

Submission by Anne Stares to Oxfordshire County Council meeting 19th July 2022

The question that you are being asked to consider today is far more significant than whether Oxford retains the LTN's, it is a question concerning your integrity and your belief in the values of trust, honesty and democracy which are the corner stones of our society.

We all enjoy the privilege of voting and we can often be disappointed that our choice has not been reflected by the majority. We accept our individual disappointment, confident in the belief that as flawed as the democratic process might be, it is ultimately the fairest system we might have. Having said that, unsurprisingly, at this time trust in politicians is at an all time low.

Some of you appear to exist in a social media bubble where you all agree that what you are doing is right, but this a filtered bubble where people who disagree are banned & suspended, making the research of public opinion corrupt.

This scheme has blighted our lives, our communities, our business's and our city.

LTNs have been rejected by a huge majority in your consultations, thousands have signed anti LTN petitions & many many more write to you -all routinely ignored. This is the reality, these the true voices of Oxford-but do you listen?

It is the obvious disregard for the democratic voice, that has led to serious civil disobedience, not vandalism as claimed, but a city demanding to be heard-but do you listen?

You are privileged to represent the people of Oxfordshire and again, I would ask you to consider what are your values and what does integrity mean to you.