really benefit cyclists who could easily dismount for a short walk from one end to the other.	
Anonymous User:301703194	There is no room for the market on Friday with cyclist's and pedestrians as well. It will be a nightmare to cycle though all that	
Anonymous User:301734062	Cyclists use Sheep Street anyway, and despite opinions of any locals the council will do what it wants to do anyway, so this survey is literally just a tick box exercise with a pre-deter mini bed outcome.	

Anonymous User:301732664	It's like giving permission for bikes to ride on a public path. Crazy. I use a stick mostly (except when in a wheelchair) and I would have no chance to move out of the way if a bike came at me. I have seen how they ride! Would the council be willing to give me insurance in case of an accident? Which is highly likely.	
Anonymous User:301771468	This is absolute madness there is a reason why cyclists are not allowed to cycle at any times .. this is a pedestrian walk way ... There be numerous of accidents... this is such a crazy idea and should stop now	Sheep street is a pedestrian walk way if you give permission there will electric bikes and scooters and many accidents will occur with our very young and old
Anonymous User:301771468	This is a pedestrian area there is no need for access to cyclists there is a main road which runs around the premature pass Sainsbury's	Cars are only allowed access to get to their business and have to have a permit ... allowing cyclists would put pedestrians at risk of injuries
Anonymous User:301777742	I have seen vehicles, mobility scooters, bikes and scooters use the pedestrian area. All apart from the mobility scooters not being allowed but all going to fast. Highway code says pedestrians have priority but this isn't being taken into consideration by cyclists etc at the moment by ignoring the signs.	I am a cyclist but don't really like taking my bike only because of the thefts and this is still going on. There is not enough parking for bikes on sheep street.
Anonymous User:193501557	Danger to pedestrians	
Anonymous User:301796380	As an elderly Bicester resident for many years I like to feel safe and relaxed when I'm out and about. Cycling in Sheep Street introduces unwelcome wheeled movement that interferes with free walking.	Not really
Anonymous User:301802498	People are already constantly cycling on sheep street as there is no enforcement so it doesn't really make any difference. The cyclist and pedestrians already coexist so I don't see an issue.	
Anonymous User:301805245	Cyclist drive with no care they should not be in a pedestrianised area keep them away Keep us safe please. Until there are number plates for bikes they are going to continue driving carelessly.	No bikes in pedestrian areas keep them on the road don't make any new cycle paths on footpaths they don't use them
Anonymous User:179508715	It becomes a backward move from pedestrianisation. Mark and highlight a cycle route that by-passes Sheep Street using Manorsfield Road/Chapel Street or Victoria Road to enable cyclists to travel in a North/South direction.	None
Anonymous User:301806306	The reason I like to shop in Sheep St, Bicester is because of its lovely, safe pedestrian area. I don't want to be 'dodging' cyclists whizzing through ... and they will 'whizz' through at speed. Why would anybody want cyclists to be allowed in a pedestrian area? It would be absolute madness - just a serious accident waiting to happen!	It's a totally crazy idea!
Anonymous User:301797350	While I agree that it's important to encourage cycling rather than driving, mixing pedestrians with careless cyclists without any official	On market days I have seen too many close misses caused by speeding cyclists to agree to the proposal.

	<p>restraining presence is obviously dangerous. Regular official presence would be essential as a visible active deterrent. There is none now, so cyclists openly flout the present notices. On market days cycling is particularly dangerous because there is less space, restricted visibility, more pedestrians - including young children who are especially vulnerable to cyclists. But cyclists are not the only risk: motorised scooters, wheelchairs etc can be just as dangerous, and there are more and more of these.</p>	<p>Only a regular official active presence as a deterrent will stop cyclists in Sheep St. There is none, so the rule is flouted. It cannot be too much to ask that cyclists dismount for the length of Sheep St.</p>
<p>Anonymous User:301812129</p>	<p>Sheep Street is a busy start most of the time, the few bikes that already ignore the rules and cycle through pose a danger to pedestrians - especially the elderly and small children. People regularly have to jump out of the way due to selfish cyclists, actually allowing them to cycle through would make it a 'no go' zone for pedestrians for fear of being ran over. Its a ridiculous idea and should not ever have got to this point. You'll be reopening the road to cars next.</p>	<p>I hope the people of Bicester's voice is heard. We've survived all this time without it being open to cyclists, there are plenty of other routes they could cycle on - or just get off and walk for 2 mins - this is not the answer.</p>
<p>Anonymous User:298843812</p>	<p>It's a pedestrian street!</p>	<p>It's a small distance from one end to the other. Cyclists choosing to go down there should get off and walk. People should be able to have a leisurely time wandering the shops, not having to constantly look out for fear of being hit by a cyclist.</p>
<p>Anonymous User:301816544</p>	<p>Saving a few minutes of cycling time is not worth the danger of bicycles in a pedestrian area. I feel this would be a hazard to all.</p>	
<p>Anonymous User:301817696</p>		<p>Keep it pedestrianized</p>
<p>Anonymous User:301819101</p>	<p>Unsafe for pedestrians - particularly elderly and young children.</p>	
<p>Anonymous User:301819352</p>	<p>It's dangerous, so many times I have seen cyclists riding too fast through Sheep Street, anybody unsteady on their feet are in danger of serious injuries</p>	<p>It is a very stupid and dangerous idea</p>
<p>Anonymous User:301818147</p>	<p>Dangerous for pedestrians, many of whom are elderly or have young children with them. I am pro cycling as a method of transport but this should remain on the roads and not in pedestrian areas. I have encountered numerous people who cycle too fast down Sheep Street with not enough regard for pedestrians. I do not see how their speed could be policed. There is a clear route around the centre by road,</p>	

	past Sainsbury's, which is perfectly adequate for cyclists to use if they need to get from one end of Sheep Street to the other. And bike racks for those who then want to push their bike into the central area to shop.	
Anonymous User:301821523	Cyclists in bicester are generally irresponsible, they have no insurance and already there is an issue with them carving up people with mobility issues. They can achieve high speeds on bicycles and it's completely unnecessary for them to cycle along this short thoroughfare. There are are easy alternatives for all road users. Open it up for cyclists and motorobikes and e-scooters will start bombing down there too. Leave as it is please	It's mental. Pedestrians are the most vulnerable of road and pavement users, let's keep them safe
Anonymous User:301821423	most cyclists have very little respect and regard for other people and sheep street with its on street seating areas allows for children to be moving freely in the pedestrianised areas which will lead to alot of near miss incidents possibly worse	cyclists already flout the no bikes rule and cycle at speed throufh the pedestrian area showing total disregard for anyone else, unless there are to be marked designated cycleways like Amsterdam its will be an accident waiting to happen
Anonymous User:301829881	My husband is a young man who is unsteady on his feet due to illness. Sheep street is currently a safe environment for him to walk down. With cyclists it won't be. I grew up in Oxford so I know this! Also more opportunities for theft from snatch and go etc. It's nit hard to cycle around Sheep street rather than through it.	It doesn't take in to consideration people with disabilities that use sheep street and feel safe. Cyclists can easily get from A to B without the need to cycle down that one street.
Anonymous User:301832490	There is no control by the council of the current cyclists in sheep street even though it's no allowed. If it is we will have delivery cyclists flying down the street at full speed. Yes I agree we need more greener transport but not this. It will be too dangerous with children and older people walking in sheep street.	Totally disagree with it. Sheep street is dying fast and needs investment urgently, this proposal will only drive young family's and older people away.
Anonymous User:301829968	I want to be able to walk in Sheep street without worrying that I have to keep looking out for approaching cycles. I want my grandchildren to run, as youngsters tend to do without the fear of a cyclist knocking them over. I find the suggestion that this pedestrianised area has a cycle lane implemented, even temporarily absolutely ludicrous.	Have cameras that fine people cycling through Sheep street as cars are fined for speeding.
Anonymous User:301838939	Cyclists can be just as dangerous as cars in such a busy street	I've worked in London and you took your life in your hands on the streets. They drive like idiots. I've already seen one guy in Bicester riding a bike the wrong way down a one way street, on his phone, with no helmet.
Anonymous User:271685922	There are too many people on sheep street. It is dangerous to mix cycling with pedestrians. Iqx bad enough with e scooters as well. I	Keep it pedestrianised. It won't take two minutes for a cyclist to dismount and walk. .

	have nearly been hit by a bike cycling on a footpath even walking with x stick. They just rode off. No respect for pedestrians	Many cyclist don't use a bell so you can't even hear them coming. It will be the pedestrian that suffers any incident
Anonymous User:301840069	I think that cycling infrastructure is needed in Bicester. Trying out such a scheme in the centre is clearly a great way to see both the extent of usage and how safe the interactions are likely to be. I even think that if Sheep Street is modified there is place for a cycle lane 7 days a week.	Looking at social media, there seems to be a weird strain of anti-cycling sentiment. I'm not sure where those views come from, or if they are the majority, but they are certainly disproportionately loud. Please also consider increasing cycle parking in the town centre, and the quality in terms of security and location.
Anonymous User:301845943	You shouldn't have to worry about coming out of a shop and have someone on a bike whizzing past. Especially in the shop I work in where children and running in and out and are at risk, and the elderly need to be thought of the most, as they may not hear a bike approaching and can't move as quickly. Other things need to be done in sheep St, to get more foot traffic. Why change something that has been fine for years	Listen more to what the public and those that use sheep street think, not one that don't
Anonymous User:193634670	Please leave sheep Street as it is ,let's enjoy whats left on foot without cyclists making a pleasant area like a road with speeds that are unacceptable thank you	No
Anonymous User:301850935	I strongly disagree to the proposal to let cyclists use Sheep Street.On many occasions when walking up & down Sheep Street a cyclist using the street has caused problems for pedestrians who have had to react quickly to avoid being hit, myself included.I witnessed a electric battery scooter rider hit a pedestrian who fell to the ground injured,the rider just rode on!Please keep Sheep Street for pedestrians only.	Cyclists can always push their bikes down Sheep Street if they need to.
Anonymous User:301861080	Not everyone wishes to use a bicycle , all of these silly plans assume the public are just going to ditch their cars and jump on bikes. Some of us need to travel for work and if this mode is restricted anymore then we will be losing our business and income. I think what Andrew Gant has done to Oxford is an absolute joke he has destroyed it. How about ceasing anymore housing estates especially built on flood plains and greenlands - thats a good start to stop the increase in traffic and pollution?	Yes its rubbish.
Anonymous User:301865371	If a disabled vehicle/driver is not allowed on a 'pedestrian' street; why should the council be allowed to discriminate, in favour of able-bodied cyclists? Also, a clue why cyclists shouldn't be allowed on Sheep Street, is in the word "pedestrian"	Perhaps the councillors should learn to read (a dictionary) before taking up their posts.
Anonymous User:301870355	Support active travel &improve public health	

Anonymous User:301874150	It is dangerous for ignorant, entitled people to ride cycles in pedestrian areas. Even worse are the electric cycle/scooters. However the whole proposition will make no difference as there are no policemen to enforce anything	Yes, a friend of ours was almost knocked over. After a lot of searching he found a policeman and reported it, to be told "nothing to do with me"! What's the point
Anonymous User:210802220	way too dangerous for a pedestrian zone with young children and disabled/pensioners!! completely unnecessary tbh	yes, too many bikes and scooters already recklessly used on sheep street, the ban needs to be enforced
Anonymous User:301885046	Having nearly being knocked over by a bike and no person in authority to report this to, I believe it is dangerous to allow cycles. How about stopping the cars who seem to think it is acceptable to drive through the street at all hours.	How about using your common sense and do not allow this to happen.
Anonymous User:234337672	It is currently a calm, safe pedestrianised area and would become dangerous with cyclists. It is a valuable 'calm, no pressure, you can walk and relax' pedestrianised area that encourages people to walk and in a relaxed manner have a mooch around the shops. This would deter some pedestrians from visiting a High Street that needs all the foot-fall it can get! The road option is literally parallel and hardly any distance further. People can already cycle to the area and securely park their bicycles and walk within Sheep St.	
Anonymous User:301891465	I've nearly been run down by cyclists and I'm very opposed to this they should dismount and walk through. Why change it	Just leave it
Anonymous User:301896275	I strongly object to cyclists using Sheep Street at any time, it would set a precedent and make Sheep Street dangerous for pedestrians.	
Anonymous User:301879236	I strongly disagree with these proposals. At the moment Sheep Street is a safe space for pedestrians of all ages. If this is implemented I believe accidents will happen. There are a lot of elderly and disabled people who use Sheep Street regularly and for many of whom this is their only regular outing. For people with mobility issues, if they do not feel safe, this could lead to them becoming even more isolated. Similarly, for young families, at present they can enjoy a fairly relaxed walk through the town centre. If cycling is introduced then this is no longer the case. People will have to be constantly aware of oncoming traffic. There is always going to be an element of irresponsible cyclists who will present a danger to pedestrians. There is also restricted access in Sheep Street where the flower beds are and I do see how pedestrians and cyclists will be able to safely use these areas. I do not believe these plans will encourage more cyclists. They will still have to join the road network around the town centre.	As is the same for every high street, the town centre is already struggling. I do not believe that introducing access to cyclists will help in any way and will only make matters worse. People will still use their cars for school runs regardless of this proposal.

<p>Anonymous User:301898309</p>	<p>I have had near misses with cyclists several times in Sheep Street. To mix people and bicycles together is asking for trouble. Why, when walking through a PEDESTRIAN area should I have to be dodging cyclists and have eyes in the back of my head. If you create a 'cycle lane' who has priority? The cyclist using it or the pedestrian in a pedestrianised area crossing it. Where would you put it? No-one wants to walk out of a shop to have a cyclist whizzing past right in front of them. How can you possibly police 'not on market day' ban; you can't enforce the no cycling rule currently in place. This is an ill-thought out and dangerous plan, not to mention a colossal waste of money. Spend it in Social Care or Child Services. Stop using Bicester as some sort of experiment. We know that even if you call it a trial, even if it fails, it won't be removed at the end of the trial period. Suspect that local opinion will be ignored in this just like it is ignored on other matters.</p>	<p>Don't do it! Enforce the ban that is currently in place. If ever you wanted to alienate one section of society from another, this sort of ridiculous scheme will do just that. I predict pedestrians being mown down; cyclists being physically attacked, and a lot of people especially the infirm and vulnerable (disabled, elderly, families with small children) being driven from Sheep Street as they feel unsafe. Cyclists are travelling through, pedestrians are using the shops and bringing revenue to the town. Prioritise them instead.</p>
<p>Anonymous User:301902805</p>	<p>I am disabled and have on several occasions nearly been knocked down by bikes on sheep street. At most it takes a few minutes to walk from one end to the other and I feel bikes would make it more dangerous for people like myself and also younger children and the elderly</p>	
<p>Anonymous User:123604682</p>	<p>Sheep St already suffers from cyclists who take no notice of the current ban. I have never seen anyone stopped by police or PCSO. The speed they travel at is sometimes quite scary. You have to consider Mums with prams/pushchairs and young children. They are unpredictable and can often break away from an accompanying guardian. Further more I can see no way you would be able to regulate speeds in any way. You also need to consider the aged and their disabilities. In addition the problems in Sheep St are exacerbated by people on battery powered scooters, bikes and the increasing number of wheelchairs. I can see no reason at all why cyclists cannot dismount and walk the length of Sheep St like everyone else. And for your information I personally have had 2 close encounters with bikes and one very very close encounter with an electric scooter.</p>	
<p>Anonymous User:301920653</p>	<p>Cyclists in that area have already proved themselves dangerous and poorly behaved, despite not being allowed to cycle there. There are too many elderly people and children in the area, especially at peak times to risk accidents and injuries. Many people in general have poor awareness of their surroundings and so will not be able to respond to the presence of bikes safely, causing issues for themselves and</p>	<p>It is not hard to dismount a bike and walk it through a busy town for the safety of others, I don't see why people shouldn't be expected to do this.</p>

	<p>cyclists. (They are not even aware when they are holding up vans or cars driving down sheep street). The idea of allowing cyclists except on Fridays is also very poorly considered as many people will not pay attention to that exception, if they notice that exception even exists. The whole idea of allowing cyclists on sheep street hinges on the false assumption that people can behave in a safe and responsible way but a lot of people's experiences in the local area contradict that.</p>	
Anonymous User:252443195	It's just plain stupid.	No
Anonymous User:252443195	Will not feel safe as a person that is hard of hearing and old.	I will drive somewhere else if this happens as I don't want to be hit by a bicycle I shouldn't feel unsafe in a place that should only be for pedestrians. They ride too fast and don't care if they hit someone as they get away with it! Even if they kill someone.
Anonymous User:300836723	As a business owner, it is important to make sure that all customers can access Sheep Street. Many customers visit by foot. There are customers from further away who would be able to visit if they were not put off by the current restrictions.	
Anonymous User:301954227	it is a pedestrian street for a reason, the cyclists get very dangerous around that area and if you made it a cycle area this would then escalate to electric scooters which we see all the time down there it is ridiculous	the only way to encourage more footfall through the centre is to have free parking the same as witney
Anonymous User:239576730	We already have a problem with cyclists who ignore the 'no cycling' signage. At least they can be challenged, as they do not seem to appreciate the danger they cause to pedestrians. If it becomes legal they will ride through the crowds at any speed as they already do on footpaths. It will make Sheep Street even less friendly and comfortable for pedestrians, old and young alike. If you are riding a bike to the shops then park at the bike racks and walk. If cyclists are taking a short cut through Sheep St they can get off and push their bikes. If they need to get through at speed they can take the roads round. Giving cyclists the legal right to cycle through Sheep Street at any time is dangerous and should not be getting a second thought.	It is a crazy idea.
Anonymous User:301979730	Sheep Street is a shopping area, or was, so people walk randomly around the area looking at what is on offer in the shops, cafes etc. Having dodge someone on a bike is not necessary and is dangerous. When we have events, not just the Friday market, the area is full of people walking. We have a few people of mobility scooters and they can cause problems if there is a lot of people about.	What happens if the london road crossing is closed to all traffic, including cycles? that will reduce any requirement for access to sheep street. The number of cyclist in Bicester is in single percentage of the population, but they have the maximum effect. This new proposal will simply make things worse.

	Currently, if you point out the cyclists who simply ignore the no cycle notices, you are very lucky to just get an ear full of verbal. Some can be physically threatening, so making it "legal" to be rushing down the street with no regard for the walkers is just going to make things worse.	
Anonymous User:301984415	Y ling in Pontypridd,Wales we often cycled thro a pedestrian area even when the market was on, there was never any problem.	As SheepSt is part of the National Cycle Route it should never have had cycling banned.
Anonymous User:301986885	FFS, did my previous response not go through? Why have a consultation on a trial? Why not a consultation on whether to have a consultation on whether to have a trial? Enough already! Just do it! Despite all the moaning on F***Book, it's not going to hurt anybody. What a waste of time!	
Participant	Pedestrianised areas are that,a safe,walking area,not having to avoid scooters and cyclists, many elderly and young ,do not need to avoid these hazards,if somewhere is Pedestrianised it should stay as that,otherwise what was the point?	Where does this idea come from? What was the point of making it pedestrianised, if then allowing cyclists to use,double standards,mixed messages.
Anonymous User:302013548	I think that it would be very dangerous for senior members of the community who are used to the system as it is. Also the cyclist who use Sheep Street now ride dangerously without due care for others and this would only increase. Not forgetting all the coffee shops who are taking a lot of the pedestrian area up already, as these are on the increase pedestrian space is getting smaller so where would the cyclists go.	Not at this time.
Anonymous User:238988443	As a senior citizen I am aware of the current restrictions regarding no cycling and tge fact that permitted vehicles SHOULD COMPLY with the one was Street which applies atcall times. Currently on regular visits into Bicester Town Centre it os frequently the case that cycles do in fact use Sheep Street in both directions and I have seen cars enter contra flow from Market Square end albeit Disabled Badge holder who should still comply with Street signage ie NO Entry. I can say that I have never seen any uniformed officer presence in Sheep Street be that Police Officers, PCSO or Community Wardens, to enforce these Regulations. I do jot yherefore expect any better should yhis be allowed.	No
Anonymous User:302023193	I am objecting on the basis as someone who has a hearing impairment and has been hit by a cyclist. We cannot hear cyclists and cyclists are able to proceed at speeds c20mph and even faster. If they ring a bell, which we can't hear, there is inadequate time to react. Recently a	We have to stop prioritising the rights of cyclists over the rights of pedestrians. It is totally unacceptable.

	<p>person was killed by a cyclist when out walking her dog. It was deemed that the cyclist bore no responsibility even though it was proven he was going 29 mph and this word one as walking a dog in a park!</p> <p>This is the thin end of the wedge for pedestrians and I object very strongly. If I am ever injured by a cyclist in that area, I will be keeping a copy of this submission - screenshot which if I am killed, my children have access to.</p>	
Anonymous User:302060847	Most people cycle down sheep st any way so why both with all this	Who in forces this?
Anonymous User:302075319	It's like asking if cars should be permitted to drive in a cycle lane!	
Anonymous User:302081224	I've been hit several times on sheep street with bicycles	Please no cyclists on our sheep st im a resident and business iwner on sheep street
Anonymous User:278305566	Sheep Street Bicester is part of pedestrianised areas in Bicester, no wheeled vesicles -, buses, taxis, private cars or cycles & scooters are not allowed outside permitted hours. Delivery' vehicles exempted. Presently cycles should either be left at either end of Sheep Street in the cycle securing area or walked through. There is no tangible reason to allow cycling.	None
Anonymous User:302092921	If they were allowed to cycle through the pedestrian area it will only make it around 2 minutes quicker than the way it is, I feel that for so little gain it isn't worth the risk of a cyclist running into a pedestrian. We've already got it on several roads in the town where the speed limit has been cut with the it won't add much time onto their journey, well how about having that attitude with cyclists	No
Anonymous User:302102477	There are many young children and people who are less mobile who uses sheep street throughout the day. I have personally seen too many close encounters on Sheep Street with cyclists and scooter riders, who are travelling way too fast for the environment. As it stands at the moment, Sheep Street isn't designed to cater for cyclists. If anything, I'd recomment and support a total ban on cycling and scooters in Sheep Street.	Public safety should be the first and the most important consideration.
Anonymous User:302107872	Danger to pedestrian	
Anonymous User:302107875	There are lots of alternatives available to cycle through the town and as a cyclist not an issue to get off and push Am keen on green travel options but this and the ongoing Banbury	Really talk to us the people who live here

	roundabout issues show a lack of communication with the residents of Bicester and the council I found this survey via twitter that speaks volumes	
Anonymous User:302122176	Shoppers and cyclists are not a good mix. I feel that pedestrians will be at risk if cyclists are allowed to ride through the pedestrianised area. I have had several near misses with cyclists even though it is currently a no-go area for bicycle riders.	
Anonymous User:296873147	Sheep street was pedestrianised many years ago and as I understand it, that's for people on foot, you can walk down sheep street, taking in the experience without the concerns of looking back over your shoulder for traffic, be it two or four wheels. To allow bikes is to undo the pedestrian concept, in other words you might as well return to a road through Sheep St. and all pedestrians stay on a designated pavement.	Backward thinking when we are supposed to progress. Some local people didn't and still don't agree with taking the road way out, but it's done and now we are being asked to revert to multi users of a pedestrian walkway???
Anonymous User:302127510	It's a shopping street and also with the cafe culture tables and chairs at various points along Sheep Street I think it would be extremely dangerous. It will also provide bag snatchers with a means of fast getaway.	It's just plain stupid. Will you be allowing cycling inside shops anytime soon?
Anonymous User:302136428	From personal experience, I have had near collision with bicycles speeding and weaving around pedestrians in Sheep Street - recently, my 85 years old friend was actually hit by a cycle rider. It is inconceivable that this matter is even being considered. Please let common sense prevail.	I have made my point very clear!
Anonymous User:302150445	I object to this proposal due to the safety of all pedestrians. If this proposal happens we need pavements put back in.	
Anonymous User:302190371	Sheep street can get far too busy for cyclists to use. Should cyclists be allowed I can foresee many accidents occurring for starters. I can't even believe someone thought it was a good idea to have a trial allowing cyclists down Sheep Street	Totally ridiculous idea in my opinion
Anonymous User:302197532	I am an avid cyclist but this pedestrianised area is not safe for pedestrians if the cycle pathway goes ahead	
Anonymous User:302207556	Dangerous. Can be very dangerous. Yes there are some caring and sensible cyclists about but a significant minority are not. Sheep Street isn't that long so why on earth can't they get off and push their bikes safely and at walking pace. Crazy idea in my view.	Please do not allow it to go ahead.
Anonymous User:302209708	It's a key route from [Redacted] (home) to friends and our childminder. I cycle with a bike trailer and the cycle lane on Manorsfield Road is not the best option with the bus stop - pedestrians constantly have to	

	<p>move to accommodate me. Victoria Road is a long route round with parked cars creating hazards for a wider than usual cyclist. I would go into Bicester town centre more frequently if I could cycle my bike to near the shop I want, rather than having to park at either end where there is inadequate bike parking. I often want to enter the shopping area at one end and exit another, via a shop. I cannot currently do that well.</p> <p>There's even a clearly marked paved route through the street that vans already take.</p> <p>Even allowing cycling outside of 9-3 would be a considerable improvement - cycling infrastructure in Bicester is acceptable and improving, but Sheep Street lets it down.</p>	
<p>Anonymous User:302215583</p>	<p>Why would you consider it safe for cyclists and pedestrians to use the same route, surely the resent court case where an elderly lady was knocked down and killed by a cyclist prove that this would definitely not work!</p>	<p>This street was pedestrianised several years ago, allowing cyclists free rein would be a huge mistake whether as an experiment or permanently, will it take someone being knocked over to stop this ridiculous proposal.</p>
<p>Anonymous User:302213775</p>	<p>I believe that the proposal to allow cycling on Sheep Street, whether as part of a pilot or longer period, is dangerous. I, and other users of Sheep Street, have mobility issues. I cannot get out of the way of a cyclist, if they were riding a bike along Sheep Street, and I was in their way. If I move suddenly, I risk my knee buckling, and being in so much pain, that an ambulance will be called (I am basing this on past experience). My mobility issues (as I expect others have as well) is not obvious, so cyclists will believe that I can move - which I can't, so the risk is for me to move to avoid a collision, and risk injury to myself; not move and risk injury to myself and the cyclist; hope the cyclist avoids me, but with risk to other pedestrians and cyclists. Although this is my experience, there will be other pedestrians with mobility issues, or hard of hearing, or visually impaired, who will have similar issues. If there is an accident, who will be at fault?</p> <p>At the moment, a cyclist can dismount and walk their bicycle along Sheep Street - how long does that take? 2-3 minutes? Is that saving of time really going to incentivise more cyclists into town? Or more disabled people? Or increase business? Where is the evidence of this?</p>	<p>I hope that the people looking into this, listen to the comments made by locals. I have yet to see anyone in favour of these proposals on social media platforms. I hope the decision-makers publish the results of the consultation, and abide by the majority - else it is pointless doing any consultations. We do live in a democratic society, after all.</p>

	<p>If there were a trial period (and I seriously hope there is not), why is it 18 months? Surely it only needs to be 6 months at most, to gather the evidence.</p> <p>I disagree with any proposal to allow cyclists on Sheep Street for any time period.</p>	
Anonymous User:302226776	<p>As a cyclist belonging to a local cycling group and a daily pedestrian in sheep i believe it to be a very dangerous to allow cyclist to cycle down Sheep street mixing with pedestrians. As cyclist i know that its easy to achieve speeds up to 15 mph and to mix this with pedestrians that could be partially sited or disabled people or even people not paying attention and children would be in great danger. As i mentioned earlier i belong to a cycling group and when we had a discussion about this proposal we all agreed it would be very dangerous and was not needed as there is two other routs to get from one end of Sheep street to the other end. I have been down Sheep Street many time when cyclists ignore the no cycling signs and cycle at silly speeds weaving in and out of pedestrians. Also this would encourage more electric scooters to use Sheep Street that already out of control</p>	The existing rules are not being adhere to so why make it worse
Anonymous User:302241516	<p>Cyclists have been cycling on this road even though it is currently not allowed, they cycle too fast and are a nuisance to pedestrians it is unsafe</p>	It should be kept as a total pedestrian zone, it is not a long walk for a cyclist to wheel their bike through this street
Anonymous User:302243189	<p>Sheep Street, being pedestrianised was set up years ago, to let shoppers do their shopping safely. Why change it now for the cyclists who are just a minor group of users who might do their shopping at Sheep Street?</p> <p>Sheep Street is regularly use by old people, mums with young children, disabled people, a meeting place for them to socialise too. The changes proposed is likely put them in danger, risk of being run over and hurt as not every cyclist is conscientious and following cycling rule!</p>	<p>Consider the cost has to be spent for the proposed scheme, such as setting up new signs, why not spent the money towards better project. This project is not just frivolous and the so called benefits it brought, does not justify the money required. At current economy, there's so many pulls on the spent of council tax money, Oxfordshire county Council should spend the money marked for transport wisely, in actually improving road conditions and not on frivolous scheme, which is certain councillors pet project!</p>
Anonymous User:302266241	<p>On any given day cyclists can be seen on Sheep Street riding at speed regardless of pedestrians and as a victim of a hit and run by a juvenile on a bike of cause I am opposed to the scheme. Along with Illegal Power Scooters, Mobility scooters, cars and delivery vehicles which ignore the restrictions pedestrians are already at risk with the current</p>	<p>If the scheme gets the go ahead I for one will be urging anyone who is harmed/injured in Sheep Street by a bicycle to take legal action against the County Council.</p>

	situation and giving this scheme the go ahead would only make matters worse than they are.	
Anonymous User:302385149	Experienced how dangerous cycles and pedestrians are together by the cyclist that ignore the rules on Queen Street and Cornmarket in Oxford. Cyclists on pedestrian areas should be banned as they weave through families and the vulnerable.	Do not allow cyclists on pedestrianised areas.
Anonymous User:300836723	I would love to be able to come to town with my kids on their bikes and not worry about getting a ticket or getting dirty looks from people. Cycling is perfectly safe and Sheep Street is plenty wide enough for both walkers and cyclists.	
Anonymous User:302506514	I do not understand when something as nice and pleasant as cycling is banned on this street.	
Anonymous User:199699143	The issue is that many people using this street are elderly or with young children. They are either not aware or cannot move fast enough when in danger. This week we have just had the inquest on an 80 year old woman who was killed by a cyclist on the towpath along the Thames. Wherever possible cyclists and pedestrians should be kept apart. An alternative would be a designated cycle path down cross wlak and bure place. The issue here would be the mix of traffic outside sainsburys.	
Anonymous User:247810851	The street is wide enough to accommodate cyclists and pedestrians easily. I enjoy cycling but find bicester not to be cycle friendly at the moment.	
Anonymous User:302514569	So it will start will cycles and then it will be those electric scooters. Both of these are silent. I have been almost cut over by these on the walk ways around Bicester. To keep the old safe and families allowing their small children a small medicom of independence and fun or scare those with additional needs cyclists, who may travel at an inappropriate speed, should not be able to ride through Sheep Street unless you are going to put a lane one for each direction in Sheep that they can use. However again this will help the old but not those with additional needs or small children. My experience of the young entitled teen/young person cyclists is they feel they are able to ride their bike however they like and whatever speed they like without due care and attention if you challenge them they yell obscenities at you. They have no regard for the safety of other users. If someone gets hurt or worse will you call the family and explain your reasoning for	No

	this. What is more important here safety or convince? I am not certain you are asking these users to go hours out of their way	
Anonymous User:302519065	Sheep Street is dead, even during market hours. It would work fine.	
Anonymous User:302521853	Too many inconsiderate cyclists running into people. Especially kids. Lots of friends have been injured. Unacceptable.	No policing. Town is overrun with jobs it's getting worse and unsafe.
Anonymous User:217275126	People already cycle down the street! there are other routes people could choose but with cycle racks at either end it make sense to allow it! Market day is busy but as it is not enforced now, no idea how not allowing it on Friday's will work!!	
Anonymous User:302530438	It's a pedestrian area, with a toy shop and cafes. Bikes pose a serious risk to children, allowing them access would be risking children being hit.	
Anonymous User:302537308	Encouraging cycling is better for everyone's health and helps protect the environment, which, again, is strongly linked to our health	Get inspiration from the Netherlands on cycling infrastructure projects :)
Anonymous User:302544549	The recklessness of the cyclists already in Sheep Street represent significant difficulties to pedestrians. There are already areas in existence for cyclists to use. Cyclists should push their cycles in pedestrian areas	The views of residents should be more highly thought of
Anonymous User:302547869	'Shared spaces' are dangerous for pedestrians	
Anonymous User:302552296	It is absolute madness and dangerous. I wouldn't feel safe with cyclists speeding around young children or the elderly. It would put me off shopping in town.	I hope it doesn't go through
Anonymous User:302605755	I believe that cycling along Sheep Street should not be prohibited at any time of the day. I have lived in Bicester for nearly 5-years and have never had any issues with cyclists using Sheep Street, despite them not being permitted. I have, in the past chosen to drive to Sheep Street rather than cycle as I am not permitted to cycle directly to the shops and businesses that I use regularly and I do not like leaving my bike locked up at either end of Sheep Street as it does not feel secure. My wife cycles along Sheep Street very early in the morning, before the shops are open, as it is far safer than using Longfields Road where	

