To: media covering Oxford

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**WE HAVE TO SAVE OXFORD FROM TRAFFIC: two new reports**

Contrary to the false impressions given by anti-LTN coverage in local media the primary traffic problem in Oxford is that there are too many vehicles on the road. We have prepared two reports on how this problem of local and commuter traffic could be reduced over a long period. *Saving Oxford from Traffic* identifies the main problems and solutions needed over two decades; *Bus futures for Oxford City Centre* focuses on pedestrianisation and the creation of a modern, pedestrian-dominated City Centre with good cycle tracks. Both reports are available under REPORTS at [www.catg.org.uk](http://www.catg.org.uk)

Steve Dawe comments:

“Oxford’s junctions during rush hour-school run periods have been at or over capacity since 2017. Conditions will not improve with large amounts of commuting into Oxford, the continuation of online shopping and a high concentration of construction projects bringing many workers to the City. Since the Department for Transport is predicting massive road traffic increases of as much as 56% in future years, Oxford cannot continue to allow massive traffic movements. We need a long-term emphasis on reducing traffic.”

Hazel Dawe comments:

“As cyclists, as pedestrians and as bus users, we see congested traffic and bad driver behaviour on all our journeys. We need: an end to pavement parking like London; a very large increase in Oxford’s pedestrianised areas; more cycle tracks which are colour-marked, and properly segregated, not just painted; removal of some City Centre car parking to cut traffic; better publicity of how businesses, after the cost of living crisis of the present, will benefit by far more pedestrianisation, improved air quality and an end to traffic and noise outside their front doors.”(1)

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Notes:

1. We strongly support a very large increase in cargo and ecargo bike use in Oxford. But this is critically dependent on more, better and wider cycle tracks to create proper network linking Oxford more effectively internally, and to routes at the edge of the City.