

From: Mauz, Christian - Oxfordshire County Council

Sent: 20 May 2026 08:53

Subject: EXPERIMENTAL TRO – Barnard Gate A40 (Eynsham) No Right Turn Restrictions

Importance: High

RE: EXPERIMENTAL TRO – Barnard Gate A40 (Eynsham) No Right Turn Restrictions

I am writing to inform you that Oxfordshire County Council has made an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) which prohibits vehicles from turning right (westwards) onto the A40 when exiting the two Barnard Gate junctions on the northside of the Oxford to Witney road at Eynsham. Exemptions will be included for vehicles used for agricultural purposes, to ensure their day-to-day operations are not adversely impacted (i.e. by allowing them to continue to cross over the A40), as well as for ambulance & fire service vehicles in an emergency, and Police vehicles generally.

The experiment is being introduced as part of the Council's "2025-26 Vision Zero Junction incidents hot spots (cluster sites) programme", with concerns about the safe operation of the A40 junctions with the western access to Barnard Gate and the road to South Leigh being longstanding. The steady and relatively fast flows along the A40 result in few gaps to pull out into safely, while the lack of a right turn filter lane can make vehicle drivers feel vulnerable when waiting to turn towards South Leigh. The Access to Witney (Shores Green) project is due to be completed in Summer 2026, and for drivers from Freeland or the A4095, this provides a suitable alternative route to join the westbound A40 and reduce the demand at Barnard Gate. In light of this, please find attached the following documents:

- Public notice,
- Statement of Reasons,
- Location plan,
- Experimental Traffic Regulation Order.

The Experimental Order has now been made, with the notice being advertised in the Witney Gazette newspaper today; Wednesday 20th May 2026 – and legally coming into force on; **01st June 2026**. It will operate for a maximum period of 18 months & the County Council will consider in due course whether the provisions of the experimental Order should be continued in force indefinitely. The statutory legal documents are attached, and are also available to view on the Councils consultation pages at the following address:

https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/a40barnardgate_norightturn_experiment2026

The experiment will be closely monitored by Officers, with findings to be reported to the Cabinet Member for Transport Management after at least 6 months. This monitoring will help ensure the right decision is made about whether to make the arrangements permanent. Any person may object to the making of the order for the purposes of such indefinite continuation within a period of 6 months i.e. any objections or other representations should be submitted by **Friday 20th November**

2026. Please do get back to me should you have any questions or queries or if you require any additional information.

Kind Regards,

Christian

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**OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(EYNHAM, A40 BARNARD GATE) (PROHIBITION OF RIGHT TURNS)
(EXPERIMENTAL) ORDER 2026**

NOTICE is hereby given that on 18 May 2026 Oxfordshire County Council made the above experimental Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The effect of the Order, which comes into force on **1 June 2026** is to prohibit vehicles for safety reasons from turning right (westwards) onto the A40 when exiting the two Barnard Gate junctions on the northside of the Oxford-Witney road.

Exemptions are included for the Police, Fire & Ambulance services and agricultural vehicles.

The Order contains provisions allowing the County Council's Directors for Communities and Environment to modify or suspend the Order, or any provisions of the Order in accordance with section 10(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act.

The Council will be considering in due course whether the provisions of the experimental Order should be continued in force indefinitely. Any person may object to the making of an Order for the purposes of such indefinite continuation within a period of 6 months:

- (a) beginning with the day on which the experimental Order came into force, or
- (b) if this Order is varied or modified by a Director for the County Council pursuant to section 10(2) of the 1984 Act, beginning with the day on which the variation or modification comes into force.

If you wish to question the validity of the experimental order or any provision contained in it on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or on grounds that any requirement of the Act or of any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to this Order, you may within 6 weeks from 18 May 2026 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

Any such objection must be in writing and state the grounds on which it is made and all objections and other representations must be sent to the address given below within the relevant time period given above. The Council will consider objections and representations received in response to this Notice. They may be disseminated widely for these purposes and made available to the public.

Documents giving more detailed particulars of the Order are available for public inspection online at <https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk> Copies may also be made available on request.

