

Danny Yee – Sheep Street ETRO – 14 Nov 2024

If the county is at all serious about its cycling trip targets, or about transport equity, it has to provide an accessible and inclusive north-south cycling route through Bicester town centre. This is essential both for local trips and for longer-distance ones, as it forms part of the National Cycling Network. It also needs to be possible for people to cycle to the shops and services on Sheep St.

If it turns out to be impossible, for whatever reason, for Sheep St to be used by people cycling, then the only real alternative is to implement a town-wide circulation scheme that includes a bus gate on Manorsfield Rd, reducing motor traffic there to levels that allow for safe, accessible and inclusive cycling.

There are other reasons for considering such a circulation scheme, but it would be considerably more controversial than a trial to allow cycling on Sheep St, as well as a lot more expensive. So I urge you to proceed with this trial and see how that works before considering more difficult solutions.