

## Suzanne Taylor

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Dear Ms Taylor

Bicester Bike Users' Group (BBUG) has serious concerns with the detail of this planning application and also with the failure of the highways authority Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) to identify many of the shortcomings of the design from the perspective of walking and cycling, notwithstanding that these shortcomings were previously identified by the previous OCC officer and the national expert body Active Travel England (ATE), and remain outstanding.

BBUG supports the position taken by ATE and considers that this application cannot be supported until these issues are addressed. In particular:

1. All of the cycle crossings over minor roads require priority access in accordance with Local Transport Note 1/20 (LTN 1/20), OCC's Cycle Design Standards, and the Bicester Local Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP). Without priority access, the cycle lanes become essentially useless and most cyclists will either cycle on the main carriageway posing a risk to themselves and an annoyance to motor vehicle drivers.
2. Cycle provision is required on both sides of the Spine Road East-West, as per LTN 1/20 and the OCC Cycle Design Standards [2.2.6].
3. Access to the site requires a minimum of 1m horizontal buffers from the motor vehicle carriageway in accordance with LTN1/20 Table 6-1 and OCC's own Cycle Design Standards [3.2.7], and ideally also segregation between pedestrians and cycles.
4. The proposed uncontrolled crossing over the B4030 will exclude most users as per LTN 1/20 Table 10-2 and should be replaced with a signalised crossing.

Yours sincerely

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