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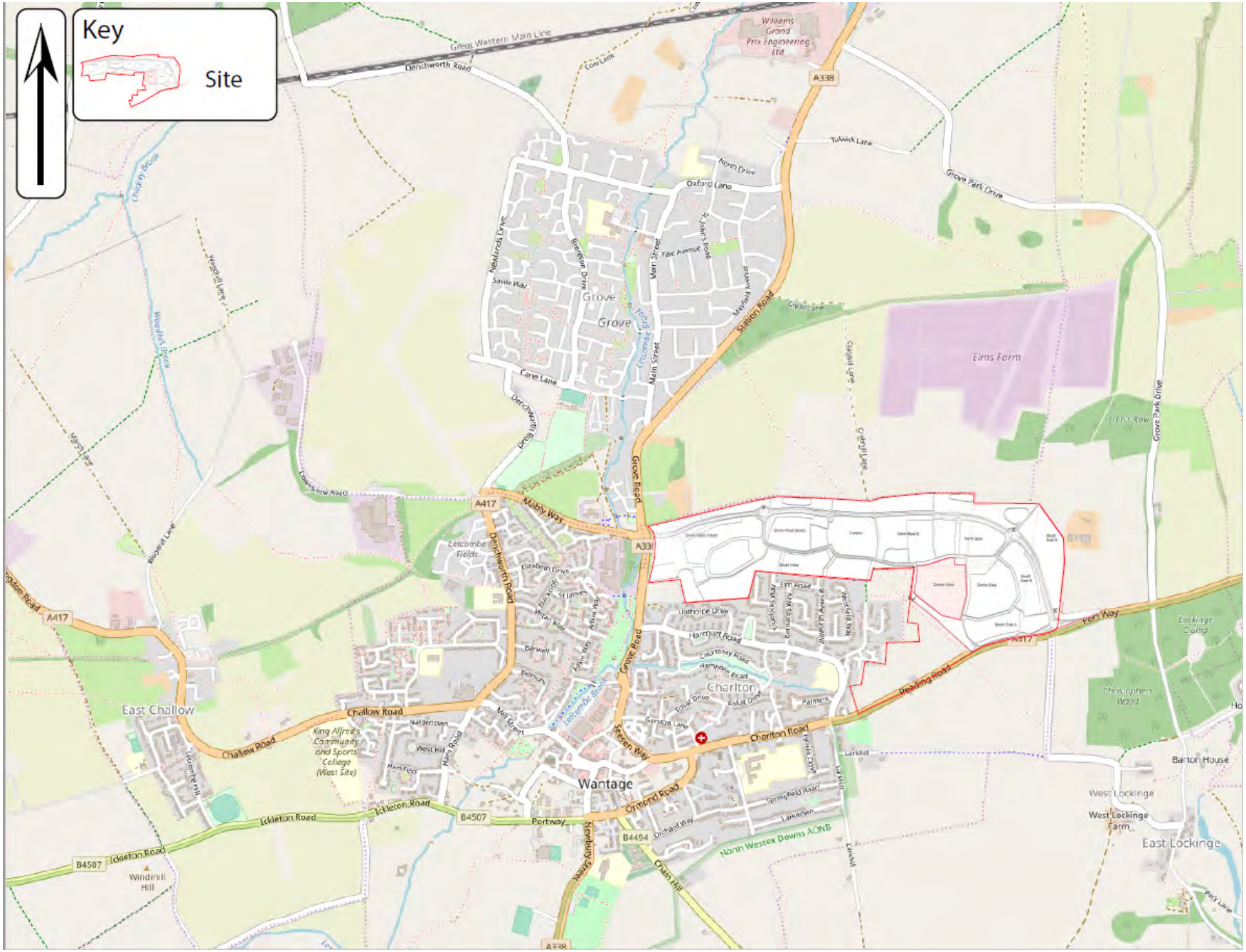
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Denchworth Road
Elizabeth Drive
Harcourt Road
Charlton
Port Way
Reading Road
Christophers Wood
Lockinge Clump
East Challow
Challow Road
King Alfred's Community and Sports College (West Site)
Wantage
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Charlton Road
Ormond Road
Ickleton Road
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Portway
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Chain Hill
North Wessex Downs AONB
Windmill Hill
Barton House
West Lockinge
West Lockinge Farm
East Lockinge
Lockinge Brook
Woodhill Brook
Childrey Brook

WELCOME TO KINGSGROVE AT CRAB HILL, WANTAGE

Wantage is a bustling market town in Oxfordshire, full of character and spirit, situated to the south west of Oxford.

