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Dear Joy, Rashid, Caroline, and Alex

I'm writing to add some comments on behalf of Bicester Bike Users' Group concerning the proposed Phase 1B development. We understand that discussions are at an advanced stage, but we have not been party to all of the information. We would therefore like to add a few comments with the hope that they can be taken into account before positions ossify.

We understand that the current proposal is to try to gravitate all pedestrian and cycle traffic towards a shared path running parallel with the A41. We have some concerns about this plan. One is that the crossing over the Charles Shouler Way from the Vendee Drive roundabout has very high vehicle speeds and the nature of the roundabout is likely to be discouraging for vulnerable users. We previously suggested that a parallel pedestrian and cycle crossings

here might mitigate this, but pointed out that we were unsure whether such a crossing could be approved technically. To date we understand this issue is still outstanding.

The second concern is that gravitating active travel towards the A41 does not seem to be the most logical route for visitors approaching from the Wendlebury Road along National Cycle Route 51. We would have thought that from the perspective of maximising active travel, a route along the Wendlebury Road would be the most appropriate. We have been advised that there are technical reasons why the cost of a path along Wendlebury Road would be prohibitive. We have given this some thought, and were wondering whether a solution would be to make the portion of the Wendlebury Road north of Charles Shouler Way into a one-way street for motor vehicles (northbound only). There seems little rationale for the southbound route and making it one way would allow the unused carriageway to provide for a shared path all the way to the A41 at a modest cost.

Thirdly, little thought seems to have been given as to how Phase 1B is connected to the recently approved Phase 2 development. If pedestrians and cyclists are gravitated towards the corner of the A41 and Charles Shouler Way, there needs to be a route from Phase 1B to Phase 2, which would entail a route along Charles Shouler Way. At present there is only a pedestrian only route on the northern side of Charles Shouler Way, which would require a pedestrian to unnecessarily cross Charles Shouler Way. It also does not provide a route for cyclists, contrary to the OCC cycle design standards. As a minimum, a shared path is required on the southern side of Charles Shouler Way, but there are no current proposals to do so. Conversely, if visitors using National Cycle Route 51 are going to be encouraged to gravitate to the A41 path, then shared paths along Charles Shouler Way would seem a logical provision.

I would be grateful if we could discuss these issues if this could be accommodated.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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on behalf of Bicester Bike Users' Group

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