

## **Sarah Lockyer: Low Transport Area Statement**

I am a wheelchair, user. It is my main form of transport, as well as the bus.

On main roads I wheel on the pavements, but on the side roads, such as in Florence Park, I often need to wheel on the road. This is because the pavements are often blocked by parked cars or bins and other random items. Pavements are also hard work in a wheelchair, due to the camber and the positioning of the drop-kerbs and the many side street kerbs I need to climb up and down. The pavements are also often very uneven. Because of this it is important for me that traffic is reduced.

I live near to the junction of Cornwallis Road and Rymers Lane, which before the LTNs were very busy, and dangerous, with frequent speeding traffic and inevitable accidents. Cars whizzing past forced me into the kerb, which because of the camber of the road. This is difficult and unpleasant for me.

I love the LTNs ! They have transformed these roads and my life! As there are fewer cars I can wheel in the road if I need to and they can easily drive past me and I can safely pull in if I hear a car approaching - it works well.

I also love seeing more people cycling and walking around Florence Park.

My father sometimes drives to pick me up. He doesn't find it a problem to slightly alter his route due to the LTN, in fact he prefers the LTN being there, because the reduced traffic makes it easier for him to load my wheelchair (and me) in and out of his car.

Both my neighbours are also keen on the LTN. One family have young children who cycle to school in East Oxford. The other family do love their cars, but they also love our now quiet road so their grandchildren can play safely. Last summer the LTN inspired them to repair their bikes to resume cycling again.

I really hope our LTNs become permanent and I am pleased that LTNs have been installed in other dangerous roads like Divinity Road and Magdalen Rd. It would be awful if we had to go back to the previous situation.