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Infrastructure and investment needs to be sorted out so that buses are fully funded so they are affordable.

The vital need will remain for positive transport and traffic measures which will benefit the environment in this lovely city that we all share. I will continue to hear the views and practical ideas of all residents but especially those in Temple Cowley who have given me the privilege of representing them.

Part of this division has been due to class and lack of consideration for people with protected characteristics. I'm hearing that people feel alienated as the engagement has been really poor. Alternatives have been disregarded ignored. As a result travel has become more exhausting, expensive, complicated & difficult with those of protected characteristics. There is also cases of a negative impact on mental health.

What has the equalities impact assessment shown of the needs of our communities. To this date no one has supplied the data after requesting it on numerous occasions.

A sensible approach would be to tackle these inequalities.

School streets have been struggling to keep volunteers as everyone has other work priorities and commitments.

~Air filter results are baseless not good enough The councils own analysis, knows pollution has increased on Oxford rd Hollow way as well as , congestion increase, speed increase, cycling decreased, walking decreased. In a summer trial period. Residents have difficulty even getting out of there homes and can no longer open windows due to the pollution on Hollow Way too and the traffic has doubled so the report summary is misleading and disingenuous and you need to double check that 3.1. The state of our roads need to be drastically improved for cyclists to be safe routes so that should be given careful consideration.

The emotional costs of the pandemic are much higher for the poor and vulnerable than they are for the rich, heightening deep pre-existing inequities in well-being in the U.K and now we know since COVID-19, these trends and other pre-existing inequities have been exacerbated and are reflected in deep declines in reported well-being. A survey highlights the differences in the costs to well-being across the rich and poor. Low-income respondents significantly reported more negative emotions than did high income ones, including more worry, sadness, loneliness, and anger and this has also been down to these LTNs as communication has been really poor throughout the whole process.

Would you not agree that as a council we must listen to the views of local cllrs and residents ? Because our residents have spoken and if we listen actively 67% have opposed it loud and clear

I am an active councillor and know my area and have grown up here and I engage with the residents and I have never heard from you or the administration it has always been me trying to engage and it's really been frustrating and there must be accountability right here right now.

For Temple Cowley, this means removing the Crescent Road and Temple Road bollards. This would restore an alternative route for vehicles trying to get between East Oxford and Hollow Way, and relieve the pressure on Oxford Rd, The Original Swan Junction, and Hollow Way. It is congestion in these areas which is directly contributing to poor air quality and increased journey times for residents in Lye Valley Ward.

Once the Crescent Road bollard is removed the county council should implement traffic calming and speed reduction measures for Crescent Road, measures which enhance local amenity and help road safety, but which do not totally prevent through traffic.

Hollow Way would also benefit from the removal of some of its on-street parking. This will help traffic flow, help prevent bus delays and improve safety for cyclists.

I understand that the cabinet will not be agreeing any definitive adjustments to the LTN schemes today but will be agreeing to further consultation on proposals for implementation by Spring 2023. The county council's record on consultation to date has been woeful. Residents beyond the boundary roads of the schemes have not been sufficiently involved (even though they suffer the knock-on effects of the schemes). The needs of major community groups, institutions, businesses, and workers have been overlooked or misunderstood. The County Council must up its game in this area and crucially, convince people that this consultation matters. Only 22.8% of the 729 people who expressed an opinion on the Temple Cowley scheme were supportive. With this low level of support many residents would expect the LTN trial scheme to be dropped completely.

Please take action to ensure that local voices are listened to, and adjustments are put in place as soon as possible to improve the schemes for the majority of local people negatively affected by them.