

## **Danny Yee – 14 November 2024**

We (Oxfordshire Liveable Streets) and CoHSAT objected to elements of this scheme.

The officer response to our objections says that Whites Lane and Kennington Rd will be getting an off-carriageway cycle track. However, this track will need to cross the main road three times, all of which will be danger points which would be safer with 20mph speeds. And most of this cycle track will have no buffer from the carriageway, which is acceptable with 20mph traffic but not with 30mph traffic, especially with a two-way track which will have people cycling directly towards oncoming motor traffic and its headlights.

The other points we raised were not addressed in the response. Even people who oppose 20mph speed limits often support them outside schools. Why are the stretches of road around the Radley College entrance and Radley primary school not being changed to 20mph? This relatively short stretch of road has had two serious injuries in the last four years. And Church Rd and Foxborough Rd are essential parts of accessible and inclusive cycling routes from Kennington and Abingdon to Radley station.

Involving parish councils and local councillors is important, but they can't be the only people to get a say in decisions about the safety and accessibility of routes used by people outside the area, which are also important for both the Vision Zero and LTCP trip targets. In this case I have been told that if a different selection of parish councillors had turned up to a meeting a rather different 20mph request might have been made!

It is unrealistic to expect parish councillors to have read and understood the LTCP, LTN 1/20, the plans for the housing developments, and other such documents. So we urge you to approve this scheme but to delay implementation and ask the parish council to reconsider broader 20mph limits, perhaps with a briefing from officers explaining the road danger and cycling accessibility concerns.

It is too late here, since the consultation has already happened, but I have seen other 20mph schemes where officers have modified proposals from parish councils because they were deemed to be too wide in scope. It should be possible to modify, or at least reconsider, proposals from parish councils that are too narrow in scope.