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I strongly oppose the LTNs.

The consultation overwhelmingly rejects the LTN. Only 25% of residents support the scheme. It would be very unethical to adopt a policy which benefits the privileged few over the wellbeing of the majority, who would be massively disproportionately negatively affected. In communications from the council and councillors, it has been reiterated multiple times during the trial that the outcome of the consultation would affect the decision.

With such a conclusive response to the consultation, I expect the cabinet decision will be to remove the LTN. In line with the vast majority of residents in the area.

It is rare to get this much engagement from residents on a council policy. It takes efforts from residences to make their views known, and in such numbers. This demonstrates the strength of feeling residents have about this policy. The views of the residents should be listened to.

Council's own report documents that the LTNs are causing mass gridlock and pollution. This is backed up by my own experience, bus travel times are longer, and regularly delayed due to the LTNs. My car travel times are now much longer, in time and distance, increasing the amount of pollution created. I run as a volunteer a community canoe and kayaking club for young people, and due to the LTNs, my journey distance is now 3 times as far. The journey time can take x5 longer and it is also much less reliable, and so both myself and participants arrive late to sessions.

I feel that the LTNs, are splitting communities, and increasing disparity between communities, separating richer areas from poorer ones, ghettoising communities, which feels a very regressive and unwelcome step.

Business have closed because residents are unable to access them due to the LTNs. We have valued community businesses, providing livelihoods and services for residents, without these communities will be poorly served. Trades people are unwilling to take on jobs within the LTN's because of the extra travel times, and congestion the LTN's are causing.