

CMD Transport (18 June 2026) – Proposed Traffic Calming – Eastern Bypass Rd, Oxford (Danny Yee)

We support this scheme. It will make it safer for people walking or cycling past this entrance. However we have two concerns: one about the design of this scheme and one more general.

It is not shown on the plan in Annex 1, but paragraph 17 of the report says that "a request for buff coloured surfacing... has been implemented in the detailed design". But it is not clear whether it is the cycle or the pedestrian section of the path that is proposed to be surfaced buff.

Elsewhere buff surfacing is mostly used to mark pedestrian crossing points, so we suggest that, for consistency, the _pedestrian_ part of the crossing be given a buff surface. We also urge that the county standardise on a _different_ colour to mark space for cycling - something distinctive like red or green - and start using it on sections of cycle track like this where they pass entrances (and in other locations of potential confusion, such as parallel crossings).

A second concern is that this scheme is not integrated into a broader plan for the paths on either side of the entrance. As the report states: "the developer is not responsible for the approach paths either side of the access so the priority crossing needs to tie in with what is there currently"

We need to have plans for these routes so that when developers bring forward schemes like this there is a clear understanding of how they will fit into the broader plan for the area and for walking and cycling networks. Transport Development Management and the Highway Agreements Team do not have the time or resourcing to do this and need to be able to consult an up to date Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (Oxford's is seven years old and showing its age) or a comprehensive Movement and Place Plan.