

# CAVERSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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## **Caversfield Parish Council response to the Banbury Road roundabout consultation**

Caversfield Parish Council met on 7 April to consider the consultation.

Option 3 was the preferred choice. However, there were a number of comments.

Concerns were raised about the volumes of traffic which would be using the junction as a whole and the Council would like to know what the current usage is and what the projected usage is in both five, and ten, years' time.

The project must look at the infrastructure covering the whole of the northern Bicester area from the Howes Lane re-alignment to the Buckingham Road roundabout junction. It was felt at the presentation given by OCC on 24 March that consideration had not been given to the wider area. Lessons must be learnt from both the Rodney House roundabout and the Vendee Drive roundabout issues, both of which appeared to be designed in isolation without any apparent regard for the surrounding infrastructure or needs.

Of primary concern to the Council was the access to the Fringford Road. This must be included in the current proposals and should not be an afterthought.

The Parish Council would like to have information on the current numbers of pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles which use the Fringford Road, both north- and south-bound, together with those which come from the Southwold area travelling north up the Fringford Road (having gone all the way round the current roundabout).

Another concern was to ensure that the surrounding roads are not used as rat runs.

Aunt Em's Lane is a very narrow, rural road which is not suitable for heavy traffic and is also difficult to exit. The Caversfield section of Skimmingdish Lane is a residential road, which again, is not suitable for through traffic. Closure or restrictions to the Fringford Road would affect Aunt Em's Lane and Skimmingdish Lane to the detriment of both.

For information, there is a bridleway from Fringford Road to the Banbury Road which could be enhanced for pedestrian and cycle use.

The Council would also like to know what modelling had been undertaken to show how easy it would be for HGVs and particularly articulated vehicles to turn right from Southwold Lane at the junction north to the B4011. A large number of vehicles currently use the B4011 to access the M40 at Junction 10 and it is hoped that this has also been taken into account.

I hope that this is of assistance to the Consultation and look forward to receiving further information in due course.