

Statement by Cllr Trish Elphinstone for Cllr Andrew Gant on the Cowley ANPR

As the local member for Rose Hill and Littlemore I wish officers and the cabinet member for highways to support my proposal for:

- an ANPR camera to be switched on at peak times only
- For there to be a segregated cycle lane with traffic calming measures
- Plus exemption for blue badge holders at all times

This ANPR proposal is supported by all three elected representatives for Littlemore. It has been made with the intention to reduce bad feeling and bridge the divide that exists in the Littlemore area.

We are not asking for the complete removal of the LTN. We are asking for a modest modification of one filter on the Littlemore Road.

As councillors we have been to spoken to many people and found that, for many, lives have been made significantly more difficult because of the increase travel time. This is particularly true for those who live on the outskirts of Littlemore in Herschel Crescent and Sandy Lane West.

Many people in Littlemore are not able to find alternative means of travel - because of the nature their jobs and families. Getting around is taking much longer now. Carers and the elderly are particularly effected. There is a significant elderly population. Littlemore residents do not have local access to a GP or dental surgery. The doctor's surgery is 1.5 miles away in Donnington and there is no direct bus connection to the hospital or surgery.

The geographic isolation and lack of reliable buses add to the difficulties that residents face.

We believe that our proposal is one of fair compromise. One that will enable cyclists and families to travel safely with a segregated cycle lane and, at the same time, allow the flexibility of movement by switching the camera on at peak traffic times only.

This practical solution would not only benefit the wider community - it would diffuse the frustration and potentially spread the load of congestion that we now see in South Westbury Crescent and Church Cowley Road

If the ANPR camera is approved for buses, we would like segregated cycle lane to improve cycling safety throughout the day

Question for Andrew Gant: Can you guarantee that a bus will be available to take residents to their appointments? And will Blue badge holders be exempt too?

It is following extensive engagement that we arrived at our consensus position and led to what we believe is a fair proposal that takes into consideration all residents that are hearing on the doorstep.

From listening to all residents, we are hoping to bridge the divide the Littlemore. As the County Councillor I would support full engagement with the community for this proposal is agreed. It is important the residents have a say in what is the right solution for them on LTNs. Please consider and support our proposal for further consultation.

Happy to take questions