

I am a resident of Iffley Turn. I fully support the introduction of a CPZ in Iffley and sincerely hope it is implemented.

Since CPZs were introduced in the surrounding areas, parking and traffic on Iffley Turn has become a serious problem. As one of the few remaining areas without restrictions and being closest to those areas that now have CPZs, Iffley Turn is overwhelmed by displaced vehicles including cars, vans, lorries, motor homes, and even horse boxes!

To give you some examples of what we have to live with – during the week commuters start parking on Iffley Turn from around 7:30 a.m. with some even coming from places such as London, Heathrow, and Wallingford. Weekends are just as busy when Iffley Turn becomes a free park-and-ride for people heading into town and I've even learnt that the Marcham village Facebook group tells its residents to park on Iffley Turn and then catch the no. 3 bus into Oxford when they are visiting the city. As well as commuters and shoppers; cars, vans, and motor homes are regularly abandoned here for weeks or even months on end with some motor homes clearly being lived in. Additionally, a man who lives on Church Cowley Road runs a vehicle recovery business from Iffley Turn, regularly parking his lorry, sometimes with cars on it, and often leaving multiple vehicles outside my house for weeks on end.

There are always vehicles parked on both sides of the road now and sometimes half over the pavements. As a result traffic on Iffley Turn is down to a single lane, which frequently causes gridlock, often resulting in confrontations between drivers. Bin lorries have to block the road when doing their rounds as they are unable to pull over, and large delivery lorries struggle to access the care home on Anne Greenwood Close due to all the parked vehicles.

Living on Iffley Turn now feels like living next to a busy and chaotic car park and as soon as one vehicle leaves it is quickly replaced by another – I've even witnessed a motor home circling Iffley Turn waiting for a parking space to become available. It is now much more dangerous and you often have to stick your head out between vehicles to see if there is any oncoming traffic before crossing the road. Cars and vans are parked so close to driveway entrances that visibility is severely reduced and I recently spoke with a long-term resident of Iffley Turn who told me how she has to walk into the road to guide drivers out of her driveway and to quote her Iffley Turn is now "an accident waiting to happen."

Our driveway is frequently blocked as there are no double yellow lines in front of it, and a car was recently parked across it for a week. With no other spaces available and nothing we could do about it, we had to park in the village and I cannot tell you how frustrating it is to see the surrounding areas that have CPZs with ample free parking spaces while we on Iffley Turn cannot park outside our own homes due to all the non-residents parked here.

I note that feedback from the consultation shows that some residents in those parts of the proposed Iffley CPZ not affected by this parking and traffic chaos have objected, in particular residents of the Iffley Borders, and I sincerely hope they can be taken out of the CPZ rather than yet again being able to dictate to residents of Iffley Turn whether or not we get a much needed CPZ. I would also like to point out that the majority of church services and Iffley village hall events are either less than 2 hours or take place in the evening when non-permit holders can park freely and it should be pointed out that local residents who say they need longer to park by the church and village hall will of course be eligible for permits.

I would further highlight at this point that two of the aims of Oxfordshire County Council's own network management plan are to promote the introduction of resident parking zones to improve the lives of residents and to encourage the use of public transport by cutting down on opportunities for commuter parking.

To conclude, without a CPZ that will be it for Iffley Turn. Our residential area will continue to be a short and long stay car park for commuters and non-residents, leaving residents to live with the resulting parking and traffic chaos and with nothing we can do about it. Iffley Turn will remain far more dangerous and it will also be highly discriminatory, with the chaos we have to endure imposed on us by people who don't live in the area. Ultimately, the needs of residents who are directly impacted by this danger and chaos—and who urgently need a CPZ—must surely take priority over those who aren't affected and simply prefer not to have one.

Please note I have lots of photos and videos to illustrate the points I am making should you wish to see them.

Thank you for taking the time to read this statement.