	<p>she has been forced off the road by a close passing vehicle or Launton Road where the combined cycle path / footpath runs right past the entrance to Bicester Children and Family Services (which is, in my opinion, an accident waiting to happen).</p> <p>I do not believe that law abiding / careful / respectful cyclists will cause any issues on Sheep Street, as those that cycle along it now do not, in my personal experience, cause any issues.</p> <p>I actually think the ETRO is a waste of time, local authority resource and tax payers money and the cycling ban should simply be lifted immediately - why do a study of something so insignificant, that does not currently appear to be policed, and is on a street that is devoid of people for a significant portion of the day.</p> <p>Walking and cycling in urban areas like Sheep Street does not, in my opinion, need to be excessively controlled or segregated, beyond the application of the Highway Code (and perhaps a request for good manners/common decency).</p> <p>I would prefer to see polite guidance asking for people to cycle slowly/carefully when the area is busy (i.e. market day). On busy days the fact that it is busy should be sufficient to prevent cycling at an unreasonable/unsafe speed - but I doubt that the people that would do that do not care whether cycling is permitted or not.</p> <p>Bicester is a small place, with some decent cycling infrastructure, but there are some examples of really poor cycling infrastructure - it's both dangerous and frustrating to cycle to Bicester Village Station from Bicester East (see examples above).</p> <p>Opening up Sheep Street to cyclists is the fair thing to do and may even make the surrounding roads safer, with fewer angry car drivers.</p>	
<p>Anonymous User:302643889</p>	<p>Mobility scooters kill 5 X as many people as cyclists: https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-13147529/Mobility-scooters-involved-crashes-day-100-seriously-hurt-nine-killed-year-shocking-data-reveals.html</p>	
<p>Anonymous User:302679889</p>	<p>Members of the public including children enjoy the freedom to walk in Sheep Street without having to dodge cyclists or vice versa. Some</p>	<p>Totally unnecessary and a waste of money, our money!</p>

	cyclists are totally irresponsible and ride far too fast. People with mobility issues will be affected and there are alternative routes for cyclists.	
Anonymous User:302723173	I have been knocked down by a cyclist cycling online in a shared space in Oxford who then swore at me , in another incident my 88 mother on the same shared space was sworn at by a cyclist for not getting g out of the way. In general cults are often speeding/ not paying attention ,on the phone ,not holding handlebars , holding bulky items and think the Highway Code doesn't apply to them - because there is no sanction on them, no rules of behaviour I have seen numerous cyclists go through red lights. And there is no sanction on them, they have no insurance and a great many think pedestrians are a nuisance . I was a cyclist myself up until five years ago when pothole ridden roads and lack of road courtesy by cyclists and car drivers made me stop. pedestrians are vulnerable and have little enough space to walk in as as it is -don't introduce another hazard to them by mixing bikes into sheep street .	Bikes need completely separate cycle tracks away from pedestrians and it should be an offence to ride on the pavement or go through a red light on a bike with fines and other sanctions. Sheep street is the wrong place for this/ - there are pavement cafes and planters and pedestrians happily co existing . Don't ruin that by adding in bilked leave it as it is don't expose the old or young to risk of accident
Anonymous User:302740084	If you want to get from Market sq to the top of Sheep St it would be quicker to cycle the slightly longer route up Manorsfield rd at say 12mph rather than cycle up Sheep St at walking speed so as not to endanger pedestrians. Simple it,s a no brainer.	Why endanger pedestrians unnecessarily. You will always get some idiot who will cycle at speed putting pedestrians at risk. I suppose it will get passed the same as the Water Park at Chesterton that nobody wanted. DISGRUNTLED TAX PAYER
Anonymous User:240915879	It is too congested on Friday market day for cycling to be safe for everyone. And I speak as a cyclist myself! Maybe, like Cornmarket in Oxford, have cycling allowable before and after certain times. In Bicester on a Friday say cycling OK until 0830, and after 4pm, so commuters are be less affected on Fridays. I know this might be too confusing to have Friday different to rest of week.	I agree that cycling access needs to be improved in Bicester to get easily one from side of town to the other.
Anonymous User:302477610	It is unnecessary for cyclists when there are other routes available. Pedestrians already have to navigate vehicles using this street and cyclists will make it increasingly dangerous.	Efforts should be focused on improving the surrounding cycle routes, paths, and roads to ensure safety before focusing on a perfectly functioning pedestrianised street.
Anonymous User:238185355	Priority should be pedestrian safety. It's already bad enough with the number of cyclists that ignore the current prohibition, by actually allowing cycling you'll just make it a lot worse.	Madness.
Anonymous User:302885251	Because old people and children walk around in great comfort that no one will run into them. It's a safe zone without bikes for these people.	Sheep street was to be a safe zone and it no longer will be
Anonymous User:296895459	I strongly disagree with allowing cyclists to go through sheep street. I think it will cause more accidents with the members of the public who currently enjoy walking around freely without worrying about stupid	Please read my previous comment

	cyclist behind them. I also have a young child who likes to run majority of the time! If they allow cyclists this will increase youngsters getting hurt.	
Anonymous User:300215561	Restricting free movement on bikes is unacceptable	Should be permanent not a trial
Anonymous User:303130332	As an older person walking through a busy area, cannot always hear cyclists or e-scooters and get abuse for it. Cyclists are not all badly mannered but unfortunately many younger ones are. They do not observe any rules and are oblivious to anyone not with them.	It would be a mistake in my humble opinion to allow cycling or e-scooters to use sheep street pedestrian area.
Anonymous User:166367568	Cyclists travel too fast and would can pose a danger to pedestrians, particularly the elderly and those with children.	
Anonymous User:193623324	The town centre has a large number of elderly people who use public transport to go shopping. A lot are slower and not as steady walking and some cyclists have little if any consideration so this a huge risk to a members of the community who may have little choice to shop anywhere other than the town centre. Even as a reasonable fit individual when I worked in London I lost count of the number of times I could have been injured by cyclists. I am at a loss to see the benefits of this proposal	Just a ludicrous idea.
Anonymous User:204521951	Pedestrian safety is important! You can't hear cyclists coming from behind and they can travel at a fair pace.	There is no reason why this should be implemented
Anonymous User:303281334	Cyclists down sheep street would cause all sorts of accidents and hazards unless there is a dedicated cycle strip for them. The town centre can get very busy and having children and dogs in the mix is going to cause trouble and injuries	
Anonymous User:303305591	This will be highly dangerous for walkers, especially the elderly and children. It will be abused by people with electric scooters. It is unlikely in practice to encourage people to cycle into Bicester and it will discourage people who prefer not to be run over by cyclists. That is more likely to be driven by cycle lanes and sufficient cycle parking. Why not create more cycle parking and pedestrianise market Square. More generally improving the centre of bicester and encouraging more quality businesses in would encourage more people to visit local businesses.	This feels like a tick box exercise that will not achieve its aims in practice. Please reconsider.
Anonymous User:303371695	I'm an 85 year old resident and have lived here 60 years, and use a walking stick. Many people use mobility scooters, walkers and walking sticks, and it is effectively a footpath. Cyclists are not allowed on footpaths because that would be dangerous. Why can't cyclists	How many members of your committee actually live in Bicester and understand the dangers that this proposal represents?

	dismount and push their bikes along Sheep Street, as they should on any other pedestrian footpath?	
Anonymous User:303392613	I have just walked down Sheep Street and saw a near collision where someone on a bike nearly collided into a pedestrian with their shopping. I have also seen the speed that some cyclists think is appropriate. I can only envisage a serious, if not fatal, accident happening if this was approved. I live outside of the main town and as a family we occasionally cycle into Bicester. It does not inconvenience us to get off the bike and walk once we get into town. It keeps us and everyone else safe.	I think increasing the cycle network is a brilliant idea, just not through the middle of a busy pedestrian area
Anonymous User:300215561	We live in the 21st century such restrictions are old age	
Anonymous User:303424152	Should remain a pedestrian only area. Bad enough now with cyclists using it eventhough they shouldn't as do people on scooters. Trouble is that although some would be considerate of people walking so many are not and whizz along recklessly. Older and infirm people, just as young children are already at risk and this would be even worse if cycling was actually legitimised.	It really takes very little effort or extra time to use the roads around the town centre and people would not be put at risk.
Anonymous User:303427742	The no cycling should be reinforced more strongly now. If this proposal goes ahead it will be dangerous having cyclists speeding down sheep street. As many will not slow down for people and they will force their way through any groups. If sheep street and market square are to become a 'destination' where people can sit outside to eat and drink, having cyclists zip past will be unnerving.	It should not be allowed.
Anonymous User:238280938	It's dangerous - cyclists and pedestrians don't mix. Several times I have almost been hit by a cyclist on a footpath coming up silently behind me. Keep cyclists out of pedestrian zones.	Please - ban cycling in pedestrian zones - they just don't mix. And, yes, I do cycle as well as walk and drive.
Anonymous User:303516435	Extremely dangerous. Mixing cyclists into a pedestrian area is ludicrous.	
Anonymous User:159057878	When it was pedestrianised, Sheep Street was not designed for cycling. I have seen several near misses of cyclists almost hitting pedestrians, by cyclists who are currently cycling illegally, and it is only a matter of time before someone gets hit, if it has not happened already. As well as disabled people and others with walking and age-related problems, there are also dogs and young children with a tendency to move erratically, which could endanger them or, if the cyclist swerves, endanger others.	

	<p>Since Sheep Street is part of a National Cycling Route (although there are signs indicating no cycling at each end of Sheep Street, including signs indicating that there is no cycling despite it being an NCR) I have emailed Sustainable Transportation to ask their position on the matter, but they have only replied to say that they would reply, which they haven't.</p> <p>I have also spoken to PCSOs on Sheep Street who don't know what to do, because of the conflict between the no cycling signs and it being on an NCR, and who consequently don't enforce the ban.</p>	
Anonymous User:303546582	I object on the grounds of safety of pedestrians	
Anonymous User:299940665	Early mornings/evenings Sheep street is mostly deserted and yet you cannot cycle through as part of your commute to/from the train station or similar. In addition, this is part of the national cycling route so cycling should be allowed.	
Anonymous User:300215561	Encourage cyclists don't put people off	No
Anonymous User:303691588	Keep it safe for pedestrians every day. It is not required. Spend the money on road maintenance and making other paths and cycle ways clear and surfaces smooth.	This proposal is idiotic and no wanted. It does nothing to support the growth of the town centre and add to the risk to pedestrians being injured. Put the cycle lane on Manorsfield Road, not in a pedestrian area. It is contra to the pedestrianisation principle. Not wanted or needed.
Anonymous User:125963577	Mixing cycling/electric scooters on a shared surface is unsafe. If the intention is to provide dedicated cycle lanes you may as well return the area to a conventional road and allow all traffic to use it. Sheep Street should remain as a pedestrian only area	
Anonymous User:300836723	I'm fed up of all the cars everywhere. There has to be an alternative.	
Anonymous User:303987883	This is a pedestrianised area. The use of cycles, usually going at speed offer with a disregard for people around them such as when I was in town on Saturday. I think this will cause a particular hazard to older, infirm and children and it is an accident waiting to happen. Wasn't it pedestrianised for a reason.	Keep as pedestrianised 100 per cent
Anonymous User:304014870	Pedestrians and cyclists do not mix safely.	It is a ridiculous proposal.
Anonymous User:304048541	Cyclists would cause distress to older locals and mothers	Very, bad idea

Anonymous User:304076414	It's just not practical to have cyclist and pedestrians mix in this pedestrian area. Money would be better spent on better/more robust bike storage facilities	N/a
Anonymous User:304082671	Because I got hit by an electric scooter which badly damaged my leg and took several months to heal and has left a permanent scar.	
Anonymous User:304132025	There are lots of unfounded beliefs about the danger of cycling. There needs to be an effective trial to dispel the myths. Otherwise we're going on the uniformed prejudices of people who don't cycle and don't understand it.	
Anonymous User:304132580	Cycling through Sheep street would make it much easier and faster to get to Bicester Village rail station and for reaching the far end of the street while shopping. Since Bicester has many shared pathways for both cyclists and pedestrians I believe the vast majority of local cyclists know how behave courteously around pedestrians and keep to a reasonable and safe speed. Market days will be more challenging to navigate given the number of pedestrians so thought will need to be given to whether safe routes along the street that don't pass too close to the stalls can be established. If I were in a hurry on a bike during that time however I'd probably take Victoria Road.	
Anonymous User:304223645	We live at [Redacted] and think that both cycling and E-scooters are very dangerous especially because cars drive in and out on a regular basis. Where [Redacted], the field of vision is not always clear and we would strongly disagree for cyclists to ride on the street. Further to this, as a pet owner, I can say that my dog had nearly been run over by a bike on several occasions. Cyclists belong on the road, not on a street where there are cars, elderly people and people walking their pets.	This trial should not go ahead - it is a ridiculous proposal.
Anonymous User:304277320	Because it is dangerous. You can't hear them coming and they sometimes go too fast. Get off bike and walk the short distance. BAN E-SCOOTERS EVERYWHERE THEY ARE DANGEROUS GO TOO FAST AND THINK THEY CAN GO ANYWHERE IN ANY DIRECTION.	It makes no sense, just get off bike and walk, pedestrian safety more important and biker convenience.
Anonymous User:300215561	Cycling restrictions stop me cycling to work bizarre it's not promoted	
Anonymous User:304301219	How this has come about is beyond me. Having cyclists in this area is obviously a very stupid idea, why can people not see this. This is a high street with a rapidly aging population, 4 or 5 retirement	This will result in an injury to an older person or a child. Cyclists already have a really bad name, why do they now need access to a pedestrianized area, either cycle around or walk through.

	<p>properties are nearby and if this is passed it will almost certainly lead to serious injury or worse of an older person. On top of this, we have families with young children wandering around the high street (as they should) on a daily basis.</p> <p>If this is a serious consideration for our high street then why don't you go the whole hog and run a road through it like there used to be. This is a pedestrianized zone, keep it that way.</p>	<p>This really should not need consultation but rather common sense. Having to consider stupidity to avoid ruffling the feathers of a woke cotton wool generation is idiotic.</p>
<p>Anonymous User:304318635</p>	<p>I have yet to see a cyclist dismount in Sheep Street (and Garth Park by the way) so how will this be enforced? Where will the cycle lanes be situated? There is not much room as it is as the area is not that wide. A lot of the cyclists who don't dismount are adults and should be able to see signs. 18 months trial is too long. I just don't believe the cyclists will stay in their dedicated lanes.</p>	<p>Before anything is implemented, we should see plans as to where exactly the cycle lanes will be situated.</p>
<p>Anonymous User:304352393</p>	<p>My wife and I are persuaded that we need to reduce our carbon footprint in response to very high risk of global climate catastrophe. For this reason, we try to walk or cycle in Bicester as much as possible rather than drive. I live and work in Bicester and cycle through market square several times per week - often several times each day. It would cut my journey times and improve my safety if I could cycle through Sheep Street rather than going the long way round via e.g. Manorsfield Road.</p>	
<p>Anonymous User:304358495</p>	<p>Sheep Street was designation a PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT and I understood that to mean 'On Foot'. Apart from physical problems, I have hearing difficulties (even with hearing aid) and it is impossible to hear cycles, scooters, etc coming from behind.</p>	<p>This scheme will leave the elderly wide open to petty crimes such as 'bag snatching', 'phone snatching', etc. Also, many elderly may suddenly remember they want to visit say, Boots Pharmacy, and turn to go over to the shop and walk straight into cyclist, resulting in a serious situation the pedestrian which could be fatal.</p>
<p>Anonymous User:194542106</p>	<p>Cyclists already use Sheep Street even though they should not. This proposal will result in many more cyclists using Sheep Street at great risk to pedestrians, especially the old and the very young. Inevitably there will be accidents resulting in bumps, bruises and breakages and possibly worse. We need cycle parking not a cycle "motorway" through the busiest pedestrian thoroughfare.</p>	<p>I don't expect cyclists to be shopping in Sheep Street and leaving their bikes outside shops. Why pedestrianise Sheep Street then allow cyclists to use it as a cut-through to avoid the small inconvenience of going round it or walking through it. Who will be blamed when there are collisions? Who has right of way?</p>
<p>Anonymous User:304410575</p>	<p>Sheep Street has been a very successful as a PEDESTRIAN zone, and we enjoy the SAFE environment. Cycles, and scooters, move about SILENTLY and at some speed as to be a substantial risk to pedestrians, particularly for OLDER persons, mothers with YOUNG CHILDREN. Sheep street is not a long street and cyclists should DISMOUNT and walk.</p>	<p>Can we be assured that the full results of this survey will be in the public domain BEFORE final decision is taken ? Will there be a a focused 'FACE TO FACE' opportunity for public comments, especially for those where 'ON-LINE' engagement is not easy ?</p>

<p>Anonymous User:304417161</p>	<p>There is no need to allow bikes through this area. It takes hardly anytime to push a bike through or cycle round. Daily it's bad enough having them cycle on the pavement expecting the pedestrians to move or whizzing by with no warning which frightens dogs and the elderly. Keep it as it is.</p>	<p>Listen to the residents. There is no need to change for the cyclist</p>
<p>Anonymous User:304425344</p>	<p>People of all ages walk along sheep street, crossing from one side to the other to visit the various shops or coffee houses. It is bad enough now with illegal cycling but if there is no ban on cycling, we could end up dodging cyclists riding up to 20 mph . These days cyclists never seem to use a bell so those hard of hearing or chatting to friends won't know a bike is coming. The risk of serious injuries especially to the very young or old is too high to allow this, just to save the cyclists a few hundred yards.</p>	<p>Please don't do it. I have to drive in as i live 7 miles away in a village with no bus service</p>
<p>Participant</p>	<p>1:cyclists use sheep irrespective if your prohibition. 2: they travel at dangerous speed down sheep street and through crown walk 3.reopen sheep street to one way traffic 5mph speed limit. Reinstall pop in pop out parking bays and reinvigate the town you have decimated</p>	
<p>Anonymous User:304424024</p>	<p>Mixing pedestrians and cyclist is a accident waiting to happen. Victoria Road is perfectly adequate for cyclists who don't want to walk their cycles along Sheep Street.</p>	<p>Safety in paramount, cycle speeds are not compatible with pedestrians.</p>
<p>Anonymous User:304430629</p>	<p>I have several reasons for strogly opposing this plan, 1. For years now experience has shown that assumptions that cyclists will be responsible and attentive of the safety of pedestrians are often incorrect. Far too many cyclists do not us a bell, indeed it is an incredibly rare individual who does. So from personal experience of bikes passing myself and my wife at speed and very close without warning I do not believe cycling in a pedestrian area is sensible or safe. I also do not believe that older cyclists are more responsible that youngsters 2. Any time saving cycling through Sheep Steet is negligible as the parallel roads around Sheep Street are very close and accessible. 3. Sheep Street is supposed to be a safe area for people on foot and where they can relax. The cycle proposal will remove the confidence particularly of older, more frail or disabled people for a very limited supposed benefit. 4. The proposal reminds me of the electric scooter trials which have</p>	<p>No</p>

	<p>been taking place around the country and which in far too many cases have proved to be wry unpopular with locals and again ymtoo often the subject of abuse.</p> <p>5. The centre of Bicester is too small for the proposals to be necessary and I am convinced the resulting problems will outweigh any limited benefits.</p>	
<p>Anonymous User:304479806</p>	<p>Sheep Street does not need integrating into the cycling network. Manorsfield Road and Victoria Rd each run parallel to Sheep St and are perfectly accessible to cyclists from the Market Sq and from the top of the town on St Johns St/Bell Lane. Sheep St in itself is quite narrow when you consider existing landscaping and street furniture.eg Post boxes, trees, lamp posts, A-boards, benches, bollards, delivery vehicles, wayfinding signs, cycle racks. When you add pedestrians, the street can become crowded but safe, and is absolutley no place for cyclists. I've seen evidence of cyclists being allowed to use Queen St in Oxford and have had many close calls with cycle users who are travelling too fast for the crowded conditions, (other traffic and pedestrians) or are using the space outside of the signage declaration. Who polices that?</p> <p>Allowing cycling in Sheep St is no encouragment for people to "cycle more", nor will folk come from far and wide to use the street just because there is the chance to cycle on the street when there is a market day or festival. Ideally what there should be is more cycle racks at either end of the street. This will encourage cyclists to visit, knowing there is a safe space for their bike whilst they WALK around the shops/market/festival.</p> <p>Finally - safety ! - there are lots of families with young children, elderly folk, dog owners who use the space on Sheep St. With all of the street furniture mentioned earlier, plus shop entrances and exits, dogs on leads, vulnerable pedestrians, there is potential for seriouls collisions to happen if this goes ahead.</p> <p>The proposal is tilted far to heavily toward the perceived benefits to the cycle user and even those reasons are paper thin. If I want to cycle across Bicester, there are plenty of routes that one could take that wouldn't involve Sheep St. And having the option of Sheep St would not encourage me to cycle more.</p>	<p>Just look at the photo you've used on this website - it's too congested already !</p> <p>Kids, dogs, the elderly, a market stall - and a cyclist who isn't pedalling because he can see it's too dangerous ! Surely you can too !</p>

Anonymous User:304506803	Just asking for accidents	No
Anonymous User:304511817	Am against cyclists being allowed to ride through a pedestrian zone. This was put into place to give freedom of space for shoppers and particularly mothers with young children. The whole idea is so ridiculous I cannot believe it is even being suggested.	If this is approved I am assuming there will be a designated cycle route mapped out in the pedestrian area? And possibly someone to oversee that this is not ignored. I Do not understand why the cyclists cannot simply dismount .
Anonymous User:188826321	I am a local resident who likes cycling, but feels that Bicester does not often safe routes for cycling and it does not adequate cycling infrastructure. I welcome any changes that would make cycling in Bicester safer.	No
Anonymous User:304583764	Can't see how it would work. Tricky at times for (esp older) pedestrians to cross from one shop to another on the other side if there are many cyclists.	No
Anonymous User:251361303	It would make Sheep Street dangerous for other users. It's not a long road and you can get off a bike and push it from one end to the other. Thus will safeguard the elderly and young children	No
Anonymous User:304886319	Sheep Street is a pedestrian area. Cyclists already break the rules and this makes it dangerous for those on foot	The experiment is a 'Trojan Horse' intended to mislead - keep Sheep St pedestrian.
Anonymous User:304896743	Cycling and pedestrian should be kept apart for safety reasons. Small children often like to run in Sheep Street, this would be a worry.	Should have smoke free zone in the cafes.
Anonymous User:254437788	I am concerned that cyclists and those on electric scooters will travel so fast down sheep Street making it dangerous for pedestrians, especially children and the elderly. There is no requirement to allow cyclists as there are alternative routes. I was in Sheep Street yesterday and witnessed several people cycling down there, breaking the law anyway.	It is unnecessary and is an accident waiting to happen.
Anonymous User:304926152	Cycling restrictions should also apply when there is a special event or specialist market for example Christmas lights switch on or any of the summer festivals.	Consultation responses from the town council local businesses and the market traders are key to making any changes a success. The need to feel listened too and have regular engagement during any trial period to make any amendments quickly and proactively.
Anonymous User:304943291	As an elderly resident I find it disturbing, frightening & dangerous if cycling is allowed. It is already an accident waiting to happen with the cyclists who do not follow the existing rules I and I know some of my friends will seriously have to reconsider visiting the Town centre please use common sense and don't allow this.	
Anonymous User:304955324	Will make it dangerous for the elderly and infirm and those in wheelchairs	The whole project is a waste of time - like the unnecessary pointless unwanted changes to the Banbury road roundabout

Anonymous User:304960219	It would be very dangerous for cyclists to cycle up and down Sheep Street, especially for Older pedestrians and young children running about.	No
Anonymous User:292752116	Cycles can act as mobility aids - someone may be able to cycle where they would not be able to walk, so this makes the area significantly more accessible. Making it temporary will cause confusion and mean people are less likely to make use of it, and may cause problems if people don't realise there are limitations and are relying on using the route when it is closed.	
Anonymous User:295816612	Safe cycling infrastructure helps reduce car dependency. Bikes can be excellent mobility aids.	
Anonymous User:238310588	This proposal is utter madness! It is already so dangerous with people breaking the law as it stands and people will have an excuse if the only not on a Friday exception is used. There is already delivery trucks etc and cars with permission to avoid.	No
Anonymous User:305042961	Unfortunately young people already ride their bikes very fast and in a dangerous manner down sheep street. They have no regard for the safety of pedestrians. Allowing bikes on Sheep Street would only endorse their current behaviour.	No
Anonymous User:305040990	As a mobility user pavements and roads need urgent attention first	I've already seen accidents with pedestrians the few that go up there now as a 91 year old I feel extremely vulnerable
Anonymous User:181996193	I occasionally visit Bicester and take my cycle to get from the station to the town centre	Cycling is good for your health and easy to get round a town if there is a good way provided for cyclists
Anonymous User:305081902	It's dangerous and have encounter several near misses.	
Anonymous User:301525655	I'd like to be able to cycle to town/ but you need to also improve cycling on roads in Bicester.	Make more cycle paths to other shops such as Tesco , M&S, Bicester avenue, David Lloyd. Roads are so busy that cycling is scary!
Anonymous User:305142324	Cycles are silent and the riders are unwilling to use their bell if they have one and every near miss is not their fault, we should have eyes in the back of our heads and have super hearing.	It is trying to allow cycling as they have failed to enforce current rules.
Anonymous User:300836723	Would be good for tourists to be able to visit by bike.	No.
Anonymous User:300215561	Would like to cycle but currently drive	
Anonymous User:299128698	Inconsiderate cyclists speeding down Sheep Street (currently even with the ban) would become worse and pose a danger to pedestrians.	

Anonymous User:305386184	Don't see the problem with cycling myself...	Na
Anonymous User:305459008	It would be dangerous to allow cycling in a pedestrian area as some will turn it into a race track. Are cyclist incapable of walking the length of Sheep street.	None
Anonymous User:305479339	Cycles and pedestrians should be segregated. Though this survey is pointless as no matter what local residents wish the etro will be implemented It's a shame that the current no cycling 🚫 rules are enforced Often see Police and pcso community officers actively look away when in sheep street and deliberately not see people breaching the rules	
Anonymous User:305525704	I think it dangerous for older people mins with young children it's bad enough that cyclists use the pavements instead of the roads accidents waiting to happen unfortunately	Na
Anonymous User:299937364	I don't feel we should have cyclists riding through Sheep Street I could be very dangerous :	
Anonymous User:249931722	All road vehicles including bicycles we removed to make it a safe pedestrian space, and it works this was unanimously agreed by the people of Bicester. The reason for adding road vehicles again are made up, firstly you have road access to all areas around the town for festivals, or to go to school and there are none in the area or catchment to travel through it. A few cyclist will not improve commerce in the town, i never see any cyclist pushing bikes or in bikes in racks. Once you let other road vehicles join pedestrians spaces there will be accidents, why do you want to do this, we will have e scooters and young people flying around the area. Why is market day any different to any other, you have already determined pedestrians will be at risk if road vehicles are allowed in the same space, so why the exception. Who have you spoken to that suggest they cant get to school or festivals, or that they would come to town more often improving commerce, and what reports have you had that also support these reason to add cycling to a safe pedestrian space, please make these accessible to the public before you make any decisions? The area was pedestrianised due to multiple pedestrian accidents with road vehicles and these included bikes, why do you want to put people at risk? Why are Oxford councillors no one voted for having a say on a pedestrian footways, surely elected officials of Bicester should be asking for this based on people asking for it, at the moment it seems political and for	1. If this is implemented will councillors and those making the decisions make a pledge all pedestrians will be safe and step down if any are injured? 2. Also confirm that civil cases for compensation can be made against these making these decisions, under the banner of Oxfordshire County Council. If the answer is no, this proves it will not be safe so shouldn't be introduced.

	no reason anyone will share. Will councillor Gnat make a pledge pedestrians of Bicester will be safe after he approves this scheme, and step down with all other members when a pedestrian is injured?	
Anonymous User:305634622	So dangerous for pedestrians,.	
Anonymous User:219855432	Objecting, it is very hard to avoid anything moving, especially in a busy area. People on bikes use mobiles while riding. Too fast to avoid. They wouldn't be controlled, neither are bikes on pavements or scooters anywhere. I was injured today outside Sainsburys by someone running into me on foot. A bike rider could kill!	A person on a bicycle could kill a pedestrian. I thought riding a bike on walkways was illegal.
Anonymous User:305659977	I think it will help commuters using the train at Bicester village. One of the alternative routes I take involves Launton road and the cycling path isn't adequate all the way, plus turning right on the bus roundabout in rush hour can be dangerous as oncoming traffic goes in to the right lane to try to beat the queue when the barrier is down. People are concerned about risks to pedestrians on sheep street but responsible cyclists are obeying the existing law and it might actually be safer if there is an expectation that cyclists will be present. Irresponsible cyclists are most likely already cycling down that street as there isn't any meaningful deterrent.	Even if it is just restricted to outside of shop hours there would be a benefit to commuters.
Anonymous User:207224892	As a cyclist I find that there is a real problem in cycling from [Redacted] to Bicester Village station due to the lack of access to Sheep Street. However, I think that it might be dangerous for pedestrians if cyclists are able to cycle anywhere, particularly for elderly or disabled people who can't move out the way quickly. I think it would be great to allow cyclists but to create a cycle-lane through Sheep Street so that pedestrians are kept safe. This is what they do on promenades in Europe and it works well.	I would worry if electric scooters were allowed, simply because the speed could be dangerous for pedestrians. Young people often don't realise how alarming it can be to suddenly have someone on wheels whizz past them.
Anonymous User:233967012	Fear of safety of pedestrians who are now used to being able to walk safely, also small children running about. Also disabled people who can't move so quickly.	I really think it is not a good idea as for a few years it (Sheep St) being pedestrianised, people have become feeling that we do feel really safe.
Anonymous User:233967012	Cyclist already use Sheep Street. They come too fast and too close to pedestrians. Also it won't be safe for young children.	
Anonymous User:305879178	I'm 84 years old and on several occasions I've nearly been knocked over by cyclists who cycle through sheep street without due care and attention. Sometimes it makes me feel like not visiting the town centre due to idiots on cycles. This proposal is absolutely absurd and should not be enforced. Also more police or PCSOs should be present	

	through the town centre and fine the ones who ignore the current rules.	
Anonymous User:305935516	Pedestrians should be in a position to feel safe when walking in sheep street.cyclists already use it as a thoroughfare with no action taken against them.	
Anonymous User:305606557	Sheep Street is used by many residents and such as the young and those with mobility issues and older people, who might less easily anticipate and get out of the way of cyclist traffic. It is generally a busy thoroughfare of pedestrian activity with users criss crossing all arras of the street to visit shops. It would be difficulty enough A dedicated clearly marked and coloured lane for cyclists, much worse to allow cyclists the same freedom of the pedestrianised area to travel where they wish.	Only to say that I think your Web introduction to this consultation page goes very close to fettering the councils discretion: it appears to say that the council believes this arrangement "will" have the benefits indicated. This seems to suggest that you have generally made up your mind. In future for such surveys, it would be more appropriate to say " We wish to find out whether the scheme will produce the following benefits...". That has an entirely different ring about it and suggest that he would be open to not proceeding.
Anonymous User:232155195	I don't have eyes in the back of my head and have no wish to be alert at all times to the dangers posed by undisciplined bicycle riders. Please don't tell me that the cyclists will respect pedestrians as anybody who lives in Kingsmere will have had the unpleasant experience of jumping out of the way of bicycles not only on the pavements but also on the track at the Whitelands Farm sports field.	There are ample cycle tracks in and around Bicester and it seems perverse to try to justify an additional cycling area that will inevitably cause disruption to pedestrians which could result in Sheep Street becoming less attractive to those , including the disabled, who at present use the shops, pubs and restaurants in this part of Bicester
Anonymous User:306049870	I have had problems already with people cycling in Sheep st. Even though they are not supposed to. I am quite mobile but what about people who walk with aid! At the moment it is a pleasant place for young and old to walk.	
Anonymous User:306101324	I think it is important for councils to support modes of active transport such as cycling.	
Anonymous User:306119543	When Sheep street was pedestrianised 30 years ago, there was no restriction. After a few years cycling was banned due to the unacceptable behaviour of young cyclists (often school kids) who deliberately hit pedestrians, particularly old age pensioners, knocking them to the ground and stole their shopping or handbag (or today phone!) and then rode away laughing their heads off before anyone could stop them. It will happen again if this is approved. It is a shame for responsible cyclists, but there are too many incidents of this sort of behavior now.	No
Anonymous User:306146326	There are a lot of angry people in Bicester who don't cycle, don't understand cycling, hate cyclists, and want to make life as difficult as possible for people who cycle. I don't see why they should get to ruin	No

	the lives of people who do cycle, who want to get fit and healthy, preserve the environment, and save money.	
Anonymous User:306166545	Many retired people like me have disabilities - sight, sound, balance, speed of reaction. A bike suddenly approaching may lead to accidents and fear of that possibility would dissuade us from venturing into Sheep Street for the purchase of necessities and enjoyment. As bikes are not licensed there would be no compensation for accidents, personal damage would be long-lasting with a cost on the NHS. Bicester is promoted as a centre for retirement, for convenience, not for worry.	Cyclists would find a good, quick, straight route to Bicester Village Station, out of traffic and pollution, would be from Manorsfield Road into Chapel Street crossing Priory Road and then into the Station car park. Pedestrians would use that route too, especially those using the bus stops by Sainsbury's and the town centre. There are appropriate zebra crossings in the car park BUT there is no access as a fence cuts across this ideal route.
Anonymous User:306286183	It's dangerous, this supposed to be pedestrian only. There are alternatives to Sheep Street that are not a mile sesy, far easier. Think about the disabled and mothers and toddlers , a definite no to this stupid idea	
Anonymous User:234264488	I think that using Sheep Street is the only safe option for all cyclists. Manorsfield is too busy with lots of traffic and buses, the pavements there are too narrow and full of pedestrians and bus stops. Longfield Road and Victoria Road are quieter, but it is difficult to pull out into Launton Road because of heavy traffic.	The most important aspect is that cyclists cycle responsibly in Sheep Street (and all other paths and spaces that are shared with pedestrians). I'm a cyclist, but first and foremost I'm a pedestrian, and I think it's essential that cyclists are considerate to pedestrians, give way to them, and pass them slowly and with as much room as possible. I hope that if the trial goes ahead (and I hope it will) there will be signs at each end of Sheep Street that specify the behaviour of cyclists that is expected.
Anonymous User:306406177	Currently there are many cyclists using Sheep street, contrary to regulations. I have witnessed near misses where speeds have created situations that pedestrians have had to quickly avoid cyclists. The fact that cyclists obviously ignore regulations does not reassure me that they would use Sheep Street safely. This is a shopping street, not part of the road system and cyclists have other options to pass through from school/work - for instance Victoria Road and Longfields - as mostly they are not passing through to shop. I dread the thought of cyclists coming at me from both directions when I walk through Sheep Street, and am more likely to drive somewhere which I consider safe.	Please cancel the proposal and enforce the no cycling regulation currently in place.
Anonymous User:306596613	The order will make no difference because cyclists already use Sheep Street without apparent restriction. A Friday restriction will be unenforceable. I would however counsel against ignoring public opinion. Confidence in due process and democratic accountability is already very low as evidenced by the extremely low turnouts in local elections.	I suspect that cycling will be permitted regardless of the outcome of this consultation. If that happens it will need to be very carefully managed to avoid accidents. Cycling is not age or disability friendly and it can have a chilling effect on walking. Many of us older citizens are already intimidated by the ubiquitous presence of cycles on all Bicester's pavements, including those where it is not permitted.

Anonymous User:306863798	<p>Allowing cycling would be a dangerous decision! Older people and children are able to wander without worry of traffic, visitors to Sheep St enjoy the freedom of being able to shop and browse without the worry of cars and cycles zooming pass. Although you still do get some cyclist who think they are above the law!</p> <p>We need more businesses to come to Sheep St and opening it up to cyclist will not encourage them.</p> <p>Secure places for cyclist to leave their bikes at each end of sheep St would be a better idea.</p> <p>Cyclist can use Manorsfield Road or Victoria Road.</p>	
Anonymous User:306884436	As an old pensioner who will pay for any accidents. Lot younger cyclists speed or have unroadworthy cycles ,and this includes motorized scooters.	No
Anonymous User:300215561	Healthy living	
Anonymous User:307218189	My son is going to start secondary school in the Bicester school soon. If it is allowed to cycle on sheep street it will be safe for him to bypass road traffic near the town center.	No
Anonymous User:250226736	As an elderly DEAF person I already feel nervous and vulnerable when walking in Sheep St. There are already "rogue" cyclists and electric scooter riders using this pedestrian area and they pay no regard to people's safety or wellbeing. Sadly they are not controlled & to allow others to join in will I fear put many at risk. There is a Health and Safety RISK to this plan.	Who carries the risk /insurance if there is an accident with a bicycle.
Anonymous User:310112947	Sheep Street has been a pedestrian precinct for over thirty years and residents of all ages have enjoyed the freedom to wander unimpeded by bicycles....only recently have one or two crept in, often causing nuisance and danger because of the lack of enforcement. It is vital that this area remains one for pedestrians only, given the narrowness of the street in places, and its uses for a weekly market and other town events.	Should the proposal go ahead I would like an answer to the question as to who carries the responsibility should an accident happen between a bicycle and pedestrian?
Anonymous User:310211605	I don't think it would work to have cycling permitted on Friday market - it is busy, and many older people come to the market. I don't actually think it would be possible to cycle down Sheep Street on a Friday! I would say the same on Saturday, however other days of the week I think it could work.	I regularly cycle from North Bicester to Bicester Village station to get to work in Oxford. I would love to be able to cycle down Sheep Street at that time (7.30 - 8.30am), which I don't see would be a problem as the street is mainly empty then. It would also be good to be able to do the same after 5pm in the evening.
Anonymous User:310237154	The Oxfordshire NPC Group of campaigning pensioners is very concerned at the safety of older pedestrians and those with mobility,	Currently there are inadequate - almost non-existent - laws relating to the upkeep, warning apparatus, and riding behaviour of cyclists in the UK. A

	<p>sight, or hearing problems. Where there are schemes on pavements and in pedestrianised areas for 'shared space' multiple conflicts between careless cyclists and frail older pedestrians have arisen. Locally, this is particularly the case in Oxford City. At least one known death of a pedestrian has resulted from a cyclist colliding with an elderly pedestrian at Iffley. Pedestrian safety is paramount - and why they are top of the hierarchy in the UK Highway Code.</p>	<p>'cycle' today can be in many forms, some are motorised with an engine which can produce speeds in excess of 30mph. Ian Duncan-Smith, a former Essex constituency MP, introduced a comprehensive Bill into Parliament in May 2024. It addressed many aspects of the above issues. That Bill also covered e-scooters, skate-boards, and other wheeled forms of light transport.</p> <p>Where 'cycling' is allowed in pedestrian-only areas we have seen fast-food delivery riders, other forms of motor bikes, and 'cargo bikes' then using the previous pedestrian safe zone. NPC is not the only body which has raised concerns nationally, about the harmful impact on pedestrian safety which other forms of mechanised transport in 'pedestrian-only zones' generates.</p>
Anonymous User:193476777	I have concerns about young children and older people being hit	
Anonymous User:310529581	Cyclists are dangerous enough as it is, they shouldn't be allowed to cycle through sheep street, just like they aren't meant to be on walkways. Ridiculous idea	Don't let them do it. Silly idea that's only going to cause more trouble
Anonymous User:310528568	Very few people with bikes walk in sheep st most just goes as fast as they can and even if you had a bike lane most would not you it	
Anonymous User:310541682	Sheep Street only take a couple of minutes to walk from one end to another - slowly, it sometimes takes a cyclist longer to cross the road than it does to walk it. To be wasting so much time and money on this, when there are so many different things that Bicester needs far more importantly seems crazy to me.	Yes please stop wasting tax payers money on needless things.
Anonymous User:299030458	Because children and the elderly and disabled are unable to move out of the way quick enough and someone will be seriously injured. Only recently there has been a case in Oxford where a lady died after being hit by a cyclist. This area was pedestrianised for a reason and to start having cyclists again is a move backwards. People need to feel relaxed in order to walk along and shop in this area. They don't need to be having to worry about being struck by a cyclist who can be going over 20 mph. The area needs to remain a relaxed atmosphere where you can wander and sit at your leisure.	Yes, it's not necessary as the roads around the area are completely accessible for cyclists.
Anonymous User:205676075	The town road was pedestrianised for public safety, and so now only suits those who walk on it due to its accessibility. People are now familiar with not having to be mindful of cyclist. Cyclists don't/wont stay on the main route, they do/will travel through the many side streets to	Either way, if it does or doesn't go ahead all info regarding the cycle paths available online etc should be updated with info. There is a long standing argument about whether town had a legit cycle route or not. It's very conflicting.

