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Dear Jim,

Thank you for the consultation documents relating to the Section 23 notice of intention - Proposed crossing on Oxford Road. I have reviewed the consultation documents, along with the Stage 1 & 2 Road Safety Audits and Designers Response, provided separately.

I have visited the site and observed vehicles using the roundabout.

I have reviewed the collision data for the roundabout. This shows that it currently has a good safety record on the exit from the roundabout towards the centre of Reading. There have been no personal injury collisions on the pre-existing informal crossing in the last five years.

I am nervous about the proximity of the Tiger crossing to the roundabout. Pedestrian / driver intervisibility on the southeast approach from Purley is compromised by pre-existing infrastructure and tree on the northern verge. I am aware of the additional mitigating measures in the designer's response. Even with the additional hatched lining, it is my view that drivers will not strictly adhere to the hatched area, 'straight line' the hatchings, meaning will not have the desired effect. Visibility will be worse in the hours of darkness or inclement weather. I noted that the streetlight on the southern verge on the area of the crossing that is covered by vegetation.

Speed profiles requested to show vehicle speeds for traffic leaving the roundabout southeast towards Reading has not been forthcoming.

This roundabout is a busy urban traffic environment that carries all types of vehicle hierarchy, including vulnerable road users. There are multiple arms on the roundabout. A drivers' focus will be to the right when approaching and entering the roundabout, not to the left towards the crossing.

It is my view that there remains a roads safety issue with this crossing. Thames Valley Police will object to the crossing in its present form.

Kind regards,

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