



ROUTE AUDIT

Route Number	R5	Direction	Outbound	Auditors		Date	18 April 2010
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Observations		
Location	Comment	Photo
Oxford Road	No signs at start of route	
Oxford Road Russell Street	Short cycle lane and end of route sign.	
Oxford Road Salisbury Road	Route turns right but the right turn is prevented by the raised kerb along the centre of the road. Sign is set back from the road and is obscured by the bus stop. The signs are too small to read from the road. The signs stuck on the lamp column in the middle of the road is extremely hard to spot, bit like a treasure hunt clue!	
Salisbury Road	Salisbury road is a narrow two way street and has cars parked on both sides which makes it unpleasant to cycle on. The route here bypasses Oxford road which is a shopping street and passes few places cyclist want to go!	
Portman Road	The surface of the cycle path is very bumpy. The path crosses several side roads and these are quite hazardous The location of the big road sign in the cycle path makes it more dangerous. The cycle route does have a crossing into Tescos (so cyclists are now more likely to shop in Tescos than all the shops on the Oxford road, contributing to the early demise of the shops!)	
Portman Road Oxford Road junction	There is a sign pointing east along the Oxford Road indicating a cycle route to the Town Centre and the Station, which contradicts the cycle route. There is no facility to join the cycle path from the road except at the pedestrian crossing.	
Oxford Road Scours Lane	This is a very dangerous junction as it is very wide and cars and lorries sweep in at speed from the main road, and are hard to see as you cycle across the junction.	
Oxford Road	The cycle path isn't wide enough for all the people using it on a sunny Sunday. There is a bollard in the middle of the path which is dangerous.	



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	The sign where the route starts from the station is hidden by a tree as you leave the station.	



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Tilehurst Station	The sign at the start of the route is obscured by a tree.	
Bedford Road	The route uses the bus lane which is only accessible by experienced confident cyclists.	
Tesco	<p>We left the route to look at the Tescos route to Oxford Road.</p> <p>There are 4 toucans to cross the road, all of which are very slow. The cycle lane is shared the signing round the roundabout is missing, easy to get lost. The route through to Oxford road says no cycling, but this is a cycle route.</p> <p>The clutter adjacent to the store makes it dangerous and causes a lot of conflict. The access onto Oxford road is very poor.</p>	
Salisbury Road Oxford Road	There are no signs from Salisbury Road in to town that we could see.	