	<p>access places like pioneer square. This is and will often be done at speed and without consideration of pedestrians.</p> <p>I cycle to town and I find it no bother to get off and walk through to my destination.</p> <p>Unless special paths are laid down to limit where cyclists can go, and then further enforced that this is all the cyclists will do with patrols or similar allowing cycling through town is dangerous and can be seen as menacing.</p> <p>Further to cyclists being a potential issue, of the pla goes ahead then pedestrians will need to be made absolutely clear the right a cyclist has and their agreed accessibility.</p> <p>Pedestrians can be ignorant about shared cycle paths and which side they should be walking on.</p>	
Anonymous User:310582250	<p>Considering the recent death of a pedestrian by a cyclist on an Oxford tow path, this could result in the same but maybe younger people. This is not need d just to increase a stat and is a waster of council tax money.</p>	PCSO should be required to enforce the no cycling rule as well as the electric bike/scooter rule.
Anonymous User:310587746	<p>it can be a long way around if u need to go to the top of sheep street</p>	
Anonymous User:310612358	<p>For the safety of pedestrians there should be no cycling on sheep street</p>	
Anonymous User:310602256	<p>Have lived locally for 45 yrs and came to Bicester when Sheep St was two way traffic, then pedestrianised safer for said pedestrians now let's have cyclists whizzing up & down causing another obstacle to elderly infirm and parents with young children!</p> <p>To ride on the roads in town is no further than using Sheep St.</p> <p>I would like to know how it will be policed especially on market day.</p>	
Anonymous User:310617890	<p>It should only be for walking in this part of town not for cyclists or any other form of transport</p>	Should not be allowed
Anonymous User:310611329	<p>Sheep street is a busy pedestrian thoroughfare often crowded with shoppers, and with many coffee shops and cafes with outdoor seating areas. Much of the pedestrian traffic is of an elderly or disabled type, who would be in no way able to get out of the way of a bicycle being ridden in an irresponsible manner.</p> <p>It may also contribute to crime and encourage elements of the community that it is possible now to ride through Sheep street, grabbing mobile phones, shoplifting etc and be able to make a quick getaway on a bike. Keep Sheep street free for pedestrians.</p>	

Anonymous User:310621259	<p>Bloody stupid idea to allow cyclists use this area. Frequented by pedestrians, elderly and children. To what benefit is there when cyclists can already use two others roads that run parallel to Sheep St.</p> <p>The Council need to stop living in whatever fantasy world they do in and around Bicester and start spending their time and resources on more important things. It ain't broke, don't 'fix' it.</p>	Waste of time.
Anonymous User:310629450	I feel unsafe with cyclists going down Sheep Street especially those who are elderly or unable to move quickly out of the way because a cyclist has become distracted. Nobody walks in a straight line as they meander from shop to shop and I fear there will be a lot of accidents or very near misses. I'm not sure people are going to care or take any notice if it's market day and cycling is banned on that day - all there will be is 'oops didn't realise it was Friday'.	No.
Anonymous User:310624819	The street is too narrow especially where the flower beds are, this will open the door to electric scooters as well despite it not being allowed. There are no officers to police the pedestrianised area as it is so there will be no one to police anti social or dangerous riding. I am a keen cyclist and want to encourage the use of safe cycling, however this really is pushing it too far.	How about making the adjacent road B1140 more cycle friendly both sides, It's wide enough? Then allow cycling from that road to the bike racks near the cinema?
Anonymous User:310630726	As a parent, I want my children to be able to cycle on routes that are not on roads, as much as possible. We want to get people biking rather than taking the car, yet the cycle paths locally are poor. Make it as safe as possible for people on bikes. IF there are people who are selfish / thoughtless when using these areas, deal with them individually - don't punish those who would show consideration for pedestrians as my children - and I'm sure many others, are bought up to do.	No
Anonymous User:238226436	Without a dedicated cycle lane, and proper monitoring of cycle lane and a speed limit people will get hurt. Mobility scooters should also be monitored to enforce the 4mph on public footpaths.	How are you going to police it
Anonymous User:310726773	Sheep Street is enjoyable without bikes and it's safer that way.	Enhance Sheep Street with more pavement cafes not with bikes!
Anonymous User:310742342	People cycle there anyway. Mobility scooters and electric scooters are also used. Wide pavement can't see an issueb	

Anonymous User:310805193	Too few places you can walk safely in Bicester. The normal paths are already full of cyclist that feel they have right of way, let's at least keep Sheep Steet safe from this.	
Anonymous User:310785879	it will be over run by e-scooters racing along the street with no regards to the general public and will be very dangerous for people with sight problems and also mobility issues .If you look at the system just commenced in Leicester and the feeling there it should give you a good understanding. What disability groups have you asked for comments and views.	the scheme will be abused by cyclists and people on e-scooters with no regard for the general public. it's happening now so how will it change unless you employ somebody to monitor the scheme 7 days a week from 0800 until 1900hrs
Anonymous User:298971002	Pedestrians and cyclists should not mix.	It's a waste of time and money, especially when the rest of Bicester and especially the state of the roads, is in an absolute state. Get your priorities right
Anonymous User:310843029	A cycling path or road markings would be beneficial and would help to avoid crashes etc	
Anonymous User:310845151	cars can drive through there bicycles should be able to also.	possibility of installing bollards/ more clear markings of the paths for vehicles through sheep street
Anonymous User:109708118	This is a ridiculous idea. It will make it unsafe for all pedestrians especially those with disabilities and the elderly.	
Anonymous User:310846162	Sheep Street is a street for pedestrians. It has been this way for a long time and it works well in its current configuration. Allowing cycling is a series of accidents waiting to happen. Pedestrians, especially children and the elderly, whose reflexes may be less sharp, are at serious risk allowing cyclists to freely transit on Sheep Street. I don't understand why this is even a proposal. It takes a couple of minutes to walk from one end of the street to the other. Why would anyone need to cycle? It's disruptive, hazardous and completely unnecessary.	
Participant	IF Implemented, as with today, you need to monitor the number of cyclists both before and after the experiment. This is because people already cycle along Sheep Street illegally but never challenged! Cyclists can already travel along Sheep Street, they just have to dismount first and walk. As all ages and abilities of people should feel safe whilst walking or wheeling along Sheep Street, allowing cyclists of all types to use the pedestrian area is both disturbing and potentially dangerous for those walking. If you add in those who would use giant cargo bicycles as well as they are registered as bicycles, it is a recipe for disaster. If you might still consider opening it, definitely not on the Friday market. Added to that day, the opportunity to hold other events on other days of the week would be severely curtailed unless you	Sheep Street is an opportunity for the town to have a safe, traffic, including bicycles, free zone that should be expanded into the residents and visitors events rather than trying to make the market square into something it can never be in comparison. Please don't destroy the safe pedestrian area and do add policing to stop those who already abuse the pedestrian zone.

	somehow banned cycling on those event days. With E-Bicycles capable of travelling at 15.5 mph, you would in effect be allowing motorised traffic (motor Bicycles) to use the pedestrian area. If E-Scooters become legal, I guess these too would be allowed, making the pedestrian area basically a traffic highway. It is bad enough already as bicyclists ride along there today.	
Anonymous User:310854149	A lot of cyclists are not as responsible as you assume, without not being allowed to cycle at the moment I see near misses on a daily basis, it's accidents waiting to happen what is wrong with pushing your bike 150mtres ? .	I have said enough common sense reasons not to introduce it .
Anonymous User:301635340	I consider it to be highly dangerous to allow two way cycling in a pedestrianised area (even more so on a Friday). I believe cycles should be walked through this area for safety reasons.	
Anonymous User:310859359	I have very young grandchildren who I like to take to the bakery, the works etc for treats and they like to walk and hold my hand I would worry myself sick if one of them was to pull out of my hand if bikes were aloud to cycle up and down sheep street it's an absolutely ridiculous idea !	Dangerous !! Accident waiting to happen if it's aloud !
Anonymous User:310866170	Dangerous!!!	
Anonymous User:193678629	Why do cyclists need to use sheep street with roads running parallel to it, this would only save a few minutes on a journey.	This could cause accidents to children and people with assessability issues.
Anonymous User:177874328	Sheep Street is a busy pedestrian zone and allowing cyclists would be dangerous. It takes 2 and a half minutes to walk from the Methodist Church to the Market Square, surely it is not a hardship for cyclists to dismount and walk it.	Do not allow it
Anonymous User:310872082	This has to be the most stupid idea that those that are supposed to take Bicester forward have had since the last one. Sheep Street was turned into a pedestrian area to provide a safe vehicle free area. How long will it take for there to be an incident involving a cycle/pedestrian.	Why not have a survey in how to improve shopping in Sheep Street.
Anonymous User:310876314	I'm a cyclist and cover a minimum of 100 miles a week on road, but do not think Sheep street is suitable for this to happen To be honest it would be dangerous for both pedestrians and cyclists Unfortunately there are cyclists that would pay no attention to their surroundings and the same with pedestrians being absorbed in conversations/ on phones etc You often find people in and around the town centre step out into the road without looking - in a road that has been pedestrian use only -	

	people would definitely forget to look It takes maybe a minute/2 longer to cycle around	
Anonymous User:310887200	It was pedestrianised for a reason. Priority needs to go to those looking to shop on Sheep Street. Those with bikes, cannot shop with their bike in tow, so there is no point in enabling cyclists to ride down the street.	Yes - why is this being considered? Whose idea? What are the reasons or benefits for doing it?
Anonymous User:310888101	Safety to pedestrians is paramount. The whole area should be no cycling and scooters !	No
Anonymous User:310888563	Health and safety	
Anonymous User:310888380	If a cyclist crashes into a pedestrian they could potentially cause serious injuries.	
Anonymous User:310887591	Someone is going to get made squashed. Also there is no benefit to this at all. There is cycle lock points at either end and there is next to no time saved by going through sheep street vs going down manorsfield road. Whoever came up with this idea needs to give their head a wobble.	Person who came with this needs to give their head a wobble..... madness!!!
Anonymous User:310888139	Totally opposed to this ridiculous suggestion. It was changed many years ago to be pedestrianised area and should remain so. Cycling should not be permitted as dangerous and a serious if not fatal accident could happen. There are plenty of routes for cyclists to use to get where they want to or dismount and walk. It beggars belief that anyone could even put this idea forward for consideration.	Probably not without causing serious offence to the numpties who even suggested this!
Anonymous User:310890994	I think it is extremely dangerous for people to cycle down sheep street!	
Anonymous User:310886267	Because there are elderly people blind people and people who don't hear when they cycle through Sheep streets I have been nearly knocked over it is not safe to cycle through. You should think of elderly people and kids also parents with their baby's, if you let cycling in sheep street there will be accidents and this can be avoided by not starting.	Just please think of people that like to walk and rest when they visit sheep street, Please don't let cycling in this street
Anonymous User:310891332	Sheep street is very busy with a huge number of people including elderly and small children, if people are going to cycle there too someone is going to get hurt as some people, not all, do not slow down when on bikes	
Anonymous User:310904450	Several times I've almost been hit by cyclists on sheep street. There are groups of teens on bikes which this would encourage. Small children walking around. It needs to be pedestrian only.	

Anonymous User:310910551	Cyclis s have no respect for the pedestrians. Someone will get sériously hurt	Total waste of time and money. It's not too difficult to get off their cycles and walk through sheep street. Another total waste of money cooked up by the lib dems
Anonymous User:304925092	Lots of small children walking in sheep at & OAP's .	
Anonymous User:262411452	This is a pedestrian only area and to allow cycles and illegal scooters the freedom to use it will lead to accidents, especially children and older people who may not be able to move out of the way quickly. Bicycles are silent and one wrong move by a pedestrian could result in injury.	
Anonymous User:310932183	Its a pedestrian zone, hundreds of elderly people walking and enjoying themselves, they are not able to get out of the way of cyclists!	
Anonymous User:310929901	It is a pedestrian area. I feel it should stay that way. It's unsafe having bikes ridden at great speed.	Too much money being spent on it.
Anonymous User:310932938	I am objecting as cyclists are disregarding the present rule. They are speeding with earphones in and just cycle straight at you. There are a lot of elderly people who would be put at risk if cycling was allowed. If we can walk from one end of sheep street to the other, do can they.	
Anonymous User:310939525	It's hazardous enough with the bikes, scooter, e scooters and vehicles that use sheep street already. They have no real regard for pedestrians. Strongly disagree with this proposal	
Anonymous User:310951012	Think this is a terrible idea and is already really dangerous with the cyclist that don't dismount and so many near misses for the elderly and young pedestrians.	Think this idea is an accident waiting to happen
Anonymous User:178914151	This could be extremely dangerous. It's bad enough now when cyclist disobey the rules and regulations already in place. This is known as a pedestrian area and should remain so. Many older people use Sheep Street, they don't want to be dodging speeding cyclists while they're shopping. This is the most preposterous idea the council have come up within a crowded field of preposterous ideas.	Yes, a serious rethink is necessary.
Anonymous User:310956679	It's dangerous, cyclists are already cycling now and almost running into pedestrians, there is no consideration for pedestrians.	It's a crazy idea, why don't you bring the cars back as well.
Anonymous User:310956642	Currently, cyclists use Sheep St illegally, with the majority showing absolutely no concern or acknowledgement of pedestrians. This practice is dangerous is already incredibly dangerous due to the numbers of cyclists and the speed at which they are travelling so allowing cyclists to cycle along Sheep St will create an even more unsafe environment for pedestrians.	

<p>Anonymous User:310955325</p>	<p>Honestly on the fence. I don't agree with cycling during market times as it's difficult enough with foot traffic. The issue around this consultation is it is hard to imagine how it is going to be implemented and how it would look. As an idea it is hard to contemplate what to expect and how this is regulated, publicised, signposted and enforced? The concept allows that idea of free travel yet I don't see how it will promote safe travel and encourage cycling.</p> <p>It's hard to regulate speed and cyclists don't often have respect for pedestrians in my experience, the near misses I see scare me to having more cyclists let loose.</p> <p>The roads around the town are not overly long, you allow way too much traffic through the town as it is to make it difficult for pedestrians. Cyclists don't live they feel empowered to cycle in a straight line and not be inconvenienced by having to cycle around the legally sited pedestrians in the town. Illegal cycling isn't enforced as the costs refusing the hours police and street wardens embark our towns means 'they get away with it' and we foot folk have to suffer the consequences and impact of illegal cyclists through the pedestrianised town.</p> <p>I for one object to the proposal. It's not sold in good light. Councillors should have been out to each business face to face and got a real sense of what people would feel as they are the ones who daily hear the trials and tribulations of foot folk trying to navigate through the street, witnesses to these near misses, often paranoid of being knocked over after managed to manoeuvre like the krypton factor avoiding loose bricks, straying signs and slippery and broken drainage covers.</p> <p>Fix the street before adding more destruction</p>	<p>Scrap it</p>
<p>Anonymous User:310961854</p>	<p>As long as it set up properly there won't be a problem with it</p>	
<p>Anonymous User:305142324</p>		<p>The lack of audible warning on most cycles is disconcerting with exception of the use of foul language. The lack of insurance cover of the cyclists is of concern also.</p>
<p>Anonymous User:238330886</p>	<p>Safety of pedestrians, particularly older people and those with impaired mobility</p>	

Anonymous User:310963074	By introducing cycles to a pedestrianised area is likely to lead to increased risk of accidents. Currently the cyclists and scooter users seem to have little regard to other people using the area. Visually impaired walkers, disabled and elderly people are very likely to be put off visiting or using the area	Improve the cycle parking at either end of sheep st. If you insist on a trial then make sure that there is a clearly marked and safe segregation of cycles and people
Anonymous User:67314662	What is the point of wasting money for this when cycling is prohibited at present but is not enforced. What difference does it make. The people here are only trying to make it that what is meant to be done now does not have to be enforced. Although due to the non enforcement I have seen incidents where people on bikes have had near misses and actual accidents. They have just ridden off 😞	Waste of money and time. Leave it as it is. Nothing is done anyway
Anonymous User:310968756	It will put people at risk, it won't be enforced, people won't take any notice. There is simply no need. Don't understand why this even up for discussion.	It makes no sense to me, can't see it benefitting the majority.
Anonymous User:310973040	I really don't like the way [Redacted], and her mob have weaponized this issue. Cycling isn't an issue. It should just be allowed.	
Anonymous User:298884323	What a stupid and idiotic idea. I watched a programme today on floating bus stops. Cyclists were running into pedestrians. It made me think of Sheep St. I have almost been mown down twice by cyclists in Sheep St. (Even though it's not allowed). I'm nearly 77 and wouldn't feel safe there any more. Crazy idea. Who the hell thought that up. It takes about 5 mins to walk from one end to the other. If I can do it at my age so can cyclists	I think I've said it all. Craziest idea ever. Putting cyclists amongst pedestrians
Anonymous User:310981474	Sheep street is now a pedestrianised area which is plagued by cyclists and illegal electric scooters as it is which are a danger to elderly and infirm and not enforced enough. If the idea is to open it up to legal two way cyclists and e scooters then it should go back to the way it was before and reopen it as a two way street again as it used to be and move the Friday market back to the Market Square. Who would be covering the insurance payments for accidents involving cyclists/e scooters and pedestrians with the increase in wheeled traffic?	I don't think it should be allowed and the money wasted on putting such a ridiculous proposal forward could have been better used.
Anonymous User:310978439	You stopped parking in Sheep Street. It should be stay the same as it is now. Why make it dangerous for pedestrians?	
Anonymous User:310982178	Sheep street can get very busy with a lot of pedestrians already having to avoid cyclists who shouldn't be there and will result in more accidents. There doesn't seem to be much in the way of logical planning (as the same with the other local transport chaos) to safely	To bring more to the high street you need to encourage footfall to increase shop appeal for being in the high street, multiple places have free parking available that increase visitors (even Bicester village!) identifying free parking for the town centre (not just the nightmare of sainsburys carpark)

	<p>allow pedestrians and cyclists to coop as one in that area. Unless there is going to be defined difference between walking space and cycling with "crossing" areas, painted lines will not stop young children with their families from venturing into potential danger of cyclists, more so if that amount of cyclists is increased.</p> <p>Money would be better spent in fixing the pot holes in roads so cyclists can safely travel on the road around sheep street. Also, this is not likely to increase visitors, just cyclists speeding through the town.</p>	<p>is going to encourage more to the area than the cyclists. A good example of how cyclists treat areas is north street. They either speed onto the roads whilst they see pedestrians and vehicles or just meander in the way or pull dangerous manoeuvres, or drive down the wrong side of the road!</p>
Anonymous User:239642496	<p>Objecting. There is nothing stopping cycles from being pushed along the street. Witnessed numerous accidents involving cyclist and pedestrians in Oxford Cornmarket and had a bike hit me as well.</p>	<p>Strongly disagree with proposal. If we want to encourage cycling we should be ensuring that all new housing developments have cycle lanes put in and around them but also doing more on our existing roads</p>
Anonymous User:193723327	<p>It's dangerous enough with people cycling there already. Having cycling access would be another reason to avoid the area for me.</p>	
Anonymous User:259824091	<p>Most cyclists don't even have a bell these days to warn people that they need to get out of the way. Many elderly people who move slowly and young children will be at risk. If this goes ahead there should be a marked cycle lane so pedestrians know to take care when crossing.</p>	
Anonymous User:234209364	<p>This is an absolutely ridiculous idea! I sincerely hope that the decision has NOT already been made to permit this and this consultation is just going through the legally required motions!!</p>	<p>Permitting this will drive even more people away from using Bicester as a shopping centre to places nearby which also have FREE parking.</p>
Anonymous User:261523496	<p>Safety for older people, children and those with disabilities. There are plenty of routes to cycle in the area whilst retaining the safety of the current position.</p>	<p>Waste of money. Please invest in safe cycle routes around the town instead which might encourage those in villages to cycle in rather than drive.</p>
Anonymous User:301515530	<p>This would endanger both pedestrians and cyclists. Even at very moderate speed a cyclist hitting a pedestrian would lead to severe injuries of both parties. Pedestrians and cyclists need to be separated for their mutual safety - witness the failed joint cycle path/ pavements around Bicester that are largely shunned by cyclists for their own safety. Many pedestrians have earpods or similar or are actively engaged with their phones or other people and are not fully aware of their surroundings and could easily stray in front of a cyclist causing an accident. Furthermore there would be no speed control for the cyclists leading to potentially more high speed cycle/pedestrian collisions are greater injury. It is not any great distance for a cyclist to use the existing ways around Sheep Street or to get off and push their cycles through Sheep St. This will not encourage greater cycle use any more than Cycle lanes in the gutters of main roads - largely to the</p>	<p>This is an ill conceived plan and will endanger pedestrians on Sheep street, it will not encourage more active use of cycles</p>

	annoyance of impatient drivers, cyclists refuse to use for their own safety.	
Anonymous User:311209352	Cyclist would be dangerous to pedestrians and I don't think that their speed or care will be regulated	Sheep street should remain pedestrian only
Anonymous User:311228818	Frankly cycling through what we all know to be a PEDESTRIAN area should, in no way, be permitted. It's potentially very dangerous. I've seen on many occasions near misses when idiots already flout the current rules. Let's face it - there would be no effective enforcement of such a layout and as cycle speeds can be fast I imagine it wouldn't be long before an accident, probably to a child, elderly or infirm person occurs. Please remember bikes are silent forms of transport and even if bells or horns are sounded some may not hear them. Frankly this idea is bordering on the idiotic.	Unbelievable that this is even being seriously considered...
Anonymous User:311229895	sheep street was made into pedestrian only for a reason . It is bad enough having to dodge mobility vehicles as well as youths riding bikes and scooters at high speed in street which in Not enforced by the police or pcso,s it would only be a matter of time for a serious accident involving cycles or such happens there are already plenty of unused cycle tracks around Bicester that should be used. there seems to be a war going on against the pedestrian and especially the motorist. many older people living in the outer villages cannot ride a cycle into Bicester and as there public transport is somewhat lacking have no alternative . oit seems to us utter madness to allow cycling in the only fully pedestrian area in Bicester	no I think I have made my feeling clear
Anonymous User:311230994	Object due to safety of pedestrians being adults, elderly, children and disabled ect. Object to cycling anytime of day or night as that can be confusing to the cyclist as they won't stop to read a notice.	Cheaper to place bigger signage stating NO CYCLING
Anonymous User:311236653	This is too dangerous in my opinion, you will have people flying down that street on bikes with no regard for anyone who is walking. If cars aren't allowed then bikes should not be either.	
Anonymous User:311237153	Cycling through a pedestrian zone seems like madness to me	
Anonymous User:311229514	It's a pedestrian area, I don't see how this can be implemented safely. There are various available alternative routes for cyclists. I do not see any significant advantage for cyclists, and a very significant disadvantage for everyone else. Absolutely do not implement either proposal.	

<p>Anonymous User:311225688</p>	<p>Safety. As a keen cyclist myself I recognise the danger of allowing cyclists to ride freely in both directions on what is currently a pedestrian only route. Many families with small children currently use this area, where they can walk in relative safety. I agree with the stated objectives of encouraging more visitors to Bicester to cycle there, which I have often done in the past. The reason I no longer cycle there is the likelihood of having my bike stolen! There are already routes available to cyclists, such as Victoria Rd & Manorsfield Rd, with pedestrian access to Sheep Street from both ends and in the middle. There are also bike parks at these locations, but they are not adequately protected from vandals and thieves. This is what stops me from cycling into Bicester!</p>	<p>How many children getting injured by cyclists do you consider acceptable to justify this proposal?</p>
<p>Anonymous User:179179553</p>	<p>Safety:- Sheep street is very accessible for wheelchairs, wheeled walkers, disability scooters, pushchairs etc making it popular for people with mobility issues. Cyclists nowadays seem very tunnel visioned, go too fast, do NOT stop for pedestrians and to my mind would be a danger to all who used Sheep street. I know of (through my work as a [Redacted]) a Lady with Downs syndrome and hearing loss be scared witless and nearly run down by a cyclist who thought he should have right of way - in an area that has "No Cycling" signs. This happened more than once and affected the lady's confidence and therefore her independence. In the past cyclist have sped through Sheep street snatching handbags, phones and other valuables then speeding off on their bikes. There have been incidences in the news of people being knocked down by (selfish) cyclist and being injured or killed. Do we want unnecessary deaths in Bicester? Sheep Street is PEDESTRIANISED, and the behaviour of illegal cyclist already in Sheep street shows that instead of allowing more cyclists (and the electric scooters that will inevitably follow) to use Sheep street, the illegal cycling should be stopped. Sheep street is a relatively short street - especially if you are a fit cyclist - so it will be no hardship for a cyclist to dismount and walk with their cycle until they reach the tarmaced road at the other end. NO to cycling along Sheep Street.</p>	<p>No to cycling in Sheep street</p>
<p>Anonymous User:311263888</p>	<p>It would appear that the vast majority of residents are against the proposal, let's hope that their voices are heard and not overruled. The current no cycling / no vehicles order is routinely ignored as there is evidence of any enforcement whatsoever</p>	

Anonymous User:241036988	I cycle regularly for exercise and this would make journeys easier and safer	
Anonymous User:311314471	I have already been nearly knocked over several times by cyclists in sheep street and that is with them not being allowed. I can only imagine that the likelihood of an accident will be raised 100 fold by actually allowing cycling. It's a pedestrianised zone, don't take that away from us.	Just don't do it please
Anonymous User:311332423	I think it's an unnecessary change. Sheep Street is a pedestrian area. I do not believe allowing cyclists through Sheep Street will bring any more people, & ultimately business into the town. If people are allowed to cycle through Sheep Street I think it will be detrimental to pedestrians, particularly the elderly, who may be discouraged from coming into town.	No
Anonymous User:301555356	Will it be a free for all or are the plans for a dedicated cycleway? If not then it will be nightmare as cyclists will weave in and out making it a free for all.	See previous needs dedicated cycle lanes otherwise a nightmare.
Anonymous User:301520974	It's a method of transportation that should not be restricted	No
Anonymous User:311363587	I think Sheep Street too crowded with planters outdoor seating ..there also appear to be a number of users of mobility scooters. I think cycling in this area would lead to accidents. They should just dismount and wheel the bike	No
Anonymous User:311352642	I am a cyclist and do occasionally cycle to Bicester and use Sheep Street. But I dismount and push the bike down Sheep Street and the adjoining alleyways that lead from it. Other sensible (considerate) cyclist do the same. It's not a problem. What is a problem is cyclists, and these are not always youngsters, who already cycle at speed down Sheep Street and the adjoining alleyways with little or no consideration for others. When walking I've had to jump out of their way several times. And since the Police Station has closed there appears to be little or no police presence on the streets of Bicester so do they do it with impunity. The same applies to e-scooters. Keep it cycling prohibited, prohibit e-scooters and enforce it.	I like the banner picture. Market day. Shows the problem. Cyclist (No Helmet) coming up behind pedestrian who doesn't know he's there and which ever way he turns could be hit from behind.
Anonymous User:311371387	Getting off a bicycle and walking the length of Sheep Street is about a 5 min walk from one end of Sheep St to the other end. When visiting I see a number of infirm and elderly people coming out of shops and cafe's crossing the pedestrianised street and are already endangered by speeding bicycles and scooters. Making it legal means that people	

	are going to be dodging bicycles and speeding e-bikes which come up behind you with no warning. The bit of effort to walk with a bike would result in much less injury risk and make for a more welcoming and calmer town centre that all residents can enjoy	
Anonymous User:311406961	Sheep Street was pedestrianised many years ago to make it safer for shoppers to get around, letting people cycle through the area would put people on foot at risk of being knocked over, especially the elderly and young children. It is no hardship for cyclists to get off their bikes and push them. You have to remember that not all cyclists ride carefully and consider pedestrians suddenly change in direction.	
Anonymous User:311382263	I will support building more cycling lanes in Bicester, which is horrible town for cyclist.	Bicester needs more cycling lanes. I'm driver, pedestrian and cyclist. I know how annoying cyclists can be on the road and pavements. So, please make our live easier and build separate lanes for them.
Anonymous User:178664764	It's already dangerous as no one respects the no cycling rules now and they zoom through, narrowly missing pedestrians. Cycling through the town needs to be stopped properly, not allowed!	No
Anonymous User:311509090	This is a safe place for ppl to walk in and out of shops freely. Allowing bicycles freely will put kids who can run about at risk and also the elderly and sight impaired ppl at risk when leaving shops as there's a risk someone could be riding close to doors. Also if the plans for market square is to be pedestrianused goes ahead this is pointless	
Anonymous User:311510213	I'm a cyclist but never want to see that happening in sheep Street. There will injury and harm to people .it's just not right	
Anonymous User:311538553	Cyclists travel at great speeds nowadays, especially e scooters. They wear no reflective clothing and have no lights, so in the dark this pose a real risk of an accident. People would have to cross the cycle path to reach other shops, which will cause chaos and accidents will happen.	I like to walk leisurely along Sheep Street and browse in the shops, not having to worry about cyclists whizzing about, cutting in and about pedestrians, which is what will happen.
Anonymous User:311701333	No one cycles safely. No one police's it at present.	
Anonymous User:298873329	It's a pedestrian area why would you allow cycling. It's a danger to pedestrians, especially the elderly.	
Anonymous User:304866632	Dangerous for the elderly and small children. Town should be a safe place to walk without looking out for cyclists and scooters. Not that it is now as the ban is not enforced already	
Anonymous User:311764111	The justifications are weak and do not take into consideration the detriment to other, more vulnerable members of the public. Sheep Street is a short pedestrianised place. Meant to be a safe place for those of disabilities or mobility issues. Cyclists can bypass sheep	

	<p>Street within a couple of minutes of cycling The arguments regarding increasing local business and football on Friday market are ridiculous. Are you expecting them to cycle down sheep Street and go in and out of shops on their bikes? If they are visiting a local business as today they can lock their bike up on one end of sheep Street go to the shops as they wish and then retrieve their bike and cycle on . The rationale is poor, the dangers from cyclists are already significant. I speak from experience with someone with a visual impairment who already finds it problematic to walk down sheep Street due to the cyclist that she used to ignore the current regulations. How much worse will it be with additional cyclist, and cyclist who know they have the right to be there and therefore will not cycle slowly or with much care and attention to others.</p>	
<p>Anonymous User:311770116</p>	<p>It is unsafe for pedestrians, with a lot of elderly and young people using this space. Safe pedestrianised areas will help business in this area, and allow future innovation such as stalls or outdoor seating.</p> <p>Sheep street is short and parking a bike at either end, or waking a bike up the street to access shops would be a minor delay. At most, 5 minutes.</p> <p>There are atleast 2 safe alternative routes to cycle from one end of sheep street to the other, this includes via market square and behind Sainsburys, with wide paths and safe crossings and traffic lights, medium traffic. Or via Victoria road, with very low traffic levels. For commuting, these routes would be within minutes of the new proposed route.</p> <p>There is no demand for opening sheep street for cyclists, with direct, safe and similar length alternatives already present. The safety of pedestrians and businesses must be the priority.</p> <p>Opening sheep street only at certain times is not enforceable, and how would the council be able to ensure safety for pedestrians on market day. Also consider special council events held on sheep street throughout the year, including Xmas lights, Xmas markets, farmers markets, Santa fun run etc, bringing larger groups and street furniture. Unless a closure and enforcement to stop cyclists is carried out at great expense, it would present an unsafe environment.</p>	

Anonymous User:311874980	I fear the increase of any type of wheeled and uninsured vehicles into Sheep Street will increase the risk of injury to pedestrians who are having to take evasive action from the inconsiderate mobility scooter users; cyclists; scooter riders and e-bike users currently already using the pedestrianised area of Sheep Street.	Clarity required on how to report incidents
Anonymous User:311899183	It's a ridiculous idea to allow cyclists on sheep street. Many years ago all traffic was allowed on sheep street and since it was banned it's a much safer route to walk along and look around the shops and sit outside the cafes.	The town centre is already struggling and this ridiculous idea will cause even more people to stay away from the town centre
Anonymous User:311972230	I am in favour of permitting cycling at certain times of day only eg early morning and late afternoon/evening only with the exception of market day when no cycling should be permitted at all	
Anonymous User:311983543	Danger to handicapped I Guide dogs and blind owner. Lack of width to make cu Cycle lane Problems for pedestrians crossing street to access businesses o other side	
Anonymous User:312133423	The town is already failing - I have two young children who already nearly get knocked by e-scooters every time we're in town which I have to watch for. If cyclists are allowed through it will stop me visiting. It's not safe it's too busy. There's a tiny diversion by going around market square and the back of Sainsbury's- it's minimal. Leave it as it is!!!!	
Anonymous User:312154131	Sheep street is a short pedestrian only road. Cyclists (or scooters) would be a danger to pedestrians, especially the old and young children. I also feel that OCC is making decisions regarding Bicester that seem ridiculous and waste of tax payers' money (Banbury Road roundabout being an obvious example!!). Money on this consultation and others like it would be better spent sorting out the state of the roads!	Leave Sheep Street as it is!
Anonymous User:312248560	Will encourage more people to cycle and maybe more footfall in town	Will need to be clearly marked out so that pedestrians know where the cyclists may be
Participant	Allowing cycling would cause a danger to the pedestrian. It is not a large area and a cyclist could easily walk their bike down the street. I would not feel as safe as I do now and may choose to shop somewhere else.	Pedestrians have rights too.

<p>Anonymous User:312329851</p>	<p>It would be an accident waiting to happen. Please on scooters and bikes already make it a place where you almost get knocked over. Elderly people are at serious risk, as are young children. If you've ever walked through the tunnel, via town walk East and West during school drop off/pick up times the kids cycling are seriously dangerous: fast, over talking, giving little space. Considering that cars should be giving cyclists 2 m space to overtake, bikes should be giving the same gap for pedestrians. They won't be able to do this on sheep street.</p> <p>If you think about the layout of sheep street, there are many walk ways coming on and off the street, making blind corners a serious risk. There are also little steps/ramps from one side of the street let to the other, if bikes were cycling they would be cutting across all the time, again adding to the accident risk that this proposal.</p> <p>It should be a safe place to walk for pedestrians. An already dying high street, will die out completely if cyclists get this permission.</p> <p>I seriously oppose to it.</p>	
<p>Anonymous User:312701458</p>	<p>Please don't do this. Has thought been given to toddlers and mums and those without hearing or sight? Cyclists can dismount and walk the length of sheep street in a few minutes. I feel allowing them to cycle will encourage them to think they have priority over pedestrians. Having myself almost been in collision with one cycling the wrong way down the causeway, it's a very problematic idea and I am amazed that's it's even being considered.</p>	<p>Yes, it's completely unnecessary</p>
<p>Anonymous User:312714258</p>	<p>When I cycle it is easier to use Manorsfield or Victoria roads.</p>	
<p>Anonymous User:312723294</p>	<p>I believe even a trial would be highly dangerous and disruptive. You seem to be accepting this very real possibility by proposing not to interrupt the Friday market. Greatest concern is electric bikes and scooters, one serious accident will be one too many</p>	<p>I'm pleased the proposal is being openly discussed</p>
<p>Anonymous User:312726285</p>	<p>You will get the youngsters disregarding pedestrians forcing them to get out the way as a lot of cyclists will have their own rules of who is in the right or wrong you see it too often</p>	<p>DO NOT ALLOW IT FOR THE SAFETY OF THE PEDESTRIANS</p>

Anonymous User:312727527	It's totally inappropriate to allow cyclists in Sheep Street, it will be dangerous for the young and the elderly to use sheep street if this is allowed.	
Anonymous User:312726116	I have seen the problems caused with floating bus stops. I have heard about problems to pedestrians in parks with cyclists. This would put pedestrians in the town centre under the same risks, and I feel very strongly against any experiments of this kind, to what is predominantly a pedestrian zone. Absolute madness to even think of this in my opinion.	
Anonymous User:312726380	It is dangerous enough for pedestrians in sheep st, cyclists e scooters vehicles all speeding through. There is an accident waiting to happen now, this needs policing now. How long would it take for a cyclist to walk through town 2/3 minutes, no hardship, please think again	No
Anonymous User:312728473	Some person will be hurt old people or young mum with small children, What a stupid idea ,	Yes bin it .
Anonymous User:312726116	Have a strong opinion that cyclists do not always keep to the rules. This should be kept as a pedestrian area.	
Anonymous User:312731081	As long as it's a well-marked pathway should be ok, only concern would be interference with disabled people's mobility vehicles. Also very glad glad it would be closed on Fridays as today the market was very busy.	Make sure ithe experiment is monitored as most cyclists are selfish and irresponsible.
Anonymous User:312742149	It is dangerous for cyclists to ride down Sheep Street as it is supposed to be a pedestrian area. There will be accidents involving cyclists and pedestrians who cannot get out of the cyclists' way and it is totally unnecessary. We strongly object to the proposal.	No cyclists in Sheep Sheep.
Anonymous User:312753998	No	It's stupid do t change it
Anonymous User:312748550	cycling would be very dangerous in a crowded pedestrian only street. As things are there are too many cyclists and no law enforcement to stop them, and i forsee chaos if there is uncontrolled cycling in the future' It would be extremely dangerous for people like me who can only walk slowly and with difficulty	I think it is absolute madness to even consider mixing pedestrians and traffic of any kind. Cyclists have other roads to use to get from 1 end of town to the other.
Anonymous User:312766952	As an elderly resident who uses this area frequently I am appalled at the idea that cyclists should be allowed access at anytime if this happens I would have to seriously consider shopping and using the other facilities & be prevented from shopping in a town I love. Will it take a serious accident or even a death to prevent this ludicrous idea happening.	Has the council got nothing better to spend our money on than ludicrous ideas like this.

