

Address to Transport Delegated Decisions Meeting 27 February 2025

Proposed ANPR Enforcement of Moving Traffic Sites

We are pleased to see this proposal and recommendation come forward. These are all existing traffic regulations, there to protect all road users, and particularly vulnerable ones. Sadly, these often need more than signs to enforce them.

The police we know are over-stretched and under-resourced. It is positive to see their support for the measures.

15 of these 20 sites are directly known to me. The closest, in Abingdon, our community group identified as one of the three most dangerous junctions in the town in our 2020 community plan. It is already hazardous for pedestrians crossing due to large radii, and a driver breaking the law to turn from an unexpected direction, perhaps between a flow of traffic, adds to the danger. Even during the weeks of the consultation, I saw several violations.

I note the large number of people who responded in support of these safety measures, which is relatively unusual for a consultation. I note there are many objections, which seems odd given that these are simply measures to enforce existing regulations. Reading the statements in support and against gives a clear indication of one group of people who are concerned about reducing danger to people's lives, and another group who largely do not consider this. There are also a few more nuanced inputs on specific proposals. I commend Council officers for their thorough work in analysing the responses, and agree with their recommendations.

These measures are also consistent with your Vision Zero, reducing road danger, and more widely advancing your LTCP.

CoHSAT brings together 25 active travel and community groups across the county. We encourage you to adopt these recommendations.

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