

OBJ109/5W

TRAP GROUNDS ALLOTMENTS – REVISED PARKING PROPOSALS BY I. SALISBURY
(OBJ5/18)
STATEMENT FROM OXFORD CITY COUNCIL

1. Oxford City Council is the owner of the triangle of land Plot No. 29003 shown on the Chiltern Railways plan No 29 This land is subject to a right of way in favour of the Trap Grounds Allotment Association, enabling its members to reach the existing foot crossing from Aristotle Lane. It is also used to access parking spaces currently located on Plot 29002. Prior to the publishing of the Order, it had been proposed that most of plot 29003 would be transferred to Oxfordshire County Council as an extension to the site of SS Phillip and James Primary School
2. The promoters propose that the crossing is closed and have submitted a car parking layout as shown on CRCL/R/OBJ5/1 drawing 5083741-RLS-BOX-CBR-08621/P01 as replacement parking for the Allotment Association on plot 29003 .
3. The City Council has opposed the closure of the crossing, as it is the primary access to the allotment site, and the alternative pedestrian route to the Port Meadow entrance is less convenient and longer. The car parking arrangements now proposed by the promoters would also result in a much reduced area being made available for school use.
4. In the event that the inspector finds in favour of retaining the crossing, the City Council would consider favourably any alternative proposals (such as those already suggested by Mr Salisbury in document OBJ5/18) that grant an alternative right of access to the Allotment Association, so far as this is consistent with the aim to facilitate the extension of the school. Full details of such a scheme would need to be specifically agreed and consulted on between all relevant parties and legal documentation drawn up and executed accordingly.

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