Anonymous User:312766952	This is a ludicrous idea with the number of elderly, disabled & children who use this area it is a serious accident waiting to happen. The council have a duty of care towards these users & should use our council tax money on something people need & want.	
Anonymous User:312768155	Cyclist already zoom up and down this section. It's an accident waiting to happen. I've nearly been knocked over a few times. It's very dangerous for pedestrians, especially the elderly and those with disabilities like myself. If anything it needs to be better supervised to stop people from cycling on it before someone gets seriously injured. This isn't a large section and there are roads either side of the highstreet for cyclist to use. Please don't take away what little safety pedestrians have left.	Better safety measures need to be implemented to keep pedestrians safe on the highstreet. By allowing cyclists it would be making it more unsafe for pedestrians.
Anonymous User:312792563	I cycle and live in Sheep Street. There should be a system in place for residents to have a permit for access in the same way as drivers. Clearly you acknowledge that on some days (market day) Sheep Street is less suitable than others for use by cyclists. Particularly during the weekend there are stalls (fruit & veg, religious groups) set up or other activities that restrict the available width of Sheep Street. The use of what used to be pavement space for tables by the various food outlets restrict space. If there were none of these 'obstacles' I would be neutral or mildly supportive of the proposals	Not a good idea too many obstructions in place already
Anonymous User:312766952	It's a pleasure to have somewhere to shop and walk around without worrying if I or my elderly Mum (who has mobility issues) have to keep a lookout for cycles, there are many pushchairs and mobility aids/ mobility scooters use the area currently in safety. The alternative routes for cycles are within easy distance and cannot take much longer than if cyclists were to use this route.	
Anonymous User:312798722	Safety for pedestrians. Cyclist cannot be heard as they approach.	
Anonymous User:312799894	I feel that mixing cyclists with pedestrians, including the elderly and small children, will result in accidents and confrontations that may lead to injury and distress.	
Anonymous User:312766952	Whoever had this mad brained idea to mix pedestrians with cyclists really needs to consider if they are suitable for the job they do. This would be a recipe for disaster.	
Anonymous User:312816057	Extremely dangerous to the general public including old age pensioners who may suffer with bad eyesight or hearing loss.	Should not be allowed

Anonymous User:312820482	I feel that the safety of pedestrians would be at risk	
Anonymous User:312794017	some cyclists ride far to fast and have no regard for pedestrians also has any thought been given for visually impaired and disabled.	i come down to bicester on my bike and walk down sheep street iam in my 80s and if i can walk why cant others ?
Anonymous User:312835257	Dangerous and unnecessary	
Anonymous User:312837657	Very dangerous for public walking,especially older people!.	It would be also very dangerous for the disabled people in Mobility scooters!.
Anonymous User:312850052	I think this would be dangerous	It may work with a designated cycle lane area
Anonymous User:312885641	Safety of pedestrians visiting the town centre. Cyclists who do go through at the moment usually go to fast we should be able to shop with out having to keep looking out for cyclists. What about partially sighted , elderly, disabled and young children running around in a pedestrian zone they should be able to relax and enjoy the town centre without the fear of being knocked by a bicycle. It's used as a short cut you can cycle round Victoria road or by Hanover gardens	
Anonymous User:312926299	As a cyclist I support Safe Cycling in Sheep street but not on Market Day. We would need clear lanes to protect us and pedestrians. It would save cycling around the back of Sainsburys which will be safer.	
Anonymous User:313090581	very dangerous, someone will eventually be injured or killed so on your heads be it. It was pedestrianised which means walking, the only exception should be disabled scooters.	abandon it.
Anonymous User:312766952	No matter what the outcome of this survey is the council will go ahead with this dangerous & hair brained idea it is just a box ticking exercise you have already made your decision	
Anonymous User:313144915	Unless cycle land separate from public this would be madness. There would be numerous accidents with pedestrians, especially children. Bikes use the street now and in a very dangerous, fast way even though it is illegal. Please do not let this happen.	It would be ludicrous to allow bikes in a pedestrian area where people are shopping and not having to look for oncoming bikes all the time. Definitely NO
Anonymous User:313177410	If you open up sheep street to cycles it would put pedestrians at risk. First cycles then scooters- what next!	Keep sheep street as it is.
Anonymous User:313186049	Myself and husband are nearly 80years old.My husband has serious medical problems and walks very slowly with a stick.There is already lots of vans and mobility scooters in the street.	Ban bikes ,they can walk.
Anonymous User:238403348	Inconsiderate cyclists, totally unsuitable to ride in Sheep Street, due to lack of suitable warning devices (other than swearing) totally	No

	uninsured, lack proper training and dismissive of any walkers able or not.	
Anonymous User:313201385	Sheep street has ben pedestrianised for years. I am really disappointed with the present signs warning cyclist to dismount and walk or face a heavy fine. At the moment all signs are disregarded whilst cyclists and e-scooters zoom past with disregard for the pedestrian (many aged) who want to walk up Sheep Street . It was not so long ago that councillors said that they would enforce these fine's after many complaints. BUT AS USUAL,NOTHING HAPPENED! I hope your scheme doesn't go through otherwise you just a well open the street back up again as per the old days for cars to navigate each end of the town.	Bad proposal!
Anonymous User:313204016	Pedestrians would too easily be caught unawares on Sheep st and Buckingham Rd pavement is too narrow for safe use by pedestrians and cycles. I am a regular cyclists in Bicester and never had reason to cycle through Sheep Street. Parking bikes in Sheep St. while shopping is not practical due to risk of bicycle theft.	These decisions should be taken by the residents of Bicester .
Anonymous User:313220614	The layout of the street is not suitable, it will cause accidents as there's mobility scooters, prams & pedestrians using both sides of sheep street. Unfortunately cyclists don't always cycle safely & there will be accidents. Some cyclists don't adhere to a safe speed & will be reckless. Oxford City Centre is a good example.	Scrap it.
Anonymous User:313223327	Sheep Street is a pedestrianised Street. Who in their right minds would want to mix pedestrians with cyclists? I am a pensioner. I know cyclists aren't supposed to use Sheep Street so how come I have had 2 near misses with them in the last 6 months??? For the safety of the elderly and infirm DON'T DO IT !!!!!!! If I can walk to one end of Sheep Street to the other in just over 5 mins so can a cyclist	I would LOVE to know who proposed this crazy idea
Anonymous User:313226128	Young children & the elderly in danger of being hit	
Anonymous User:313234102	I am a volunteer with [Redacted] & I visit 2 gents. One is a stroke victim that has twice had his quad stick knocked out of his hand. Once by a cyclist & the second time by an electric scooter. The second gent is blind & on several occasions has walked into cycles & scooters left across walking areas. There is never a police officer allocated to Sheep Street & the Community Police officers ignore the cyclists & riders of scooters because, they say, they have no powers. As it is, cars are often parked in the pedestrian areas, as the bollard on the	This is ludicrous!!!!!! Just thinking of letting crimes continue in Sheep Street is unthinkable. If this goes through, Councillors will be held to account. If the crimes continue, the Police will be held to account.

	western approach to Sheep Street is rarely erect. If it is, cars enter Sheep Street against the No Entry sign. HOW WILL THIS BE POLICED? On numerous occasions, I've heard, that handbags are snatched, as things stand. It will be "open season" if these law-breakers are left to continue. Whilst writing, there is a white BMW parked, daily, under the Sainsbury to buses walkway. Again, nothing is done. There are cars parked outside the library, all day, when signs state DROP OFF, 20 mins limit. AGAIN, NO POLICE, NO ENFORCEMENT.	
Anonymous User:313170966	It would be dangerous to allow cyclist to use the pedestrian zone in sheep street as it would cause accidents with cyclists potentially knocking down n pedestrians. If the use of electric cycles are also permitted in sheep street this would be highly dangerous to pedestrians. There are alternatives routes around Bicester to avoid the pedestrian section that do not send cyclists too much out of their way so I just don't see the need. There are a lot of older people that use this street and they would be at high risk of being either startled by cyclist causing a fall or potentially hit by cyclists. I strongly disagree with this motion.	
Anonymous User:313249149	Public safety. Pedestrianisation was introduced for a reason - to make streets feel safer and more inviting. Permitting cycling would mean the area is no longer pedestrianised - making it less safe and inviting	Unnecessary and dangerous
Anonymous User:313242373	In my opinion, it is unsafe. Individuals are walking and enjoying the outdoors without the concern of traffic. There are numerous alternative locations for bicycles to utilize, and simply traversing the area does not constitute a significant risk. Furthermore, why are taxpayers money being allocated to additional cycle lanes when there are numerous potholes that prevent cars from maintaining their lanes, thereby endangering everyone? The condition of the roads could be greatly improved if third-party companies, such as utility providers, were not permitted to dig up the middle of the roads and only patch them instead of redoing the work side by side. These repairs are often poorly executed, uneven, and will ultimately require the council and more taxpayers money to fix. It is time to initiate audits of these companies' work and impose fines or require them to rectify the roads accordingly. Additionally, it is imperative that these planned interventions are carefully planned to avoid road closures several times per year and this constitutes a failure from the council to address real issues. Notably, Bicester's lack of police presence, despite its	All my concerns have been expressed on my previous statement

	status as a major hub, is a concerning issue. I have not observed any police patrolling the roads, train stations, or other areas. Their occasional presence is limited to vans strategically placed to apprehend speedsters and extract additional revenue from taxpayers. Bicester is not solely a shopping destination (Bicester Village), and the council should prioritise addressing genuine problems rather than focusing solely on populist measures.	
Anonymous User:313257090	Will also encourage E scooters through sheep street which are dangerous to the public and should be banned.	
Anonymous User:313258429	Allowing cycling during Friday market is asking for trouble. There are generally more people in the area as well as mobility scooters, prams and pushchairs. Friday seems to be a day when more elderly people come to Bicester and they may feel threatened by cyclists. People will be focussed on the market stalls and shops and will not be expecting to see cyclists.	
Anonymous User:259196545	I've already experienced on 2 occasions nearly colliding with cyclists that are illegally cycling sheep street & being hard of hearing did not hear them approach which startled me. Deliveries I accept & can hear them approach. I can't see how it would improve businesses. A lot of residents are unfit to cycle, it would be used mostly by careless young adults & children mostly. Will expenses also be spent putting up cycle racks for parking & raise theft of bikes again.	No to cyclist
Anonymous User:300215561	Cars should have no greater access than bikes at least give access not at peak times	
Anonymous User:313398595	It is dangerous. Who will police it? No one will stick to the proposed route. It's already a nightmare walking in the pedestrian zone, as it is, with cyclists weaving in and out and the speed of mobility scooters. By allowing cyclists you will be opening up a free for all. When someone gets knocked over or injured can we claim from the council!! Unfortunately in this day and age no one abides by the law it will be taken over by speeding cyclist making it very dangerous for everyone especially the old and young children.	Don't do it. Listen, for once, to the concerns of the people of Bicester who live here and use the town centre!!
Anonymous User:313402033	I object to the trial. As a pedestrian zone, Sheep Street is safe for buggies, toddlers, the elderly, and the disabled. Some cyclists are responsible and considerate but some are not. The council has no feasible way to police the behaviour of cyclists using Sheep Street. The inevitable effect will be to make our pedestrian zone less safe for the majority of Bicester residents.	Please publish the criteria by which the success or otherwise of a trial would be assessed and how each of the criteria would be measured.

<p>Anonymous User:313405625</p>	<p>I note your goal to improve access for cyclists however I feel very strongly that this will come at a cost to pedestrians. Not all cyclists are considerate and in fact many consider they 'own' the road now if cyclist and particularly teenage cyclists are riding sheep street on any day when there is a busy street it will be like dodging bullets and I strongly prefer the street to remain for pedestrians only with access when required for deliveries and disables users. I almost laughed when I read your comment about 'where they would be allowed' assuming from that there must be a section of sheep street they could use but then looked at the map and its the whole of sheep street if this were to be allowed there would need to be a cycle part only so that pedestrians are able to walk freely on the rest of it.</p>	<p>Bin it!</p>
<p>Anonymous User:238407244</p>	<p>SHEEP STREET IS PEDESTRIAN ONLY AT PRESENT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PERMITTED VEHICLES WHO ENTER VIA BOLLARDS. SEVERAL ELDERLY PEOPLE AND FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN USE SHEEP STREET AND I AM CONCERNED THAT CYCLISTS WILL NOT PAY ATTENTION TO OTHER USERS OF SHEEP STREET AND HAVE MYSELF WITNESSED CYCLISTS ON OTHER ROUTES NOT STICKING TO CYCLE PATHS AND NEARLY CAUSING ACCIDENTS. A PEDESTRIAN AREA IS THERE FOR A REASON SO THAT PEDESTRIANS CAN GO ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS SAFELY.</p>	<p>NO</p>
<p>Anonymous User:312766952</p>	<p>I travel into Bicester from an outlying village and really like shopping in sheep street the thought of allowing cycling in this area fills me with fear of being injured and constantly looking over my shoulder for cyclists if this stupid idea goes ahead I will seriously reconsider where I shop in future.</p>	<p>Please see sense and scrap this nonsense</p>
<p>Anonymous User:313452678</p>	<p>You're several years too late! Cyclists travel through Sheep Street all the time with no regard whatsoever to pedestrians. They do the same on FOOTpaths all round Bicester!</p>	<p>My previous remarks should indicate.</p>
<p>Anonymous User:313448408</p>	<p>The cyclists and electric scooter riders who ride there even now ride without consideration for pedestrians . ie' pensioners, invalides, children etc. Cycle into town ,and secure your cycle . Then walk as i do at 84yrs of age ! [Redacted]</p>	<p>my wife is an invalide. uses a wheelchair.</p>
<p>Anonymous User:313474242</p>	<p>I am worried with cyclists speeding through with little regard for other road users someone will get run over</p>	<p>Why are Oxfordshire County Council prioritising cyclists over everyone else not everyone is a cyclist</p>

Anonymous User:313556192	If it only was cycling it may work but we will end up with electric scooter and they are a menace.	I do not believe that there is enough space for pedestrians and cyclists. Please wander about in Sheep Street unconcerned about negotiating cycles.
Anonymous User:313588852	Sheep Street is for pedestrians not to be used for cycling. I could see many accidents happening. Just get of your bike and walk through Sheep Street like everyone else	No
Anonymous User:313578881	I am 88 years old and rely on a rollator to aid my walking. The introduction of cyclists in the pedestrian area (i.e. Sheep Street) would cause a tremendous hazard as most of the cyclists weave in and out of pedestrians at great speed. Despite the fact cyclists are banned at the moment, there are several people who break the law and these have proved to be a nuisance and a hazard particularly to the elderly and those with motorised wheelchairs and scooters belonging to the disabled. Sheep street is not wide enough to accommodate cyclists as well. Has any member of the decision making committee actually spent a day in Sheep Street to observe the expected problems?	This proposal should NOT go ahead.
Anonymous User:313588235	Sheep street should be kept as a pedestrian walkway without cycling at anytime. It is extremely dangerous to allow cycling in what is at present a designated pedestrian area - There has been more than one occasion when I, as a pedestrian, have nearly been in collision with a cyclist travelling at high speed through Sheep Street. I don't believe allowing cyclists on Sheep Street would benefit local businesses at all. I am a cyclist and when arriving at either end of the street dismount and walk - no hardship there. The restrictions currently in place in relation to cyclists should be enforced properly. To allow cyclists on Sheep Street is to endanger pedestrians and people with mobility difficulty.	
Anonymous User:313552866	I have an elderly, sight impaired mother who walks through Sheep Street very often, using a walker. She is very worried about cycles being allowed through	I think it would be better if the cycles were allowed through in the evening when the pedestrians are far fewer
Anonymous User:313620428	Sheep street is for pedestrians	
Anonymous User:313622590	Until all cyclists of all ages start to ride carefully and responsibly on all roads (most I see ride on pavements) then mixing them in with pedestrians would be a monumental mistake. The elderly and disabled in particular should be able to navigate Sheep Street without having to keep an eye out for cyclists whizzing by.	It's a potentially dangerous scheme and collisions with cyclists can be injurious at best and fatal at worst. If cyclists are fit enough to ride a bike, they are easily able to walk the length of Sheep Street.

Anonymous User:313395262	This was made a pedestrian zone several years ago due to health and safety with using the street, and to implement cycling again would be an un-necessary backward step. This would not encourage people to use the shops etc. as they can already use them by walking with their bikes, how is this supposed to change the way the shops are used, it won't. It is dangerous with cycles, cars and scooters whizzing around already, nearly knocking elderly and children over. How can electric bikes with the speed they are capable of doing be safe?	It's a shame the Council are constantly changing things to accommodate a minority and ignore the majority.
Anonymous User:313816214	<p>There is no need for cyclists to cycle through the pedestrianised area. Habmvyng to walk the few hunfed metres will NOT hamper their journey time significantly. Allowing cyclists to use this area will increase potential for accidents to pedestrians particularly children and the elderly while spacial awareness may be less able to deal with the presence of cyclists.</p> <p>It will not result in any more increase in footfall to shops etc as the cyclist would have to leave their cycle somewhere secure first, as they will not be able to leave them just anywhere? Cycles left in z random manner also present a trip hazard for those with poor vision and are a general nuisance.</p> <p>This scheme is totally unnecessary and will not add any of the values that the description suggests it will. There are many other parts of the school routes that need attention first, and experienced cyclists have plenty off additional route options, although I have no objection to the cyclists dismounting and walking through as they can now, but often ride at an unnecessary speed through anyway.</p>	Yes, simply put though there is no need for this to happen, it is not needed, and WILL result in incidents, you are introducing a hazard and risk that is not necessary. Just keep it pedestrianised.
Anonymous User:313900882	It gets very busy down sheep street with a lot of older people using the town. It will be very dangerous having cyclists going backward and forwards down there. People do it at the moment and that is bad enough	Very bad idea
Anonymous User:314058973	It would appear that you are hoping to legalise cycling in Sheep Street, something which is actually taking place every day anyway. Being in our 80s and having been forced to move out of they way of cyclists, hopefully avoiding near collisions. If this scheme is to go ahead, Sheep Street will become an even more dangerous area for pedestrians.	If cycling is allowed are you considering a cycle free zone for people to access the shops they need to visit?
Anonymous User:314068912	This proposal is patently a disaster waiting to happen. Already the area between Manorsfield Road and the front entrance to Sainsbury/B&M Bargains etc is used frequently by people too lazy to	If a child or anyone is killed or injured by being struck by a bike in an area where they should feel safe to walk, who will take responsibility? What is

	get off of their bikes and walk into the town centre, I have witnessed on several occasions near misses and even contact between cyclists and pedestrians, mainly old people or children who can't get out of the way quickly enough. There are ample cycling lanes to get into the town and if people are just too lazy to wheel their bikes through the town centre then there is a radical problem with the cycling fraternity. I am convinced that if this hair brained scheme to appease cyclists is implicated it will lead to injury or worse to innocent pedestrians.	the point of having a pedestrianised town centre if it is not pedestrians only?
Anonymous User:314124353	Weaving in and out of cyclists riding through Pioneer Square is bad enough but dodging them in Sheep Street will be a nightmare. It seems to me that when someone gets on a bike they lose all respect for pedestrians and force them to dodge out of the way. A pedestrianised area should only be for pedestrians and wheelchair users	
Anonymous User:314149759	Cyclists using Sheep Street will cause major safety concerns for the elderly, sight and hearing impaired, disabled, parents with young children who use Sheep Street. It is an accident waiting to happen. On market days the stalls already take up considerable space and cycles would only increase the problem. Cyclists should use Manorsfield Rd or Victoria Rd instead.	A waste of Council time and money at a time of financial crisis. Better spent elsewhere to the benefit of a greater number of residents.
Anonymous User:313814929	My understanding that Sheep Street was made into a pedestrian only for the benefit of pedestrians. The people who cycle on the street now use it like a fast slalom course with no consideration for pedestrians. There is not enough space especially when there are more and more cafes etc with some of them spreading their outside tables further into the middle of the street	The idea that it is a direct route through the town does not make sense. Victoria Road and Manorsfield Road both run almost parallel to Sheep Street and are both very close
Anonymous User:314189120	Too many cyclists already illegally use Sheep St and have seen near missis with pedestrians already. It is better off traffic free.	
Anonymous User:306514697	I'd like to see the current cycling ban enforced. It's not just the kids either! There is no real ban on cycling as it's not enforced.	As previously noted. And as for the illegal scooters...
Anonymous User:314223878	A lot of cyclists don't look where they are going. They do use sheep street already, and once someone rode into me, he was on a phone! It is a pedestrian area, and should be kept as such for the safety of small children and the elderly. I am not sure what benefit it would give allowing cyclists in sheep street, other than to shorten the cycling time!	

<p>Anonymous User:270834453</p>	<p>I would ask the County Council to reconsider any plans they may have to allow cyclists to share Sheep Street with pedestrians. Inevitably the area will become more hazardous for those who enjoy walking in a safe and relaxed environment. Why would you do that? Cyclists have the option of pushing their bikes for this relatively short distance or using Manorsfield or Victoria Road. This seems to be a decision which will be made unilaterally by Mr Gant, who is unlikely to be seen walking in Bicester. Whatever happened to democracy?</p>	<p>I hope Mr. Gant is prepared to take responsibility for any injuries sustained by pedestrians at the hands of careless cyclists.</p>
<p>Anonymous User:314246380</p>	<p>I am concerned about the safety of pedestrians, both young and older. Cyclists are bad enough on pavements zooming past without alerting pedestrians that they are about to pass. Cyclists are able to use Manorsfield Road or Victoria Road so there is no need for them to use Sheep Street. I have already been hit by cyclists on both Launton Rd and Buckingham Rd pavements</p>	<p>I beg you to reconsider this proposal before someone is badly hurt or killed</p>
<p>Anonymous User:314256622</p>	<p>Concerned about safety, especially older member of the community who may feel unsafe with cyclists in the centre and could discourage them going in to town</p>	
<p>Anonymous User:314312094</p>	<p>CYCLISTS DO USE SHEEP STREET NOW. THEY DO NOT KEEP TO RIDING ON THE LEFT, PEDAL FAST AND WEAVE ABOUT. I HAE MOBILITY PROBLEMS AT PRESENT WHICH I WOULD FIND DIFFICULT TO DOGE SAID CYCLISTS. THERE IS QUITE A LOT OF PAVEMENT FURNITURE THE LENGTH OF SHEEP STREET TOO, PROBABLY ADDING TO SAID WEAVING AROUND BY CYCLISTS. SORRY, BUT I DO NOT THINK IT HAS BEEN WELL THOUGHT OUT CONSIDERING THE RANGE OF AGES IN BICESTER.</p>	<p>PLEASE INCLUDE AGES OF BICESTER RESIDENTS. MUM'S WITH PRAMS AND CHILDREN TO PROTECT AS WELL AS OLDER RESIDENTS WHO KNOW THEY WILL BE VERY NERVOUS VENTURING INTO BICESTER TO SHOP OR MEET UP WITH FRIENDS.</p>
<p>Anonymous User:314359076</p>	<p>Strong objection to proposal.</p>	
<p>Anonymous User:314436394</p>	<p>Sheep Street is a Pedestrianised environment and having cycles mixed with small children and elderly entering and emerging from shops etc is unthinkable, there is no policing mechanism to ensure sensible cycling practices and the chances of injury are very high. Cycling in this environment will do nothing to enhance the experience of visiting Sheep Street which is already under pressure from out of town and Bicester Village. Thought should be directed toward enhancing the Sheep Street experience rather than further reducing the experience. Make Sheep Street a Venue rather than a thoroughfare!</p>	<p>I think it is ill advised and does nothing to enhance Sheep Street as the centre of Bicester</p>

Anonymous User:314456265	Sheep Street has been a safe-haven from traffic for pedestrians of all ages and walking abilities for many years. Allowing cyclists to use it will mean it will become a more dangerous place to walk as irresponsible cyclists show now.	
Anonymous User:314471933	Sadly, apart from market day, Sheep Street is often quite empty. There are so few open shops that it's pedestrian-only status seems ridiculous. Vehicles are allowed access at certain times of day too, so banning cycles seems unfair. However, if this experiment goes ahead, I think there should be a designated lane so that cyclist don't meander all over the street!	Just about the status of electric scooters. . . will they be allowed? They are more terrifying than bikes!
Anonymous User:314487394	Unaware of where cyclist are coming from no bells etc feel unsafe walking need designated cycle routes so they do not cut up pedestrians.	
Anonymous User:300836723	This is a great idea. What's the fuss about?	
Anonymous User:299695248	It is a pedestrianised street and should stay that way to allow the growing 'café culture' to grow and thrive, it is what is keeping Sheep Street alive. The no cycling ban needs to be better policed. If we are going to allow bicycles why not open it back up to motor vehicles as well?	Just don't do it.
Anonymous User:314573013	Market day is extremely busy with pedestrians. And I feel that it would be unwise to mix cyclists and pedestrians. My preference would be to allow cycling until 1000 and after 1600 daily. This would allow commuters to cycle to school/work easily whilst leaving the rest of the day free for shoppers.	See previous
Anonymous User:314575380	I am disabled and don't think cyclists should be allowed to cycle in sheep street at any time. Its dangerous enough as it is	
Anonymous User:314577862	It will be a danger to the walking public It's bad enough now what with the cycles and the skate borders	No
Anonymous User:314574932	Sheep Street is a predestrian Street, there are already cyclist who cycle at speed down Sheep Street they are a hazard to the elderly, children, disabled, and even the people who use this Street , so NO NO NO too cycle use of Sheep Street.	Yes, the people who are proposing these change HAVE YOU EVER BEEN TO SHEEP STREET, do you know that there are cafe's etc who have their tables outside? I wonder if you have thought what it would be like if cycle are allowed to ride down this Street please think very hard about what you are proposing.

Anonymous User:314580754	If the cyclists showed any consideration for pedestrians this may be acceptable but they just dont care and ride dangerously at times , too fast, riding with no hands ,using their phones to give a few examples.	This should not be allowed to go ahead and the council should also do something about vehicles using Sheep Street as well. Cars accessing parking for businesses and delivery vehicles using it outside of the permitted hours because the barrier does not work. Also the Forces charity shop tells people to access the shop from the Market Square end although this is signed as No Entry.
Anonymous User:314577161	I live in sheep street	
Anonymous User:314585024	Allowing cyclists in a pedestrian-only zone poses significant safety risks for everyone, including children, the elderly, the disabled, and dogs. Pedestrians, especially those who are more vulnerable, require a secure environment free from fast-moving vehicles to navigate safely. Cyclists, even when cautious, travel at higher speeds than pedestrians, increasing the likelihood of collisions and accidents. Children may suddenly change direction or run, while the elderly and disabled often need more time and space to move comfortably. Dogs, often on leashes, can also unpredictably dart across paths, further raising the risk of dangerous encounters. Thus, introducing cyclists into these zones compromises the intended safe haven for pedestrians and creates a hazardous environment for all. e-scooters also pose the same risks and should be prohibited.	N/A
Anonymous User:314586919	I support the idea as I both walk and cycle around bicester and there are not enough cycle routes/lanes nor are they maintained so being able to cycle through sheep Street would be useful to cut through to the other side of town	I believe that this is a step in the right direction however more needs to be done to implement and maintain cycle routes around the entirety of bicester
Anonymous User:314591312	Adding cyclists to a pedestrian area will cause problems with cyclists and persons walking ,pushing children in buggies,elderly residents. Will there be cycle lanes? Limits on speed? Cyclists riding 2 or more abreast? It looks like recipe for more trouble than its worth.	Not at this table
Anonymous User:304301219	What kind of mickey mouse nonsense is this. Seriously. Are young children supposed be on a leash, are older people supposed to wear a crash helmet? This is OBVIOUSLY a ridiculous idea thought up by some moronic cyclists so that they can cycle to the coffee shops. Was there a reason for pedestrianizing the area all those years ago. If you pass this then probably not. This will cause untold injuries by silly children on bikes, and now they will have an excuse to act out even more because a bunch of idiots	It will massively reduce the already limited foot fall of Sheep Street as some families and older people will be too scared to go out.

	<p>say they can.</p> <p>Get it together Oxfordshire Council. We pay you to make sensible decisions. not do whatever your mates want.</p>	
<p>Anonymous User:311764111</p>	<p>There is no justification for this. I have read what has been proposed as justification and there is no substance to it. Contrast this with the hazard Posed to those who already struggle with cycling not being policed on sheep Street. Just last week a cyclist sped past me with only a few centimetres between me and a stall. Cycling as fast as he would on a road with his friend following.</p> <p>On the road a car must give a cyclist 1.5 m. We, as pedestrians, only have spaces like sheep Street where we should be able to move forward without being knocked over by cyclists or surprised.</p> <p>Unfortunately, pavements in Bicester are already hazardous, and I've already changed my habits to avoid walking at certain times of day when I know it is worse.</p> <p>This is because I have Already experienced near misses which would result in serious harm with cyclists in the past.</p> <p>I am not anti cyclist - I wish I had the privilege to be a cyclist.. However, the most vulnerable in society use pavements, and cyclist are a danger to us in our space. Even cyclist who believe that they are safe, generally are able bodied people who cannot comprehend what their actions are causing. Also able bodied people who can easily do an extra couple of minutes to cycle around sheep Street rather than through it. No harm to them, and giving respect to our pedestrians.</p> <p>And, Returning to your justification, perhaps the thought of having to cycle those two minutes around sheep Street would lead them to lock up their bike at the end of sheep Street and walk down it to a coffee shop or pop into a shop. Rather than just cycling through. Is anybody seriously considering an increase traffic to the shops on sheep Street as a benefit to this game?! Or is the expectation that cyclist will be cycling in and out of the shops as well on the way through?</p>	
<p>Anonymous User:314605541</p>	<p>People are already cycling through. There is no designated cycle way and it is very dangerous as it is</p>	<p>Don't do it and police it better</p>
<p>Anonymous User:314605224</p>	<p>Cyclists have no place in a pedestrian area, it will not help business, just encourage aggressive use of cycles, it does not hurt them to get</p>	<p>Waste of time, money and effort, who actually asked for it, I doubt it was the shopkeepers.</p>

	off and walk 100 yes, they won't go in shops as there is no provision for parking bikes.	
Anonymous User:314611577	Cycling and pedestrians in same place is not a good mix	Sheep Street is a pedestrianised area . Cycling should not be allowed
Anonymous User:314621294	Sheep Street is a pedestrian zone for people walking - it's far too dangerous to allow cycling here. A cyclist can either cycle around if they want to get through (it's not a lot longer) or can get off and push the bike along Sheep Street - and the same should go for electric bikes and scooters - they should stay banned.	Bicycles and pedestrians don't mix - as I know to my cost as I have nearly been hit several times by cycles coming up silently behind me while I was on a footpath.
Anonymous User:314625690	People cycle through Sheep Street already and are not supposed to!! Who is supposed to be enforcing no cycling??	
Anonymous User:314621574	Sheep street is a pedestrian area used by many people and to consider allowing cyclists to ride through the area is beyond believable! Introducing cycling will result in accidents, injury and the possibility that someone may well lose their life if knocked over by a speeding cyclist, particularly if the person knocked over is an older person. Are Oxfordshire county council happy to have a death on their hands?? This proposal needs to be stopped now!!	I reiterate my previous comments, 'a completely idiotic idea, which will end in accident and injury! Stop this silly idea now!!
Anonymous User:314628211	Unsafe for pedestrians, particularly elderly or those with disabilities, as cyclists are not considerate of others. It provides another obstacle and concern for parents with children and pushchairs. Perhaps consider ensuring there are sustainable rent charges that allow businesses to work in the town centre consistently, rather than empty shops or allowing more barbers and charity shops to open. The town although expanding and improving in many ways, the actual centre of town (sheep street) seems to be the area that Bicester forgot. Allowing cyclists to go through, won't improve the town, will not minimise traffic, it will in my opinion allow commuters a quicker alternative between home and the two train stations with no consideration for locals in sheep street.	Terrible idea.
Anonymous User:298821751	It is a pedestrianised street and people are at risk of being knocked over by cyclists as they can't react quickly enough. I don't see why cyclists can't dismount and push their cycles through Sheep Street.	It won't encourage any more cyclists than there are now and it is disingenuous for the Council to suggest this would be the case.
Anonymous User:300975429	It is far too busy now with all the cyclists, cars, van deliveries, scooters that you can't hear.	They should not allow any transport, cyclists or e scooters in sheep street
Anonymous User:299167057	It would be far too dangerous! It's bad enough now with cyclists and scooters zooming around. I believe people will feel anxious trying to go about their daily/weekly business with cyclists having cart blanch to	It's ludicrous!!

	zoom through Sheep Street. I dare say the people making these decisions don't even visit Sheep Street.	
Anonymous User:314648299	Safety of pedestrians	
Anonymous User:314646282	<p>Sheep Street is supposedly "PEDESTRIANISED"!!! Pedestrian means on foot!! Already too many cars, vans, cyclists and scooters flout the law and you take your life in your hands whilst walking</p> <p>If it is going to be a free for all - then make Sheep Street a one way street and allow all traffic to use it. Shops are struggling enough as it is and proposals to close the Market Square and eventually London Road will result in a complete demise.</p>	
Anonymous User:314648259	For elderly people is not good.	It's madness.
Anonymous User:314617506	<p>Because of the large numbers of elderly and young children using the proposed area. I feel it will make the area an accident/injury zone. The travel distance could be easily met on foot only adding a couple of minutes to the journey time for the cyclists</p> <p>Being a cyclist myself I'd be willing to sacrifice the time for the safety of others.</p>	<p>Little hildren using bikes would be fine. Encouraging excercise. Age group signs visble at both ends.</p> <p>If this does go through. Please don't waste money on long coloured lanes. Just put signage up declaring zones.</p>
Anonymous User:314650287	It's a pedestrianised area! Allowing bikes to travel through would be extremely dangerous, for all including young children, people walking dogs etc. There is a road that takes 5 extra minutes to use! This idea is ridiculous!	No
Anonymous User:314668496	Danger to pedestrians unless they have a cycle lane	
Anonymous User:314676108	Dangerous to walking public oap, young children	
Anonymous User:298979991	The town centre should be for shopping and leisure, ie, visiting restaurants/cafes and should be able to do so in a safe manner. Older people physically visit the town centre and it would be dangerous allowing cyclists the freedom to race through and also I believe it will create more anti social behaviour. There are specific cycle paths around the town for cyclists and they can travel across the town centre via Manorsfield Road to the south or Victoria Road tor the morth	I cycle to town and am more than happy to dismount and park up whilst I do my shopping. In fact it's easier than keep locking my bike up outside different shops
Anonymous User:314671310	There are many families with very young children who would find themselves in danger from cyclists, also the countless elderly and	Make sheep street a great family friendly place, not a Velodrome !