The town has an active community, with a hub of active shops offering a range of facilities and services. Wantage is steeped in history, and is known for being the birthplace of King Alfred the Great!

Wantage is located approximately 20 miles to the south west and north west of the metropolises of Oxford and Reading respectively, with convenient bus and train links to both settlements.

Kingsgrove offers real travel choices:

- A local bus network
- Regular bus services to Oxford and Milton Park
- Easy cycle distance to Wantage

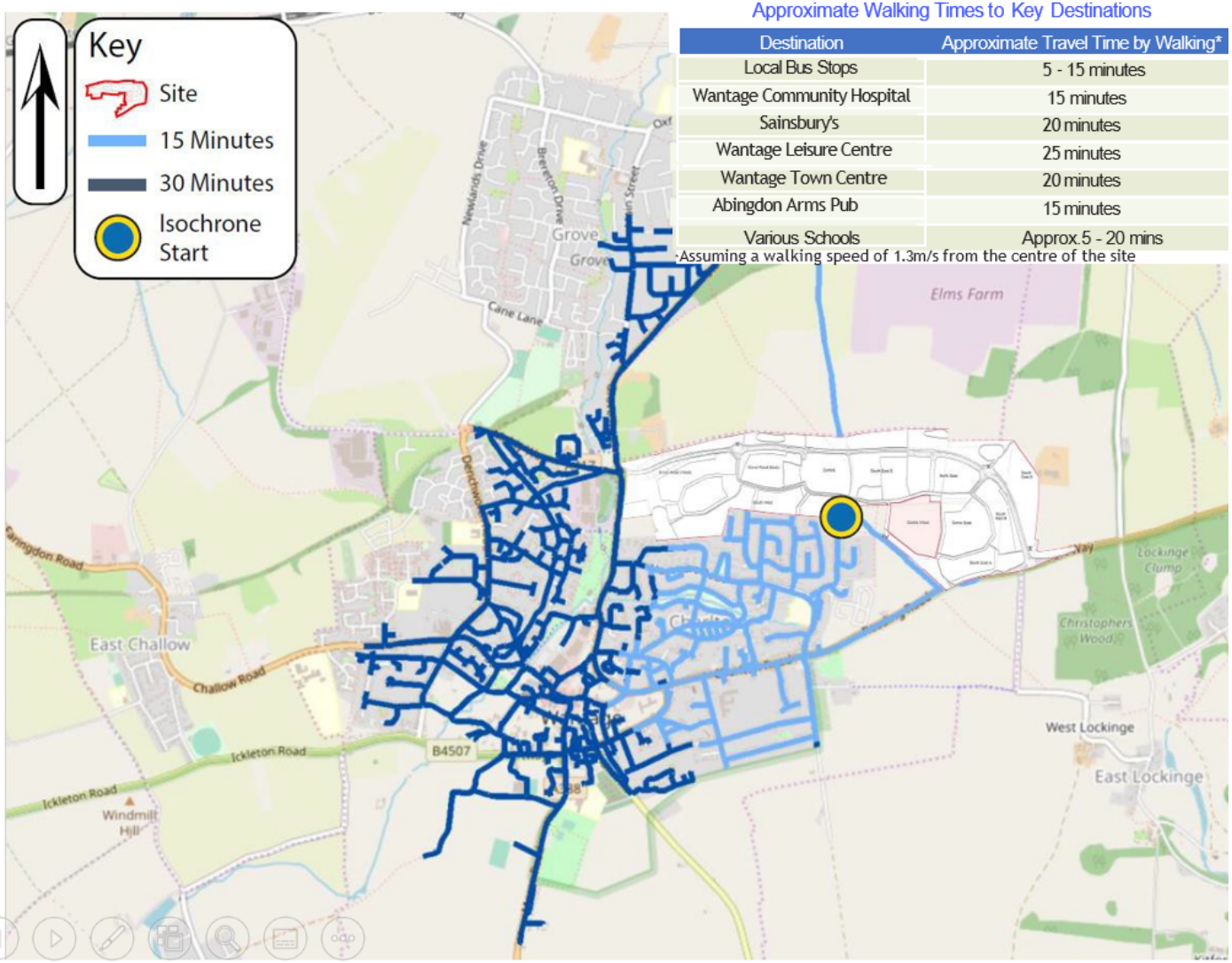
Living at Kingsgrove will help you save money, be greener, be healthier and easily reach the facilities you need. Carry on reading to find out more…

WHAT'S NEARBY?

