

From: Oxfordshire County Council

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Subject: INITITAL Consultation – A40 Barnard Gate junctions (Eynsham) – Proposed experimental right turn prohibition

RE: INITITAL Consultation – A40 Barnard Gate junctions (Eynsham) – Proposed experimental right turn prohibition

We are writing to seek your initial views on the proposal to potentially introduce an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) which would prohibit right turns out of either of the junctions onto the A40 at Barnard Gate in Eynsham (as shown in the attached plan) – traffic would be required to undertake left turns only. The scheme is being promoted as part of the Council's "*2025-26 Vision Zero Junction incidents hot spots (cluster sites) programme*".

The intention would be for a 'sign only' restriction – with some minor kerbing works (i.e. temporary 'bolt-down' style, or water-filled barriers) on the minor road at the western junction to help supplement the signage to guide vehicles to turn left. At the eastern junction, the current layout in any case does this – albeit from a recent traffic survey only a very small number of vehicles were recorded making this turn, which is though currently permitted. It should be noted that Emergency service vehicles would be exempted from the prohibition. In addition to providing regulatory 'No right turn' signing at the junctions, advance-warning signing would also be provided to advise road users of the restriction – including at the junctions of the local roads with the A4095.

If approved, the experimental restrictions would be in place from later in autumn 2025, for up to a maximum of 18 months. A general consultation would then be open for a minimum of six months after the scheme is introduced to allow feedback to be given. The County Council would also closely monitor the effects on all road users during the course of the experiment, specifically regarding potential non-compliance – and should the ETRO be recommended to become permanent in the future, the need for any further supporting measures to ensure compliance would be considered.

Any comments or other representations on the proposal should be submitted by **Friday 15th August 2025**.

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