



F.A.Q.s

- Are buses allowed to drive or stop in the cycleways?
No, but buses will stop in designated bus stops marked in the cycleways.
- Is parking outside the Wantage Road shops permitted?
Parking is allowed on the main carriageway (road) and there is still parking on the shops' forecourt (for customers).
- What happens at the end of the cycleways?
At both ends cyclists will have the choice to rejoin the carriageway (road) or continue on different cycle paths.
- How are the cycleways being funded?
The cycleways have been a joint funding arrangement between OXLEP, via the Government's Local Growth Fund, and the Great Western Park Consortium Developers (Taylor Wimpey and David Wilson Homes). The County Council will maintain them.
- What's the point of building cycleways?
Cycleways improve safety for cyclists but benefit all road users by segregating traffic moving at different speeds, increasing space for all, improving flow and reducing congestion, if the cycleways are kept clear.

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Wantage Road Cycleways



A Guide for Motorists, Cyclists and Pedestrians.

In Spring 2021, cycleways along Wantage Road in Didcot will open. The cycleways run from Foxhall Roundabout, to the hospital and onto Slade Road and Holly Lane

The cycleways are on both sides of the carriageway (road), this type of cycleway is new to Didcot. This leaflet is to give guidance on how the cycleways work and how they will benefit all journeys along Wantage Road.

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Information for Cyclists

- From Foxhall roundabout to the Hospital the cycleways run adjacent to the main carriageway (road). This section is single direction and you must cycle in left hand side cycleway and not against the flow of traffic.
- Between the Hospital, Slade Road and Holly Lane, the cycleway is segregated from the main carriageway (road). This section is two way and runs on the north side only using the service road and cycle / shared use paths.
- You must still obey the Highway Code e.g. give way at the Zebra Crossing.
- Your cycle must have reflectors and a bell fitted and have working brakes. If cycling at night you must have lights front and rear on and visible.
- You do not have to use the cycleways but it is advisable.

The Wantage Road cycleways are made up of both mandatory and advisory cycle lanes.

Mandatory cycle lanes (kerbed lanes or solid white lines) are not mandatory / compulsory for cyclists to use them but it is prohibited for other vehicles to use them.

For advisory cycle lanes (broken white lines), if it is unavoidable and if there are no cyclists in the lane, other vehicles may use the lane.



Information for Motorists

- Cyclists on the cycleway have the same rights and priorities as being on the main carriageway (road) i.e. vehicles must give way to cyclists when turning onto Wantage Road from a side road, private drives, shops or the petrol station.
- Be extra careful turning left, off Wantage Road, as cyclists may be coming up on your inside. It is your responsibility to check that it is clear and safe to turn.
- The cycleways are operational 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You must not drive or park, any motorised vehicles, in the mandatory cycle lanes (the kerbed lanes) - *Highway code rule 140*.
- If parking on the main carriageway (road), drivers and passengers, please remember to check that the cycleway is clear before opening doors on your vehicle.
- There is an advisory cycle lane section (broken white lines) due to the available width of the carriageway. Use the cycle lanes (if there are no cyclists in the lanes) to maintain two way traffic flow.



Information for Pedestrians

- The cycleways are for cycles only and to stay safe, pedestrians should not walk in them
- When crossing the road, wait on the footway (pavement) and when clear cross the cycleways and main carriageway (road) together, please do not wait in the cycleway.
- Don't forget to look for oncoming cyclists in the cycleway when crossing the road.

Wantage Road Residents

- On bin collection day please do not block the cycleways with wheelie bins.
- Please do not block the cycleways with hired skips, car sticking out, etc.

Please keep the cycleways clear to ensure the best traffic flow and to benefit all road users.