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Dear Mr Brown

Re: 2018/00764/OUTMAJ – Sandleford Park

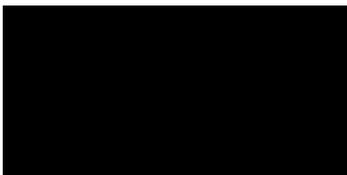
Further to my comments of 7 June 2018, I have now looked at Andover Road between Monks Lane and St Johns roundabout in more detail. Although the developer has suggested an on-road cycle lane (uphill / southbound only), there is insufficient road space to accommodate one for most of this stretch. It is also not on the 'desire line' for cyclists whose destination / origin from Sandleford Park estate is from the two proposed new Monks Lane access points. We therefore cannot support any contribution being made by the Bloor development to cycling improvements between Monks Lane / Essex Street / Andover Road junction and Andover Road south of Buckingham Road.

Instead we wish to see the route from Monks Lane access roads via Rupert / Wendan Roads become a well signed and designed two-way cycle route, with sufficient traffic calming and limits to on-street parking. The downhill (northbound) route on Wendan Road can be used by cyclists occupying the 'primary position', i.e. in the main traffic flow. However for cycling uphill / southbound provision must be made to protect cyclists from intimidating driver behaviour (and drivers from annoyance at cyclist occupying 'their' space. A dedicated lane on the east side of Wendan Road should be provided on the steeper parts south of Highfield Road.

Traffic flows 'rat running' down Wendan Road should be restricted, perhaps by making the western part of Chandos Road one-way (except for buses and cyclists).

On Andover Road, from the Wendan Road junction, there need to be improved links for cyclists to St Barts School, across Andover Road to the new route across City Playground to town centre, also towards St Johns roundabout in both directions for rail users in particular.

Yours sincerely



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