	<p>vulnerable people who would be at risk from irresponsible cyclists. Many cyclists abide by the rules, but I don't know if anyone from the council has been monitoring sheep street, but cyclists have been using sheep street for many years despite your notification that cycling is banned.</p> <p>It seems to me that cyclists are sticking two fingers up at the council.</p>	
<p>Anonymous User:314697371</p>	<p>Cycling now is not regulated and there are loads of bikes already whizzing past you! If this is permitted it will be dangerous to walk as they don't go slowly. It's an accident waiting to happen! Especially with the bollard not working and cars/ vans going down at all times of the day! I nearly got taken out by a van last week, Drivin by fast who didn't care! It is awful, you might as well just put the road back in! Why don't you focus on getting shops back in the high street and fill the pot holes rather than focussing on this utter dross!</p>	<p>Lots - just stop wasting time! We all know you don't take any notice of what we want anyway! Just utterly crap and wasting our money</p>
<p>Anonymous User:234643386</p>	<p>Danger to public.speeding cyclists.</p>	<p>Yet again a proposal nobody other than cyclists want</p>
<p>Anonymous User:314705421</p>	<p>It's pointless, dangerous and unnecessary...the road can be walked in 2 minutes if your fit enough to ride a bike!!! So many people who use Sheep Street are either older, infirm or disabled or with buggies and small children, it's an accident waiting to happen!!!! I know cycling is high priority for councils and government but this proposal is utterly ludicrous and a huge WASTE OF MONEY</p>	
<p>Anonymous User:314721576</p>	<p>I do not drive and I use public transport or my bike. I think for a greener town we should allow this to happen</p>	
<p>Anonymous User:193864025</p>	<p>Dangerous.</p>	
<p>Anonymous User:238459177</p>	<p>This an area for pedestrians to walk safely without the fear of being mowed down by cyclists. There a lot of OAP and disabled people use our town and wish for them to do this safely.</p>	<p>They probably won't listen anyway!!</p>
<p>Anonymous User:301499138</p>	<p>I can see no rhyme or reason why you would want to implement cycling in sheep street it's only a short walk so why do they have to ride through on their bikes you might has well open the street up and allow cars down which is also ridiculous. It's bad enough know trying to dodge cyclists and e-scooters I myself have had a couple of near misses and not my fault because they come whizzing along behind you you only have to step the wrong way and you have a bike thrust in you. Are people getting that lazy they find it necessary to cycle through the town. what about young children running around or a toddler that</p>	<p>Yes an absolutely ridiculous idea which has not been thought through and the consequences that surround this proposal. The pedestrian will not be able to safely walk through the town for fear of being knocked over by a cyclists. PLEASE RETHINK</p>

	mum decides to walk through the town and you get a cyclists whizzing through, this idea spells disaster. I don't know who sits in an office and thinks of these ideas obviously not been thought through. This spell's disaster an accident waiting to happen. The town is supposed to be pedestrian only that means people walking not riding on bikes.	
Anonymous User:314729807	To dangerous for old people and children	Don't do it far to dangerous Plus trade would decrease for shops
Anonymous User:314639379	This is an awfully retrogressive proposal. Sheep Street should remain a fully cycle free zone for all who use it. Allowing any cycling during the working day when shops are open and when the area is full of pedestrians will surely result in injuries to pedestrians. Furthermore, allowing cyclists at any time on Sheep Street will create fear and anxiety for older people who currently visit and they may stop going there at all.	There are very easy alternatives for cyclists to take and not have to travel along Sheep Street. The proposal should be dropped.
Anonymous User:314733554	I am a bicycle user and looking for better provision as a suitable alternative to driving into town.	
Anonymous User:314736265	It would give greater clarity to both cyclists and pedestrians when cycling is allowed. It would also be safer, more pleasant for cyclists rather than having to divert onto car, bus, and heavy vehicle roads. Cycling in Sheep Street also allow users to go direct to maybe just a few shops direct, and bringing customers to the town. It has been shown in other UK locations as well as abroad, eg. France and the Netherlands that cyclists and pedestrians can use the same shared space.	Make it so. Excellent proposal.
Anonymous User:314740510	I think it would lead to accidents particularly with elderly, parents with young children, dog walkers, visually impaired and hard of hearing. This area is known for being safe for pedestrians which would change this.	Also think it would lead to misuse by e-scooters and riders not staying on cycle route through
Anonymous User:314744428	waste of time and money, worse problems should be solved. having no cyclists is ideal	
Anonymous User:234337735	I don't see many cyclists in sheep street, some people are very selfish and don't care about others. As a cyclist myself I am very polite and give pedestrians the right of way even when they are walking on cycle paths with earphones in and can't hear you ring your bell. As I said there are lots of selfish people about.	

Anonymous User:314754249	I didn't realise it wasn't allowed already. I would think nothing of having my children cycle into town. I think we would need more cycle storage space that you can lock a bike to.	
Anonymous User:314757785	Pedestrians could be easily run down - young children at risk as you never know when they are going to wander across street	Eventually there would be too many bikes - women with prams and old on mobility scooters need room
Anonymous User:314758554	I am against this proposal as I believe it would be dangerous for pedestrians to allow cycling in Sheep Street, especially those who are disabled and partially sighted. This should stay a pedestrian only street.	Pedestrians will have to keep looking out for cyclists especially when they leave the shops in case a cyclist whizzes past and knocks them over.
Anonymous User:200342029	To be honest,I've been in.town on market day there has been cyclists going through the market. Its dangerous but keep on doing it.	What ever we want ,will never considered so whats the point
Anonymous User:239061202	Cycling would be a danger to pedestrians. Many cyclists don't warn pedestrians of their presence (with a bell). Who would have to give way? It could be chaos, especially to those who are unable to move quickly or are unaware. Totally irresponsible idea.	Don't do it
Anonymous User:314766561	I believe that opening Sheep street up to legal cycling at any time would cause danger of injury to ambulating members of the public with particular concern for the elderly, Infirm, disabled and hard of hearing In addition the speed cyclist reach would mean risk of injury to both pedestrians and cyclists. Its a very short street and y lists are perfectly able to walk with their bikes or divert around Sheep St.	Absolutely, unequivocally I object to this proposal on grounds of safety for all.
Anonymous User:314775648	It's a risk to the pedestrians using Sheep Street, seen too many reckless cyclists ignoring the no cycling signs, travelling at speed and nearly injuring people including myself	It won't be policed so why propose it
Anonymous User:314773938	I strongly disagree with this decision! There are vulnerable people that walk down sheep street such as the elderly who are already unsteady on their feet, mothers with their children, wheel chair users and many more. Some of those people won't be able to move out of cyclists way as quickly! Allowing people to cycle down sheep street where it gets busy and is for the public to go about their day is ridiculous! We'll end up having to avoid the youth who don't care about other people and will cause chaos towards the vulnerable! This is 100% going to cause unnecessary accidents that the public don't need!	There are other ways of getting around the town which will only take cyclists an extra 2-3 minutes which they've been doing before this has come into place. They don't need a cut through.
Anonymous User:300224447	I think cycling in Sheep Street should only be allowed before 9am and after 6pm. During the daytime it should remain pedestrianised as there are small children and older people using it, who are more likely to be knocked over by a cyclist.	To cycle down Manorsfield road and market square is not a problem for cyclists. It's not much further than cycling down Sheep street, by the time you have to weave in and out of people.

<p>Anonymous User:238185355</p>	<p>Are you lot mad in proposing this? It's bad enough at the moment with cyclists illegally going through Sheep Street and nearly colliding with pedestrians, including people like me who are slower moving due to age and disabilities.</p> <p>1 "By integrating Sheep Street into the cycling network, we aim to provide significant benefits for cyclists by improving the choice of routes across Bicester, including for students who cycle or wish to cycle to school." Twaddle, there are no schools immediately close to Sheep Street, and there are only about 8 people living on Sheep Street in the houses behind the shops. It shouldn't deter cyclists who need to traverse Sheep Street to commute, shop, go to school, or for pleasure to get off their bikes and walk through the approx 250 yards.</p> <p>2 "We believe that allowing cycling in Sheep Street will improve access for all cyclists including those who have disabilities," Twaddle, if someone is so disabled that they need a non standard bike they are covered by existing law and permissions. If they can ride a standard bike then they can use the bike for support if needed to WALK through the approx 250 yards.</p> <p>3 "enabling them to cycle more." Twaddle, if someone is disabled or fully able, and can cycle the approx 250 yards of Sheep Street as well as whatever distance from their starting point to Sheep Street, then they can walk their bikes through.</p> <p>4 "Additionally, this change is expected to attract more visitors to local businesses, market days, and festivals, thereby boosting the local economy. Twaddle, what possible justification do you have for this statement? If anything you are likely to put off people from coming into town during those times for fear of being hit by a cyclist.</p> <p>Further, by increasing the interaction of cyclists and pedestrians by making them share space you will increase the chance of accidents. Cyclists do not have to be insured and so if they hit someone and for example cause a broken limb bone which means that the pedestrian is then off work and needs more treatment they will either have to sue the cyclist personally, or sue the Council that gives the permission for cyclists as that Council will have done so in the full knowledge of</p>	<p>Madness!! Unsafe!!</p> <p>Let's see the Risk Assessment.</p>
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	<p>increasing the risk to pedestrians.</p> <p>YOU NEED TO ENFORCE THE CURRENT BAN AND DO NOT PUT CONVENIENCE FOR CYCLISTS BEFORE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY.</p>	
Anonymous User:314793806	Most cycle to fast,including battery bikes.	
Anonymous User:314806727	In the past when this has been banned , people still cycling have been a danger to pedestrians	
Anonymous User:314809013	I'm afraid of been knocked down by a cyclist	
Anonymous User:300836723	More people on bikes = less cars on the road. Simples!	Nope
Anonymous User:89255839	Dangerous for pedestrians	
Anonymous User:314850004	Safety of the elderly and young children. Sheep street was made pedestrianised so should stay that way	No
Anonymous User:314855528	Mr Gant needs to realise that the whole world does not revolve around cyclists. You want to cycle from one end of bicester to the other use manorsfield road, that's what it was built for so sheep street could be pedestrianised. OED will show what that word means if you have difficulty with it	
Anonymous User:314891438	I think it will be too dangerous having cyclists using Sheep St. At the moment it is safe to walk without having to think about traffic,especially if you have children with you. Also if you are in a wheelchair it isn't always easy to get out of the way of traffic quickly. Also I believe it is nice and calm without the traffic. Surely cyclists can use Manorsfield Rd as it runs pretty much parallel. Safety first which was why Sheep St was predestined in the first place	
Anonymous User:314909239	Whilst the current restriction is rarely enforced, many that do cycle through weave around pedestrians. An increase in cycle movements is likely to worsen this. It is quite intimidating at times, and for those with disabilities such as mobility, hearing and sight it will only be worse.	No
Anonymous User:314924313	Cycling should only be allowed if there are clear cycle lanes and these are enforced	
Anonymous User:314925796	Sheep street is a lovely walking area. People can get injured and irresponsible young cyclists can caus lots more damage to the area	
Anonymous User:314935086	At the moment Sheep Street is a 'safe' area for pedestrians, people can wander at will, children can walk around safely. The elderly can	A very bad idea and not in Bicester's best interest

	take their time, stop and go. None of this can happen with cyclists zooming around. Everyone will have to be continually on the lookout for cyclists. As someone who is hard of hearing I find the prospect of cyclists in Sheep Street daunting especially with electric bikes/scooters on the increase. Sheep Strret is already dying, if it is pedestrianised I feel it will kill it.	
Anonymous User:297495268	Of the people who still use Sheep Street, many are elderly, disabled or with young children and I see cycling as more of a hazard to these than a benefit to those who might want to cycle through.	Please don't pedestrianise Market Square, it will kill trade and the centre of Bicester is already suffering. Use all of the money that you would use on this cycling scheme and the redevelopment of the historical centre (Market Square) and put it into revamping the empty shops - help people get started with their business, keep the high street alive.
Anonymous User:314952414	I think it's an awful idea, I'm disabled and kids (and adults) already ride their bikes through sheep street and the amount of times they've almost knocked myself or something over, it happens almost everytime I go to town	It's a stupid and dangerous idea
Anonymous User:301520974	Support healthy living	No
Anonymous User:300215561	Maybe as a compromise a cycle lane or between certain hours it's pedestrian like 10-4	No
Anonymous User:300215561	Definitely cycling must be permitted not busy times	No
Anonymous User:314958664	I have seen the cycle paths around [Redacted] where my parents live and as a pedestrian it's very dangerous .	
Anonymous User:314956999	It would be dangerous for pedestrians as a few would speed through without any thought of others especially any young children run around. As it is nobody monitors bikes or cars driving through sheep Street now. The same as all the cars that park up by the side of Sainsbury's now.	This would not help the shops in Sheep Street, it just means it will be used as a shortcut endangering more pedestrians
Anonymous User:314958595	When bikes already ride past they do so at an alarming speed, startling both myself and the dog who is blind. Why pedestrianise an area then allow a dangerous proposal to be put forward? For disabled users & vulnerable people walking along or using a wheelchair along sheep street it just puts them at risk.	It's completely ridiculous. A waste of council time and money.
Anonymous User:314959334	I feel Sheep Street is a pedestrian area & should remain so, especially regarding health & safety of the pedestrians. I'm sure for the short distance involved cyclists could dismount & push their bikes through Sheep Street & then carry on cycling after.	

Anonymous User:314965410	<p>Allowing cyclists in the Sheep Street pedestrian section would be "an accident waiting to happen". Many people already cycle through there anyway even though it is currently prohibited for obvious safety reasons. Lifting current restrictions would mean many more cyclists riding through at whatever speed they wish with the inevitable consequences sooner or later.</p> <p>And I am someone who actually cycles around Bicester all the time! Just dismounting to go through that short pedestrian section or taking an alternative route is really no great hardship.</p>	
Anonymous User:314982258	There is not enough space for cycling two ways also as it is at the moment it's safe for elderly people and children I don't think it will be so safe with the two way cycling	I don't want the market square changed either
Anonymous User:315047947	Sheep Street can be busy at times and should remain pedestrian only zone for the safety of the pedestrians.	
Anonymous User:315052158	As a bicycle user this is a key route for accessing areas of bicester, if there were cycle lanes it would be of benefit to many people, and reduce people cycling all over different areas of the street	
Anonymous User:315060358	The barrier on sheep st has been down for years and we already see cars using sheep st. We spent thousands of pounds pedestrianising the street and allowing cyclists to use is ridiculous, they already use it when they shouldn't and some come through at break neck speed. I strongly object to cyclists on sheep st .	
Anonymous User:315066236	For Pedestrian safety, cyclists should not be allowed in Sheep Street	
Anonymous User:315090222	some people are reckless and I have been nearly knocked down	
Anonymous User:315119622	Too bloody dangerous cyclists think they own the road as it is so therefor too dangerous in the pathway nit with kids & disabled its ridiculous	YES DONT DO IT ITS RIDICULOUS WILL CAUSE NOTHING BUT ACCIDENTS AND PROBLEMS
Anonymous User:315125916	You have cyclist's riding through the Sheep Street at the moment, although it's banned. My partner was mowed down on Monday the 5th July by a cyclist not paying attention to where they were going. If this had of been an elderly person they would have ended up in hospital with serious injuries. If you open Sheep Street up to bikes then you may as well go back to 30 years ago when it was open to cars etc. Who comes up with these ideas I have to ask.	Take it off your agenda.

Anonymous User:193463370	There are many elderly people walking and in mobility scooters people on bikes would causes lot of aggro and also all the cafe tables outside not a lot of room to get out of way	
Anonymous User:315155224	A traffic free zone should include all modes of transport. There are ample cycle racks at all entrances to Sheep Street and it is only a short walk to the shops from those racks. Allowing cycling would endanger elderly and very young pedestrians who are not always alert to cyclist approaching, especially in a shopping precinct.	
Anonymous User:315158793	This proposal is in direct opposition/conflict to the principles of the Highway Code in that pedestrians come first - there are No Effective Safety Control measures that will work - mixing people and people - vulnerable and children is going to end up in injuries - anti social behaviour etc. For Accountability purposes please name the members who have proposed this and continue to do so.	Please do not do it
Anonymous User:240048315	As a cyclist myself, I see no problem with wheeling my cycle the length of Sheep Street if I want to get to the shops or cycle elsewhere. Sheep Street is a pedestrian area used by people of all ages some of whom are not able to quickly move out of the way of a moving cycle. I have witnessed several near incidents as cyclists currently ignore the No cycling rule. There are other routes that cyclists can use that enable them to cycle either to the shops or through the town i.e. cycle path on Manorfield Road.	No I have made my views known in the previous section.
Anonymous User:123328291	Absolute danger to pedestrians. There's no policing of the current policy so there won't be any on market days either. I've had several near misses. My wife has had a knee replacement and shudders when they come racing past as it is. Ridiculous idea and will cause injury to less abled pedestrians. Please reconsider using common sense.	
Anonymous User:315173371	There are a lot of children, elderly people and the public using the paved area with benches where people can rest and socialise. There a4 already lots of scooters being ridden in the space which is very dangerous. I object to the idea. I cannot understand why it was pedertrianised in the first instance.	100% objection
Anonymous User:315136939	Hazardous to pedestrians especially elderly, children & dogs on leads. People will be nervously having to keep a lookout for bikes especially if they have young children by holding their hand rather than allowing	Serous injuries or death will occur

	<p>them a small amount of freedom to enjoy the environment. Visitors will not come to the town centre to shop preferring to go to a traffic free precinct. I see no reason why if someone is fit & able to cycle cannot push their bikes through Sheep Street or cycle round on the public highway. It's worked successfully for many years since pedestrianisation.</p>	
<p>Anonymous User:315412194</p>	<p>I feel cycling would benefit local business and encourage more people into the town.</p>	<p>Safe bike stands would be a good idea. And more safe cycle routes generally.</p>
<p>Anonymous User:300215561</p>	<p>Restricting cycling during non working hours is a restriction of civil liberties</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Anonymous User:189439720</p>	<p>It's dangerous to allow cyclists in a pedestrian area where people who some have poor mobility and require walking aids. What cyclists do ride in sheep street now as its not policed go through very fast weaving around pedestrians, only time before a pedestrian is knocked over by a cyclist. Continue to walk with cycles through sheep street, this could improve shop and market sales as they take a slower pace and look at the shop and market displays.</p>	<p>Definitely should not be allowed, it's dangerous idea.</p>
<p>Anonymous User:315491583</p>	<p>It would make it very unsafe for pedestrians....it's bad enough now. In my opinion, it will reduce people shopping in the town....who would want to put themselves at risk of being knocked down. It would make it very dangerous for everyone, in particular the elderly and young children</p>	<p>Apart from saying what a ridiculous idea it is, no.</p>
<p>Anonymous User:208629173</p>	<p>I frequently use Sheep St, travelling by bike or car. Reckless cyclists already ride on it and are rarely challenged. Considerate riders will automatically adapt their route and speed according to conditions; no one wants a collision or ill will. I believe there is substantial research on shared use spaces which supports this. As a shopper it is very frustrating to use sheep St by bike at present because of the restrictions at quiet times, and also the lack of cycle parking facilities. The restriction, on what is part of a national cycle route is also very limiting for through cycle traffic, eg to the station. However Sheep St can become crowded on Fridays so I accept that no cycling then would reassure market users.</p>	<p>no</p>
<p>Anonymous User:301492609</p>	<p>Dangerous enough now with cyclists, e-scooters and cars using Sheep Street daily. The bollard has never been repaired so it's a free for all. Sheep Street was pedestrianised at a considerable cost, the clue is in the word 'pedestrianised'.</p>	<p>It looks like an easy option by the 'powers that be' to ignore the fact that Sheep Street is pedestrianised and needs policing. It needs to be kept that way for the safety of the many pedestrians who use it daily.</p>

Anonymous User:315587226	It's a pedestrian walkway, anyone desperate to cycle can use Manorsfield Rd!	Should not proceed.
Anonymous User:315587024	Very dangerous for small children and old person.	
Anonymous User:315596700	I don't think it will work, there are a lot of people on foot on sheep street, a lot of elderly and young families & people cycling around on sheep street could be dangerous. Sheep street isn't very long, it's not hard to avoid cycling on sheep street. My son and I cycle around Bicester, the cycle paths around Bicester are great, I don't feel there is a need to be able to cycle through sheep street, I think it will be more dangerous & for not much benefit. Cycling should definitely not be allowed on Friday market day, it's just way too busy, but I also think if you allow cycling on all other days except Friday it's just going to be confusing for cyclists.	I think the cons far out way the pros
Anonymous User:315598907	I personally nearly got run over by a cyclist adult speeding through sheep street last week bad enough with kids but adults should know better you need to put a two way cycle lane if you do go through with it ,if you dont and someone gets seriously someone must be held accountable for reccomendation of this ill thought out plan.	No
Anonymous User:315621609	Cycling would cause too many accidents. I was here when sheep Street had full traffic flow it was changed to a pedestrian area many years ago and that's how it should stay. I strongly disagree allowing cycles. There are many elderly and young children in that area it can only be chaos	Do not allow cycles.
Anonymous User:315622397	Cycling and escooters are blatantly used now, even though there should be NO cycling. Very dangerous due to volume of wheelchairs, children running about, and elderly people walking about.	Nobody will access Sheep St on a bike to go shopping, without the risk of getting their bike stolen. It will not increase footfall. Stupid idea, the planning of this will waste money. Fine the people who already ride through Sheep St.
Anonymous User:315634714	There are too many cyclists on Sheep Street even whilst they are supposedly banned. I saw a young man not just cycling but doing wheelies up the pedestrianised area on Tuesday. He might have been caught, although I doubt it, but to allow cyclists officially will give carte blanche and will be a series of accidents waiting to happen.	Scrap it 100% and police the current ban which is being ignored by cyclists
Anonymous User:315699142	There are already too many cyclists using Sheep Street on a daily basis. Young and old alike. I am frequently confronted with a speeding bicycle and have to move quickly, it is already a very dangerous place to walk. The cyclists have not been policed at all, it's dangerous and	No. Enough said . Hideous proposal in my opinion.

	<p>frustrating. I thought, when told about this proposal that it was a joke because it's already a busy cycle way. The proposal doesn't even mention how it would be implemented, would there be definite cycle lanes for each direction? Would it be policed? Who would deal with the legalities following cyclist/ pedestrian accidents? May I also add that I live on the Bicester [Redacted] route which is an alleyway beyond my garden. I cannot step out of my back gate for fear of speeding cyclists and motorised disability scooters and just to add, this part of the walk way is signed NO cyclists on this stretch but it makes no difference, the same as Sheep Street, they are already using it, I now know, illegally. It is a terrible idea, the worst one I've heard since England decided to get rid of the hard shoulder on motorways (albeit on a smaller scale) and we had no choice about that. Please hear my voice. It is a bad idea because it is already busy with cyclists who do not consider anybody else and now I learn they are doing it illegally. Where was the policing? And where will it be when it gets out of control with your approval?</p>	
<p>Anonymous User:315703705</p>	<p>I find quite bizarre the turning of a safe retail environment into a dangerous one. One already feels at risk from pickpockets etc & now you're proposing to allow cyclists & presumably e-scooters to race around with no one to keep a check on them (we already have problems with youth's acting up). I fear for any pedestrians particularly the elderly & those with young children. I do not wish to have to say "I told you so" when someone is badly injured.</p>	<p>I am totally against this proposal.</p>
<p>Anonymous User:315716285</p>	<p>It is a pedestriansied area, can be busy, with children and old folk.</p>	<p>Do not do it</p>
<p>Anonymous User:315711359</p>	<p>We already have to negotiate at least six pubs and cafés which have extended their premises into the area with tables and chairs. We have to avoid pensioners and disabled using mobility vehicles, and children running about and people on electric scooters. We already have to contend with cyclists using the precinct illegally in both directions. Allowing cyclists to go speeding through all this especially on Friday Market day is an accident waiting to happen, resulting in major or possibly fatal injury.</p>	<p>This idea has not been thought through properly. Manorsfield Road runs parallel to Sheep Street for access, and there are many bike racks available.</p>
<p>Anonymous User:238387936</p>	<p>Would need to delineate a cycling lane - suggest the existing 'road'</p>	
<p>Anonymous User:300215561</p>	<p>Cycling restrictions is out dated</p>	<p>No</p>

Anonymous User:316087265	I object to the proposals because I feel that it is dangerous to mix cycles with pedestrians. After all, cycles are not allowed to be ridden on standard pavements. Allowing a mix of the two in a busy shopping area, in my opinion, is irresponsible.	MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE Some years ago, my 80-year-old mum was knocked down by a cyclist in Cornmarket, Oxford (a pedestrianised thoroughfare only), and it broke her hip. Her final years were uncomfortable. The cyclist was never traced.
Anonymous User:316088330	Cyclists have no respect for pedestrians. Sheep Street is very narrow and I don't believe cycling and pedestrians mix	
Anonymous User:316106484	I think it is very dangerous for pedestrians. Cycling is not controlled now and the speed that cyclists and electric scooters go down there now sooner or later there is going to be a serious accident. If someone is fit enough to cycle there they are quite able to walk a few hundred yards	
Anonymous User:316380619	This is a pedestrian zone for over 25 years. Introducing cycling will cause accidents with pedestrians and children who are unaware of them. Also cyclists hardly use the bell to inform pedestrians they are coming.	No
Anonymous User:316381875	As a cycle commute to Bicester town from [Redacted] cycling on the Buckingham road is dangerous, especially in winter months	
Anonymous User:303930702	This is a discriminatory and dangerous proposal favouring users of wheeled traffic (cycles and other vehicles such as e-bikes, e-scooters, delivery bikes etc), over pedestrians and wheelchair/mobility aid users who are at the top of the Highway Code for protection - as users of all routes and especially where shared-use routes are concerned. The rationale of encouraging more cycling as part of Active and Healthy Travel is completely bogus and contradicts the underlying policy aims, as Active and Healthy Travel should be HEALTHY FOR EVERYONE - all route users - not risk harm to groups other than cyclists/wheeled vehicle users. It is a violation of Traffic Law in the sense that owners of the route must NOT CAUSE ENDANGERMENT TO ITS USERS or facilitate its obstruction. PUBLIC INFORMATION IS NEEDED PLEASE about the following: What monitoring and enforcement measures are in place to underpin this scheme? And where does LEGAL LIABILITY for it lie - with which council, route owners, other stakeholders - all of them? This must have been covered during planning the scheme and certainly is essential if becomes operational. NB anything other than a cycle operated by foot is classed as a MOTORIZED VEHICLE and illegal in the area covered by the scheme. I urge you strongly to reject it.	No

<p>Anonymous User:316472887</p>	<p>My experience of spaces shared between cyclists and pedestrians (eg outside Oxford station) is that cyclists are mindful of and careful of the needs of pedestrians . My experience of routes where the space is divided for example by a white line as between cyclists and pedestrians is that they do not work well because pedestrians do not observe the division properly . I am cautious about allowing cycling during market hours because it can be very crowded but since this is a trial it is probably the best time to find out if it is right that cyclists can be considerate in difficult conditions . The alternative would be to limit cycling to outside the peak hours but it would need to be monitored and enforced and probably therefore more problematic . Sheep street is a vital connection for cyclists between one side of Bicester and the other given the lack of other safe routes</p>	<p>only generally that total confusion reigns in Bicester about whether cyclists should travel on the pavements or on the roads. I favour the idea that they should use roads as is proper but someone needs to enforce the rules.</p>
<p>Anonymous User:316477501</p>	<p>If the no cycling at all times currently in place were to be enforced this trial might make a difference. However as it isn't the trial seems to be a pointless waste of time and resources.</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Anonymous User:300836723</p>	<p>I've been cycling over the summer and really enjoying it. Sheep Sheep is a real obstacle to getting around. Bring able to cycle there would be amazing!</p>	
<p>Anonymous User:316515765</p>	<p>The picture on this web page clearly shows people all over the road , are they all expected to stand aside for cyclists , like the the illegal one in this picture?</p> <p>People tend to meander up and down Sheep street , gather in little groups having a chat or wander to the other side unexpectedly . Are pedestrians to be fitted with rear view mirrors to watch out for bikes hurtling up from behind before daring to walk to the other side?</p>	<p>Bad idea.</p>
<p>Anonymous User:316642700</p>	<p>I think this is a ridiculous idea. People have got used to Sheep Street being pedestrianised so to allow cyclists to go up and down it would be dangerous. Children can play and the elderly can walk safely through town, well sometimes as cyclists have no consideration when they do cycle through Sheep Street so imagine cyclists going both ways through Sheep Street it would be an accident waiting to happen. I also assume electric scooters will also be allowed. It may as well be opened up again as a normal road. Why can they not travel around town as it will not take them much longer to go either around the back</p>	

	on Victoria Road or Manorsfield road on the other side, it's all extra exercise which they want us all to do!	
Anonymous User:317083930	Cyclists are already causing problems most places. They cut in front of me when driving as it is and walking around the town centre they've ran into several pedestrians over the last few weeks and it's getting quite frustrating	I don't agree with the laws about cyclists in the first place and believe roads are designed for cars and town centre is designed for pedestrians
Anonymous User:317124894	There is cycle racks each end of Sheep St with only a short walk between, so no need to cycle. Those who disregard the current no cycling are causing a danger to pedestrians especially the children & elderly. This situation would be made considerably worse if the cycling ban was removed.	The street was pedestrianised for a reason keep it that way.
Anonymous User:317149048	I don't believe that it is a good idea to allow cycling in sheep street. My feeling is that if this proposal were to go ahead, it would make it unsafe for young families, the elderly and less able pedestrians (of which there are many) in the town. My son is autistic and struggles with spatial awareness so from a personal point of view I can imagine how this might directly affect him. The town can be fairly busy at times and sheep street isn't particularly long or difficult to navigate if you need to get from one end to the other without travelling through the town.	No
Anonymous User:317422980	Sheep street unlike other roads which have accepted a cycling access route, is not wide enough to safely have cyclist traveling faster than pedestrians. We have a lot of the fail and elderly using sheep street because they feel safe. Opening up to cyclists will deter those actually using the shops and we will loose the heart of our high street to our beautiful market town forever! We are not Oxford!	
Anonymous User:317433860	It an ill-judged and potentially unsafe proposal that will fail to meet its stated objectives. Better routes exist for cycle lanes to achieve the objectives stated. Sheep St should remain solely dedicated for pedestrians.	Manorsfield Road has the width and low traffic volume to facilitate a properly marked out cycle path. Sheep Street does not. Attempts to link the 2 train stations by a cycle lane are sheer folly: I use both stations regularly and people do not need to transit between the 2 to continue their public transport. If a stated objective is to increase local business footfall in the area, then putting pedestrians or bus users on a bike instead will decrease shopper volume not increase it.
Anonymous User:317451353	Random cyclists need to be guided to a defined route.	Who will enforce this?
Anonymous User:317586222	This is many accidents waiting to happen . Are E bikes and battery Scooters going to use this idea.	Yes it's a ridiculous idea . More bike racks at both ends would encourage bikers to dismount.

Anonymous User:317603896	Even though it no cycling now there are plenty who do and it's dangerous for young children and elderly. People do not stuck to the rules now so it's very unlikely	
Anonymous User:317723487	Sheep Street has been designated for some years as a pedestrianised area. There is some access allowed for disabled drivers and some commercial delivery vehicles . I disagree completely with the proposal to allow cyclists to ride down Sheep Street at any time. Accidents to pedestrians shopping in Sheep Street will occur .Thereis no protection at all for shoppers except on Market day. Cyclists could be allowed to dismount and push their bikes down the length of Sheep Street ,that is the sensible approach. Some discretion might be offered to disabled cyclists but surely pushing their bikes would give them mobility support.Perhaps after 6pm it might be allowed till 8am the next day. However I think the needs of pedestrians in town to encourage shoppers to visit the businesses in the town or attend other events in and around Sheep Streetare the most important important factors to be considered. Mobility scooters have to be allowed but with a request to drive them sensibly with consideration to other street users.	I would only add that I cannot imagine where this crazy idea came from in the first place.
Anonymous User:317788436	Allowing cycling would have a detrimental effect for all pedestrians who currently enjoy a comfortable and safe environment in which to shop. It would cause particular problems for parents with young children, the elderly and disabled.	I have previously been a cyclist and took care to treat pedestrians and other road users with consideration. However, now as a pedestrian I have noticed that many cyclists in Bicester do not behave in this way and present a danger to others by cycling on the pavement of on footpaths where cycling is not allowed. I do not see why the interests of cyclists should be placed above the comfort and safety of pedestrians in Sheep Street.
Anonymous User:317817268	I support the idea in principle, but only at times of reduced footfall. I therefore do not think this should be in place on Market Day or on Saturdays as Sheep St is busier. The fact is that much of the time there are not too many people in Bicester as so many businesses are closed. There is considerable hostility to cyclists, however most cyclists are also pedestrians at other times!	
Anonymous User:318084010	I am a regular cyclist, walker and car driver so have no special axe to grind regarding this matter but I feel strongly that Sheep Street should be reserved solely for pedestrians as virtually the only safe space left in Bicester. The assumption that all cyclists will behave responsibly is not born out by reality because many do not, particularly food delivery riders.. Just look at Cornmarket in Oxford to see that.	

	There is absolutely no need for cyclists to invade the pedestrian space of Sheep Street and there should be no experiment or trial period.	
Anonymous User:318127054	I'm in my 70's and have already experienced near misses with cyclists in Sheep Street. The current ban is not being policed and I cannot see any change being policed either. I am a cyclist myself and have no problem or need for extra cycling. Crossing over, left to right and vice-versa, will cause concern for the less able. Who will bare legal responsibility for the scheme?	I have heard some say this is the OCC wasting our money again. The same can be said about the Bicester, Banbury Road / Caversfield roundabout conversion to traffic lights. Fit problems, don't create them, please.
Anonymous User:318183066	I believe Sheep Street is busy enough with pedestrians and disability scooters and having cyclists going through Sheep Street will put the lives of these people in danger. When Sheep Street was pedestrianised it was a huge positive change for Bicester - young families can walk safely through the street without fear of their children running into the road of any traffic. To allow cyclists to use Sheep Street I believe you would actually put people off going into the shops along Sheep Street due to fear they may get knocked over by a cyclist.	I hope and pray this doesn't go ahead
Anonymous User:318219921	Recently I was nearly knocked over by a bike in sheep street	
Anonymous User:318604435	Didn't like it when it was changed in the first place. With bikes using it will cause accidents. A cyclist ran into me in sheep st. And don't forget they are not insured. I was lucky that day I was only bruised. It needs to be safe for everyone especially children and the elderly. Wake up you lot. [Redacted] .	No
Anonymous User:300836723	Would reduce traffic in the town centre if people drove.	No
Anonymous User:318758213	Although, currently, there is not meant to be any cycling along this route, it is happening with around 95% of cyclists not dismounting as they should; So this gives a clear indication as to what your scheme would be like (although how you implement two-way cycling I have no idea). Cyclists, in general, do not give a second thought to pedestrians (especially elderly ones), people with wheelchairs, pushchairs and dogs, etc. They speed along, weaving in and out, so fast its hard to believe there's not been an accident already. Then, of course, there's the added chance of them being hit by the many service vehicles that come down Sheep Street. (By the way, this also needs vetting, as some vehicles go the wrong way even though there are One-Way signs there. I volunteer in a [Redacted]] in Sheep Street and see how fast cyclists, especially secondary school children go	Just look at the photo above and you will see someone cycling when they're not meant to. Maybe cycling could be allowed before 9am and after 5pm but even then that can still be hazardous for pedestrians, etc and I simply cannot see how this can be implemented. By the way the lack of a visible community police/traffic warden means people will continue to do what they want anyway.

	along there. Some time ago an elderly person was leaving the shop and was almost knocked into by someone cycling too close to the shops.	
Anonymous User:318831817	It will simply be unsafe for cycling to be allowed in Sheep St. where there are lots of pedestrians of all ages using it every day. The risk of an accident is too great.	If cyclists need to go into Sheep St. then they should get off their bikes & walk like the rest of us do most of the time in Bicester.
Anonymous User:319051603	It is a pedestrian walkway for all people to shop safely. People on bikes and scooters do not appreciate and respect people consistently on foot or take age or specific pedestrian needs into consideration. The entry and exits would not be cost effective. Market day is particularly busy. People should get fined for cycling in the pedestrian areas. There have been signs up for many years stating no cycling zone. This needs to be adhered to. I.e. get off and push your bike. Thank you.	My son has done this for me. Many older people do not want cyclists in the town centre. Many older people can not sir their views using this platform as they do not have the technical skills to do so online. Do not underestimate how many people do not want this. Police community support officers & town wardens should be stopping, challenging & fining cyclists & scooters. We should not be making it easier & putting something in place to enable them to breach a pedestrian area and long-standing rules.
Anonymous User:319245015	The street is simply not wide enough to allow cyclist to mingle with pedestrians. It will be an accident waiting to happen	
Anonymous User:319313453	The message is in the wording - Pedestrian Zone - Cycling is a danger to pedestrians, particularly the elderly, in this area. People that currently ride bicycle's often have scant regard for pedestrians and get annoyed when people fail to get out of their way	No
Anonymous User:300482085	Cycling through sheep St takes place already and it is a danger to pedestrians, I feel it will result in accidents.	Bad proposal.
Anonymous User:292708029	As an elderly resident who cycles around Bicester I like to shop with my bicycle. Opening up Sheep Street to cyclists seem a good way to encourage more people to cycle rather than drive. Bicester is at the forefront of developing eco initiatives so opening another cycle way seems to be another good sustainable approach. Thank you for offering to trial this if most people agree.	
Anonymous User:320515323	I feel this would give a boost to sustainable travel and I would personally now use my bicycle to go to the town centre more often.	
Anonymous User:320794322	I really don't see the point. There are perfect alternatives on Victoria Road or Manorsfield Road and any cycling on Sheep Street represents a risk to pedestrians. Of course the worst is Market Day but Sheep Street can be busy any day.	
Anonymous User:244505311	Potential injuries to everyone as families and the elderly would be at risk, and as bicycles are not always well maintained and most cyclists do not have insurance this would cause other problems. It's a recipe for disaster	Could the money for this project and consultation be better spent elsewhere. Also how much is this all going to cost, will it be made public?

