

Didcot Central Corridor public consultation survey

To find out more about the **Didcot Central Corridor**, and to view or download the supporting documents, visit: <https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/didcot-central-corridor>

The Didcot Central Corridor project aims to make the town a better place for residents and visitors by improving travel and public space along three important routes – known as the ‘Gateway Spine’, ‘Cultural Spine and Foxhall Road’, and the Town Centre.

The project is part of the Didcot Garden Town delivery plan which will help to improve the lives of residents by focussing on helping support shops, encouraging healthy lifestyles and helping to tackle climate change.

Council officers working on this scheme have developed ideas for the three routes, focussing on five geographical areas:

- A4130 and B4493 – Science Bridge to Didcot Station
- Didcot Road, Wantage Road and Foxhall roundabout
- Broadway
- Town and station connections
- Cow Lane, Jubilee Way roundabout and Hadden Hill

The consultation involves a survey, which can be completed below, and two drop-in events where you will be able to see the proposals in person and/or speak to the project team and an online interactive map which can be commented on.

If you would prefer to complete this survey online, it is available here:
<https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/didcot-central-corridor>

There are a number of supporting documents:

- A5 booklet which gives more detail about the ideas in each of the geographical areas
- A map showing the project location
- A map showing the breakdown of the geographical areas
- Didcot Placemaking Strategy document
- Individual maps and typical cross sections for each of the ideas

These supporting documents are available to view and download online at
<https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/didcot-central-corridor>

You can request copies of any supporting documents by emailing: DCCproject@oxfordshire.gov.uk or calling Oxfordshire County Council's customer services team on 01865 792422 and we will do our best to meet your needs. Please note the council's customer services team are unable to answer any detailed questions about the consultation, but they can take your details and ask an appropriate member of staff to get in touch.

Once completed, your paper survey can be returned to us for free (as no stamp is needed) by writing this address as one line in the middle of the envelope:

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Please write 'Didcot Central Corridor' on the top left corner of the envelope, so we can easily identify what is inside the envelope.

All responses must be received by 4 July 2023 when the consultation closes.

Alternative formats:

If you, or anyone you know, needs an alternative format of the survey or consultation documents (eg Easy Read, large text, audio, Braille, or a community language), or help with sharing their thoughts, please email: DCCproject@oxfordshire.gov.uk or call Oxfordshire County Council's customer services team on 01865 792422 and we will work with you to meet your needs.

Key dates

- Public consultation runs: 6 June – 4 July 2023

Drop-in events

We are also holding two drop-in exhibition events if you would like to see the proposals in person and/or speak to the project team. There is no need to book – just drop in. You can attend either event.

- **Saturday 10 June 2023** – 10.00am - 4.00pm
Cornerstone Arts Centre, 25 Station Rd, Didcot, OX11 7NE
- **Thursday 15 June 2023** – 6.00pm – 8.00pm
Cornerstone Arts Centre, 25 Station Rd, Didcot, OX11 7NE

Please review the Didcot Central Corridor supporting information via the detailed description booklet before completing this survey. The booklet can be downloaded from Let's Talk Oxfordshire (web address above). Printed versions will be handed out at the events.

Your responses to the following questions will help us to understand whether our project aims are right and which of our ideas you think would be best. Your feedback on our ideas will also help us to determine which ones to develop further and do testing and assessment on, and which not to progress at this time.

Q1. In what capacity are you responding to this consultation?

(Tick one option only)

Resident living nearby to the route	
Resident of another part of South Oxfordshire	
Resident of wider Oxfordshire	
Member of the public living outside of Oxfordshire	
Representative of a business, faith group, charity/organisation or education establishment	
Representative of an interest group or campaign group/organisation	
Parish, town, district, or county councillor	
Other Please state: South Oxfordshire District Council	X

Q1a. If you are responding on behalf of a business, faith group, charity/organisation, or education establishment, what is the name of it?
 (Please note we will not use your business, organisation, or group name in any reports.)

Q1b. If you are responding on behalf of an interest group or campaign group/organisation, what is the name of it?
 (Please note we will not use your organisation or group name in any reports.)

Q1c. If you are responding as a councillor, what is your name and which parish, town, ward, or division do you represent?

