



The Friends of Abingdon
Civic Society

Re applications for planning consent:

11/02008/FUL (additional plans relating to one-way system)

The Friends of Abingdon Civic Society is not satisfied that the revised plans for a one-way system into the car park at the rear of the proposed Tesco Express convenience store to be opened on the site of The Ox public house in Oxford Road, Abingdon, are an improvement on the original plans.

The access into St John's Road is shared with access to private garages and the view of pedestrians is obstructed by a wall and hedge. St John's Road itself is narrow and is usually reduced almost to single track by parked cars. In addition, the junction with Oxford Road has poor sightlines and is already dangerous and congested. Large delivery vehicles will find it particularly difficult to exit safely. They will be unable to turn left because there are weight restrictions on St John's Road and, as noted above, its width is reduced by parked cars. Turning right is also problematic as the exit is close to the Oxford Road junction, making it likely that awkward manoeuvring will be necessary to get into a safe position at the junction. The extra traffic generated at this intersection is also likely to have a knock-on effect on queuing at the Radley Road roundabout, which is already a traffic bottleneck.

Therefore Friends of Abingdon is unconvinced that this amended plan will ameliorate the traffic problems in any way and we reiterate our grave concerns with respect to the road safety implications.

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