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I am writing in support of **Agenda Item 5, “Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan for Woodstock and Surrounding Areas”** for your determined on 24th April 2025.

The Woodstock Area is a good fit for a rural LCWIP. It's on the A44 Corridor Strategy, a road of significant hazard for cyclists and pedestrians. It's within cycle commuting distance to Oxford City and Kidlington Airport and Business Park. It has excellent public transport links by bus to Oxford, Witney, Oxford Parkway and Hanborough Railway Stations, all of which facilitate so called “first mile/last mile” travel on foot or by bike. Woodstock town itself is recognised as a significant local service area with a thriving secondary school, as well as numerous leisure, retail and hospitality venues that all attract significant inward travel. And, of course, high volumes of tourism traffic are generated by Blenheim Palace, traffic that would benefit from even a modest modal shift from car travel to rail, bus and cycle travel. A Woodstock and Surrounding Areas LCWIP will compliment the County's Strategic Active Travel Network (SATN).

I set up the Village Travel Network back in 2020 to promote better active travel connectivity between the communities of Woodstock, Bladon, Hanborough, Combe, Stonesfield and Wootton. Our network comprises parish councillors and others from all of these communities and importantly it includes Blenheim Estates, who immediately recognised the synergy with its own vision to reduce its carbon footprint.

In 2023 we produced our Village Travel Network Active Travel Plan which was sent to your Transport Planning Team. Your officers refined, modified and extended our Plan, added two further parishes (Begbroke and Tackley) and the result is the Woodstock and Surrounding Areas LCWIP. I commend it to you wholeheartedly.