Traffic Regulation Order & Schemes (Ref: CM/12.6.206/E008) for the Director of Environment & Highways, Oxfordshire County Council, County Hall, New Road, Oxford, OX1 1ND. (Email: christian.mauz@oxfordshire.gov.uk)



OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (EYNHAM, A40 BARNARD GATE) (PROHIBITION OF RIGHT TURNS) (EXPERIMENTAL) ORDER 2026

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Following informal/local consultation with key stakeholders & statutory consultees in October 2025, and the resulting approval given by the Director of Environment and Highways, Oxfordshire County Council intends on an experimental basis to prohibit right turns out of either of the junctions onto the A40 at Barnard Gate in Eynsham – with traffic being required to undertake left turns only.

The experiment is being introduced from 1 June 2026 as part of the Council's "2025-26 Vision Zero Junction incidents hot spots (cluster sites) programme". Concerns about the safe operation of the A40 junctions with the western access to Barnard Gate and the road to South Leigh are longstanding. The steady and relatively fast flows along the A40 result in few gaps to pull out into safely, while the lack of a right turn filter lane can make vehicle drivers feel vulnerable when waiting to turn towards South Leigh.

The Access to Witney (Shores Green) project is due to be completed in Summer 2026. For drivers from Freeland or the A4095, this provides a suitable alternative route to join the westbound A40 and reduce the demand at Barnard Gate.

Exemption will be included for vehicles used for agricultural purposes, to ensure their day-to-day operations are not adversely impacted (i.e. by allowing them to continue to cross over the A40), as well as for ambulance & fire service vehicles in an emergency, and Police vehicles generally.

The County Council continues its responsibility to consider the provision of convenient and safe movement of motor vehicles and other traffic, and the proposed measures are aimed at ensuring that ¹ danger is minimised whilst ² facilitating the effective and safe passage of traffic and cyclists.

Detailed documents accompany this document.