BY FOOT

This map shows you the areas that can be reached in a 30 minute walk!

To see what facilities are available in these areas, see the local facilities map on Page 10. Walking is one of the most simple, easy and reliable ways to get around. The village centre, bus stops, and other local shops can easily be reached within a short walk. There are also a number of excellent schools within an easy walk. See the table below for approximate journey times to key destinations by foot.



Approximate Walking Times to Key Destinations

Destination	Approximate Travel Time by Walking*
Local Bus Stops	5 - 15 minutes
Wantage Community Hospital	15 minutes
Sainsbury's	20 minutes
Wantage Leisure Centre	25 minutes
Wantage Town Centre	20 minutes
Abingdon Arms Pub	15 minutes
Various Schools	Approx.5 - 20 mins

*Assuming a walking speed of 1.3m/s from the centre of the site

Walking makes you feel good and benefits your health!

For adults, 30 minutes of walking, five days a week dramatically cuts the risk of developing heart disease, type 2 diabetes, obesity and some cancers. It also reduces cholesterol, lowers high blood pressure and is good for mental-wellbeing.

Walking:

- Burns nearly as many calories as jogging the same distance;
- Is a low impact exercise, so won't stress your knees;
- Good for your heart and lungs;
- Great for strengthening muscles, bones and joints;
- Reduces the risk of stroke;
- Improves your mood and boosts self-esteem;
- Helps you maintain flexibility and co-ordination as you get older; and
- Provides valuable links to services and facilities, including shops, schools, rail and bus stops.

We are investigating the opportunity to operate Walking Buses with the local schools, which will provide a safe, convenient and reliable method of going to school. With a minimum of two adults, a driver and a conductor, the children get a fun, social way to be healthier. All adults wishing to be a part of the walking bus will be subject to vigorous safety checks.

For more information on walking such as routes and journey planning visit
www.walkit.com