Section 1 – A4130 and B4493 – Science Bridge to Didcot Station

Q2. Which idea best captures the aims for the A4130 and B4493 – Science Bridge to Didcot Station?

(Tick one option only)

Idea 1	
Idea 2	
Idea 3	
None of these ideas	
No opinion	
Other (please specify)	Please see comments below.

Q3. Do you have any general comments you want to add about the ideas for the A4130 and B4493 – Science Bridge to Didcot Station?

Our Council supports the proposal to improve provision for pedestrians, cyclists and wheelers along the A4130.

The illustrations for the booklet do not identify where the proposed new science bridge will be located, but only make reference to the provision of infrastructure to access it. It would be helpful in future documents if this detail is added, using the location as proposed in the current planning application for the HIF1 package of transport measures (see <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/roadworks/future-transport-projects/didcot-and-area-improvements>). This would provide reassurance to the public that the link from Didcot station to the Science Bridge has been considered.

Section 2 - Didcot Road, Wantage Road and Foxhall Roundabout

Q4. Which idea best captures the aims for Didcot Road, Wantage Road and Foxhall Roundabout?

(Tick one option only)

Idea 1	
Idea 2	
Idea 3	
None of these ideas	
No opinion	
Other (please specify)	Please see comments below

Q5. Do you have any comments you want to add about the ideas for Didcot Road, Wantage Road and Foxhall Roundabout?

Our Council supports the need to improve the experience for pedestrians and cyclists along this road, particularly as it is close to two Didcot secondary schools (Aureus and Didcot Girls' School).

As highlighted in the consultation document, there are already cycle and pedestrian ways along Didcot Road and Wantage Road but they require improvement. Providing safe movement for cyclists and pedestrians on the Foxhall roundabout is particularly important as currently it is dominated by car traffic and difficult for pedestrians and cyclists to cross.

Section 3 - Broadway

Q6. Which idea best captures the aims for Broadway?

(Tick one option only)

Idea 1	
Idea 2	
Idea 3	X
None of these ideas	
No opinion	
Other (please specify)	

Q7. Do you have any comments you want to add about the ideas for Broadway?

Our Council supports improvements to the area identified as a 'town square' in central Didcot and in particular the suggested improvements to the public realm and improving the experience of cyclists and pedestrians in this area.

The diagrams in the consultation document are not that clear about what is proposed for this area. The description explains that the main differences between the ideas is that traffic along Broadway will be subject to different restrictions as follows:

Idea 1 – Only buses and emergency vehicles will still be able to drive along the Broadway

Idea 2 – All types of vehicles will be able to drive through the town square, but only at certain times of day

Idea 3 – All vehicles allowed

Ideas 1 and 2 will have significant impact on car journeys within the local area and the County Council should undertake further studies to understand what this impact will be, and whether these options could lead to more car journeys through adjoining residential areas. Also, both the fire station and ambulance station are located on Broadway, has sufficient consideration been given to how these changes will affect the emergency services? Further studies should be undertaken before idea 1 or 2 is progressed.

Section 4 - Town and Station Connections

Q8. Which idea best captures the aims for Town and station connections?

(Tick one option only)

Idea 1	
Idea 2	
Idea 3	
None of these ideas	
No opinion	
Other (please specify)	Please see comments below

Q9. Do you have any comments you want to add about the ideas for Town and station connections?

Our Council strongly supports improvements to the connections between the town and the station.

The way in which these ideas are presented makes it difficult to interpret the consultation document. This could affect how residents respond to the consultation.

For example, considering ideas 1 and 2 for the Town and station connections, it is not clear from the mapping how the two alternatives differ. The description in the booklet highlights a difference between provision of cycle lane on one or both sides of the road. The mapping of cycle provision could be changed to improve legibility. A similar issue occurs on the Jubilee Way ideas maps, where it is unclear if general traffic will still remain and whether the road will still remain two-way.

The key for all Connections Ideas plans doesn't clarify the difference between dashed and solid lines, this should be added. Connections Ideas plan 3 shows the route between the Foxhall Road roundabout and Broadway being suitable for walking and also cycling, however parts of the route are Public Right of Way footpaths with signage highlighting no access for bicycles. Are these to be upgraded to Bridleways? If so, there is a concern

about width constraints for two-way flows of pedestrians and cyclists along this route, particularly between Lydalls Close and Broadway.

