

# Evidence ET-8:

## ONS Data for Traffic Levels prior to, during and after the Covid-19 Pandemic lockdowns

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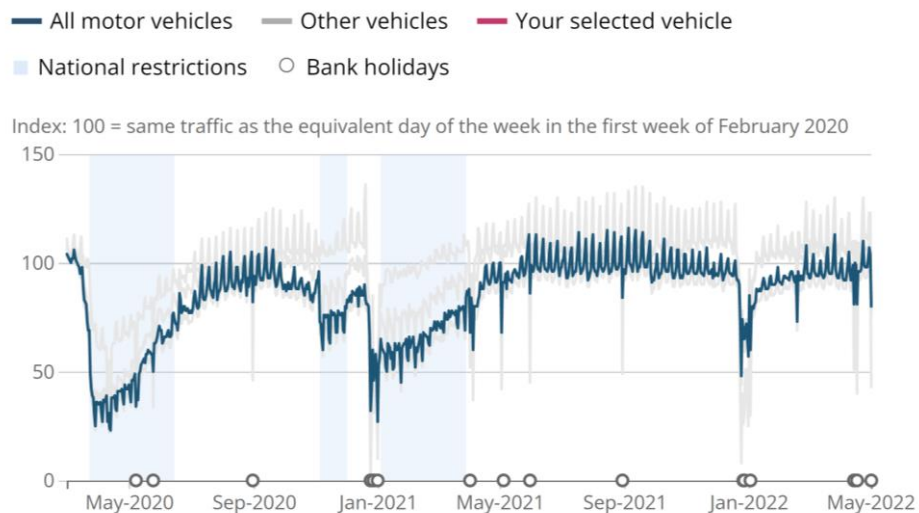
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The Appellant's consultant for traffic impact analysis has stated that carry out a Traffic Survey during the timescale of the application was not appropriate, because the reduction in traffic levels due to the Covid-19 pandemic would render them inaccurate/unusable: this was an excuse not to make any comparisons with real/benchmark traffic data, as encouraged/required by the Oxfordshire Local Transport and Connectivity Plan, policies 45 and 46b. However, Figure 1 below shows that this clearly is not correct.



Source: Department for Transport road traffic statistics: management information

Figure 1: ONS Website UK traffic levels data, from prior to Covid (January 2020) up to May 2022

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/economicoutputandproductivity/output/bulletins/economicactivityandsocialchangeinthekrealtimeindicators/5may2022#transport>