

## Suzanne Taylor

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Dear Ms Taylor

### Hawkwell 21/04275/OUT

I note that Bicester Bike Users' Group has not yet been formally consulted on the proposed junction at Bucknell Road, but due to the importance of this issue to walking and cycling in Bicester, I thought I would write to raise some major concerns with the initial concept.

Key issues are the Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan for Bicester, which is a material consideration in planning applications. This sets really ambitious targets for increasing walking and cycling in Bicester. Equally, this junction sits on the intersection of 3 important walking and cycling routes: BR4, BR6, and BR0.

The OCC Local Transport and Connectivity Plan 2022 enshrines a number of key policies including the 'decide and provide' rather than 'predict and provide' approach, and also requires that walking, cycling are promoted and prioritised at every opportunity.

This initial proposal has no provision whatsoever for cycling and poor provision for walking. As such, it does not meet with current Bicester highways policies and there must therefore be a serious question about the feasibility of the application.

We have taken the liberty of taking the applicant's geometry and suggested now acceptable walking and cycling crossings may be delivered. Please see attached.

In particular:

- Single phase shared crossings are provided on all junction arms.
- Segregated provision and buffers are provided where space permits, shared provision otherwise.
- A 3.5m shared path is provided on the eastern side of the Bucknell Road south.
- Shared paths are provided on both north and south sides of the A4095 west.
- Buffers are provided on the western side of the Bucknell Road south and the southern side of the A4095.
- A continuous footway is provided over the key link to the bridleway connection on the western side of the A4095.
- A parallel crossing is provided rather than an uncontrolled crossing.

I hope this concept helps to address the issues with the proposed design.

Yours sincerely

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