

REPORT TO OTMOOR and LAUNTON PARISH COUNCILS

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The local District Council elections take place on 3rd May. David Hughes is standing for re-election. Please give him your support for all his hard work on our behalf. He is also Chairman of the Planning Committee.

This will be the last Newsletter I will be able to send as the new data protection laws prohibit the sending unsolicited emails without the recipient's specific agreement.

The law is quite confusing see:

<https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1554/determining-what-is-personal-data.pdf>

https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1591/personal_information_online_cop.pdf

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/libertycentral/2010/apr/26/email-data-protection-breach>

<https://ico.org.uk/media/1624219/preparing-for-the-gdpr-12-steps.pdf>

The Act will make it illegal for me to use or store email addresses without specific permission from the address owner. As I read the law, I will have to delete the several hundred email addresses of people in my Council Ward.

The benefit for me is that I won't have to write the Newsletters any more and that I can free up some space on my computer. I will also, hopefully, get much less spam. I get up to 100 unsolicited emails each day although most are filtered out.

I am sorry I have not send out my reports earlier this year but there has been very little news from Cherwell District Council and we have our "big" holidays in January and February – this year to South America.



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Oxford – Cambridge Expressway

The matter that is attracting the most attention is the proposed Oxford – Cambridge road and rail links.

The extra trains coming though Bicester as time goes on could be treble the present rate meaning that Bicester Level Crossing will be closed more often causing traffic delays. Oxfordshire CC has been discussing with Network Rail the possibility of a tunnel under the railway.

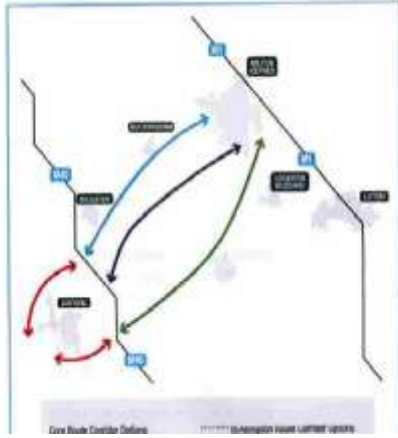
The road **Expressway** proposals have caused a lot of consternation in the parishes and a lot of false information has circulated.

Many will have seen this earlier diagram of the proposed routes from the Highways Agency. Many have taken the arrows literally assuming that the arrows show actual routes.

The map is quite confusing but a later map shows a much wider area under consideration.

<http://mycouncil.oxford.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=460&MId=4295&Ver=4>

also look at the link to [Oxford to Cambridge Expressway presentation](#)



Along with other councillors I am totally opposed to any route that will go across Otmoor. We fought a battle 25 or so years ago to stop the M40 crossing the moor.

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