

# Wantage Neighbourhood Plan



## Transport SWOT Analysis

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 roads linking Wantage with surrounding area (A417E, A417W, A338E, A338W, B4494)</li> <li>• Proximity to major highways (M4, M40, A34)</li> <li>• Proximity to major rail station (Didcot)</li> <li>• Bus service to Oxford, Abingdon, Harwell Campus and Didcot but ..... (see Weaknesses)</li> <li>• (Community) Bus service to local villages</li> <li>• School bus transport from villages</li> <li>• Voluntary transport scheme run by local charity for medical visits etc</li> <li>• Taxi rank in Market Square with good availability</li> <li>• Active cycling groups</li> <li>• Network of footpaths for walking within Wantage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No readily immediate alternatives to each of the 4 major roads</li> <li>• A338 N and A417 E of inadequate standard for current volume of traffic during peak hours leading to acute congestion</li> <li>• Roads leading to/from Wantage are not wide enough</li> <li>• Conflict between car/bicycle concurrent use of major roads leading to long tailbacks during peak hours</li> <li>• Denchworth Road inadequate to be part of Western "ring road"</li> <li>• Portway/Ormond Road inadequate to be part of Southern "ring road"</li> <li>• Cars parked on some main routes in Wantage leading to delays</li> <li>• Bus parking in Market Place</li> <li>• Excessive through traffic through centre of Wantage</li> <li>• No train/bus co-ordination at Didcot</li> <li>• Newbury bus Saturdays only</li> <li>• Limited frequency, long trip duration, poor reliability and restricted operating hours on most bus routes (Oxford is exception)</li> <li>• Existing shared use cycle paths do not meet national standards (e.g. width)</li> <li>• No safe, continuous cycle paths on main corridors</li> <li>• Pinched entry points to Market Square hazardous to cyclists and pedestrians</li> </ul>

Opportunities	Threats
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eastern link road with cycle and foot paths</li> <li>• Western link road with cycle and foot paths</li> <li>• New developments to have self-sufficient off-road parking</li> <li>• Grove Rail station</li> <li>• Trams (Wantage/Grove or Wantage/Didcot/Harwell)</li> <li>• Reduce traffic through Market Square</li> <li>• Bus station</li> <li>• All buses to have disabled access</li> <li>• Park and Ride system e.g. Challow, Grove Technology Park, Crab Hill</li> <li>• Improved bus services to key employment centres</li> <li>• Extend bus service to Grove Tech Park</li> <li>• Safe, continuous cycle paths for main corridors (e.g. employment, schools, shops) in town and beyond</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Western or Eastern link roads</li> <li>• Developers do not fulfil their obligations</li> <li>• Link roads only completed after new housing</li> <li>• A417E/A338N chronic congestion during peak hours</li> <li>• A34 or A420 problems leading to diversions through Wantage</li> <li>• Town centre gridlock</li> <li>• Increased number of road accidents for all users</li> </ul>