BY BICYCLE

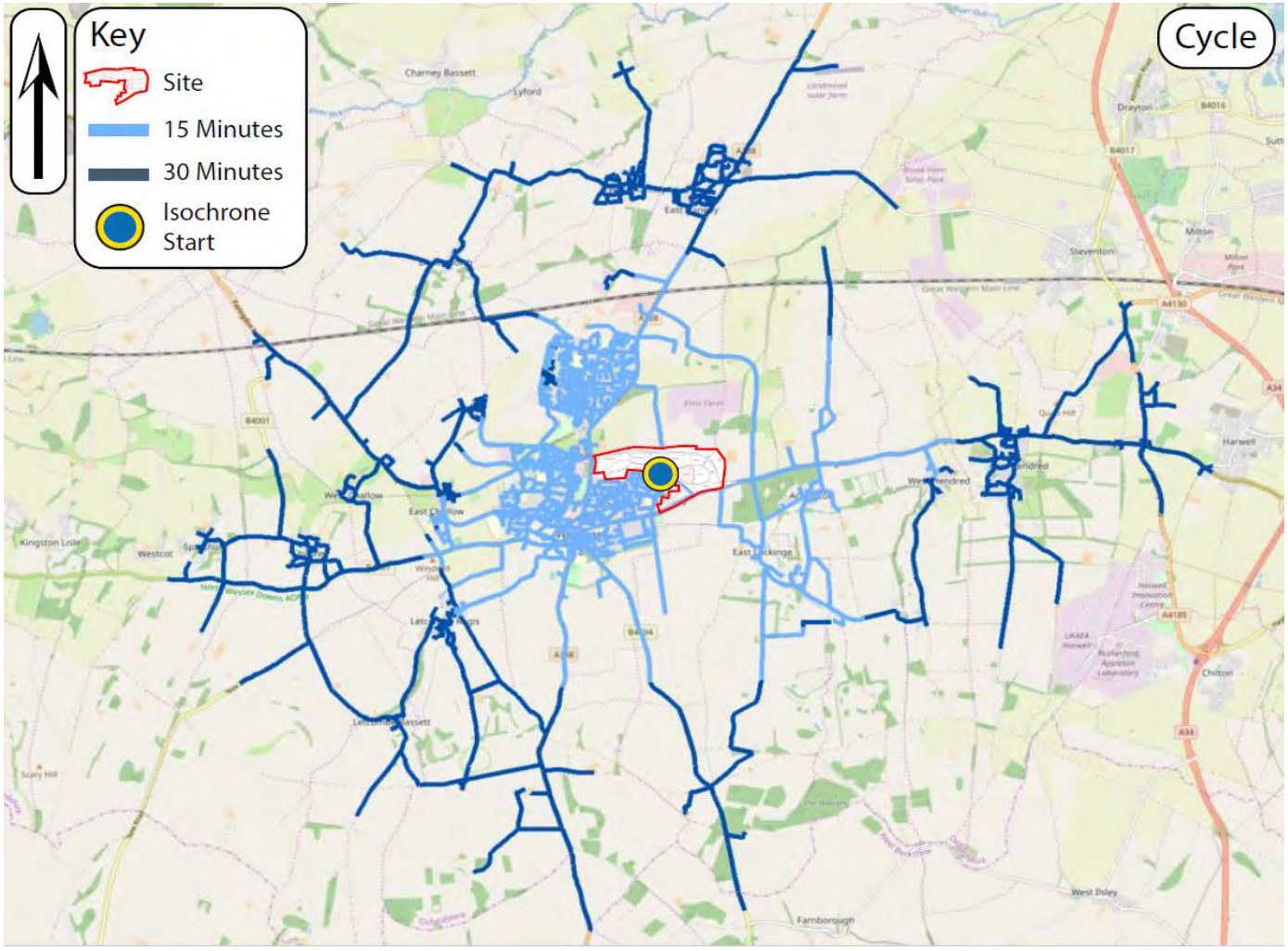
This map shows approximately how far you can travel in 30 minutes by bicycle from Kingsgrove.

Why spend time and money in the gym when you can build exercise into each day by cycling to work, the station or the shops?

Various studies have shown that regular physical exercise reduces the risk of mortality*. Cycling to work can reduce the overall risk of dying prematurely from any cause by 40%.

Not confident on a bike? Bike right offer free cycle training for both adults and children alike. Their aim is to make cyclists more confident and comfortable cycling on the road, from beginners up to experienced cyclists. Check them out at www.bikeright.co.uk

Not only is there to be a Walking Bus, but we are also investigting the possibility of a cycle train to and from the local schools, whereby a train of people, with 'driver' and 'guard' increases visibility, and reduces the feeling of vulnerability which inexperienced cyclists may feel.



Cycling:

- Is one of the quickest ways to get about for short journeys;
- Allows you to take short cuts, avoid traffic and make sure you always arrive on time;
- Provides a valuable, hassle-free connection to Didcot Parkway
- Reduces your risk of developing a range of preventable illnesses;
- Saves money on travel expenses; and
- Makes you feel great!

Did you know?

- You can now plan cycle journeys at www.cyclestreets.net
- Ridgeway Cycles, located within Wantage town center, is a bicycle repair shop, offering various services to help with the upkeep and maintenance of bicycles.
- National Cycle Network (NCN) route 544 is located to the south of Reading Road.
- Various forms of cycle parking is available at Didcot Parkway

For more information go to www.cyclestreets.net for:

- Cycle Maps;
- Cycle training information;
- Information about cycling clubs and how to get in touch; and
- Tips to start cycling and get around easily by bike or get more involved

* Source: Cycling and Health: What's the evidence? Cycling England.

SCHOOL TRANSPORT

There a number of fun and healthy ways to travel to schools, available to everyone at Kingsgrove. It has been proven that the more physically active kids are, the better their academic results. It also reduces the risk of type 2 diabetes, improves sleep and mood, improves immune system function, reduces restlessness and increases energy levels*.

*Physical Activity and Performance at School (Singh, Uijtdewilligen, Twisk, et al, 2012)

Walking Bus

A daily walking bus is currently being investigated. This will go to and from the local schools with a minimum of two adults on a rota, at convenient times. Not only is this an amazing way to get your kids active, but it enhances their social skills, and even gives time for parents to get to know each other a bit better.

