



## **Addresses to Transport Delegated Decisions Meeting November 2024 Abingdon Bath Street Parking Proposal**

From: Robin Tucker, Co-Chair of the Coalition for Healthy Streets and Active Travel.

Bath Street in Abingdon is a vital link between the centre and south of the town and several schools and the college that are located on or near Bath Street or Wootton Road.

Abingdon already suffers from too much traffic, and the arrival of 2000 houses in North Abingdon is not going to help that situation, so the developer funding for cycle routes on this road was welcome. Following approval of the Bath Street cycle route scheme itself in February 2024, we have been glad to work with the engineers on some of the design details to get the best out of the limited road space. As is often the case, it won't be perfect, but I think it is the best that can be done within the current constraints.

Part of those constraints was a reduction in the number of parking bays, and the February meeting agreed that a parking review would be conducted. This identified potential issues for some residents, and we consider the in parking provided by this proposal as a reasonable outcome at this stage.

For the longer term, the Council should consider a countywide strategy for the range of uses of valuable kerbside space, which may include further improvements to sustainable travel, climate change mitigation, or civic amenities beyond the free storage of private vehicles. This could follow the direction of Kerbside Strategies adopted by an increasing number of forward-looking councils.