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23/01233/OUT, Strategic Allocation PR6a, Land East of Pipal Cottage, Oxford Road, Water Eaton

Dear Sir/Madam

This is marked as urgent because we understand it is before the planning committee next week.

We write to object to the plans to remove the southbound bus lane from the Kidlington Roundabout to the Oxford Parkway junction.

We note that this section of bus lane is described as 'underused'. This is a bizarre description of a bus lane which is: used by up to 18 buses per hour; forms part of a rapid transit route; and which will become increasingly important as the Local Plan Partial Review sites are developed and traffic filters etc are installed. This route is used for bus journeys into Oxford from the north including from Bicester, Woodstock, Bladon, the airport and Kidlington. Removing this section of bus lane can only increase bus journey times, particularly in the rush hour. It would also seem to be at odds with the council's policies to achieve better bus connectivity, frequency and capacity.

Yours sincerely

Caroline Johnson

Chair of The Harbord Road Area Residents' Association