Cycle Train

If cycling is more your thing, we are currently investigating a cycle train for the area, with the increased number of riders increasing the safety compared to a single rider. This not only provides your kids with exercise, but also the basis of a life skill or hobby.

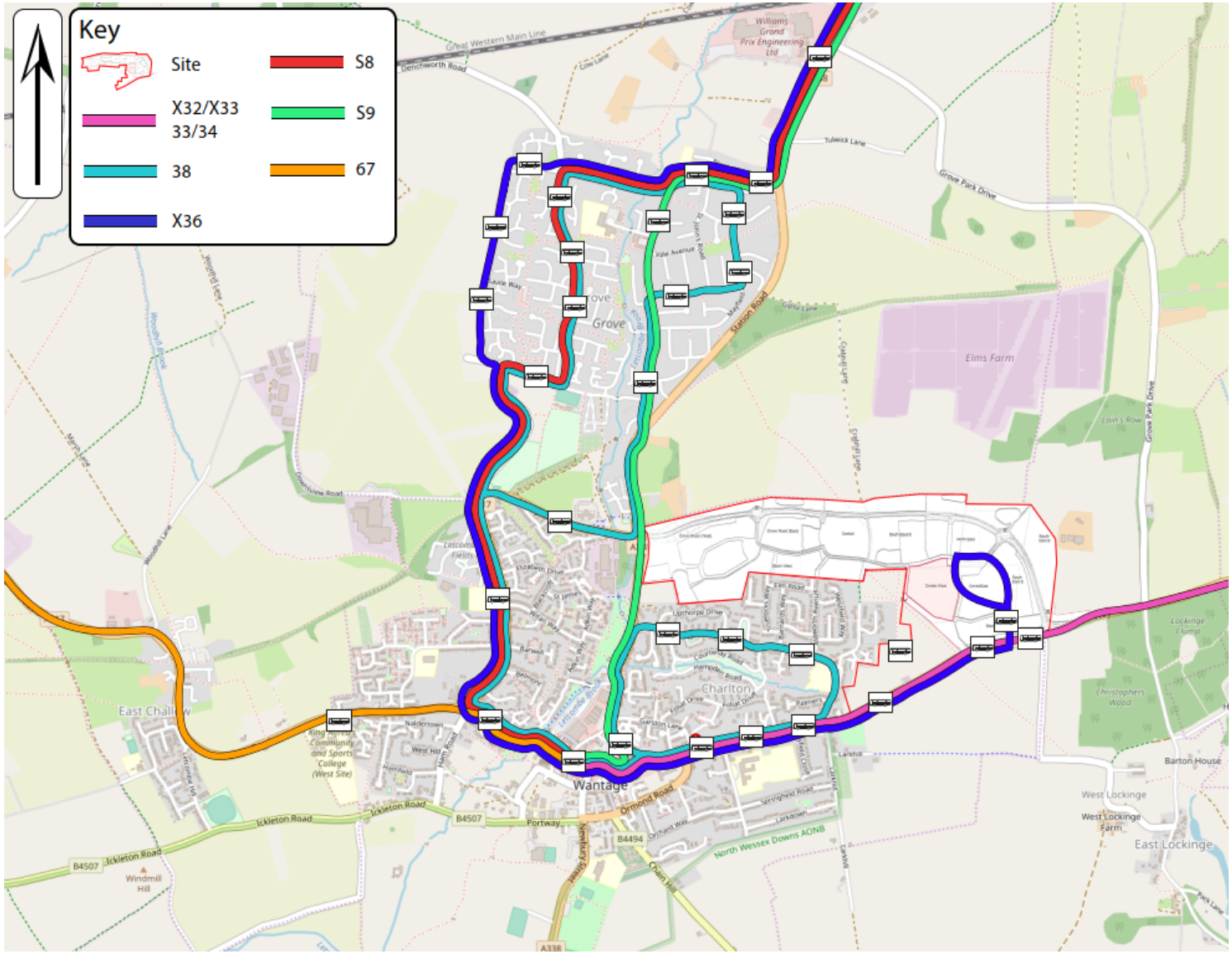
Scoot to School

Finally, but not least, a scoot to school initiative is being investigated, whereby schools encourage kids to use their scooters to travel to and from school in safe and social groups.

