



20/1752/FUL | Creation of a new groceries online (GOL) distribution hub, replacement layby, associated canopy, alterations to the service yard, related changes to the car park and associated signage. | Sainsburys Alphington Cross Store Alphington Road Exeter Devon EX2 8HH

11th February 2021

Dear Zulema Nakata,

Exeter Cycling Campaign **objects** to the application to create a new groceries online distribution hub at Sainsburys, Alphington, until the implications for pedestrians and people who cycle have been addressed. These centre around the additional vehicles using the side road to access the hub, a road that pedestrians and people who cycle must cross to reach the store from the shared use path on the north side of Marsh Green Road West.

The hub is intended to cater for 20 commercial vehicles, each making up to 3 trips a day (application cover letter, section "The Impact on Highway Network"). This will result in 120 additional vehicle movements along the side road that accesses the hub. As such, some improvements should be made to this crossing point, funded by the applicant, as required by section 9.2.5 of Exeter City Council's Sustainable Transport Supplementary Planning Document. Widening the curbed pedestrian refuge island where the side road joins the roundabout (see annotated plan below) would allow people cycling to the supermarket with trailers (child or cargo) to safely cross the road in two stages. Alternatively a toucan or tiger crossing could be provided.

On the site itself, the re-routed path around the new hub should be designated with signage as shared use, for both pedestrians and people who cycle, continuing the rights of the public path along Marsh Green Road West. This is particularly important as this path leads directly to the cycle parking provided on the Sainsburys site.

In addition, the new path layout around the hub introduces a sharp corner that reduces the ability of path users to see one another. This can lead to conflict between users on a shared path. Ideally the path should be routed to avoid introducing blind corners.

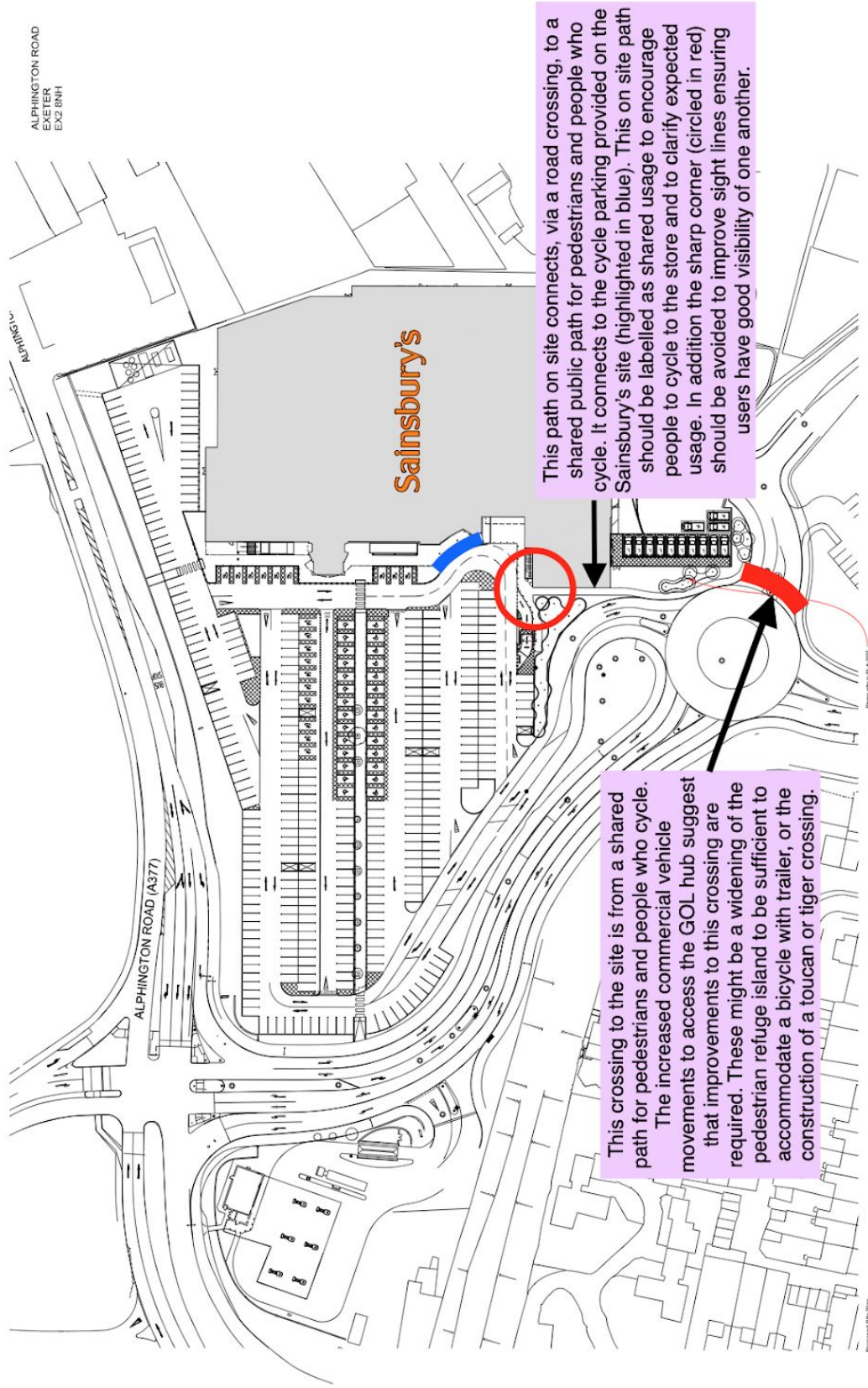
Exeter Cycling Campaign objects to the current plans which fail to address the impact on pedestrians and people who cycle. We request that the issues raised above be addressed before any permission is granted.

Yours sincerely,

Ben Ayliffe

for and on behalf of:

EXETER CYCLING CAMPAIGN



This path on site connects, via a road crossing, to a shared public path for pedestrians and people who cycle. It connects to the cycle parking provided on the Sainsbury's site (highlighted in blue). This on site path should be labelled as shared usage to encourage people to cycle to the store and to clarify expected usage. In addition the sharp corner (circled in red) should be avoided to improve sight lines ensuring users have good visibility of one another.

This crossing to the site is from a shared path for pedestrians and people who cycle. The increased commercial vehicle movements to access the GOL hub suggest that improvements to this crossing are required. These might be a widening of the pedestrian refuge island to be sufficient to accommodate a bicycle with trailer, or the construction of a toucan or tiger crossing.

Proposed Site Plan
 Scale 1:500 @ A1
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