

Hello Guinea Pig



I know this sounds a little harsh but the reality is that in 2024 you, the people of Oxford, will be guinea pigs.

You will all be subjects of a scheme known as 15 Minute Neighbourhoods. This sounds cute but it's anything but. It's a controlled system to restrict people from driving freely around the city.

You'll need to register your vehicle (only one per person) to get permission for your quota of 100 days a year to go where you please with fines if you travel outside those days or at certain times.

Want to pop over to see your elderly mum in her care home? Well, you can't without permission or a big detour on the ring road. What should be a ten-minute trip to take your children to the lovely park on the other side of town on a sunny day could mean an hour each way on a crowded dual carriageway.

Wave goodbye to impromptu pub lunches by the river or spontaneous surprise visits to a sick friend to offer to walk their dog. No more spur of the moment lifts in the rain to drop someone home. Everything will take much longer unless you have enough "credits".

You don't need to be a genius to see where this is going. Of course, the problem will likely get worse. The 100 days could be cut to 50 then 25 and then zero. The fines could get bigger until one day you just give up on owning a car which is what they want.

I know what you're thinking, I'll write to my Oxford City or County Councillors. Well sadly they have as much power as you to change it. OK, the Mayor, I'll write to the Mayor. Nope the Mayor isn't a player in this either. Neither are any employees of Oxford City Council or Oxfordshire County Council employees.

They have mostly been duped into thinking this is for the good of the people and the environment too and they will have been told to make sure it happens. This directive is actually coming from their national party executives with all the main parties signing up for it. It's all sounding a little 'Big Brother-ish' isn't it?

In fact, all this is coming from the United Nations Agenda 30. This includes the ultimate aim of moving the majority of the public to smart cities where all activity can be monitored to control people's Personal Carbon Allowance.

By the way, reducing your "carbon footprint" may appear laudable but is it actually necessary?

The world has had five ice ages so far. Guess when the last one ended? Ten thousand years ago? A million years ago? No, we're still in it! So, of course the climate is changing as it always does. It's a natural cycle. The planet isn't "on fire". Thousands of scientists agree with this, but you probably haven't heard that.

Achieving NetZero by 2050 will destroy our way of life. But do you know how much all that sacrifice will reduce the world's warming? Will it keep warming below the "target" 1.5 degrees? No, using the United Nation's OWN figures, the destruction of your children's future will result in reducing the warming of the earth by less than 1/10th of one degree and the UK's efforts would only make 1/200th of a degree difference. That will have no impact of any kind on whether the world warms up or cools down.

We know we are not allowed to discuss all this. It's called climate denial. We can talk about the inconvenience of 15 Minute Neighbourhoods or how it's bad for local businesses but we mustn't say there is no justification for them in the first place.

If traffic is bad then we must make both Councils sit down and come up with incentives for people not to drive during busy periods in the short term and better planning in the long term.

You MUST complain about this plan, continuously. You must also give full feedback when the trial starts.

Don't let coercion and fear become normal parts of daily life with this 15 Minute Neighbourhood plan.

Oh, and don't be a guinea pig!



15 minute neighbourhoods and where they may lead is just one aspect of the future that's being built for us by default....

If you're worried about this future, like many people, you might wonder what you can do to stop it. You might feel as though nothing you do could possibly make a difference. The thing is, obviously, that's wrong. If we all join in together there would be 8 billion of us and imagine what we could do then!

But we have to start somewhere. Signing the Not Our Future pledge is a key step. It's saying that you're ready to join in when needed. That might be sharing something on social media, leafleting or withholding your vote. It really is important!

Making a stand doesn't have to be heroic, just reject the future they're making for your family and help each other work towards a better one. We're here to help you in any way we can.

Good luck on your journey!



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