

I'm a pedestrian, a cyclist, and a driver.

I don't live in Cowley, but my daughter does. She walks everywhere.

Thanks to the Low Traffic restrictions, I now have to drive a longer route to get to her house, but I'm extremely happy about this, because when we are walking in Cowley, it's quieter, and less smelly, and we no longer have to worry about the traffic racing past.

We love it.

It's made me more aware of the effect of through traffic on neighbourhoods, and now when I'm driving, I try to choose routes that avoid residential streets, and I use the ring road or other major routes whenever I can.

I live in Headington, I'm hoping that my part of Oxford will also be a Low Traffic Neighbourhood soon. I have sometimes cut through Northway to get to the Marston Ferry Road, or along Barton Lane to get to the Ring Road. But people like me should be prevented from doing this.

A lot depends on improved bus services, and putting up road blocks is NOT enough for the council to rest on its laurels. But it is a start.

Yes, of course at first traffic shifts to other roads. But once the smaller streets are safer for walking and cycling there will be fewer cars.

And it's obvious that whether it's convenient or not, we have to cut pollution and make this a safe and comfortable place to live.

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