<p>Anonymous User:320955159</p>	<p>When Sheep Street was pedestrianised it was done so that apart from a few delivery vehicles it would be traffic free and cycle free allowing pedestrians to walk safely and browse in the shops and use the food outlets. The cyclists who contravene the current regulations cause many problems to pedestrians and people using mobility aids. As a cyclist I am more than happy to get off my bicycle and walk my bicycle through Sheep Street or leave it chained to a bicycle rack. I definitely do not agree with allowing cycling in Sheep Street.</p>	<p>Please let common sense prevail and keep Sheep Street. Cycle and scooter free</p>
<p>Anonymous User:320978893</p>	<p>It's a safety issue allowing bicycles, electric scooters and electric skateboards using sheep street. The amount of near misses that occur now is scary. All should be allowed to walk through Sheep Street safely without looking over our shoulders.</p>	<p>Shouldn't be allowed</p>
<p>Anonymous User:321185871</p>	<p>I find Bicester is not very safe for cycling, specially children. And having a way to cross the centre that is safe specially with small children would be very welcome</p>	<p>I'd love safe cycling routes, preferably of the road, between all the new housing estates and the centre of town/train stations. Eg Graven hill, kingsmere. To make travel more sustainable</p>
<p>Anonymous User:321189358</p>	<p>[Redacted] resident who often cycles into town. I am a large proponent for cycling to encourage accessibility to non motorists and younger folks whilst improving on traffic and health</p>	<p>Should be a clearly marked segment of the street, but not segregated, to help with flow and reduce negative pedestrian/cyclist interaction. See how they incorporate both into town centers in Denmark and Holland where they have significant experience. Don't design it in isolation locally, else we end up with non functional cycle paths such as at gravenhill</p>
<p>Anonymous User:321209236</p>	<p>My biggest concern is with safety of pedestrians vs cyclists who may be travelling at speed down Sheep Street if it is open to be used as effectively a "cut through" across the town centre. This could be an issue on Saturdays and Sundays as well as on the Friday market day. There is no marked cycle lane which would mean a mixing of pedestrian and cycle traffic. The risk of collisions is heightened by the number of pedestrians who may be entering or exiting shops and moving perpendicular to the cycle traffic flow, including elderly pensioners. It is not generally an environment where pedestrians would be alert and looking around for cycle traffic. It also compromises the potential desirable development of on street cafe table type features such as outside coffee shops and restaurants.</p> <p>The goal of having more people cycle into and across town is admirable but they should be parking near sheep street and walking in the pedestrian area rather than cycling down it - there is little cycle parking on sheep street itself for example. Likewise if crossing town there are alternative routes for example along Victoria Road or the</p>	

	B4100 which we should endeavour to make safe for cyclists without risking pedestrians as the most vulnerable of all road users (which is the whole point of having the pedestrian zone in sheep street in the first place).	
Anonymous User:321215113	I am concerned about the risk to pedestrians if Sheep Street is opened to cyclists. The pedestrian area of sheep street is one of the best things about the town centre as it encourages browsing in the local shops and allows outdoor seating around cafes, pubs and restaurants, as well as the market. Cyclists would be traveling at speed through this formerly pedestrian area, using it as a cut through which risks making the town centre less accessible to vulnerable pedestrians such as the elderly and disabled. There is currently no cycle path, so it would mean cyclists weaving between pedestrians which is dangerous, and if there was a cycle path this would essentially introduce a road in the middle of the pedestrian area and defeat the object of having a pedestrianised zone in the first place. Encouraging more cycling into town is a good idea, but should not be at the expense of pedestrians - a better idea would be to increase the amount of cycle parking available at each end of sheep street for cyclists who wish to visit the town centre, and make Victoria Road and the B4100 more safe for cyclists with dedicated cycle paths for cyclists who want to cut through the town centre for onward journeys.	Overall I am concerned about the continual prioritisation of cycling in Bicester over pedestrians. If a compromise needs to be made it should be at the expense of car users, not pedestrians.
Anonymous User:321245765	2 way cycling on Sheep Street is a danger not only to the elderly, all handicapped pedestrians, wheelchair users, children not on reins, all pedestrian users of Sheep Street. Cyclists can park their bikes in a designated bike parking area and walk! If these cycling proposals go ahead you wait and see accidents will occur and people will be claiming compensation from the Council!	I've made my point.
Anonymous User:321367354	Objecting to proposals. Cyclists are dangerous enough without causing more. They are uninsured. They have no public liability.	Its a just a liberal view that supports cyclists over all other types of transport. They unlike cars, are unregulated.
Anonymous User:321388613	I have been nearly run over by bikes several times in sheep st and I have good hearing, deaf or hard of hearing people would not stand a chance. Lots already cycle recklessly in sheep street weaving in and out of people. There is nothing wrong with cycling to town and parking your bike , you can't take it into the shops anyway although none of the pavements or very few are the regulation width of three metre or are overgrown so walkers nearly get swept away going into town. Bikes should have bells hardly anyone one does. It's the council that	It's rubbish clutching at straws

	<p>stupidly gave planning permission for building of shops ie m and s tesco next etc out of town which involves crossing busy roads so safer to drive also can't carry a weeks shopping without a car. Should have kept all the shops in town so one stop shop. Look what has happened to Banbury a deserted town everyone going to gateway council shot themselves in the foot there what a waste of money. Think you are clutching at straws can't see bikers shopping more but I can see the a and e department being more busy</p>	
<p>Anonymous User:321776962</p>	<p>ELDERLY PEDESTRIANS, WHEELCHAIRS USERS, PRAMS ETC. SHEEP STREET ALREADY HAS PROBLEMS WITH CYCLISTS, SCOOTERS. SHEEP STREET IS NOT THAT LONG AND CYCLISTS SHOULD GET OFF AND WALK. AT PRESENT NO-ONE SEEMS TO STOP CURRENT CYCLING AND ANY PROTEST FROM A PEDESTRIAN IS OFTEN MET WITH ABUSE. OPENING THE FLOODGATES TO CYCLISTS WOULD MEAN SCOOTERS GET FREE REIN, ELECTRIC CYCLES ETC,</p>	<p>THIS IS A HAIR BRAIN IDEA AND I WOULD IMAGINE IS THE IDEA OF A CYCLIST OR CYCLISTS.</p>
<p>Anonymous User:321689170</p>	<p>Cyclists have access to use Manorsfield Road & Victoria Road - Sheep Street should be left pedestrianised for the safety of the elderly, disabled, children & dog walkers. Cyclists could walk that stretch of the journey if they have to use Sheep St. If you allow this cyclists will still cycle through the market on a Friday (as they do already), so who is going to police it? This is a complete waste of tax payers money. Money would be better spent on improving access for disabled people who can't get on/off pavements currently because there are not enough dropped curbs.</p>	
<p>Anonymous User:321796779</p>	<p>I don't see this as a safe proposal in a pedestrian area. Also it's contradictory. You want to bring more people to the markets (cyclists?) but prohibit cyclists on a Friday? Cyclists can already cycle into town from Maorsfield Road or Victoria Road so they should walk from there. Cyclists are meant to be prohibited from cycling in Garth Park. They take no notice and ride through at speed putting people, children and dogs at risk. Nobody stops them.</p>	<p>This is a waste of money. More attention needs to be paid to the curbs, pavements and steps that prevent disabled people actually getting around this town. Too many steps across the centre of Sheep Street block access. No options to get on/off curbs in many places. THIS is where money needs to be spent in my opinion. Cycles should be left / parked off Sheep Street as they can't be taken into shops anyway if you're wanting more shoppers.</p>
<p>Anonymous User:160411149</p>	<p>More likely that accidents will happen. Speed would not be regulated. Are electric bikes and scooters included. Pedestrian precinct has worked well, don't think allowing cycling will increase numbers using town.</p>	<p>Bicester has been a problem spot with youngsters in recent months. Allowing cycling may create additional problems.</p>
<p>Anonymous User:322164443</p>	<p>My regular cycle route to Bicester North to go to work in Banbury would take me via Sheep St. but I currently have to go a longer way</p>	

	<p>around because cycling is not permitted.</p> <p>When I'm in Sheep St at the shops I notice that a lot of people actually just cycle anyway and it doesn't seem to cause a problem.</p>	
<p>Anonymous User:322243858</p>	<p>Some people already cycle through so if there were signs up that made people aware of the change, it would be safer.</p>	
<p>Anonymous User:302058053</p>	<p>From personal experience I feel that legalising cycling in Sheep Street is extremely dangerous. Sheep Street is already used by cyclist/illegal scooters most of whom break the speed limit. We know that pedestrians up and down the country are being mown down/killed by these speeding cyclist and feel that legalising this method of transport is not in the best interest of anyone. I don't understand the main aim is to increase cycling routes in the hope that it will reduce car usage. Cyclist could use the two roads either side of Sheep Street and I strongly object to them being allowed to use Sheep Street as a rat run.</p>	<p>The proposals should be permanently shelved in the interest of Health and Safety.</p>
<p>Anonymous User:322331566</p>	<p>Sheep Street should remain a safe space for pedestrians. At the moment some motor vehicles have access but they travel so slowly, and show a good awareness of pedestrians that they present no danger. Some cyclists also use Sheep Street (ILLEGALLY!) and the surrounding Crown walk precinct but they also ride in a slow and safe fashion. No consolation though if one does hit you as you are not at the moment particularly looking out for them. I believe if cyclists are given free rein to ride in Sheep Street then the current situation becomes very dangerous. They will believe that they have carte blanche to speed at will at speeds faster than a car would in the same circumstances. The onus would be on pedestrians to look out for them. You would need eyes in the back of your head. Casualties amongst children and OAP'S could be horrendous. It's not being alarmist to suggest that there could be fatalities. Perhaps even amongst cyclists. I believe this to be a very bad idea. It's bad enough walking around Bicester at the moment always having to be aware that at any moment a cyclist could be approaching you from behind. None of them appear to have bells anymore to warn you of their approach. Consequently if you wish to turn off the path or overtake someone you need to have your wits about you. This obviously also applies to e-scooters but I assume that's a separate problem. All of which tends to distract from what should be a pleasant walk. Sheep should remain how it is. Somewhere safe from the attentions of self righteous lycra clad maniacs who believe being on a bike gives them the right to go where</p>	<p>If this goes ahead, along with the market square proposal to ban cars, it will signify the death knell for most of the small independent businesses still left in Bicester. A Disaster of epic proportions just to appease a vocal minority and Green Dogma.</p>

	they like, as fast as they like, with no consideration for pedestrians, who they seem to regard with the same contempt as motorists hold for them.	
Anonymous User:322370665	We already have some people cycling on Sheep Street plus the e-scooters who often travel at high speed. Both of these modes of transport are accidents waiting to happen especially with older pedestrians. If a cyclist or e-scooter rider wishes to go from 1 end of Sheep Street to the other then they can walk like everyone else and there will be no chance of an accident!	
Anonymous User:322452550	There are too many people of all ages but predominantly elderly with walkers and walking sticks who use the space. It's enough trying to get out of the way of the scooters and one particular arrogant pair who think it's their right to park where they want because they have a disabled parking permit!! This annoys me immensely because if all the disabled cars parked like that there will be no room for pedestrians let alone cyclists!! Sorry about the rant but I needed to get it off my chest.	No
Anonymous User:322485658	I have been knocked over by cyclists twice recently. I think it would be madness to allow cyclists in a pedestrian area. Young children, pensioners and disabled people are at serious risk of harm if cyclists are allowed to whizz around on what should be a safe pedestrian area. There is no good reason why a cyclist cannot dismount and push their cycle the length of Sheep Street.	Just to reiterate that I believe this is a dreadful decision. It may affect how I shop in Bicester as I don't want to have to dodge cycles coming in all directions. It's an accident waiting to happen.
Anonymous User:300836723	It's a trial. Let's see how it works. Enough of the culture wars!	No trainer.
Anonymous User:322768767	even as a cyclist I believe it is dangerous to allow cyclists use of Sheep Street having already seen near misses with unauthorised cyclists currently using Sheep Street. There is already easy alternative routes they could use without the recourse of using Sheep Street.	I suspect this is just a paper exercise and the decision is already made. It will be interesting to see who is held responsible for any accidents caused. Sheep St struggles as it is to attract shoppers , I doubt this decision will help.
Anonymous User:322772365	It should be safe to cycle between the Bicester stations. This is a very important link.	
Anonymous User:282879930	How much time does it save by cycling in a public walk way it would be detrimental for pedestrians	
Anonymous User:322859106	I am objecting because in the proposals, there is no designated lane for cyclists – it is just the whole of Sheep Street highlighted on the map. Even though cycling is currently prohibited, a few still do it and weave in between pedestrians. It is dangerous to pedestrians and if this gets allowed, added with e-scooters and e-bikes going faster than	Cannot believe this is being proposed with no designated lane for cyclists and pedestrians, it is ridiculous frankly.

	surely, it's a recipe for more accidents. We rarely let our toddler walk along Sheep Street currently because of cyclists and if this goes ahead then we will have to carry him.	
Anonymous User:239652707	It's an accident waiting to happen. So many cyclists and scooter riders already use sheep street with total disregard for the rules and walking public. They are almost impossible to hear come by you and it is only a matter of time before a serious accident happens. To make this permanent is utter madness and dangerous.	Should be stopped
Anonymous User:322963729	An accident waiting to happen. Cyclist can easily knock of a pedestrian or child. Cyclist can use Manorsfield Road or push their bikes up Sheep Street which is a short walk.	Sheep Street is a pedestrian road and we need to feel safe using it. Shops will not benefit if cycling is allowed as it will put the elderly of walking through.
Anonymous User:263993361	New Traffic regulations throughout Oxfordshire are detrimental to the consumer / wider residency thus demotivational and problematic throughout. New traffic regulations and changes implemented are not cost effective to individuals living on a benefit income (mine, unpaid carer allowance), time consuming and prohibitive to individuals who need to engage with health related systems. New traffic regulations only implemented to make the council monies.... nothing to do with providing a better service or access to the overall community.	
Anonymous User:322981872	My objections are based on the safety of pedestrians. A better way to encourage cycling and attract cyclists to the Sheep Street area would be to provide more parking for bicycles.	
Anonymous User:323150619	The high street is somewhere safe and quiet I can bring the children to ride their bikes away from busy roads. It's the perfect place for them to practise riding their bikes and it's fun to make it a family outing, visiting shops and restaurants along the way.	
Anonymous User:302385149	Cyclists and pedestrians do not mix. Having been on the receiving end of dangerous cyclists using Queen Street in Oxford and seen many near misses in Cornmarket both of which are supposed to be no cycle zones during certain times, but ignored, cycling on pedestrianised areas is dangerous and inconsiderate.	Who will pay for cyclists injuring pedestrians, and will the council except the responsibility of any injuries caused by such a reclass proposal.
Anonymous User:302385149	The pedestrianised area gets busy during the day and cyclists during these busy times would make Sheep St unsafe for pedestrians.	Sheep Street has been pedestrianised to make it safer, allowing cyclists is a step backwards.
Anonymous User:302385149	The pedestrianised area is used by families and young children that rely on a safe area to aid the shopping experience. Allowing cyclists will remove the safe area and pose a risk to families and children.	

Anonymous User:300215561	Let people cycle	No
Anonymous User:300215561	Cycling should not be restricted	No
Anonymous User:323726907	This area has always been predominantly pedestrian and I feel that it would be unsafe to allow cycling in this area. The footfall includes a good many elderly and disabled people, as well as families with children and I do not believe that all cyclists (and in particular schoolchildren!) can be trusted to show the necessary consideration and common sense required for this arrangement to be safe. Why is it so difficult for cyclists to dismount and walk through this relatively short area? It feels as if there is an increasing tendency to encroach on pedestrian areas in Bicester as is evidenced by the frequent passage of motor vehicles through the entrance to Pioneer square from the area between bus stops in Manorsfield Road. Where will it stop?	
Anonymous User:323765752	Having made the decision to pedestrianise Sheep Street I think it would be a retrograde step to allow cyclists to use it. It is simply not safe to have pedestrians and cyclists using the same space. There are already people who flout the law and cycle in that area, knowing that although it is not permitted, they can get away with it. (This needs addressing, but that's a separate issue). Permitting/ actively encouraging it will I believe, not only allow an unlimited number of cyclists but also encourage people to push their luck riding electric bikes and scooters which can reach high speeds and endanger people's lives. Sheep Street should remain a strictly pedestrian area where people of all ages and abilities can feel safe to walk, shop and socialise peacefully, secure in the knowledge that they won't be mown down by cycle and scooter riders. It is no great hardship for cyclists to avoid that particular area. I feel strongly about this.	
Anonymous User:323786327	I am hard of hearing and it is often perilous walking along Sheep street as cycles and electric scooters often come up behind you at a very fast pace, an accident waiting to happen. I can't see any reason that these vehicles can't use Manorsfield Road to connect these points	Policing these schemes are vital to keep this pedestrianised area safe, particularly of illegal electric scooter and illegal electric cycles. If this is not done, you may as well open it up to all motorised vehicles.
Anonymous User:323790805	At the moment cycling is still going ahead at all times of the day, especially worse at school finishing times, being a pensioner its not always a safe place to be	Suggest you do a survey of how many cyclists are using Sheep Street as a cut through at the moment, as obviously this has never been policed.
Anonymous User:323790788	It has been sometime that sheep street was pedestrianised but over the years cyclists have gradually cycled through sheep street	Dangerous for all concerned.

	<p>unopposed I cannot begin to tell you how dangerous it has become for shoppers walking through. Once permission has been approved there will undoubtedly be an accident involving elderly shoppers who are not as nimble or agile at dodging a speeding cyclist. Sheep street is just not wide enough to accommodate cyclists and pedestrians together so yes I definitely disapprove of the experiment. The health and safety of all users should be seriously considered.</p>	
<p>Anonymous User:323801234</p>	<p>I do not agree with the proposal to have cycling allowed in Sheep Street because it is a thoroughfare used by elderly people and families with children as well as members of the public who prefer to walk and shop safely. There are other cycle routes nearby for bicycles. It is already worrying that some cyclists cycle on pavements with little caution at speed which makes it quite dangerous and could do this in Sheep Street if they are allowed to cycle there. Not all cyclists are like this but I do not see the reason for wanting to have bicycles in the shopping street. In Oxford it has been allowed and I nearly got knocked over by a cyclist as I came out of a shop in Queen Street. He was on the pavement and right near the entrance to the shop. He missed me by a fraction and was cycling very fast. Please leave Sheep Street free for people to shop at their leisure in a relaxed fashion and do not change the nature of the town centre. Thank you.</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Anonymous User:323825770</p>	<p>The cyclists are dangerous and unobserving; virtually none have warning bells for their bikes. Stick to the current ban and fine the cyclists who disobey; impound their bikes.</p>	
<p>Anonymous User:323813289</p>	<p>A pedestrian area should be what it says, an area reserved for people on foot. Having an area free of any modes of transport allows you to relax and browse freely without recourse to always being alert to possible traffic, e.g. cyclists. For the length of Sheep Street if cyclists want to use this route why can't they get off their bikes and walk? Many cyclists are conscious of and considerate towards pedestrians, but there are many who are not who would cycle fast and carelessly with little consideration of possible collisions with shoppers on foot, especially younger cyclists in groups. Oxford has trialed mixing pedestrians and cyclists and have created a town centre which is not fit for either cyclists or pedestrians. Oxford city centre is a mess. Learn from the mistakes of others and keep Sheep Street a relaxed and pleasant shopping area for pedestrians only, please.</p>	<p>Although the idea of encouraging healthy and non polluting means of transport the idea of mixing pedestrians and cyclists is misguided, illogical and potentially unsafe. To destroy the present pleasant shopping ambience for the sake of a ill judged idea is the wrong solution. Zones should be clearly identified and separated: traffic on roads, cyclists on clearly designated and safely defined cycle paths and roads, pedestrians on pavements and pedestrianised areas. Think again and keep Sheep Street pedestrianised.</p>

Anonymous User:248680940	There are 2 roads either side of Sheep Street, Victoria Road and Manorsfield Road that are available to cyclists. Sheep Steet was made pedestrian to encourage safe access to shops for pedestrians and should remain so. The cyclist that use it now are a danger and that can only get worse. Either leave it as it is or revert back to a trafficked road as before.	Make all roads safe for active transport
Anonymous User:321745152	I strongly object to cycling at any time in the pedestrianisation area of sheep street. Additional cycle racks are required at entry points into the town centre. Enforcement of current cycling restrictions would be a good starter to help improve safety for all in our town centre. Enforcement of vehicle restrictions at the entrances to Sainsburys and the Library from Manorsfield Road would help to improve safety when visiting the town centre. Sheep Street pedestrian area is a trip hazard and needs a resurface.	not at this time
Anonymous User:323846086	Thin end of the wedge, next the bikes will be followed by devil motorised scooters. There are too many risks of the elderly being knocked over particularly by the new breed of lycra cyclists. Cyclists have been responsible for several pedestrian deaths already this year in GB	No except to wonder if this survey is just lip service before, as usual, you decide that big bro knows best.
Anonymous User:323608408	As an elderly person, it would be potentially dangerous to me. I have poor hearing and I would feel intimidated to continue walking in Sheep Street if cyclists could hit me.	
Anonymous User:323951334	Despite it being a no cycling zone at the moment there are constantly cyclists on Sheep Street, therefore making it a cycling route with appropriate infrastructure may make it safer for other street users	No
Anonymous User:323912917	I strongly object to cycling in Sheep Street, you deemed to make it pedestrianised several years ago which makes it safer for our older and disabled residents to enjoy a safe place to walk, and as it is the older members of the public use sheep it will be an accident waiting to happen. Here's hoping you see reason!	
Anonymous User:243552459	I think it's important to encourage cycling if it helps reduce car usage and any congestion and pollution caused by that. I would be a little concerned about safety as I have already seen many people around town on bikes a scooters travelling quite recklessly which can be more of a nuisance. It would be more about how that side could be managed and how any rules are enforced or policed. Otherwise it just ends up	Will additional bike racks be availed to accommodate any increase in bike usage so these can be locked and contained safely.

	<p>like the quite carriage on a commute where literally nobody has any consideration or respect for the rules.</p>	
<p>Anonymous User:277816857</p>	<p>I am strongly opposed to the proposal to allow cycling in Sheep Street on the basis of safety, existing alternative arrangements for cyclists, and the detrimental effect the change would have on the atmosphere of Sheep Street. I am pleased that there is a consultation, but have been disappointed by the lack of clear publicity and information, for example in Sheep Street itself, for people who are not 'online' but who may be affected by the proposed change. I also hope that you will regard the concerns of local people to be of more importance than lobbying groups when making your decision.</p> <p>The proposal to allow cycling, on a more limited basis than the current plan, was rejected in 2017 after objections from local councillors and residents regarding safety. I cannot see what has changed since then to make the proposal acceptable now. It is clear that slow moving pedestrians and faster, silent vehicles, approaching from several directions, do not mix. In any collision, the pedestrian will come off worse and this has been evidenced in recent accidents in the county. Sheep Street is a busy pedestrian area. Although a short part of the west entrance is fairly wide the main part of the road has signage, street furniture and cafe furniture which takes up a large part of the street - even on days where there are no markets or other events. The east side of the street is bisected by large planters, and steps, narrowing the space even further. The street is used largely by the elderly, the disabled, families, and people with dogs. Allowing cyclists to use this space would at the very least inconvenience existing users, who would need to have constant vigilance, and may well discourage large numbers of users who would be concerned about their safety. This would particularly affect disabled people -who the council appears to want to attract to use the street more. Of particular concern are the entrances on to Sheep Street from the adjacent areas of Pioneer Square etc, which are 'blind' corners - for cyclists and pedestrians. I have already experienced two near collisions myself with a cyclist and an e scooter rider tuning in to Sheet Street from the passage next to B and M. It would, incidentally, be a major concern that e-scooter and e-bike users may also feel that they have carte blanche to use the street if the proposals are implemented.</p>	

	<p>Cyclists who want to use Sheep Street - including visitors from outside Bicester -can use the existing racks available at each entrance point to the Street and have only to walk a short distance to access the shops and cafes. I cannot see why being able to cycle a few more metres would attract large number of extra visitors. If cyclists (including students or any school pupils who need to use this route) want to travel across town via Sheep Street they can dismount and walk the short distance adding a very short time to their journey. Alternatively they can take the faster option of cycling on either of the parallel roads. The proposal seems to suggest that numbers of disabled cyclists will flock to Bicester if able to cycle down Sheep Street. It is incredibly unlikely that this change would make such a difference especially as the street will feel less safe once any one disabled has dismounted. If there is a real concern about disabled cyclists perhaps it would be possible to set up a scheme similar to Blue Badge car drivers to facilitate alternative parking arrangements for eligible people within Sheep Street.</p> <p>Since becoming pedestrianised Sheep Street has become a bustling focal point for residents and visitors. The atmosphere will be completely changed by turning it in to a rat run for cyclists. It is no excuse to say that some cyclists are already flouting the rules. If we followed that logic we would allow shoplifting, vandalism and other crimes / antisocial activities to pass with impunity. It would be better for the councils, police and Sainsburys to work together to ensure that cyclists (and motorists) are deterred from breaking the rules.</p>	
<p>Anonymous User:324878305</p>	<p>In my experience too many cyclists already use Sheep Street and cycle much too fast.</p>	
<p>Anonymous User:300215561</p>	<p>No reason to restrict transport</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Anonymous User:212774582</p>	<p>I strongly object to the proposal. It is extremely disappointing that Oxfordshire County Council is even considering an ETRO for cycling in Sheep Street. Cyclists and electric scooters already use Sheep Street illegally and create a hazardous environment for pedestrians and especially for the elderly and young children - but this is being ignored.</p> <p>Why is it that cyclists are being prioritised over pedestrians, when there are plenty of alternative safe cycle routes through town?</p> <p>Why don't the police enforce rules relating to cyclists and electric</p>	<p>I would be interested to understand why this proposal has come about. Was it prompted by any local residents or businesses? Was it considered in relation to the existing cycle network locally?</p>

	<p>scooters?</p> <p>Many cyclists and users of electric scooters do not respect the highway code or those on foot, and ride irresponsibly and without regard to the safety of others. After a number of near misses, my family, like many others who live in Bicester, now feel it is unsafe to use many routes as a pedestrian.</p> <p>We used to enjoy walking around Bicester and it was one of the reasons we chose to live here. (Is OCC trying to force pedestrians back into their cars?!) If an ETRO is imposed on Sheep Street, it will become a 'no-go' area that we will avoid taking our child to.</p>	
Anonymous User:238324530	<p>Object to proposal for following reasons:</p> <p>Dangerous for those on foot, particularly for children, elderly and disabled people. Also, unnecessary as there are already good cycle paths in the vicinity.</p> <p>Would also lead to more people illegally riding electric scooters through the pedestrianised part of Sheep Street.</p>	Will have a negative impact on local businesses, particularly cafes and restaurants.
Anonymous User:238324530	Dangerous	Where will the consultation responses be published?
Anonymous User:324955222	Allowing people to cycle amongst people walking is a disaster waiting to happen!! No lights, no bells and idiots going as fast as they can - horrendous carnage!!	Utterly ridiculous
Anonymous User:324965260	Pedestrian areas are for pedestrians, not cyclists. There is always a danger to everyone when the two are mixed.	We need more enforcement of the rules in Sheep Street as well as elsewhere in Bicester.
Anonymous User:240939033	This is a pedestrianised area and, as such, parents with children, people walking their pets and disabled persons currently feel safe and confident that they can walk and socialise in this area without the fear of being involved in an accident or incident that could result in serious injury or worse should the area be opened up for the use of cyclists. We already have cyclists and scooter users making regular use of the pedestrianised area of Sheep Street, which does often cause concern or distress, and this practice is not regularly policed in any way.	This is another nail in the coffin of Sheep Street. People will be deterred from using the local facilities because of the potential inherent dangers of permitting the use of the area by cyclists.
Anonymous User:324971098	I very strongly oppose cycling in Sheep Street, it would be very dangerous to all pedestrians as at the moment cyclist use it because nobody stops them and they go fast and you have to move out the way	I feel it would be very unsafe for everyone especially the elderly

	quickly to avoid being knocked and you don't feel confident in your safety. If it was made for cyclists to use I would certainly think twice about going into the town centre.	
Anonymous User:301499138	Ridiculous idea, sheep street is supposed to be for pedestrians only, why can't the cyclist dismount and walk through the town it's not like they have to walk miles. Think of mothers with young children running around, and the elderly and vulnerable this idea is an accident waiting to happen. It's bad enough now people whizz through on bikes also e-scooters, what happens if there is an accident with a cyclist they do not have insurance or are the council going to be responsible? Why not spend the money repairing potholes around the county the roads are in a shocking state. I thought the council was hard up for cash it was like the blue lines put all around the streets for people jogging another waste of money you can still enjoy a healthy walk or jog without blue lines. I expect the council have already decided on the outcome of the town council's don't seem to listen to the public opinion. I have spoken to several cyclists who agree it's safer to get off the bike and walk through the town, I myself walk with my bike through the town cannot see any problem it's just laziness if you can't get off and walk.	Listen to what the public want, spend money repairing potholes not stupid ideas where people can get injured by bikes.
Anonymous User:325048096	Many people will not be safe	Waist of money
Anonymous User:325070447	It's bad enough having cyclists speeding down Sheep St already. Allowing it to be legally accessible to bike and electric scooter riders is a dangerous proposition. Has the council clocked how many elderly people use the street and would not be able to avoid collisions? Please see sense and don't allow a pedestrian way to be used by 2 wheels.	
Anonymous User:325083264	Currently many OAPs elderly people are suffering from poor management of the current system whereas many young people are still cycling into/down sheep street and frightening many of them. They appear without warning and I've witnessed them verbally abusing the elderly.	Like many colleagues we believe the decision has already been taken.
Anonymous User:325121739	My husband and myself have had several near misses with people using it already. Unsafe for everyone.	Ridiculous to even think about it after pedestrianising it in the first place and a waste of our money.
Anonymous User:325119429	Cyclists are already a hazard in sheep street and my child and I have almost been knocked over several times whilst walking down the pedestrianised street. A walk only zone should be implemented	This should be implemented throughout Bicester including routes to and through pioneer square and crown walk.

	immediately from the hours of 0900 - 1730hrs (mon-Sun) within the boundry/pedestrianised area of sheep street to reduce the risk of further hazards/incidents/accidents happening in the future.	
Anonymous User:252529205	<p>Sheep Street has been a pedestrian area since 1994 and the reasons put forward at that time still apply, viz., to provide a traffic-free, safe and pleasant environment which would encourage shopping in the town centre. Prior to that, having young children in a pram on a narrow pavement with traffic thundering past was an unpleasant experience.</p> <p>Since 1994, parents have enjoyed letting their youngsters walk alongside them in Sheep Street, knowing that they are safe from any sort of traffic and that includes bicycles. If you permit bicycles in Sheep Street, it will no longer be a safe environment for children or elderly residents and accidents are inevitable.</p> <p>When bicycles illegally use the street now, there is repeated evidence of irresponsible cycling, weaving around pedestrians at speed and putting lives at risk. If you introduce cycling, there will be no-one to police and monitor the behaviour of cyclists, to everyone's detriment.</p> <p>A better plan would be in increase the number of bike racks so that cyclists can safely secure their bicycles and use Sheep Street as was intended in 1994.</p>	I see no reason whatsoever to change a scheme that has worked well for thirty years.
Anonymous User:282338575	It would be too dangerous and pedestrians would be knocked down by people cycling too fast. Also, it is unnecessary, as other nearby roads can be cycled on, leaving Sheep Street as a safe environment for all users.	Please concentrate on what the town really needs, rather than trying to implement unnecessary changes.
Anonymous User:325184854	its a pedestrian area, not a cyclist area	
Anonymous User:325187086	Sheep street is ment to be a safe pedestrian area. With cycling there is an increased risk to the elderly and small children. My 10 y.o was knocked over in town a few weeks ago by a teeneger on a bike who was going too fast and did not see her as he was paying no attention to those around him. There are other routes bike can use to get to the other end of town.	Keep the area pedestrianised, lower the rents and re energise the town centre
Anonymous User:325212478	Cycling is my primary method for accessing the town centre of Bicester	

<p>Anonymous User:325234431</p>	<p>Unfortunately, there are too many selfish cyclists (I write as someone who uses a bike to get into town) who regard pedestrians as a thorough nuisance. Unless policed properly - so that cyclists abusing pedestrians who've dared get in the way are given 'words of advice' about public order, for instance - there will almost certainly be issues. Furthermore, I would be most concerned - having seen some cycling elsewhere in Bicester - that there will inevitably be serious injury to a pedestrian (and possibly cyclist) when a collision occurs. This is *very* likely when the route is used by Deliveroo and similar riders for whom speed is more important than the safety or considerate treatment of pedestrians. I see no reason why cyclists can't be asked to dismount for the length of Sheep Street; it's hardly a massive inconvenience. If not policed properly - difficult to see how it will be - there is a very high chance of injuries and even more so of confrontations, possibly ending in violence. This seems rather excessive - and the selfish cyclists will go through on Fridays as well (seen it happen elsewhere) as why should they stop. They're a minority, but a thorough, utter nuisance whose attitude towards pedestrians & safety unfortunately - to my mind - makes it impossible to justify the ETRO or the implementation of a permanent scheme.</p>	<p>I do hope, if the survey reveals opposition from a majority, it will not simply add to the suspicion that these surveys are issued simply to go through the motions, with the decision having been already made no matter what the views of the public, who seem strangely reluctant to use their votes to remove councillors who have no interest in actually representing their views...</p>
<p>Anonymous User:314653663</p>	<p>I am a cyclist my-self but always get off and walk through town already there are too many cyclist who bike through town with no regards to the general public a accident waiting to happen</p>	<p>In the past I've witnessed a cyclist ride into a child in town I really don't see the problem with cyclist having to walk a short distance through the town centre</p>
<p>Anonymous User:323901309</p>	<p>We don't need an 18 month trial period, as cycles, scooters, cars, delivery vans drive/cycle up & down Sheep Street all day long.</p>	<p>Sheep Street is the only area pedestrianised to allow people to walk without fear of being run into. Manorsfield Road adequate to allow cyclists to get from one end of Sheep Street to the other. We are spending thousands of pound to accommodate cyclists in Bicester (Banbury Road, waste of money) etc, please leave Sheep Street as it was originally designed for!</p>
<p>Anonymous User:189369394</p>	<p>This is a pedestrian zone with many older people walking and using this street. There are currently too many people cycling around with disregard to vulnerable users already. Sheep street isn't policed now and to open it further to all cyclists would be a disaster and affect our vulnerable citizens.</p> <p>There are already those who use the street as a cycle highway and they do not obey the highway code and terrorise those walking along the street.</p>	<p>Unsure why this is a proposal as there are two ways around the town centre which are probably quicker than cycling through Sheep Street.</p>

