



PRESS RELEASE

Keep the Horton General has been monitoring the impact of the ongoing road works to Oxford roundabouts, north of the city.

“We are aware that since recent changes were made to the traffic flow at the Cutteslowe roundabout, there has been a torrent of comment on Twitter about the delays. We have huge sympathy with the commuters who have to use this route on a daily basis. However we are particularly concerned about the potential for the death of a patient, conveyed by ambulance to the John Radcliffe hospital, being delayed en route” said Keith Strangwood, Chairman of KTHG.

This message from a driver was tweeted on Tuesday 19 April:- *As I drove to Kidlington this morning and stared in amazement at all the jams and traffic chaos I saw an ambulance absolutely stranded and desperately trying to get through it all. There was nowhere for anyone to move to, to give access. I really hope the person in need of that ambulance is ok, they were definitely going nowhere fast. It is an absolute disgrace.*

Mr Strangwood issues an invitation to broadcasters “I welcome the opportunity to speak live on-air to Mr Nimmo-Smith, responsible for roads within the Oxford City Council area, who previously told me on the Radio Oxford drivetime programme that ambulances were being given priority”.

“As though this isn’t bad enough, patients are now being sent JR appointment letters with the advice that they should ‘allow at least an hour to find a parking space’. If ever there was a time that the Oxford University Hospitals Trust woke up to the fact that patients from the north of the county should be treated at the Horton General Hospital, this is it” he said.

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