

CASE REF: NATTRAN/SE/HAO/286 (DPI/U3100/23/12)

THE OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (DIDCOT TO CULHAM THAMES BRIDGE) SCHEME 2022 THE OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (DIDCOT GARDEN TOWN HIGHWAYS INFRASTRUCTURE - A4130 IMPROVEMENT (MILTON GATE TO COLLETT ROUNDABOUT), A4197 DIDCOT TO CULHAM LINK ROAD, AND A415 CLIFTON HAMPDEN BYPASS) (SIDE ROADS) ORDER 2022

Proof of Evidence

- I am David Godfrey of 23 Hawkswell Gardens, Oxford. I am a former (retired January 20, 2024) Footpath Secretary of the Ramblers, Oxfordshire Area, and Secretary of Oxford Fieldpaths Society. I wish to object to this order on behalf of both, and in the interests of economy this submission is made jointly on behalf of both organisations
- 2. We have two objections to the scheme, regarding the treatment of Appleford BR106/3 and Clifton Hampden (wrongly referred to in my letter of objection as Culham) footpaths 171/3 and 171/6.
- 3. Appleford BR3: The extinguishment will force users onto a busy road with pollution from HGVs. An off-road diversion alongside the railway will be much safer. A route alongside the railway would be more useful for walkers and cyclists linking with Didcot BR26 than the route on the plan and it is possible that a 5-metre strip round the edge could be taken without materially affecting what appears to be only an outline planning permission dependent on the scheme going ahead.
- 4. Clifton Hampden FP6: The proposed extinguishment forces users onto the road if they wish to continue northwards on FP3. A diversion along the outside of the roadside fence would be more pleasant, and would give more protection from traffic fumes. In any event, the further away from the road the path were routed, the more pleasant it would be.

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