For more information on routes, timings and training, you can also contact the Travel Plan Coordinator, whose details can be found on the back of this pack!

BY BUS

The nearest bus stops to Kingsgrove are located on Harcourt Road. Their location is shown below in more detail, and can also be found on the facilities map on Page 10.



The 38 bus service calls at Harcourt Road providing regular connections to the whole of Wantage. Other services such as the 33 and 34, provide regular connections to Abington and Oxford. The 38 calls at Harcourt Road every hour between 10:24 and 14:24. The X36 provides access between Wantage, Grove, Milton Park and Didicot.
You can visit www. oxontime.com for timetables, route maps and fares.

routeX36

Need more information to help plan your journey?

Visit: www.traveline.info or www.itravelsmart.co.uk for:

- Timetables
- Route maps
- Current money saving offers
- Fares
- Maps of where to get on and off the bus

BY TRAIN

Didcot Parkway Train Station & Oxford Train Station

Didcot Parkway Railway Station is the closest station to the Kingsgrove development. The station can be reached within an approximately 45 minutes' cycle, depending on where in Kingsgrove you are.

Didcot Parkway station benefits from cycle parking and storage. Oxford Railway Station not only benefits from 758 cycle spaces, but also has PlusBike cycle hire available, whereby pre-booked bikes are delivered to the station, courtesy of the Bainton Bikes company.

The following destinations can be reached from Didcot Parkway and Oxford railway stations.

From Didcot to:	Typical Journey Time (minutes)	Typical Frequency (weekdays)
Reading	15	Every 10 minutes
Banbury	45	Every 30 minutes
Bristol Temple Meads	1 hour	Every 20 minutes
Ealing Broadway	1 hour 10 minutes	Every 15 minutes
London Paddington	45	Every 10 minutes
Birmingham New Street	1 hour 30 minutes	Every 20 minutes

From Oxford to:	Typical Journey Time (minutes)	Typical Frequency (weekdays)
Reading	20	Every 10 minutes
Banbury	20	Every 30 minutes
London Paddington	1 hour	Every 10 minutes
Birmingham New Street	1 hour 10 minutes	Every 1 hour

Destination	Weekly*	Monthly*	6 Monthly*	Yearly*
Reading	£81.80	£311.50	£1,868.60	£3,244.00
Banbury	£56.80	£218.20	£1,308.70	£2,272.00
Cheltenham Spa	£151.20	£580.70	£3,483.70	£6,048.00
Bristol Temple Meads	£174.90	£671.70	£4,028.70	£6,996.00
Ealing Broadway	£132.00	£506.90	£3,041.30	£5,280.00
London Paddington	£163.60	£608.70	£3,651.90	£6,34000
Cardiff Central	£208.50	£800.70	£4,803.70	£8,340.00
Birmingham new Street	£143.60	£551.50	£3,308.60	£5,74400

*Note: Data accurate as of November 2021

Did you know?

You can buy season tickets to reduce the overall cost of your train ticket by up to 50%

For more information on timetables, route maps, fares, and season tickets, please visit www.nationalrail.co.uk

BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT

You can save money using public transport instead of running a second car

Travelling by public transport:

- Saves you money;
- Avoids parking hassles;
- Removes driving stress;
- Allows you to relax;
- Enables you to work during the journey;
- Offers a traffic free route (rail);
- Benefits from priority links, where available (bus);
- Helps reduce congestion in Wantage; and
- Is kinder for the environment.

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- Timetables;
- Route maps;
- Maps of where to get on and off the bus;
- Example fares;
- Current money saving offers; and
- Journey planners

Credit: Jeremy Segrott

Community Transport

Oxfordshire benefits from a number of different community transport schemes, such as Dial a Ride, and Patient Transport Services.

The majority of these schemes are run as Good Neighbours Schemes, supported by Volunteer Link Up, which caters for residents who cannot use public transport services such as elderly, frail or disabled passengers.

They provide a door to door minibus service for those that cannot use conventional public transport.

Residents who qualify can use this service to:

- Go shopping;
- Attend appointments;
- Visit friends; and
- Play an active part in community life.

