

Dear all,

I hope you are all well and in good health. The reason I am writing this is to highlight my huge concerns about the LTN in Oxford.

I would like to raise and highlight the impact on the local community including Muslim populations who feel they are second class citizen. As the LARGEST minority community (MUSLIM) in Oxford seems to be underplayed and completely ignored, such as the planning process such as access for 5 daily prayers performed in the Mosque, children education classes Monday – Friday between 5pm – 7pm and the main is Friday Prayer in the afternoon comes to congregate from different part of Oxfordshire, and of course the month of Ramadan as well as Funerals and other activities.

The LTNs will have a great impact on our community, as for majority do not have the choice but driven because of commuting distance from the Mosque specially our elderly & disabled who are the main attendees. It seems that no thought was given when planning around these needs or have been catered for, which is a shame and blight on the local planning authorities.

Overall, the perception of the LTN scheme is very divisive proposal to benefit a minority at the expense of a large majority whose opinions & needs completely ignored. This scheme will create a big gap between the working class and the more affluent middle-class section of the community, as the implementation of LTN is in working class area of Oxford.

People are already facing difficult times due to rise in living cost and these schemes both in terms of timing and impact further exacerbates this suffering.

Public opinion is against these schemes and the result from recent survey reflects this, whereby LTNs are opposed and rejected by a majority in the local community.

The effect it has on the community is tremendous, parents taking children to school are late for school, elderly people are suffering due the access traffic on the road they're missing important doctors and hospital appointments.

Ordinary people are suffering due to increase in price of shopping because more fuel burnt due of longer journeys. LTN increases the pollution level on main roads I am sure that can't be healthy for those people living there. Inflation rate already is high which hiked the prices on supermarket shelves, we don't need LTN adding up to already misery

people have gone through during pandemic. If anything, we should be more supportive towards the community and not make difficult times, harder.

The business community of East Oxford will be greatly at a loss from these schemes. Despite not having recovered from the impact of pandemic for the past two years this will bankrupt some businesses.

I am not against traffic calming measures I am sure there are better ways to control the flow of traffic than simply blocking the roads. I am in favor of the suggestion put forward by St Mary's ward the slow traffic neighborhood, which in my opinion will be much more effective than LTN.

I hope you will investigate this issue for the sake of our community and stop this horrible and divisive scheme from implementation and further ruining Oxford for the appeasement of a limited number of lobbyists.

Kind Regards,

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