Anonymous User:325468043	Dangerous to pedestrians as cyclists there have no regard	
Anonymous User:325471827	Think they would need to maybe Elbe a bike line marked for people to use. More important than applying cycling though is having better security by bike racks. I currently don't cycle due to the they of bikes	
Anonymous User:310602256	Cycling is not allowed on public footpaths in the community so why allow it on a pedestrianised street where people of all ages are able to walk to their destination freely without being in fear of cyclists. Also there are lots of disabled and parents with prams and young children who are able to walk quite freely at the moment and feel safe.	
Anonymous User:325516271	Dangerous to pedestrians. Very small inconvenience for cyclists to have to dismount and walk the length of Sheep Street.	
Anonymous User:325578347	Even though at present it is illegal to cycle in sheep street there have been times when people have been cycling & nearly knocked people over, they go too fast, I don't see an issue with people cycling into the town & then dismounting & walking through the street, a safe option for everyone	
Anonymous User:325607161	Anyone who regularly walks has had a close shave with a cyclist. Sheep Street is a pedestrian area and should remain so. People who use it may be elderly, others thinking about their shopping, mothers with children; all believing they are safe in a pedestrian area. Mixing wheeled transport, even cycles, with pedestrians is a recipe for disaster as bitter experience has shown that a goodly percentage of cyclists are not as considerate to pedestrians as they are made out to be. Please keep the town centre safe. In reality, if cyclists have to spend a minute or two walking up Sheep Street it is most unlikely to make any difference to the overall amount of cycle use and those who need a car to visit the town centre will still do so. As a council you should be protecting the majority of our citizens, who happen to be pedestrians, not subjecting them to increased risk of injury.	I wonder if anyone has actually stopped to consider this. What about the Health and Safety considerations ? How can it possibly be safe to mix pedestrians and cyclists. Are you going to be responsible for the inevitable accidents ? or will it be a case of how could we possibly have known that was going to happen.
Anonymous User:325621755	I feel it would be dangerous to the public as some cyclists travel fast and don't use a bell to warn people that they are approaching. Elderly/disabled people would especially feel vulnerable. Youngsters are likely to use Sheep street as a 'speedway'	Allowing cyclists in Sheep Street would spoil the relaxed atmosphere which people currently enjoy whilst shopping.
Anonymous User:325642151	I'm 75 and have 2 near misses with people on scooters lately so for me and my husband and the other old folk that live near by this would not be a good idea	

Anonymous User:325662865	It would be dangerous.Cyclists already do travel through Sheep St, no regard for others at all. There are many older, disabled people in town who may not hear, see or be able to move out of the way. Why can't they just cycle down B4100 -Queens Avenue?	No
Anonymous User:325676234	Too dangerous,cyclists have no respect for road rules and no respect for pensioners. The council will not manage it correctly and won't enforce rules when broken by speeding cyclists.	Yes, let the cyclists dismount and walk or use another route. Cyclists do not obey road rules. Pedestrians will be in fear of getting injured by speeding cyclists. Pedestrians criss cross sheep street to visit one shop after another safe in the knowledge that they are on a pedestrianised area.
Anonymous User:325729052	My husband and I are in our 70s and he is slightly deaf. He would not hear a bike behind him and as he is unsteady on his feet he could easily stumble into its path. Would there be any restriction as to how fast the cyclists should go and who would police this? It would appear that this ETRO favours cyclists over pedestrians. Are cyclists in more of a hurry than pedestrians? In a pedestrianised street it certainly gives us older people more confidence walking along.	
Anonymous User:326341767	For many years cyclists have been banned from Sheep Street but they still use it and the police do nothing to stop them. I have had several near misses by cyclists over the years, they are a hazard. Cyclists seem to be allowed to ride anywhere and even try to ride over pedestrian crossings. Nobody seems to understand that this is not allowed. To make legal riding in Sheep Stree is just another stupidity.	Surely the councillor proposing this stupidity only has to visit Sheep Street and see for himself how dangerous it can be at the moment with no cycling allowed (with just the illegal cyclists there) and then think how many more cyclists would be there if it were made legal!
Anonymous User:326341767	Dangerous, even at the moment when cyclists are supposedly banned.	It is a silly proposal.
Participant	I am familiar with several other towns and streets in which cycling is permitted, some when markets are on, including Aylesbury, Newbury, Leicester, Lower Marsh in Lambeth, Kingston Market. It does not cause significant problems, but makes it easier for people to get to the shops and markets without clogging up the roads, burning fossil fuels, and creating dangers on the roads.	The evidence supporting cycling in places like this seems strong. It seems reasonable to test this first, but not to avoid testing it on of the basis of hearsay rather than evidence.
Anonymous User:326388175	Sheep street should remain pedestrians only. In the last year I have been run into twice (one needed hospital treatment). I have also had at least 10 very near misses. Rather than change the usage it needs to be policed better to stop cycles completely.	
Anonymous User:207526734	The situation is bad enough as it is, with all these coffee shops encroaching on the walkways. This,and the issues with the youth of today (dispersment orders around crown walk) and generally being moved on by the police, I can't see this working	YES DROP THE PROPOSAL!

	effectively. It's a lovely thought, but I think there are people in the Council seeing this through Rose tinted glasses, when in reality all you'll get is yobs on bikes tearing up and down popping wheelies. So with this in mind I have to object most strongly, and will follow this up with my local councillor. Regards.	
Anonymous User:326394233	Highly dangerous given the number of elderly people who are hard of hearing and small children that criss-cross the area. Accident waiting to happen with cyclists who pay no regard to zooming up behind and in close proximity to pedestrians. Whole idea of pedestrianising the area was to allow for safe walking. Area needs to be better regulated to stop cyclists and electric scooters in general. There are bike racks at both ends for people who bike in to the town to use the facilities and it only takes a couple of minutes to push a bike along the main street. Why change it?	Stupid idea. Bicester (like many other towns) does not have the road widths/space to implement connecting cycle paths without impinging on car drivers. Money would be better spent on filling potholes to make road usage safer for older/serious cyclists and let the small children ride on the paths supervised like they always have done out of harms way.
Anonymous User:326402069	Sheep street is bad enough as it is without adding cyclists to the mix. I already feel vulnerable when walking through sheep street with so many youngsters hanging around. There's been several attacks on the elderly ie handbag snatching and this would be made easier for these layabouts to do on bicycles. Also there's far too many tables and chairs spreading out into the streets from all the coffee establishments. I would also feel unsafe when using the ATM as some not all cyclists could just whip past and snatch your money.	Drop it without a doubt.
Anonymous User:325008618	Not necessary and will be hazardous for pedestrians. It will not encourage more visitors to sheep street but it will encourage cyclists to cycle through increasing the danger to pedestrians. Currently cyclist (should) dismount and park their bike when visiting shops etc. If they are passing through they (should) dismount and safely walk their bike the relatively short length of pedestrianised street. This seems very reasonable and safe for all visitors. Alternatively cyclists wishing to ride their bike to pass through can easily cycle via Manorsfield or Victoria Roads for speedy transit. Pedestrians of all ages and abilities need to be kept safe. Allowing bikes to use Sheep Street will increase danger, conflict and deter vulnerable pedestrians. We don't need a 'wild west' town center, just a safe and welcoming environment.	Bad idea which will only increase hazard and conflict.
Anonymous User:326469201	Because I see accidents happening as soon as cycles are aloud . Causing. Chaos to the public and I feel not all but we all know there are irresponsible cyclists out there . I remember how nice it was when first made a pedestrian zone . And with the mobility scooters who have	Yes a very irresponsible move . Is it a move forward to traffic being aloud back in Sheep street.

	every reason to be there and right , it will be chaos. And now there are electric bikes which go even faster, just how can you police a hit and run with some one who can get away quickly mad mad mad idear.	
Anonymous User:326548632	I am very concerned for the safety of pedestrians if cycling is allowed in Sheep street. The street is pedestrianised which means used by pedestrians who will not be able to walk freely for fear of being knocked into by a cyclist.	
Anonymous User:326575884	I am a cyclist and using sheep street as a cycle route would be a much safer option for cyclists and other users of sheep street. Clear signage would allow for safe passage through the centre that marks it clearly for pedestrians to stay out of. I believe Friday market day should be protected however and cyclists expected to dismount. Allowing cyclists into sheep street will allow for those unable to drive to use a faster mode of transport to get through the centre of town, without having to use the roads that are shared with cars, lorries and buses.	
Anonymous User:326394233	<p>I cannot believe this option is being considered at all. Sheep street currently has some traffic in it and I have to drive down it once or twice a week in connection with a delivery business. Cyclists can ride very fast and very quietly, which is a dangerous combination. Knowing the very wide range of cycling ability and their apparent lack of knowledge of the Highway Code, any opening up of the possibility of cycling WILL lead to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cycling in all directions, including the side lanes off Sheep Street - Speeding cyclists - Cyclists on their phones - Other wheeled transport such as scooters - Collisions between all the above - Collisions with mobility scooters - Collisions with members of the public, especially young and old - Collisions with delivery vehicles <p>How is the Council going to explain itself to the first of many people hospitalised by a cyclist, including other cyclists? What is the point of considering this when we may be about to embark on a redevelopment of Market Square - you will have to add in additional complexity to the plan and during its development, to give consideration to the cyclists? I think the current policy of zero cycling, which is rarely enforced by the police, is still better than ANY change to the rules, which would open</p>	Please don't do it.

	<p>the floodgates to a bigger range of wheeled vehicles (scooters, cycles with towed baby carriages, electric cycles, cycles with very thick tyres like a motorbike's; also a great range of speeds, cycling abilities, and even the possibility of mobile phone theft from pedestrians.</p> <p>-</p>	
Anonymous User:326914006	<p>As an OAP, walking is less easy than cycling due to weak ankles. I'm slow and have high regard for pedestrians, giving them priority, I suggest a a marked lane if permanent though.</p>	
Anonymous User:325010463	<p>Making Sheep Street a major two way cycle route would be a dangerous and potentially fatal mistake. Over the past decade there as been 30 fatalities where a cyclist has collided with a pedestrian, and 1400 serious injuries. With an aging population risking a collision with a cyclist in Sheep Street could be deadly even due to a fall. That is not to say that cyclists are all irresponsible, but accidents happen. Teenagers do tend to race each other on their bicycles, and I see no reason why they wouldn't continue to do so in Sheep Street. Mixing cyclists and pedestrians would be very dangerous, even for a trial period. Sheep Street isn't a long road, cyclists can easily dismount and walk with their bicycle from one end to the other, only adding 10 minutes to their journey.</p>	<p>I strongly object to this proposal on safety grounds, and to the proposed 'temporary' trial period for the same reason.</p>
Anonymous User:326911387	<p>Sheep Street is for pedestrians. There are plenty of alternative routes for cyclists e.g. Queens Avenue, Hunt Close. I frequently cycle around the roads in the town centre and they are safe for cyclists.</p>	<p>I think allowing cycling would have a negative impact on Sheep Street. It would be unsafe for pedestrians as unfortunately some cyclists would ride too fast and too close to pedestrians.</p>
Anonymous User:327004009	<p>i am objecting to the proposals to allow cycling in sheep street on health and safety grounds. on several occasions i have witnessed cyclists (who shouldn't be cycling) colliding with pedestrians. I am concerned that pedestrians, mainly elderly, will be subject to injury if the proposal goes ahead. Cyclists will speed through sheep street with their normal arrogance and disregard of the rules. It will be another hammer blow to the shopkeepers as i am sure people will look to shop elsewhere. Bicester town centre is dying and this will be another nail in the coffin. Mixing cyclists and pedestrians is a recipe for disaster. By the way i am a cyclist!</p>	<p>No.</p>
Anonymous User:327260819	<p>To allow cycling in Sheep Street would be extremely hazardous for older people. Uncontrolled illegal cycling is already a problem and should be stopped.</p>	<p>Cyclists can already ride to each end of Sheep Street. They have no need to go further.</p>
Anonymous User:300836723	<p>Weather is beautiful. People should be able to cycle to and through Sheep Street. At the moment it's only really easy to drive.</p>	<p>No</p>

Anonymous User:237929121	Unnecessary and unsafe	
Anonymous User:325468962	Allow cyclists	None
Anonymous User:325468962	Cats go through there	Make it a road again
Anonymous User:327426370	Cyclists in sheep street will cause accidents with pedestrians. Do you need an old person to have a hip fracture or toddler to be killed to see this? One could argue it would be safe if cyclists all went slowly and mindfully ringing a bell if pedestrians are too close. They won't all behave like that and you'll be giving license to irresponsible cyclists to weave through pedestrians.	I am strongly opposed to the proposal. The cycle routes in Bicester are piecemeal. Allowing cyclists to cycle to school through Sheep Street won't keep them safe as they'll then need to merge with motorised traffic at either end. It's a spurious argument and will endanger pedestrians.
Anonymous User:327437814	I am 86 years old. Although mobile, I would not feel safe walking in Sheep Street if there were cyclists.	I feel that this is a bad proposal. Sheep Street is a pleasant, safe environment for walking. Introducing cyclists would prevent older people feeling safe.
Anonymous User:327444362	As an elderly person with a fraile wife. It will not be long until someone is injured due to cycling into the public	Do not have a cyclists in sheep street.
Anonymous User:301471837	Cycling and riding scooters already happens daily. There are also multiple delivery vans. I am partially deaf. It terrifies me. They do NOT slow down for pedestrians.	Please don't allow it
Anonymous User:238226436	It's a pedestrian way, I don't think cars should be allowed after 10 am and before 4.30 pm.	With the amount of vehicles and cyclists using it now,it should be returned to a thoroughfare and people can drive and cycle until there hearts content.
Anonymous User:327449164	I have difficulty walking and am prone to falling and we already have tables, chairs and 'A' signs to manoeuvre round. If I should have the misfortune to stumble into the path of a cyclist, who would be held responsible for any injuries caused? Sheep Street was designated a PEDESTRIAN PRECINT and should remain so! Please keep it that way.	It should not even be a consideration!
Anonymous User:327469879	I feel the town centre has lost much of its character and has an issue with loitering. Add bikes into the mix and I worry for peoples safety, and an increase in loitering. I also feel the roads are easily accessible and easy to navigate so not sure of the benefit. Maybe consider cycle lanes on them instaad	
Anonymous User:314653663	The speed cyclist bike through the town now is dangerous they have no consideration of the general public this will only make it worse	I'm a cyclist my-self but really don't see the problem with getting off my bike to walk through the centre.so many near misses already let's keep the town centre safe for families& the elderly

Anonymous User:327489093	<p>A car/cycle free Sheep Street is a safe area for pedestrians as they go about their business. It also allows groups of friends to stop and chat to each other when they meet up whilst shopping etc without having to worry about cyclists disrupting them.</p> <p>Maintaining a cycle free Sheep Street would not be particularly onerous on cyclists as there are easy routes around that part of Bicester.</p>	No
Anonymous User:327493035	I am in favour as there are far too many cars on the road and Bicester needs to do all it can to promote cycling throughout and around the town. However I would prefer to see the cycling in sheep street in a designated cycle lane only.	
Anonymous User:327498200	It was pedestrianised for a reason. Let cyclists go a different way. It is way to dangerous cycling through town with children and the elderly. An accident waiting to happen.	I feel very strongly cyclists should NOT be allowed to cycle through town.
Anonymous User:327502178	Many residents can already cycle through town via market square and Sainsbury's. Sheep street is a pedestrianised high street for relaxing, shopping and eating out. Allowing cyclists will further discourage people into the town centre, which already has several vacant buildings. I also have family who are disabled and would be afraid to walk on sheep street with cycling.	
Anonymous User:327511065	<p>Cycling is dangerous in pedestrian areas. Pedestrian areas should be for pedestrians only.</p> <p>The current regulations should be retained and better enforced.</p>	
Anonymous User:327511412	Reduction of fossil-fuelled transport. Cycling is a safer form of transport and can be door-to-door..	
Anonymous User:327522991	I have witnessed several incidents/close calls with speeding bikes through Sheep st recently. I would rather cyclists not be permitted down Sheep street.	
Anonymous User:193718163	As an elderly person, I have seen cyclists using Sheep Street now and many of them have total disregard for pedestrians. It is not safe to allow cyclists to ride bikes in Sheep Street. My husband uses a walking stick and has several times had close encounters with people riding bikes. They could get off their bikes and just walk that distance. I fail to see that allowing cyclists will have any effect on encouraging more people into the town centre. That is just clutching at straws.	The whole point about a pedestrian precinct is that it is for pedestrians, full stop. There is too much pandering to the rights of cyclists, they are hardly a majority of the population and they do not pay any road tax. The money could be better spent on extending the system of cycle tracks and encouraging cyclists to use them, which at present they often do not.

Anonymous User:310929807	I love being able to walk into town from Southwold and not have to watch out for over zealous cyclist whizzing past me when I get to the peace of Sheep Street. Please please leave this pedestrianised area as it is. Thank you	Pedestrians are a completely different being to cyclists. Cyclists do not necessarily stick to rules. Look how many seem to think it is their right to use footways/ pavements. They shouldn't be there unless the signage clearly tells them they can be. Allowing them to use Sheep Street is a dangerous move. Please don't do it.
Anonymous User:317185005	As a pedestrianised area it would risk knocking small children or adults over. I have seen several near misses when people cycle down the road. There is an easy road route along manorsfield road and so to change is unnecessary	I can't see where this has come from when there is an easy cycling route that runs parallel
Anonymous User:327568311	I don't drive and find it difficult to walk that far. I'd really like to cycle, but don't want to be harassed.	
Anonymous User:298718696	Easier to get to the shops	
Anonymous User:327575718	Many parents with young children in prams use this street very often and I would be very concerned about their safety. I also don't think the proper and safe use of cycling will be upheld by the public. Moreover, who will police the safe use of cycling on what is a very busy pedestrian street.	No
Anonymous User:327577720	There's so many kids walking around in sheep street, if allowed cycling in same area, i think is dangerous.	
Anonymous User:327572714	This is a cheap, quick, stupid and dangerous way of avoiding punishing cyclists, and effectively makes it legal to endanger people's lives. What we need is for cyclists to be safer taking legal routes around town: dedicated bike lanes and infrastructure, safer bike storage in town, and a rethinking of unsafe infrastructure and junctions that mean it's safer to cycle on the pavement illegally than stay on the road as intended. Areas such as the connection between Victoria Lane, Bell Lane and Bardwell Terrace, or the junctions by Bicester Village, are complicated and dangerous, and they make travelling through those areas by anything other than a car risky.	The decision should not go ahead
Anonymous User:327580892	Sheep street is a safe pedestrian area, and should remain so. Cycling must be kept completely separate from pedestrians, including cyclists using pavements. It unsafe, dangerous and cyclists often ignore pedestrians, road signs and traffic lights and cannot be trusted to use a space reserved for pedestrians. Cyclists are not obliged by law to take a test or qualification to cycle and until they are trained properly and receive a licence as per car and motorbike users it will never be acceptable.	Cancel this ridiculous labour/liberal vanity project and get on with projects that regenerate the town. Allowing cyclists in Sheep Street will never move the needle on town centre regeneration. There are many other alternative route to use like Manorsfield or Victoria roads where it would be safer. However, I predict that this so called 'consultation' is just paying lip service, and the views of the general population will not be listened to and the minister for transport will simply do what they want regardless. It about time we restored democracy in Oxfordshire!

Anonymous User:298837280	This is too dangerous, especially for elderly and with disabilities. At present cyclists do not take care, and allowing more legally is wrong.	No
Anonymous User:327674018	I have been hit by cyclist already from behind and they were travelling superfast. I was not seriously injured but its an accident waiting to happen. I've seen too many cyclist's passing already through sheep Street with headphones in, unable to hear things around them, travelling at fast speeds. Then there's the few that like to weave in and out pass people, prams and other objects. On a busy weekend, i prefer to drive into town just to avoid getting hit and I only live a short distance. More needs to be done to stop cycling through town not the other way around. We have a new care home being built which will see more elderly folk walking into town. There is no reason to let cycling through town when we have perfectly good roads.	
Anonymous User:327681530	Children and the elderly most vulnerable to collision injuries. My elderly sister in law has been hit by a cyclist in Sheep St, fortunately with no injuries. I have no problem with cyclists as such, but this scheme means that it's just accidents waiting to happen. We already have reckless bike and scooter riders in Sheep St.	No cycling or electric scooters in Sheep St
Anonymous User:327705210	The point of pedestrianisation is to limit the use of any vehicles using the space with pedestrians having priority over vehicles. There are ample spaces for bikes to be locked securely at the top and bottom of the street. You shouldn't need to cycle through Sheep Street you can push your cycle if you need to go from one end of the street to the other to reach your destination. Pedestrians should not have to dodge cyclists when walking through the street. You don't always hear them when coming up behind you especially if they give you no warning and do not alert you to their presence. Even more of a hazard if your hearing is impaired.	Who will benefit from making a cycle lane in Sheep Street?
Anonymous User:327710003	Pedestrians have become second class citizens due to local authorities across the country greenwashing modes of transport. I live in Oxford, 99% of cyclists are totally irresponsible and pose a high risk of physical injury to pedestrians even on shared pedestrian/cycle lanes, they cycle at speed passing pedestrians by inches from behind aswell as oncoming, they do not slow to a safe speed and neither do they ring a bell because 99% do not have a bell. Assessing a scheme on accident stats alone is missing the point, plenty of pedestrians are in fear of being struck by a cyclist even where cycling is permitted because of the way they ride. I recently challenged 6 cyclists for	No

	<p>cycling in Queen St Oxford outside of permitted hrs, everyone of them including 2 females responded aggressively. Once a cyclist has got moving they do not like slowing even on level ground because of the extra physical effort required to regain speed so they press on regardless of the dangers they are posing. It's very simple since the dawn of time human beings in relation to transport and shared space are totally selfish and irresponsible, that will never change, witness standards of driving on the roads and accident stats, vehicles aren't dangerous and roads aren't dangerous ... people make them dangerous. People cycle in Sheep st anyway so without enforcement permitting cycling is to a degree irrelevant. To conclude cyclists [because of their attitude] and pedestrians do not mix, do not implement cycling in Sheep st creating a gloss of safety when it clearly will be the opposite.</p>	
<p>Anonymous User:234643386</p>	<p>Having been ridden into with no warning and not policed in any way i would consider this a dangerous proposition</p>	<p>Silly idea</p>
<p>Anonymous User:327721283</p>	<p>Sheep street was closed to road traffic, and in my opinion cyclists should be regarded as road traffic.</p>	<p>I think that these proposals and consultations should be much better publicised. It was only by chance I came across this one as a local councillor had shared it on social media!</p>
<p>Anonymous User:327721537</p>	<p>Have seen collisions on sheep street between cyclists and pedestrians, prohibition isn't unforced - opening it up giving green light for cyclists I feel will increase likelihood of collisions esp with elderly who can't step out of the way easily! Spirit of a pedestrianised zone will be lost!!!! The police do not have the resources to ensure public safety, surely this falls on council to monitor and police safety on sheep street on a daily basis in person....</p>	<p>Stupid idea</p>
<p>Anonymous User:327728834</p>	<p>It will be extremely dangerous for all pedestrians using Sheep Street, especially the elderly, partially sighted, deaf people, and anyone physically impaired. I think it is a very irresponsible idea, putting peoples lives at risk.</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Anonymous User:327729700</p>	<p>Sheep St is a pedestrianised area which is frequently very busy and used by many elderly people. To allow cyclists to use it at any time will be hazardous and dangerous for all pedestrian traffic. There is simply no need for this to be allowed and public opinion, along with the very real concerns about the health and safety of pedestrians raised by local shopkeepers in the press, show that the majority of users do not want this.</p>	<p>It will be a disaster if implemented.</p>

Anonymous User:327734205	I am one of many elderly residents who walk into Sheep Street, many daily. Many are hard of hearing and have limited vision and wouldn't easily hear or see cyclists, causing collisions and injuries.	
Anonymous User:327734022	This would cause a hazard to pedestrians in this PEDESTRIANISED area. Older people, people with pushchairs and families walking together will be harassed and put at risk by cyclists riding too fast. Why can't cyclists just dismount and wheel their bike through this area? This would be a good compromise.	
Anonymous User:327738249	What a ridiculous idea! It is a pedestrian street. Introducing cyclists will be unsafe, an accident waiting to happen. People in a pedestrian street have every right to expect not to have to look out for vehicles of any description, especially bikes that are, by nature, quiet. Why on earth is the Council wasting time and money on such a stupid proposal? Why the constant desire to pander to cyclists?	
Anonymous User:327743091	I like pedestrian areas as they feel safe - but currently I fear the electric bikes used as the riders never ring bells or slow down whilst passing. These are silent killers and should be stopped not encouraged	
Anonymous User:320505446	I have a shop just off Sheep Street. It's a street in decline and most of the people who come are retired / elderly / disabled. I remember Sheep Street before it was pedestrianised. It would benefit businesses if it was reopened to cars, pedestrian crossings were improved (with road narrowing to slow car speeds) and there were more of them. For years Sheep Street has been just about the ugliest street in Oxfordshire - too many signs, ugly paving, ugly planters. Allow cars to come back through, reinstate free one hour parking so customers can get to us more easily. Remember the heritage of Sheep Street and stop making it look like a downmarket northern town on the slide. One of my customers said recently - the only reason I come into town now is to go to big Sainsburys. The customer experience is so bad now - parking is inconvenient if you just want to come in for a couple of things.	
Anonymous User:327764078	This would increase the risk to pedestrians and make the area less safe for all	
Anonymous User:298771716	It's dangerous	It's dangerous already with cyclists
Anonymous User:327792931	There are already cyclists racing through with no regard for pedestrians. So what makes anyone think making it legal will make	Our pathways all around Bicester are over run with cyclists and pedestrians.

	<p>any difference to the way people behave. It's bad enough looking out for said cyclists as well as numerous cars already. What is being proposed is an accident waiting to happen.</p>	
Anonymous User:327799286	The cyclist will pay no attention or regard to pedestrians. I hereby give notice that if I or any member of my family are injured by a cyclist I will hold the elected councilors personally accountable.	Don't do it.
Anonymous User:327852107	I object to this proposal 100%. Sheep Street has been pedestrianised for years and even though there are cyclists using it even though they shouldn't be opening it up to more is ridiculous. How do you expect pedestrians of all ages to navigate these cyclists who will think they have right of way and just barrel through. It is moving backwards not forwards Sheep Street should be pedestrianised and this should be upheld even more, the cars that get through stopped, the cyclists stopped and cafes/bars etc given more areas to be able to have outdoor seating on Sheep Street on all days but Fridays. The Friday market is fantastic and if you do decide on this ridiculous scheme then it should definitely not be allowed on a Friday. Please for once listen to the people.	Listen to the people
Anonymous User:327853456	A cycle lane would be good down the middle, and 5 mph walking speed for cyclists	N/a
Anonymous User:327874046	Sheep Street can be very busy with pedestrians, especially during Friday markets. Officially allowing cycling would make this worse. Some bikes do come through at present and it can be quite alarming to have a cyclist pass close by, particularly if you have a small child or dog with you. It is a relatively short stretch of road and it would be better if all cyclists dismounted and pushed their bike through instead, or took another route if not accessing the shops.	
Anonymous User:327883268	I am an OAP and strongly object to cyclists using Sheep Street because I consider it to be dangerous to elderly and disabled people,	Should not be permitted.
Anonymous User:327898617	I'm happy for cyclist's to be able to ride through Sheep Street but think there should be a designated marked cycle lane for them to ride on. If they are able to weave through I'm concerned about people stepping in front and being hit.	
Anonymous User:327924684	I am concerned about safety of pedestrians, especially elderly or infirm and children.	I would be more supportive if there was a way to separate cyclists from pedestrians but I feel this would be difficult because of difficulties avoiding pedestrians crossing from side to side

Anonymous User:327942350	There is no restrictions that are enforced now or ever been, so why are you wasting time and money on something you don't seem to enforce. It's a one way system to start with not that you would notice. And Fridays are a very busy day, are you waiting for someone to get killed before you do anything or what.	Do something about cyclists,e-scooters and vehicles that speed through and go the wrong way. There are a lot of elderly and little ones. Don't make rules if you don't or can't enforce them.
Anonymous User:239640382	A pedestrian Street should be free of all vehicles including bicycles - cyclists travel too fast and erratically for most people to feel safe walking. It is likely to be an accident waiting to happen and curled drive now people away from the town centre.	Cyclists on pavements in the town are already a menace to pedestrians, this proposal just adds to the safety of the public in pedestrian areas.
Anonymous User:327969807	Cyclists and pedestrians (especially seniors) already do not mix well on Sheep Street during the day time. The current cycling restrictions are not enforced and near misses are common, so it doesn't take a genius to see what is likely to happen when the restrictions are abandoned. Sheep Street is valued as a place to shop in during the day because it has a slow pace and feels safe for pedestrians.	Cycling is important for our society to meet its environmental commitments - but not at the expense of pedestrians. Why not improve Manorsfield Road for cyclists and expand the 20 mph zone so that the actual roads in town are safer?
Anonymous User:328027626	Sheep street isn't wide enough to have both pedestrians and cyclists competing for space. Generally older people visit the town centre. Many will be hard of hearing or visually impaired so won't easily hear or see cyclists. Many cyclists who currently illegally ride along Sheep Street don't have consideration for others and weave in and out at speed. Just get the cyclists to dismount and enforce the no cycling zone!	No
Anonymous User:328031708	Safety reasons for pedestrians. There is no safe way for cyclists to navigate a pedestrianised area without a designated cycle lane, which then defeats the point of a pedestrianised area. For the short distance that it is, it really shouldn't be an issue for cyclists to walk that short distance, or to cycle down a different route.	Other than I'm really not a fan of it, no.
Anonymous User:328038194	Even though I cycle I think it's dangerous to have cycling along sheep street please don't allow ths thank you	I think it's a nice idea but there isn't the space and people won't stick to the relevant lanes and they'll be cyclists who will be a hazard
Anonymous User:212774582	I was nearly run over by a man riding his bike very fast down sheep street when I came out of a shop.	
Anonymous User:324558056	Even the few bikes which do cycle through now cause problems. One young mum with her son cycling behind her very nearly hit my husband. There are health and safety concerns. It's a lovely area to relax and wander and not have to be concerned about being hit by a passing bike. Please leave it like this.	

Anonymous User:328245023	Sheep Street MUST be for pedestrians! No if and no but...	Andrew Gant must respect this survey decision and stick to the so called "Nolan Principles" https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-7-principles-of-public-life/the-7-principles-of-public-life--2
Anonymous User:328247653	Improve access	
Anonymous User:325109969	Surely a pedestrian street is what it is! How can cycles/ scooters be allowed to use the same area, without safety risks. It would mean, everytime people would want to shop from one side of the street to the other, to look either way before crossing, as you would on a road! Would there be cycle lane markings or just a free for all. Why not make it a road through, so cyclists would use that and create pavements for pedestrians only on either side! If this two way cycling goes ahead, how many accidents will happen before someone decides it wasn't such a good idea? Who will be accountable when it is deemed to be a crazy idea?	Roads for cyclists, walkways/ pedestrian areas for pedestrians!
Anonymous User:323687476	Sheep Street is part of the National Cycle Network. It is wide and safe for pedestrians, bicycles, and motor vehicles to mix. There is little evidence of risk despite anti-cycling scaremongering. Permitting cycling will encourage me to visit Bicester.	
Anonymous User:175316948	Sheep St is already open to all types of motor vehicle, including HGVs, for "loading" for 17 hours a day, and for permit holders at all times; check any date on Google Streetview and you'll see motor vehicles parked there. So there's no excuse for a ban on pedal cycles. It's part of the National Cycle Network; If the ban is to persist, the council should instead work with Sustrans to provide a safe alternative NCN route through the centre.	Anyone concerned about "e-bikes" should be reminded that unregistered electric motorcycles are still motor vehicles, and will remain forbidden (except for loading/permit/blue badge holders) as well as liable to be confiscated by the police.
Anonymous User:264680863	When I visit Bicester, which I do quite often to visit friends or just to change train between Bicester North and Bicester Village stations, I usually come in with my bike on the train and cycle to get around town. Until now, the awkwardness of accessing Sheep St, requiring me to walk for part of my journey when there is actually ample room for safe shared cycle and pedestrian space, has been a frustration and has discouraged me from breaking my journey there and going to the shops, even though there are some lovely places like Cyprus Bakery where I would love to be able to grab something for the journey. My alternative route between the stations is usually along Manorsfield Road, where the traffic is sometimes a bit scary for cycling.	Generally speaking, I think this is a fairly common sense approach and a good idea. No need for restrictions just for restrictions' sake.

	Regarding market days, I think it's a fairly sensible approach to restrict cycling from the busy market, but I think it would make sense to provide safe, signed market day diversions for people who are visiting and expect to be able to cycle that way. It is (rather perversely at present) a designated national cycle route, after all.	
Anonymous User:313552866	Safety of pedestrians	
Anonymous User:276712477	I think with the exception of market day it's worth trying. But the results of the trial need to be publicised and local people consulted about whether the change should be permanently implemented	
Anonymous User:328336981	When walking in Sheep Street I do not wish or expect to avoid cyclists. Too many cyclists are traffic abusers. They cycle to pedestrian crossings and cycle across when the pedestrian green light shows often when there are no pedestrians waiting to cross. They also cycle on pathways/pavements which are only intended for people walking!	No
Anonymous User:328339638	I walk into town and on numerous occasions have had to step aside because bikes will not stop or give way for people walking it is very bad in Withington Rd already with bikes electric scooters they expect walkers to go on the Road the council might as well put a road back through the town	Should not be allowed it will be an accident waiting to happen
Anonymous User:328337307	Sheep Street should be a calm and safe place for everyone. Unfortunately there are many hazards to negotiate; powered wheel chairs moving like the driver owns the street, children on bicycles and cars being parked blocking the pathways and, of course the large number of cyclists who ignore the current sanctions. Bicester town centre has seen a decline in footfall and letting cyclist's use the pathways would, I feel, create a further deterrent to visitors to Town centre.	If the plan goes ahead I think a shorter period for the trial would be better. Maybe 6 months
Anonymous User:237038501	I am a disabled person with a blue badge who doesn't drive. Currently, I can get somebody to drive me down Sheep Street to park outside the shops I'm visiting but am unable to legally cycle there and access the shops independently. I use a cycle as a mobility aid and for me the present situation is ridiculous. I live in Northwest Bicester and Sheep Street forms a direct, safe route to Bicester Village station for me. Cherwell DC's local plan relies heavily on many more people cycling and continuing with historical bans on cycling will make that much less likely.	

	Suggest the priority at the Bell Lane - Sheep Street junction is changed. Currently it's difficult to continue into Sheep Street while avoiding the traffic coming around the blind corner.	
Anonymous User:328358842	I cycle to Bicester Village station and this would make my journey there quicker and safer	
Anonymous User:328359050	As part of the National Cycling Network (Route 51) actually passes down Sheep Street, I have always found it strange that cycling was prohibited.	
Anonymous User:328359402	I live locally and try to cycle instead of driving. Sheep street is a natural part of the cycling routes I take through Bicester. At present, I have to cycle the longer route behind Sainsbury's on the B4100, which is more dangerous due to traffic, including buses. If I could cycle through Sheep St, that would make my cycle routes safer and make it more likely that I would visit Sheep St.	
Anonymous User:328360102	The High Street is populated by pedestrians with many different ambulatory capabilities - it is not possible for the few bike users who will travel to fast to coexist with mobility scooters, prams,pushchairs,walking frames, young children etc I am an avid cyclist and bemoan how poor cycle routes and roads are in this country but Sheep Street is not somewhere that is high (or even medium) priority to pursue better cycle routes	No
Anonymous User:328365540	I cycle as one of my main forms of transport. It would be a lot quicker to get to the train station from my home [Redacted] if I could cycle down Sheep Street. I would also support cycling on Sheep Street at restricted times, e.g. after 6pm and before 10am as currently is the rule on Queen St and Cornmarket St in Oxford. This allows pedestrian-only access at peak shopping times, and cyclists can use the route in evenings and mornings.	see answer to 6
Anonymous User:328365029	Over the 29yrs I've lived in Bicester, I have witnessed many near-misses between cyclists and pedestrians in Sheep Street. To formally allow cycling in the pedestrianised street will encourage less careful cyclists to carelessly abuse the privilege. My genuine concern is the safety of pedestrians and vulnerable adults and children who may not be able to get out of the way.	Whilst I support healthy initiatives, this proposal has too many cons/risks than benefits.

