

Oliver Shipp Statement to Cabinet: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022, 11.30am

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to this important decision today. I'm very sorry that my work commitments in the NHS mean that I can't read this to you, but I do hope you are still able to hear my message.

I live in East Oxford with my young family – two kids aged 8 and 5, who go to Larkrise School and play in Florence Park, our local park.

The Cowley LTNs have been fantastic, nothing short of transformational for our family, please can we keep them?

Our experience is that before the LTNs, I would never let my children cycle to Florence Park. Cricket Road and Rymers Lane were horribly unsafe, with so many car drivers using it as a cut-through.

Thanks to the LTNs, we now cycle to Florence Park several times a week as a family – the kids feel safe on the low traffic roads, and I am now happy to give them their freedom – they absolutely love it. They have been great for my own mental health too, now I can walk or cycle without the stress of danger to my children or the threat to myself of dangerously heavy motor traffic.

Please, please, make all the LTN filters permanent, so that my family and many, many others like us in the area can continue to travel actively and safely around our local area.

Thank you,  
Oliver Shipp