The footway between Vauxhall Barracks Walk and Lydalls Road to the east of the footway that runs by the All Saints Church appears to be unmanaged/inaccessible on Google Street View (2015), please ensure the operation / suitability of this route.

Connections Ideas Plans 1-3 show a fork on Hitchcock Way in the proposed provision ahead of joining the Jubilee Way Roundabout, it would be helpful to clarify how this would operate. We understand that the segregated cycleway is proposed to be on the northern side of the carriageway and thus the fork looks to extend into the carriageway.

Lydalls Road is shown on the Connections Ideas plans for walking and cycling purposes, while the cross-section looks to facilitate provision for walking only. Additionally there are sections of Lydalls Road that do not have pavement on both sides of the carriageway (east of Haydon Road). Clarity on how pedestrians will cross the carriageway would be helpful to illustrate, both in practical terms as well as wayfinding terms. Dropped kerbs should also be provided for all accesses, noting that the Lydalls Nursery School does not currently provide these (this must be unhelpful for parents with pupils transported in buggies, as well as the general public).

Section 5 - Cow Lane, Jubilee Way Roundabout and Hadden Hill

Q10. Which improvement best captures the aims for Cow Lane?

(Tick one option only)

Closure to traffic	
two-way traffic	
Minimal work	
None of these ideas	
No opinion	
Other (please specify)	<p>Our Council supports the intention to improve the walking and cycling experience in this area.</p> <p>However, as for Section 4, the mapping in this section was not very clear. Map of 5 Geographical Areas lists Jubilee Way, Cow Lane, and Hadden Hill. Upon initial review this could be read that Cow Lane is in the same area highlighted immediately above (as seen in the other labelled areas), but it is in fact geographically separate. Map labelling in future documents should be adjusted to help clarify this point, alongside a reordering of the list. It is confusing as there is another bridge under the railway next to</p>

	<p>Hadden Hill Roundabout. The document also mentioned Northern Perimeter Road 3 but local residents would be unlikely to understand what this project is. There are also no timescales within the document for its delivery.</p> <p>It is recommended that in line with the suggestions in the consultation document, further testing and analysis is done to work out which option is the right one for Cow Lane, Jubilee Roundabout and Hadden Hill roundabout.</p>
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Q11. Which improvement best captures the aims for Jubilee Way Roundabout?

(Tick one option only)

Dutch-style roundabout	
Signalised roundabout	
Signal junction	
None of these ideas	
No opinion	
Other (please specify)	As set out in our response to Q10 more analysis is needed to determine the right solution for the Jubilee Way Roundabout. It is very important that the solution makes this roundabout safer those walking and cycling as at present this area feels unsafe for cyclists.

Q12. Which idea best captures the aims for Hadden Hill?

(Tick one option only)

Idea 1	
Idea 2	
Idea 3	
None of these ideas	
No opinion	
Other (please specify)	Our Council supports improvements to the area around the Hadden Hill Roundabout.

Q13. Do you have any comments you want to add about the improvements and ideas?

<p>Please see above comments to questions 10-12.</p>
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Q14. What best describes your overall opinion of our proposals for the Didcot Central Corridor?

(Tick one option only)

Like a lot	X
Somewhat like	
Do not like	
Really do not like	
No opinion	

Q14a. If you have no opinion or do not like the scheme, please tell us why:

Q15. Can you rank the places in the order that you consider to be most important and need to be improved as a priority? (1 being the most important and 5 being least important).

Area	Rank 1-5
A4130 and B4493 – Science Bridge to Didcot Station	
Didcot Road, Wantage Road and Foxhall Roundabout environs	
Broadway	
Connections to the town centre and station	
Cow Lane, Jubilee Way Roundabout and Hadden Hill	

Q16. For your most important area, please state why.

Our Council supports improvements to all these areas to support active travel but advises that the order in which work is undertaken should be informed by evidence. It should also be undertaken in an order that minimises disruption to residents and businesses whilst works are implemented. The proposals for Cow Lane, Jubilee Way Roundabout and Hadden Hill should be decided once further traffic analysis is undertaken, and further progress is made on the Didcot Northern Perimeter Road 3.

Q17. For your least important area, please state why

n/a

Q18. Do you think that we've identified what needs to be resolved?

