

Good morning.

I'm speaking on behalf of Headington Liveable Streets.

We support the traffic filters and the COTP and urge you to back them today.

The filters on Marston Ferry Road, Hollow Way, St Clements Street and St Cross Road are key to:

- reducing through-traffic in Headington, Marston and Lye Valley
- protecting and improving bus services for Headington, Barton, Risinghurst, Wood Farm, Marston and Northway; and
- enabling a valuable new Eastern Arc bus service.

We implore you to **not** delay the traffic filters.

We urgently need this scheme to avoid traffic chaos next year and to protect our bus services. The effects of the closure of Botley Road on the other arterial roads and Oxford Bus Company's plans to reduce bus services in East Oxford make this more important than ever. So please consider bringing forward the St Clements Street and 3 city centre filters to January 2023 as an emergency measure.

Even with the traffic filters, Headington will still receive a high volume of destination traffic to the 5 hospitals, 2 university campuses and around 15 schools and nurseries.

The Access to Headington scheme prioritised movement of cars above all else and was so poorly designed that 3 people have died cycling in Headington recently.

The changes made to the Headley Way junction following Jennifer Wong's death are woefully inadequate and the junction remains high risk for cyclists. No changes have been made at the other two fatality sites.

Many parents don't feel safe letting their children walk and cycle around Headington and even experienced adult cyclists fear for their safety.

Headington needs effective action to achieve Vision Zero, reduce congestion and pollution and make active travel and bus use safe and easy.

We therefore ask the Council to *also* do the following as soon as possible:

- to help reduce our destination traffic:
 - **implement the Workplace Parking Levy** and
 - enable **shuttle bus services** between Thornhill and the hospital and university sites for patients, staff and visitors
- to protect minor roads and provide safe active travel routes, **implement the Headington LTNs**.

Thank you, Hannah Kirby