

I advocate for road safety, particularly for vulnerable children and adults. I am writing in support of the proposed traffic calming measures and changes to parking regulations on Canada Lane in Faringdon. I would like to provide additional evidence to support the importance of these changes.

There have been numerous instances where vehicles are parked illegally on double yellow lines. This not only creates hazardous blind spots for drivers but also obstructs access to designated crossing points—making it extremely difficult individuals using pushchairs, wheelchairs, or walking aids to cross safely.

In this neighbourhood, risk assessments such as, ambulances navigating this road, elderly individuals using mobility scooters, and parents walking young children in prams. These essential users of the footpath and crossings are often put at risk due to inconsiderate and illegal parking.

Additionally, Canada Lane is regularly used by business traffic, including HGVs and the town circular bus. The estate itself is a busy residential area. The introduction of traffic calming measures would significantly benefit the community by improving safety for all, especially our elderly, disabled, and young residents.

Sadly, speeding is a recurring issue on this road and has led to several near-miss incidents. These could have been avoided with appropriate traffic control and enforcement.

I urge you to consider these points when evaluating the proposal. Implementing these measures is not just a matter of traffic management—it is a matter of community safety.