There is far too much animal abuse in this country as it is, please don't add to it. It is unrealistic to believe that the welfare of the horses will be as important as making money and who will monitor the conditions and care of these animals? There is too much potential for injury on busy roads and in 2011 horse drawn carriages are an anachronism. Please think very carefully about equine welfare and drop this proposal.

Jane Shepherd
Algernon Trust
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Please don't do this. Apart from the Animal Welfare issues which are enormous the centre of Oxford is already over-crowded in the summer where on earth would horse drawn carriages be located? We need so many other things to make Oxford a pleasure to come to and this is not one of them. We need better shops, cleaner streets, less badly behaved school parties from abroad but NOT and I would emphasise NOT horse drawn carriages.

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"No one could make a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could do only a little." - Edmund Burke
Dear All,
I would like to register my objections to the introduction of horse-drawn carriages in Oxford. Any romantic images would be far outweighed by the animal welfare issues that would arise. Please reject this proposal.
Regards,
Catherine Thompson
ALISON Julian

From: CLEMENTS Sophie
Sent: 15 July 2011 08:52
To: CRAMER Jill; BROME Natalie; ALISON Julian; THORNTON Robert M
Subject: FW: No to horse-drawn carriages in Oxford

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From: Riki Therivel [mailto:levett-therivel@phonecoop.coop]
Posted At: 15 July 2011 08:42
Posted To: environment@oxford.gov.uk
Conversation: No to horse-drawn carriages in Oxford
Subject: No to horse-drawn carriages in Oxford

Dear Sir or Madam,

I oppose the use of horse-drawn carriages in Oxford on several grounds: increased congestion as buses and cars try to safely pass the carriages, manure in the streets, the welfare of the horses. Oxford already has experience with bicycle rickshaws, which are anyway more in keeping with the 'sustainable transport' theme of the city.

Yours sincerely,

Riki Therivel
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04/08/2011
Dear Ox City Council

I'm not very keen on horse-drawn carriages. It looks good but I can't think that the environment of our streets is very 'sympathetic' to horses. Traffic is already a nightmare with bikes and cars, never mind cyclists swerving around horses, and offering to collect manure between rides every half hour is not good enough.

Yours,

Denise Watt

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To whom this may concern,

I am writing to express my objection to this ridiculous plan to introduce these to our city centre. This is nothing but simple exploitation of animals to make money and is not acceptable. I have worked with horses for many years, and regardless of whether or not people deem a particular horse or even breed to be 'bombproof' let me tell you, these creatures are animals. They are unpredictable. I have seen plenty of accidents in my years working with these animals and by allowing them into our already congested city centre you are exposing them to frightening situations and putting not only the animals but the general public at risk. This exploitation of animals at any cost has got to stop. Should some senseless, selfish fool be prepared to back this not only me, but every of the nearly 1000 animal rescue workers I work with in this county will be boycotting the city centre.

Yours sincerely,

Vicky Mann
Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to strongly complain with regard to horse and carriages being considered at Oxford, this is a time to go forwards not backwards. Also, considering as a nation we don't have the resource to properly supervise the treatment of animals in any context, this must not go ahead, ever.

Yours faithfully

Stella Johns

04/08/2011
Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to express my dismay and outrage upon hearing about the proposal to introduce horse-drawn carriages to Oxford’s streets. I have lived in Oxford for 22 years and am very familiar with the treacherous road conditions that already exist and know that introducing horses into the mix is a recipe for disaster.

There are serious animal welfare issues at stake in this too:

www.animalaid.org.uk/h/h/CAMPAIGNS/other/ALL/444/

The tourist industry is thriving in Oxford. We do not need horse-drawn carriages. Find some other way to cash in on all the money flowing into Oxford.

Yours sincerely,

Rosemarie Marks-Crockett
I have never heard of such a ridiculous idea as having horse drawn carriages in Oxford. Firstly it is very cruel having these poor horses hanging around, secondly it is dangerous for the horses with all the traffic we have now a days. Saying this is going back to old days is stupid, when horse's and carriages were used there was hardly any other traffic. When idiots come up with these ideas do they consider the animal, NO. So I am hoping that you will reconsider this most idiotic idea. NO NO NO to horse drawn carriages in Oxford or anywhere else. Mrs S Allen
Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

I have been sadly informed of your City Council's plans to reintroduce horse-drawn carriages.

The horse-drawn carriage industry is not kind nor romantic. It is based on exploitation of the horses to benefit the pockets of few and in many cities it has been banned and other cities are following suite.

Please, I urge you not to reintroduce horse-carriages. Let's continue to evolve as humans and not take steps backwards.

Thank you.

Mirella
From: NICKLIN Sarah
Sent: 19 July 2011 09:41
To: ALISON Julian
Subject: FW: Horse and buggies in Oxford? Are you kidding?


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From: Zelda [mailto:zpenzel@twcmetrobiz.com]
Posted At: 19 July 2011 02:05
Posted To: planning@oxford.gov.uk
Conversation: Horse and buggies in Oxford? Are you kidding?
Subject: Horse and buggies in Oxford? Are you kidding?

Gentlemen, Ladies,
Look at the polls!!!! No one wants to see these poor beasts tethered to a carriage and dragging tourists through clogged city streets. That is a foolish "romanticized" notion which has no place in a civilized society, especially now that we have come to understand and appreciate the needs, the intelligence, the beauty of seeing an animal that has not been forced into servitude, to be exploited for money. We are trying our best to rid our city of the suffering that is so evident. Please rid yourselves of this ridiculous anachronistic notion.

Sincerely,
Zelda Penzel, President
People for the End of Animal Cruelty and Exploitation~PEACE
NY, NY
Dear Oxford City Council, I am very concerned about your proposal to allow horse drawn carriages into the city. This is not a good idea at all, as there are no facilities for horses in the city centre. Health and Safety (for horses) is involved. Please do not allow this to become a reality.
Yours sincerely, Mrs J C Laver, Oxford
From: Viktoria Nealis [mailto:viktorianealis@yahoo.co.uk]
Posted At: 19 July 2011 12:35
Posted To: environment@oxford.gov.uk
Conversation: Horse Drawn Carriages
Subject: Horse Drawn Carriages

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to oppose Oxford Council’s plans to introduce horse drawn carriages on Oxford’s streets. Not only would they cause congestion, as I understand that they would follow the route of the tourist buses, and their manure could cause a health risk due to flies and also people inadvertently getting some stuck to their shoes etc. but could be a significant risk to public safety, especially when small children are around.

My main objection, however, is that this proposal attaches to it severe animal welfare issues. I understand that London, Paris, Toronto and even Beijing have banned such schemes for this very reason. The horses will be exploited for money-making purposes, for that is obviously what is behind the idea in the first place - how to attract tourists and make money.

Oxford already has a poor reputation for it’s complete lack of compassion for animals by allowing its University to continue with vivisection. This fact keeps many people, myself included, away from your historic city and horse drawn carriages would be another very good reason for avoiding it.

Please do not allow this proposal to go ahead.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Viktoria Nealis - London N16 5HF