Anonymous User:328384484	Cycling should be allowed on sheep street	
Anonymous User:276369745	Would prefer to cycle but sometimes feels too dangerous going around Manorsfield Road where the shared path is narrow and the road is full of buses and lorries.	It would make it much easier to shop in town and get to the station
Anonymous User:328408604	Cyclists use sheep street despite the ban, they have no policing as they are not registered or licensed. If implemented then they should be restricted to cycle lanes and have a one way system eg left side of sheep street one direction and right side the opposite direction, in order to avoid them crashing into pedestrians.	See previous comments
Anonymous User:155765367	In order to help more people to cycle more often by making it safer people need to be able to use this route. They will benefit the local community and economy as they will stop and shop and spend locally.	
Anonymous User:328415447	I am supporting with caveats. I think there needs to be some sort of cycle lanes which separate pedestrians from cyclists. I have on numerous occasions almost been hit by young cyclists not caring about the pedestrians.	Only that there needs to be some control of cyclists and how they behave. Community policing may be required.
Anonymous User:256849285	Ludicrous that cycling isn't allowed here. Plenty of space, and cycling visitors offer a key avenue for increasing footfall, especially with Oxfordshire promoting a Strategic Active Travel Network that could dramatically increase recreational cycling. Timed restrictions are just confusing for everyone. Is someone cycling National Cycle Route 51 supposed to know they need to take a different route when the market is on? How would Sustrans do signage for that?	Try it and see what happens. That's what an ETRO is for.
Anonymous User:328426158	Complete contradiction of the original plan to stop traffic and make Sheep Street pedestrians only. Most cyclists are sensible, safe and currently choose to dismount when passing through, sadly others race through at stupid and dangerous speeds. Giving the latter permission would endorse their reckless behaviour and make it far too a dangerous place for everyone. Come on guys, start being realistic about this and dismiss the idea out right and then concentrate on stopping the idiots that currently use it as a race track.	Said it all already
Anonymous User:300481744	I'm a cyclist who lives [Redacted]	

Anonymous User:300504784	I am sure that cycling in a pedestrianised area would be dangerous for everyone - especially the elderly, disabled, children and the cyclists themselves.	I thought pedestrianised meant for pedestrians and not for traffic of any kind!
Anonymous User:314726264	It is fine as it is. It is an accident waiting to happen. One person injured, or God forbid something worse, it is one too many. Cyclists usually manage ok now. So why change anything?.	No.
Anonymous User:328465163	I see no reason to change from the existing regulations which are in place and I also believe that it will be dangerous for pedestrians	stop wasting money on these types of changes
Anonymous User:301796380	Cycling in Sheep Street interferes with pedestrian movement which is the most appealing use for interaction with this town centre road.	It's not necessary.
Anonymous User:311260329	We have lost so much in Bicester to lose our present Sheep Street would be a shame. We have so many places to eat and drink outside in the Sheep Street where children can roam safely. I love to wonder down at least twice a week to shop and have a coffee also enjoy the Friday Market. I now use a walker and don't move quickly and get very upset with people who still disregard the no cycling. There is not enough parking places for bicycles now so would leave them parking against shops. As to riding through we have two roads for this either side of Sheep Street. How fast will they travel in the precinct?. The Friday Market and also the special Markets, Fair and Christmas lights would be a problem to control. My feelings once you have cycling, it would be a job to reverse it. So why change it.	
Anonymous User:328515413	There is no enforcement of the current ban on cycling or use of private e-scooters so cycling may as well be legalised enabling law abiding to cycle. Cycle lanes will need to be clearly marked out.	When will action be taken to stop the widespread use of private e-scooters in and around the town?
Anonymous User:328524575	Dangers, especially with the rise in numbers of e-bikes, which travel much faster than normal bikes.	Either allow all traffic (inc cars) back, or make it pedestrian only. Anything in between will cause accidents
Anonymous User:300836723	It's really important for safety too be able to cycle through Sheep Street.	
Anonymous User:325468962	None	None
Anonymous User:325468962	Healthy transport	Encourage cycling
Anonymous User:328616824	People cycle on it anyway, and will continue too regardless, however this could potentially keep pedestrians and cyclists apart if done	I suggest a speed limit too. I have an e-trike, and have also had bikes. They are heavier (more robust, plus motor and battery etc) and unless

	properly with clear cycle paths. It may also limit any potential altercations.	you're a speed watcher like me, it's easier to lose track of speed when your peddling effort is minimal. E-scooters should also be permitted.
Anonymous User:328671361	Cyclists have no respect for pedestrians, ride too fast on many pavements and never use a bell. I believe they think they have a legal right to use all walkways.	They are dangerous.
Anonymous User:328676615	A history of anxiety through past experience of cyclists riding fast and approaching from behind.	As a pensioner I feel frightened and don't believe most cyclists have a knowledge of thr Highway Code or safe cycling.
Anonymous User:328683664	We have a national problem with sedentary diseases (e.g. heart disease, diabetes) and encouraging people to cycle rather than to drive would improve people's health and lives (as well as producing far less pollution). I don't see much benefit in trying to stop people from cycling on Friday market days as most people will be sensible and avoid cycling when it's too busy or at least reduce their speed to walking speed. The less sensible people should be dealt with according to how much harm they deliver and not based on a timetable i.e. inconsiderate cycling should be dealt with the same whether it occurs on a Tuesday or a Friday.	Banning cycling (even just on Fridays) is counter-productive and a waste of people's time.
Anonymous User:328688543	Pedal cycles and especially electric bikes/scooters are not a good mix with pedestrians. Neither is looking out for the other. Both have different goals. One is shopping/walking the other is getting from A to B as fast as they can.	Nothing extra.
Anonymous User:201979628	Sheep street was a designated pedestrian area when it was first made vehicle free. it is not a suitable area to mix cycling and pedestrians given the high number of vulnerable people who use mobility scooters and elderly residents who daily use the street. There is a high density of elderly and disability accommodation centred around this street and more under construction. There are alternative routs to the North and South of Sheep Street. That some people now flout the ban on cycling is not a valid argument to reverse this rule , and will make it almost imposable to enforce any sanction to those few people who choose to ride recklessly to the detriment of other citizens.	keep it vehicle free including cycles.
Anonymous User:328703244	Cycle often and it would encourage more people to cycle. It's a wide street so no reason why cyclists cannot safely navigate among pedestrians etc.	No harm trying :)
Anonymous User:328683137	I am a cyclist and being able to cut through town via Sheep Street at all times would be much safer and more convenient for me. As it is I have to use the road in areas that are busy and congested, so much	

	less safe, and also more circuitous than the direct route through Sheep Street.	
Anonymous User:328709086	I object to the proposals mainly on safety grounds, at present cycling is prohibited and there is no control over cycles and especially electric scooters (which are illegal) between approx 1200 and 1300 hrs. today (31 August) there were at least two cycles and three scooters using the road. neither of this type of vehicle can be heard approaching and therefore represents a danger to the general public,	Further, given that it is illegal at present to ride in Sheep Street, it would appear cyclists and scooter riders have not read the Highway Code one can frequently see riders go from the pavement across pedestrian crossings without due regard for oncoming traffic, therefore it might be a good idea to ensure that, before any changes are made to existing regulations, prospective users of these vehicles are familiar with the Highway Code
Anonymous User:245182643	I strongly object to this proposal. Sheep Street was pedestrianised in about 1990 with the express purpose of removing all vehicular traffic, including bicycles, in order to make the street safer and more amenable for shoppers. Nothing has changed in this regard since that time. The speed of a typical cyclist is 15 mph. The prospect of being hit by a bicycle travelling at this speed will entirely put me off shopping in Sheep Street. The prospect of being hit by 25-30 kg of e-bike plus the weight of the rider does not bear thinking about. It is only a matter of time before e-scooters are permitted on cycle paths and these are mostly ridden by teenagers who, by their age, have not had sufficient time to develop a sense of speed and judgement of distance. Even now, the cycling prohibition in Sheep Street cannot be properly enforced, as evidenced by the photograph at the head of this survey, so how is it proposed to ensure that cycling speeds, if cycling is permitted, are limited to walking pace so as to ensure the safety of pedestrians and shoppers? There are no proposals to limit cycling to one part or side of the street, which means that pedestrians could encounter cyclists or e-bike riders on any part of the street entirely without warning.	I regularly cycle from my home on the [Redacted] estate into the centre of Bicester for shopping on Sheep Street. When I want to cycle from the upper end of Sheep Street to the lower end, or vice-versa, I use Manorsfield Road, a route that I have found perfectly safe. Cyclists do not need a second cycling route, from the lower end of the main shopping area to the upper end, via Sheep Street.
Anonymous User:304497317	I feel allowing cyclists to ride along Sheep St is very dangerous. My personal experience of cyclists using a pedestrian route is that the cyclists will demand the pedestrians GET OUT OF THE WAY as they ride along. I have been on pedestrian paths with my grandchildren when I have had to grab a child to save them from an accident as a cyclist barged by us shouting GET OUT OF MY WAY YOU XXXXXX. My lifetime of cyclists on mixed highways is that the cyclist will deliberately barge their way through pedestrians without thought for safety or consideration for other road users. There is a perfectly safe and short route along Victoria Rd that cyclists can follow if they do not wish to push their Bike along Sheep St. Should the council allow	Silly idea to make a safe pedestrian shopping street a dangerous one just to satisfy a small but noisy minority.

	cyclists to use Sheep St then Bicester will lose my custom as we will shop elsewhere.	
Anonymous User:328733171	It will be dangerous to pedestrians. It is currently 'cycle free' but it is not! Allowing cyclists (legally!) if even for a short time will mean cyclists think it's ok to cycle there always.	DO NOT ALLOW CYCLING - ever. Not for a day even. Remember people are already breaking the rules - and those people are already causing concerns over safety - I have had cyclists ringing their bells for me to move out the way - they should not be there. One day (trial) is too much even.
Anonymous User:328734255	I cycle to different areas with my toddler on the bike and it's tricky to find safe routes. Having to get off and push the bike with the toddler is difficult and generally it's safer and easier to cycle it along these sorts of streets. Not being able to puts me off coming into local towns where there are restrictions on cycling when delivery lorries and buses are able to use the same streets. It does not promote green healthy travel for families	
Anonymous User:125945895	This will make Bicester a more attractive destination and will normalise cycling around Bicester.	
Anonymous User:328742844	Some cyclists, come so close to me when I'm walking there, frightening, They just don't care, You get a mouth full of abuse if you dare say anything to these lycra bullies	
Anonymous User:245182643	I shop regularly on Sheep Street and it can become very busy at times, especially on Friday market days. I would be very worried about being knocked down by a cyclist or ebike rider, as this could cause a serious injury. It is not safe to have cyclists or ebike riders on a busy shopping street like this. It was made into a pedestrian only street about 30 years ago so that shoppers like me do not have to worry about vehicles or cyclists.	It looks as if the council are trying to legitimise the illegal cycling that currently takes place down Sheep Street. The council or the Police should stop this because it is dangerous to shoppers.
Anonymous User:328761846	Maonorsfield Road and Bell Lane/Victoria Road run parallel with Sheep Street and both only approximately 50 metres away. These non - pedestrianised roads are quite accessible and already used by cyclists and therefore pose no danger to the people using the relative safety of Sheep Street. It is therefore quite unnecessary to implement the suggested change to the use of Sheep Street. The idea that the trial period for any change to the pedestrianisation of Sheep Street should be 18 months suggests the decision has already been taken regardless of the outcome of the consultation. In other words it is just a 'sop' to the people of Bicester and the council can say it has asked the people for their thoughts. Why not be honest and if a trial period is deemed to be the way forward make it 3 months - I'm	Forget it and leave the people who use Sheep Street to walk around in comfort without having to wary of bicycles coming at them from all directions

	certain an an appraisal can be made of this daft scheme within that time frame.	
Anonymous User:328768466	Pedestrians now walk freely, without looking over their shoulder, each time they wish to change direction to enter a shop or cross to the other side of the road. Cycles already come down the road, often at speed and why there hasn't been an accident already, is a miracle!	
Anonymous User:328761846	Sufficient cycle routes already. Keep Sheep Street pedestrianised, what next motor bikes ,cars where does it stop?	People enjoy the freedom to move about without any traffic. Lots of food and drink establishments enable people to enjoy being outside and meeting friends without harm. Why spoil that?
Anonymous User:328735867	At present Sheep Street is a pedestrian only zone which makes it safe for all members of the public, in particular children, people with disabilities, the elderly, guide-dog users and shoppers. At present I am able to walk along Sheep Street with my grandchildren without constantly looking around for traffic. This would certainly deter me from taking them into Bicester if the street was open to cyclists. You say that your "goal is to enhance active travel in Bicester by making Sheep Street more accessible to cyclists". Why are the perceived needs of cyclists being put above those of pedestrians? Bicycles are vehicles and their needs should not displace those of pedestrians just because their use is considered beneficial for health and the environment. Isn't walking beneficial to health and the environment? There are already cycle lanes and roads around the town centre. Being able to cycle along Sheep Street would not increase shop sales. You say your aim is that by increasing cycling routes there will be a decrease in reliance on private cars for local journeys, promoting a more sustainable mode of transport. Cyclists can carry a very limited amount of shopping on a bicycle and if they do shop, they will still need to leave their cycles somewhere. Do you think that shop owners will appreciate having bikes propped up against their windows or will provision be made for "parked" bicycles? How will opening Sheep Street improve access for all cyclists including those who have disabilities enabling them to cycle more?". How does opening Sheep Street help this aim other than providing a short cut through a crowded street of pedestrians. You only have to follow up complaints from Oxford shoppers after Broad Street was pedestrianised but still open to cyclists who wove through the crowds of the Christmas market. How will "opening Sheep Street to cyclists to attract more visitors to local businesses, market days, and festivals, thereby boosting the local economy?". How many people are going to cycle to Bicester for a day out or to shop just because they	Sheep Street should remain a pedestrian only zone.

	<p>can cycle down Sheep Street? To sum up, even though it is prohibited, cyclists still cycle down Sheep Street as your leading photo shows, as do motorised scooters. They are a menace. They use the street as a short cut because nothing is being done to stop them and it appears that the council are proposing to legalise cycling along Sheep Street in order to shirk the responsibility of doing anything about it.</p>	
<p>Anonymous User:328793348</p>	<p>Please, please, please allow me to cycle on Sheep Street. It would make such a difference to my life. The current arrangement doesn't work for anybody.</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Anonymous User:328857697</p>	<p>Sheep Street is wide enough to allow both cyclists and pedestrians. I do feel however that cycling speeds must be kept low (speed limit ?) in consideration of the more vulnerable pedestrians. This would apply the rule where the onus is on the less vulnerable (cyclists) to look out for the more vulnerable (pedestrians)</p>	

Appendix 3: Feedback from community organisations

Bicester Bike User Group (BUG)

Dear sir or madam

I write on behalf of Bicester Bike Users' Group in response to the current consultation. We strongly support the trial to allow cycling at any time in Sheep Street, and strongly object to the proposal to exclude market hours from the trial. The reasons are below.

1. This is a **consultation** on whether to hold a **trial** of cycling in Sheep Street, **not a consultation on whether or not to permit cycling permanently**. **Many of the objections are to permanently authorising cycling**, not a trial, and are **from objectors who have no experience of how shared spaces work**. Many intuitions are that shared space in Sheep Street would not work, but **considerable evidence** shows that despite initial objections, **trials tend to be successful and become accepted after 12-18 months**. Equally, there is not much point in carving out a pre-emptive exception from the trial for the Friday market as this would undermine the rationale for a trial and permanently exclude a significant portion of the potential customer base who would be expected to support the market.
2. Cycling is very **important economically** (as it encourages greater numbers of residents to access the town centre and support the amenities); for health and well-being; and for the environment. A cyclist passing through Sheep Street is much more likely to stop and use the amenities than a cyclist forced to use a longer and more dangerous route, or driving instead.
2. Sheep Street is an **important route for cycling**, connecting north and south Bicester and Bicester North and Bicester Village train stations. It is the shortest, quickest, and safest route between these destinations. With the present prohibition on cycling in Sheep Street, cyclists have to use either the B4100 (Manorsfield Road) or Victoria Road. These alternatives have poor or non-existent cycle provision, are indirect, and are shared with heavier vehicles such as buses, making them dangerous, unwelcoming, and unpleasant for most cyclists. This currently acts as a strong disincentive to cycling.
3. The prohibition on cycling in Sheep Street requires cyclists visiting the amenities on Sheep Street to either lock their bike at the end of Sheep Street where it is at risk of theft, or to push their bike along the length of Sheep Street to their destination so that it can be locked where it can be safely observed. Both options act as a **considerable deterrent to cycling**.
4. The **prohibition on cycling in Sheep Street is discriminatory**, in that there are a number of cycle users who are disabled within the meaning of the Equality Act 2010 who use their bikes to overcome their disability. The prohibition has the consequence of preventing disabled users using their bikes to access the amenities, or to risk the anger of pedestrians who do not appreciate their disability and believe that these individuals are flouting the

law. **Some disabled cyclists who use their bikes as a mobility aid have been threatened with assault by vigilante members of the public who are angered by what they see as cyclists breaching the current prohibition.** This is a serious risk that needs to be addressed.

5. The vast majority of destinations within Bicester are within an easy cycling distance of each other. However, the **lack of a suitable connection along Sheep Street means that many journeys that could be cycled end up being driven, leading to vehicle congestion, damage to the environment, and noise pollution.**
6. Sheep Street is **eminently suitable for cycling**, having one of the widest pedestrian streets in the county. In parts it is **20-25m wide**. This provides ample space for both pedestrians and cyclists to circulate without a real risk of conflict. The Dutch CROW Manual on Bicycle Traffic [126] recommends that:

'In the case of a **pedestrian density below 100 pedestrians per hour per metre of profile width, full mixture is possible without additional facilities**; in the case of a density between 100 and 200 pedestrians per hour per metre of profile width, segregation is desirable. A visual separation will suffice (use of material, markings) up to 160 pedestrians; above 160 pedestrians it will be desirable to introduce a vehicle path for bicycle traffic.'

In Bicester the Sheep Street the width of the road would accommodate over **4,000 pedestrians an hour** according to this guidance. Current usage is massively below this, even at the busiest times. In the UK, research by the Transport Research Laboratory for the Department for Transport has focussed research specifically on cycling in pedestrian areas and has concluded that it is **generally unproblematic and to be encouraged** (see Report PR15 (<https://www.trl.co.uk/publications/pr15>)). Equally the Department for Transport guidance in Traffic Advisory Leaflet 09/93 (http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20090505152230/http://www.dft.gov.uk/adobe/pdf/165240/244921/244924/TAL_9-93) is **strongly recommends permitting cycling in pedestrian areas**, concluding that there were **no factors to justify excluding cyclists from pedestrian areas**, and also finding:

- In 66 hours of total footage, **not a single collision** between a cyclist and a pedestrian was observed.
 - **Not one collision involving an adult pedestrian and a cyclist was recorded at any of 21 sites in the previous fifteen years.** There had been only one collision involving a child pedestrian and a cyclist in that fifteen year period.
 - **Cyclists adapt their speed to pedestrian density, and dismount if necessary.**
 - While pedestrians tend to adapt their behaviour in the presence of motor vehicles, they do not do so in the presence of cyclists.
7. The **perceived risks to pedestrians from cyclists are generally greatly exaggerated.** Only a small fraction of pedestrian incidents on the road are caused by cyclists. In around 25 years, despite cyclists actually using Sheep Street despite the prohibition, there has only been one minor reported

collision on Sheep Street. This involved two teenagers and did not result in any significant injuries. Reports of 'near misses' are therefore greatly exaggerated.

8. The current situation is completely inconsistent and incoherent. **Far more dangerous and heavy vehicles such as trucks, vans, and private vehicles are permitted to drive along Sheep Street even during market hours**, whereas there are no exemptions whatsoever for cycles. See for example:



9. The question should be asked **what the alternative is**. The alternative is not a fully enforced prohibition, but an **unenforced prohibition** as the police and council do not have the resources to enforce a prohibition. The current prohibition works exceedingly poorly given the inability of Thames Valley Police to effectively police it. Given their budget constraints and the very low risk posed by cyclists, the police occasionally enforce it, but exceedingly rarely. The consequence is that the less responsible cyclists, such as teenagers flout the prohibition, causing aggravation and resentment

towards cyclists. The more responsible cyclists either leave their bikes or dutifully push them along the street. Thus the current TRO discourages responsible cycling and encourages irresponsible cycling. This is precisely the opposite effect of what is desired.

On balance, all the considerations point towards permitting cycling.

Yours faithfully

Paul Troop
Secretary, Bicester Bike Users' Group

Oxfordshire Cycling Network:

This response is on behalf of the Oxfordshire Cycling Network (OCN), which includes members from 30 cycling and supporting organisations in the county. OCN represents the 250,000 people who cycle in the county and the 600,000 who would cycle if it was safe, convenient and pleasant. We are founder members of CoHSAT, the Coalition for Healthy Streets and Active Travel, so also consider issues for people who walk and wheel.

We support the introduction of cycling on Sheep Street in Bicester. We support the process of using an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) to test and develop the way in which this is done over up to 18 months.

We believe that transport decisions should be made on the basis of evidence, and overall benefits to society, taking into account the health (mental and physical), trade and connectivity benefits of such a change. We are aware of concerns about people cycling in this area, but we believe that these are not strongly evidenced, that the impacts of cycling are significantly less than those of motor vehicles already using this street, and that there are many good examples of similar streets where cycling is permitted with no significant negative effects.

We note that sharing space is not an ideal solution, and where there is space, the best solution is one that separates motor vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians.

However, at low speeds – approaching walking pace, these can co-exist safely, as demonstrated in the examples below, and many others.

Benefits of the proposal

Cycling is well documented to be beneficial to mental and physical health. In one recent longitudinal study¹ of 82,000 people over 18 years, people commuting by cycle were found to have 47% lower 'all cause mortality', 10% lower hospitalisation and 20% lower mental health prescriptions.

Permitting cycling would benefit trade on Sheep Street. Transport for London research² and shows that people who walk or cycle to high streets visit more often, and that public realm improvements that including cycling or cycle parking can

¹ Health benefits of pedestrian and cyclist commuting: evidence from the Scottish Longitudinal Study
<https://bmjpublichealth.bmj.com/content/2/1/e001295>

² Walking and cycling economic benefits summary pack
<https://tfl.gov.uk/cdn/static/cms/documents/walking-cycling-economic-benefits-summary-pack.pdf>

increase retail sales.

HIGHER SPENDS



Source: Lawlor, 2013



Source: Rajé and Saffrey, 2016



Source: TfL, 2014

Over a month, people who walk to the high street spend up to



than people who drive to the high street

Source: TfL, 2013

Commercial benefits of cycling (and walking) - TfL

Other studies note the parking benefits of cycling. 8 to 12 cycles can be parked in a single car space, and every person not driving frees up road and parking space for a driver.

The connectivity benefits are important as well. A cycling link on Sheep Street would remove a broken link in National Cycle Network Route 51, which passes down the street.

It would also enable disabled cyclists to use the route – Please do not discard this as some trivial niche, the Sustrans Walking and Cycling Index³ across 18 cities shows the 10% of disabled people cycle every week, compared to 15% of the total population. For 64% of these people, cycling is easier than walking, and for 59% their cycle is their mobility aid⁴. The alternative is a significant diversion on busy roads.

Cycling also has a significant role in social equity. A used bike can be bought for £100 (and there are charitable schemes giving them for free). This enables someone to work up to, say 10 miles from home without the £2600 plus annual expense of a car⁵. Comparing this with walking, it might multiply their job seeking area by a factor of 10⁶. For one of the UK's 5 million people in transport poverty⁷, this can make a vital life difference.

³ <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/media/13416/sustrans-2023-walking-and-cycling-index-uk-aggregated-report.pdf>

⁴ <https://wheelsforwellbeing.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Disability-and-Cycling-Report-of-2021-national-survey-results.pdf>

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<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/personalandhouseholdfinances/expenditure/adhocs/15088householdexpenditureonmotoringforhouseholdsofowningacarukfinancialyearending2021>

lowest decile income's running costs. Plus inflation 2021 to 2024.

⁶ Assuming a range of 10 miles instead of 3 miles, multiplied to an area.

⁷ <https://www.smf.co.uk/publications/transport-poverty-hidden-crisis/>

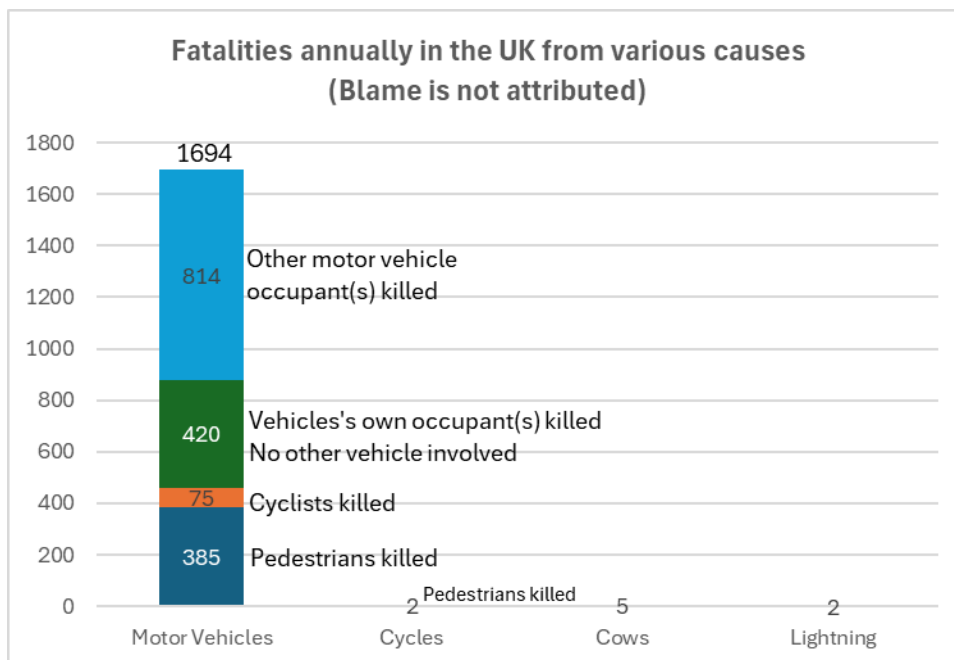
Potential issues

Potential issues have been raised of conflicts between pedestrians and cyclists.

Risks in Context

We would like to put this issue in context with the risks from the motor vehicles that already use the street. While Sheep Street is signed as No motor vehicles “Except permit Holders at any time”, and “blue badge and loading” at certain times, our observation is that over the course of a coffee (perhaps 45 minutes), several private cars can be observed passing that drive through without meeting any of these conditions.

On market day, there are a large number of legitimate HGV users. These big vehicles with poor visibility in a shopping street in the proximity of pedestrians are likely to be a much greater threat than lightweight bicycles⁸.



Comparing the number of deaths each year caused by impact by motor vehicle, pedestrians impacted by a cycle, cows and lightning⁹. It can be seen that motor vehicles are by far the greater hazard to pedestrians, and cycles are a similar hazard level to lightning strikes, significantly lower than cows.

There are a small proportion of people cycling who are irresponsible, and we condemn irresponsible and dangerous cycling. However, these are a very small minority and also much less dangerous than the small minority of drivers who are dangerous, and who have a machine capable of causing death on a large scale. We can put this in context of a much greater danger, the 100,000 early deaths that are caused by physical inactivity¹⁰. Danger from cycles is insignificant compared to

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<https://www.google.com/search?q=hgv+driver+did+not+see+pedestrian&og=hgv+driver+did+not+see+pedestrian>

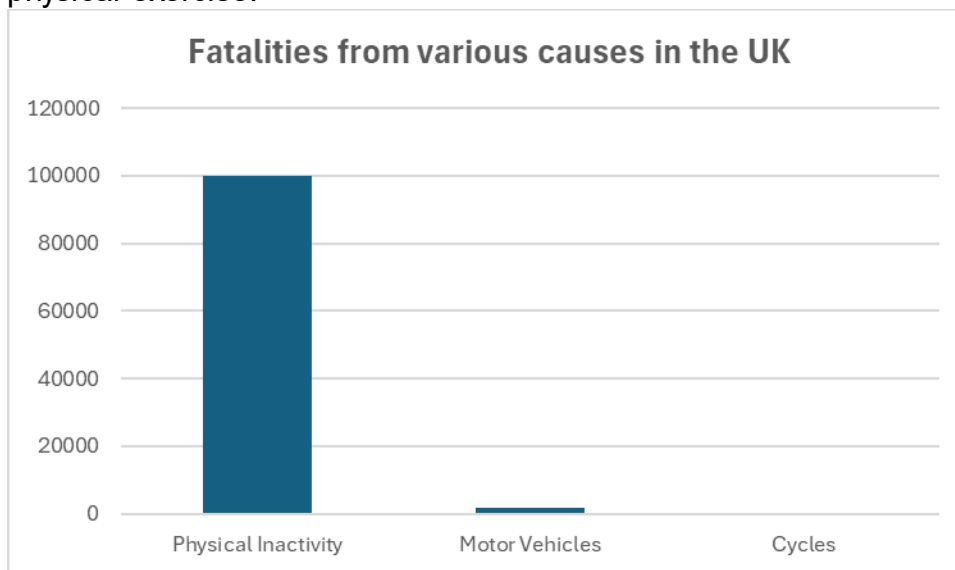
⁹ Sources: [Road Safety Data - data.gov.uk](https://www.data.gov.uk);

[Cow attacks 'leaving people widowed and paralysed' as worried victim demands action - Mirror Online](#);

[Lightning deaths in the UK: a 30-year analysis of the factors contributing to people being struck and killed | openEQUELLA \(brookes.ac.uk\)](#)

¹⁰ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/physical-activity-applying-all-our-health/physical-activity-applying-all-our-health>

the danger of not creating the environment in which people are encouraged to take physical exercise.



It is fear of motor vehicles that is the main barrier that prevents people from cycling more and so the creation of low traffic spaces where people can cycle should be a priority. This is recognised in the Oxfordshire County Council's Local Transport and Connectivity Plan.

Research

A view across recent research on urban spaces shared between people walking and cycling shows that:

Cyclists to a large extent adapt their behaviour appropriately to the presence of pedestrians¹¹.

Cyclists tend to adopt pedestrian modes of operation in these streets, almost without exception adapting to pedestrians by slowing down or moving out of their way¹².

At very high volumes of both pedestrians and cyclists, sharing facilities can lead to conflicts and feelings of discomfort for both pedestrians and cyclists¹³. (OCN comment: Sheep Street does not fit this category. Many cyclists will avoid such areas or dismount.)

Reported incidents and injuries from pedestrian-cyclist collisions are rare. However, complaints about perceived annoyance and near misses are more frequent. The relationship between perceived and objective safety in spaces shared by non-motorised users is not clear¹⁰.

Cyclists were at least as concerned about conflicts and safety as pedestrians, and preferred to avoid pedestrian-dominated areas. That preference was balanced against travel time, ease of wayfinding, and avoidance of road danger¹⁰.

Positive examples

We found are several examples where cycling operates in without noticeable problems in streets similar to Sheep Street.

Aylesbury

¹¹ Bristol City Council (2015) Shared Pedestrian / Cycle Space Review. Urban Movement Reference Documents. January 2015

¹² Bjornskau T et al. (2017) Cycling in pedestrian streets. Traffic volumes, interaction and conflicts between cyclists and pedestrians in Torggata and Brugata in Oslo, Norway. TØI-rapport 1581/2017

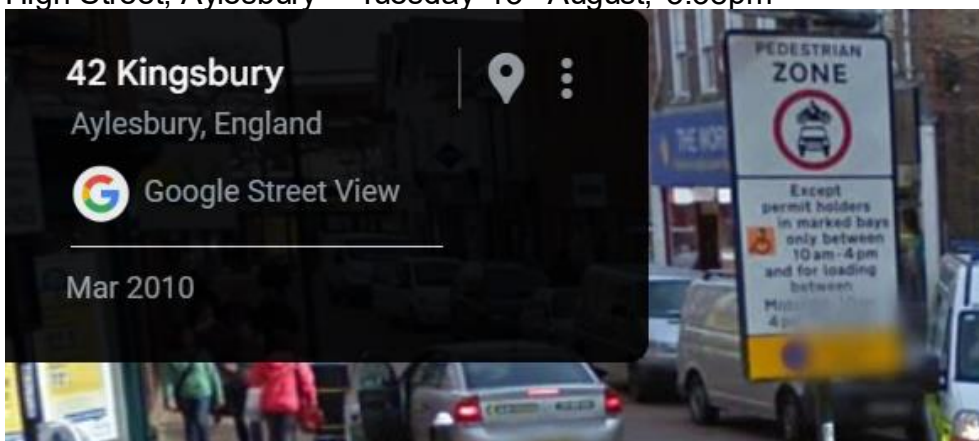
¹³ Ghekas F et al. (2020) Perceived safety and experienced incidents between pedestrians and cyclists in a high-volume non-motorized shared space. Transportation Research Interdisciplinary Perspectives 4

Seventeen miles from Bicester, the market town Aylesbury is of similar size and has a pedestrianised centre with cycling permitted. Motor vehicles are permitted with permits, blue badges and for loading at certain times, much as for Bicester.

I spent about an hour observing the area, and observed several people cycling, greatly outnumbered by the large number of people walking and some wheeling. Almost every cyclist could be described as slow and probably on a shopping, commuting or similar mission, and we saw no incidents of people being agitated by cycling behaviour. Tracking back through Google Streetview, the current restrictions and permissions have been in place since at least 2010 (10 years) suggesting no problems.



High Street, Aylesbury – Tuesday 13th August, 3:38pm



High Street, Aylesbury – Traffic Restrictions permitting cycling March 2010 (same today)

Newbury

Another market town similar in size to Bicester, Newbury has converted its main shopping street to walking and cycling access, with no visible problems. On our visit, on a Monday afternoon, it was busy with shoppers, almost all walking with a few people cycling slowly.



Northbrook Street, Newbury – Monday 5th August 4:40pm
 Comparison to the [2019 StreetView](#) with motor traffic permitted shows the improvement in public space and shopper numbers. (We don't know what time this is, but the A-boards are out, so the shops are open.)
 Kingston

Kingston in west London permits cycling in its market area.



Kingston Market in West London (Click for StreetView)
 Leicester

Most of the centre of Leicester is controlled for motor vehicles, but accessible for cycling, resulting in many cyclists, but spread out and at low speeds.



Leicester High Street (Click for StreetView)



Leicester Market Street (Click for StreetView)
Lower Marsh, London

Lower Marsh, branded as '(S)Lower Marsh' is a shared use street with a thriving [street market](#) near Waterloo in SE1, Lambeth, southeast London. Cycling is permitted on the street.



Lower Marsh, aka (S)lower Marsh, London when quiet and busy
Conclusion

Overall, there are significant benefits to enabling cycling on Sheep Street. Evidence from academic research and practical examples demonstrates that concerns about impact on pedestrians do not result in significant problems in practice. The health benefits of enabling cycling are orders of magnitude greater than potential risks, and there are trade, social equity and connectivity benefits as well.

We believe that the ETRO period will demonstrate that Bicester is not an unusual case, and the findings will be the same as in other places where cycling is permitted in similar spaces, which is that people cycling will be low in numbers, generally slow in nature, positive to the town's economy, and beneficial to their own and wider health.

On this basis, we support the ETRO trial of cycling in Sheep Street.

Robin Tucker
Chair

Bicester Friday Market:

RESPONSE TO ETRO FOR PEDAL CYCLISTS IN SHEEP STREET, BICESTER

- Bicester Friday Market has a licence via Cherwell DC to be in Sheep Street every Friday, we have been in this location for nearly 20 years.
- Even though Sheep Street is currently meant to be pedestrianised, we have had to apply for, and have a road closure put in place every week. This means signs and barriers are across Sheep Street at the one way entry end. This had to be put in because the automatic barrier is not manned and vehicles and cyclists were constantly in the street creating hazards and danger for the traders and the public.
- The market runs along the entire length of Sheep Street. From Superdrug onwards towards the end near Market Square. The first part we have stalls on either side, allowing access for emergency vehicles. From The works onwards the market runs on one side only.
- The part with stalls on both sides is busy with traders and the public. We feel cyclists would create obstructions and potentially a danger as traders and customers are manoeuvring around the stalls. The stalls are also an obstruction for the cyclists, behind the stalls are the entrances to the shops, another potential hazard as customers are exiting the shop premises. The part where we are on one side of the street is extremely congested. There is not enough room for cyclists to safely manoeuvre around the stalls and the public.
- The street as it currently stands does not look like it should have traffic or cyclists routinely coming along there. In an ideal world all cyclists and any permitted vehicles would cycle responsibly but the road closure we have put in place indicates otherwise.
- At set up and pack away the traders are permitted under our licence to have the vans on the street. Cyclists in the street could easily hit a trader as they are in and out of their vans, and cyclists would also have issues with vans in the street.
- Liability. As it stands, we have been on a pedestrianised street for nearly 20 years. Even this did not stop dangerous issues arising in recent times. This is why we requested a road closure. Our traders trade knowing the road is closed. We would want to know who would be liable should a cyclist hurt a trader or a member of the public, or if a cyclist is hurt by a stall/ van on market day.

- We would like to meet with officers on a market day to show them our concerns. We would also like to be sent any risk assessments that have been carried out. A risk assessment is extremely important on market day.
- We would strongly recommend cyclists are not allowed in the street on market day.

Signed.....E J Gould.....

Role...Bicester Friday Market Manager and