

Questions from Members of the Public

Questions are listed in the order in which they were received.

<p>1. RICHARD PARNHAM</p> <p>How many £5 congestion charge payments have been made, since the scheme was introduced, where it has not been possible to assign the payment to a vehicle captured on the congestion charge monitoring cameras? i.e. the congestion charge payment MIGHT have been made by someone who BELIEVED they should pay the congestion charge, but was not actually required to pay the congestion charge on that specific trip?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR GARETH EPPS, CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT</p> <p>Unfortunately, I am informed that we do not hold this information in a reportable format. To obtain it, we would need to manually review each individual payment, which as I'm sure you will appreciate is simply not practicable.</p>
<p>2. MATTHEW BROADWAY</p> <p>By when, and as a result of what specific policies being implemented, can North Oxford residents expect to see congestion ease - and journey times shortened - so both are better than before the congestion charge was introduced?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR GARETH EPPS, CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT</p> <p>Congestion is expected to ease in north Oxford when Botley Road reopens. The closure of Botley Road in April 2023 led to significant traffic increases on Woodstock Road, which will have increased congestion on Woodstock Road and to a lesser extent Banbury Road and the wider north Oxford area.</p> <p>The benefits of the temporary congestion charge include faster and more frequent bus services as part of a broader set of transport improvements, as well as targeted interventions to reduce specific causes of congestion on key corridors such as the Woodstock and Banbury Roads</p>

3. PHILIPPA GIBBONS

Have the number of vehicle crashes on Marsh Lane increased, or decreased, since the congestion charge was introduced, compared with the same time period the year previously (i.e. November 2025 - June 2026, compared with November 2024 - June 2025)?

COUNCILLOR GARETH EPPS, CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT

Confirmed data for November -December 2025 and provisional data available to 2026 to the end of May shows one slight injury collision reported in January 2026.

Data for November 2024 to June 2025 shows no collisions.

Annual collision totals for the road for the five-year period 2021-2025 are as follows:

2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
6	1	0	3	2