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Subject: CONSULTATION – A40 Witney Bypass (Witney) Proposed Prohibition of Ridden horses & Horse-drawn carriages

Importance: High

RE: CONSULTATION – A40 Witney Bypass (Witney) Proposed Prohibition of Ridden horses & Horse-drawn carriages

We're asking for your views on the proposals to prohibit persons riding Horses or driving Horse-drawn carriages on the A40 dual carriageway Witney Bypass, between the Burford Road roundabout junction & the Downs Road roundabout junction. The proposals are being put forward as a result of concerns raised by members of the public and Thames Valley Police (TVP) over reports of persons using `pony & trap carriages` on the A40 dual carriageway Witney bypass, which has resulted in West Oxfordshire District Council are undertaking a statutory consultation on the proposed introduction of a 'Public Space Protection Order' (PSPO).

The OCC proposals seek to complement the proposed 'PSPO' (details available [here](#)), and by doing so, will ensure that enforcement of the proposed restriction will be practically & legally robust, as the current activity causes major disruption to the road network and endangers both road users and the animals involved. In light of this please find the following consultation documents attached:

- Public Notice,
- Statement of Reasons,
- Consultation Plan(s),
- Draft Traffic Regulation Order(s).

The proposed Traffic Regulation Orders are scheduled to be advertised in the Witney & West Oxfordshire Gazette newspaper today; Wednesday 19th November 2025, and details are also available to view on the Councils consultation portal at the following link:

https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/witney_a40_horses2025

As stated on the notice, any objections or other representations on the proposals should be submitted by **Friday 19th December 2025**.

Note. parish & town councils and local Cllrs (County, District, Parish etc..) are all encouraged to use the information contained within & attached to this email to publicise the proposals locally amongst their residents as necessary.

Kind Regards,

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