For more information, or to register for a service, visit:

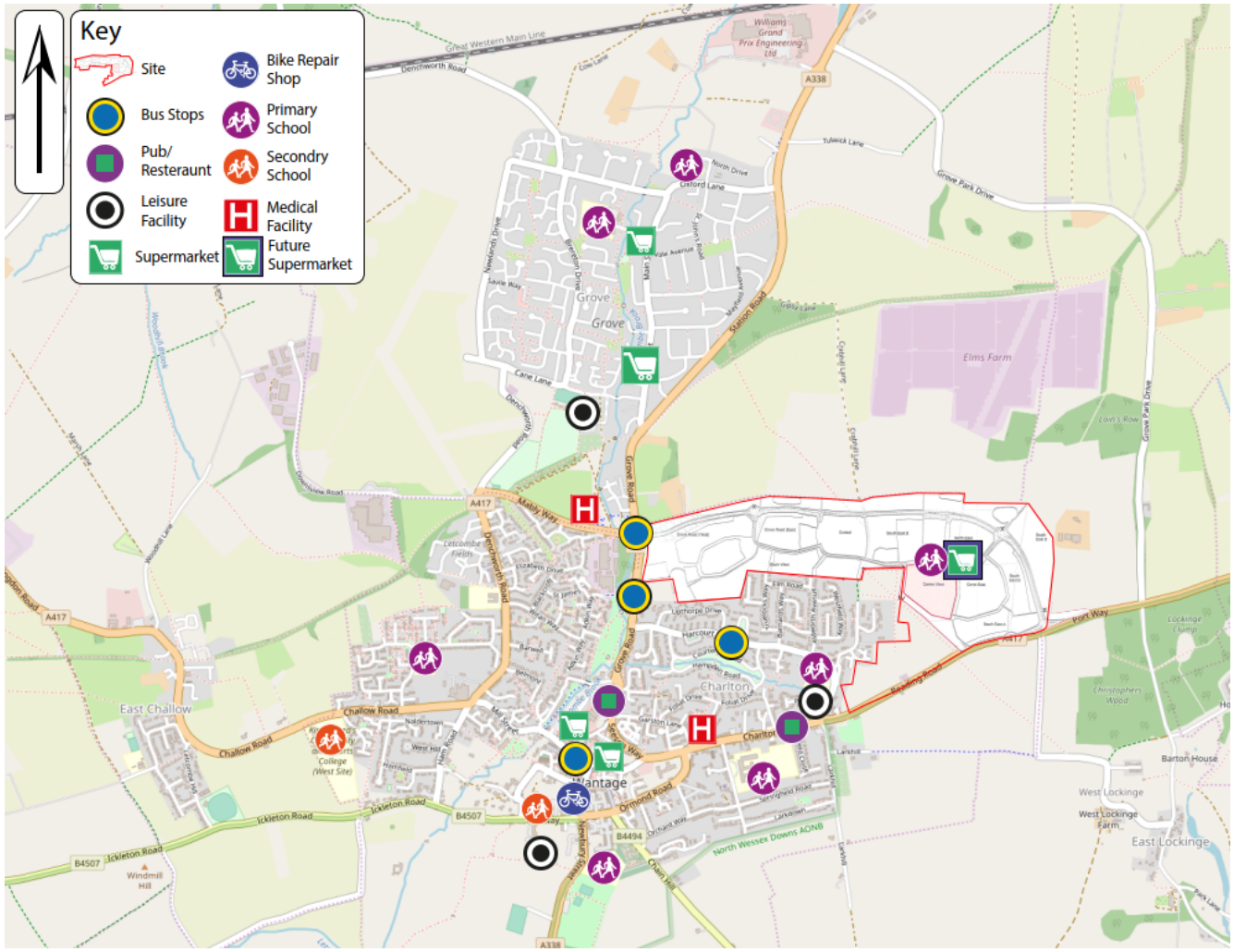
Community First Oxfordshire
Or call Wantage Independent Advice Centre (WIAC) on:

01235 765 348
Or: 01235 770 318 to Volunteer

For more information visit
https://www.wantageadvice.org.uk/our-services/transport/

FACILITIES MAP

This map shows key local amenities including supermarkets, schools, surgeries and sports centres located in and around Wantage.



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CAR SHARING

Are you wasting hundreds of pounds a year on fuel by driving alone?

If there are no public transport services to your destination or it is too far to walk or cycle,
it is still easy to save money by car sharing. You can car share for commuting, business, shopping, personal or any other trips.