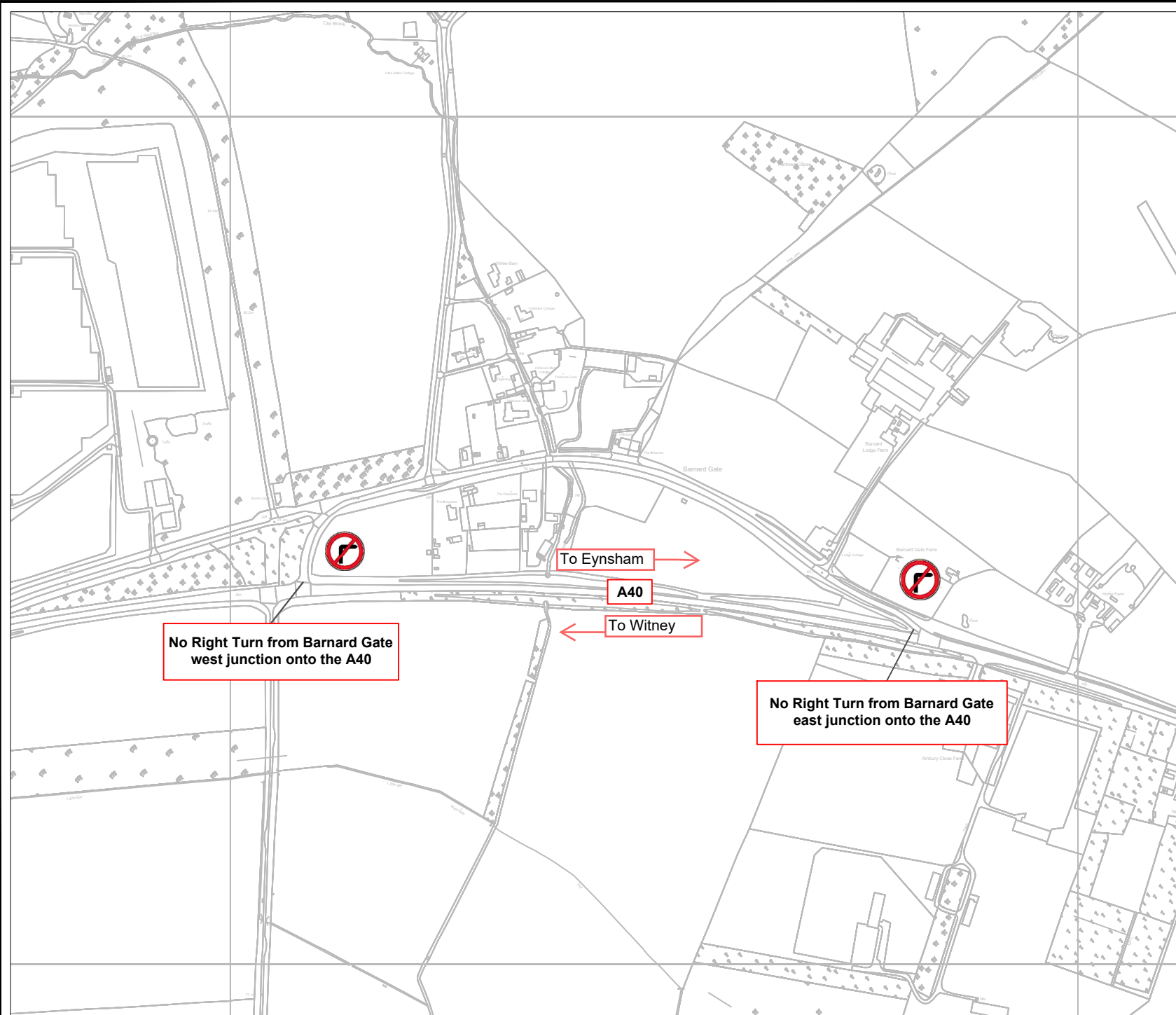
Date: 20 May 2026

Traffic Regulation Order & Schemes,
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Oxfordshire County Council,
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¹ *Section 1 (1) (a) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984*

² *Section 1 (1) (c) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984*



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No Right Turn Restrictions**

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**OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(EYNESHAM, A40 BARNARD GATE) (PROHIBITION OF RIGHT TURNS)
(EXPERIMENTAL) ORDER 2026**

Oxfordshire County Council (“the Council”) in exercise of its powers under Sections 9 and 10 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (“the Act”) and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act, hereby make the following Order.

1. This Order may be cited as the Oxfordshire County Council (Eynsham, A40 Barnard Gate) (Prohibition of Right Turns) (Experimental) Order 2026 and shall come into force on the 1st day of June 2026.
2. (1) Any reference in this Order to any enactment shall be construed as a reference to that enactment as amended or replaced by any subsequent enactment.

(2) The restrictions imposed by this Order shall be in addition to and not in derogation from any restriction or requirement imposed by any other enactment.

(3) Any reference in this Order to a numbered Article shall unless the context otherwise requires be construed as a reference to the numbered Article bearing that number in this Order.
3. **Definition:**
Agricultural vehicle and agricultural trailer means a vehicle which –
 - (a) is constructed or adapted for use off-road for the purpose of agriculture, horticulture or forestry; and
 - (b) is primarily used for one or more of those purposes;and also includes vehicles being used to tow such vehicles.
4. Save as provided in Article 5 of this Order no person shall, except under the direction of a police constable in uniform or the Council, cause or permit a vehicle exiting either of the two Barnard Gate junctions to turn right (westwards) onto the A40 Oxford-Witney road.
5. Nothing in Article 4 of this Order shall render it unlawful for a person to cause or permit a vehicle to proceed other than in the direction specified if the vehicle is being used for any of the following purposes:
 - (1) the Police,
 - (2) Fire or Ambulance services in an emergency,
 - (3) Agricultural vehicles.

6. If the provisions of this experimental Order are made permanent by order, the measures specified herein will be continued in force indefinitely.
7. The Directors for Communities and the Environment the Council are empowered to modify or suspend this Order or any provision of it pursuant to and in accordance with section 10(2) of the Act.
8. This Order shall continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months from the date on which it comes into operation.

GIVEN UNDER the Common Seal of the Oxfordshire County Council

this 18th day of May 2026.

THE COMMON SEAL of **THE**
OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
was affixed in the presence of

Solicitor/Designated Officer