



The Friends of Old Headington

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Access to Headington second consultation

The Friends of Old Headington wish to make the following comments:

Our comments are based on our mandate for the Old Headington Conservation Area and, while there are many issues that will affect residents in the wider area, we expect that others will make representations on questions of access, parking, and provision for cycling and pedestrians in the scheme.

We welcome the fact that proposals to alter Windmill Road have been withdrawn and that green verges in the conservation area have been preserved. The proposed new pedestrian and cycle crossing by the bus gate at the junction of Osler Road and London Road is a welcome addition to the plans and one we advocated in the first round of consultation.

We note the proposed changes around the junction of Copse Lane with Headley Way and the nearby service road for the shops. One concern is that the service road might be used as a short cut to access Copse Lane and might be seen as an encouragement to feed 'rat running' traffic in to Northway and on to Old Headington.

The exit turning right from Copse Lane on to Headley Way is difficult now and it is not clear if the proposed changes will make things any easier. While the 3D visualisation of the area provided by the council does not show 'KEEP CLEAR' markings at the junction, we hope these will be retained, along with any other measures that could help at this exit.

We are concerned about traffic management during construction of new features and we ask that measures are taken to discourage rat-running through residential areas during construction. This will be especially important when access to the JR hospital is limited during work on the Headley Way junction.

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