(Tick one option only)

YES	
NO	X

Q18a. If you said no, can you please tell us what we've missed?

The Council recognises that there is much work to be done after this consultation to ensure successful implementation of the Didcot Central Corridor project. We look forward to working with Oxfordshire County Council to bring this forward.

Q19. Would you change anything about the proposals for the Didcot Central Corridor scheme?

(Tick one option only)

Yes	X
No	

Q19a. If you have said yes, please tell us what you would change and why?

District Council officers will continue to work closely with the County Council to bring the project forward.

Q20. Please add any other general comments you wish to make about the proposals:

Please see attached covering letter.

Q21. How did you find out about this consultation?

(Please circle all that apply)

- Facebook
- Twitter
- Instagram
- LinkedIn
- Nextdoor
- Oxfordshire.gov website
- Email from the county council
- Local news item (newspaper, online, TV, radio)
- Radio advert
- Letter/leaflet through my door from the county council
- OCC newsletter (Your Oxfordshire or Travel Bulletin)
- Oxfordshire County Council
- District councillor
- Parish or town councillor
- Poster / information in local library
- Friend / relative / neighbour
- Other

Q22. If 'other' how did you hear about the consultation?

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Section 6: About you

The council is committed to keeping your information secure and we will not share any personal data outside the organisation except in an anonymised format for data analysis purposes.

We would like to know a little about you so that we can understand more about our customers and residents. It helps us to know if we are hearing the views of a wide range of people and communities.

If you do not want to provide any of this information, please select 'prefer not to say'. All information given is anonymous and is governed by the Data Protection Act 2018: <https://www.gov.uk/data-protection>.

Q23. Please provide the first four or five digits of your postcode

(but not the letters at the end eg OX1 1 or OX14 5).

It would be helpful to understand what people, who live in different areas, think about our proposals.

n/a

Q24. What is your sex?

(Please circle one option)

- Female
- Male
- I use another term (please state: (_____))
- Prefer not to say

Q25. What is your age?

(Please circle one option)

- 15 or under
- 16-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65 and over
- Prefer not to say

Q26. Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a long-term illness, health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months?

(Please circle one option)

- Yes – a lot
- Yes – a little
- No
- Prefer not to say

Q27. What is your ethnic group?

(Please circle one option)

- Asian or Asian British (Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi or any other Asian background)
- Black or Black British (Caribbean, African, or any other Black background)
- Chinese
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups (White and Black Caribbean, White and Black African, White, and Asian and any other mixed background)
- White (British, Irish, Scottish, Welsh or any other white background)
- Prefer not to say
- Other ethnic group

If other, please specify:

Almost there...

Thank you for taking the time to respond to this consultation. We have just a few more questions.

Data protection and privacy

Under the [Data Protection Act 2018](#), we (Oxfordshire County Council) have a legal duty to protect any personal information we collect from you. Oxfordshire County Council is committed to open government and this may include quoting extracts from your consultation response in our report.

We will not however, disclose the names of people who have responded unless they have provided consent. For this purpose, we ask that you are careful not to disclose personal information in your comments – for example the names of service users or children. If you do not want all or part of your response to be made public, or shared with councillors, please state below which parts you wish us to keep confidential.

View Oxfordshire County Council's privacy notice online at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/privacy-notice

You have the right to withdraw your consent at any time via email to WRRproject@oxfordshire.gov.uk or by writing a letter to this address as one line in the middle of the envelope:

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(No further address details are required and you do not need a stamp.) Please also write 'Watlington Relief Road consultation' on the top left corner of the envelope, so we can easily identify what is inside.

Q28. Please use this space to tell us if there is any specific part of your response you wish to keep confidential:

Stay in touch...

We invite you to sign up to get regular email updates on news, events, and developments from across the county.

Any contact details you provide will be separated from the feedback you have shared in this survey.

Q29. Would you like to sign up?

(Tick one option only)

Yes, I'd like to receive updates about activities on Let's Talk Oxfordshire	
Yes, I'd like to sign-up to get regular updates on the county's news, events, and developments from the council.	
Yes, but I would only like to be kept informed about this consultation	
No thanks	

Q30. If you have said yes for the question above, please provide your email address below

Thank you for taking the time to respond to this consultation.