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Liftshare is a national database of people offering and requesting lifts, which is available in Wantage as well!

By becoming a member you benefit from the following:

- FREE to register and use
- Find drivers and passengers, online instantly and securely
- Save money on petrol and parking
- Reduce traffic congestion and pollution
- Help the household to forego a second car

Visit: https://liftshare.com/uk to find who can provide lifts in your area!

FIND OUT MORE

Some of the most useful journey planning and information tools:

Visit itravelsmart.co.uk for:

- Local transport news
- Park and ride information
- Live departure details
- Car sharing information
- Walking
- Cycling
- Public Transport
- Community transport information

Visit www.travelineinfo.com for:

- Help in planning a journey by public transport (any operator)
- Customisable timetables
- Maps of the walking legs of your journey (e.g. to/from the bus stops)
- Summary of all bus services from specific local stops

Visit www.nationalrail.co.uk for:

- Rail network maps
- Rail Journey Planning
- Fares
- Season ticket calculator
- Live departure and arrival boards
- Facilities at railway stations (e.g. cycle parking)

Visit http://www.ctcwantage.org.uk/ for:

- Regular programmes of rides and events around Wantage
- Rider Statistics for Wantage
- Cycling UK Wantage clothing
- Cycle training
- Cycle news and useful links and information

Smartphone Applications

Several useful applications are available for smartphones, for journey planning on the move. These include next buses and the national rail enquires app. Text based services are also available from next buses for conventional mobile phone users.

Sustainable Travel Forum

A sustainable travel forum is will occur twice a year. This will give you a chance to learn more about the sustainable travel options open to you, and to discuss travel-related issues and concerns. Further details of when and where these will occur will be available within the Sustainable Travel Leaflets. For further information, please contact your Travel Plan Coordinator.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT?

Sustainable travel can help greatly reduce your carbon footprint. Per kilometre, it is generally estimated that trains emit 50% less than cars and up to 90% less than planes so when you can, use the train.

If you drive to work in a medium sized petrol car, you could save up to 4kg of CO2 per journey by using the train over a typical 50km journey - effectively halving your travel carbon footprint - every day. If you stop commuting by car just once a week, you could reduce your travel carbon footprint by up to 20%.

To quickly calculate your carbon footprint, visit the carbon calculator website: https://www.carbonfootprint.com/calculator.aspx

Around 40% of CO2 emissions in the UK are caused by things we do as individuals. Across these activities, car travel is the single biggest contributor to personal CO2 emissions.

Know before you go – using a journey planner can help you find the quickest and easiest route to travel by either car or public transport. Page 12 provides useful information on journey planning in Wantage.

Plan ahead – to combine car trips as part of the same overall journey rather than lots of separate trips. The CO2 and fuel cost savings add up, and make best use of precious time.

It's good to walk – it's tempting to use the car to travel just a mile down the road, but it is the perfect distance to walk. As well as health benefits, walking the one-mile trips instead of driving can save you over £160 each year in fuel.

Life on two wheels – nearly a quarter of all car trips are under two miles. Cycling instead can take just 12 minutes, and is a great way to exercise – each two-mile trip can burn up over 100 calories.

Share a car – travel by car with friends and family; for all, or part, of a trip. Liftshare provide an online database that allows you to search for people travelling your way so that you can share your journey (see page 11).

Home deliveries – it has been proven that ordering your weekly groceries shopping rather than going to the supermarket yourself is more environmentally friendly*, and can help assist reducing congestion on the roads.

*Shopping trip or home delivery: which has the smaller carbon footprint (Dr J Edwards, 2009)

TRAVEL SURVEY

Future Sustainable Transport Provision

Kingsgrove is a growing community with new residents moving in every day. Kingsgrove aims to continue to provide high quality infrastructure and sustainable transport opportunities as the site develops.

Travel Surveys

In order to understand the evolving travel characteristics of residents at Kingsgrove annual travel surveys will be undertaken. These short surveys should not take longer than five minutes to complete, and as an incentive, there is a prize draw for a £50 voucher each year.

Having problems finding the latest bus timetables? Not quite sure what the best route is to cycle or walk somewhere?

To discuss your personal travel needs, ask any questions – contact your Travel Plan Coordinator:

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