

Sadiea Mustafa-Awan's Statement
Meeting of the Cabinet Member for Highway Management 22 June 2023 at 10am

I am addressing you today as a member of the public not as a Parish Councillor for Littlemore.

I don't want to sound like a broken record. It is clear that your mind is made up. My position in relation to the Cowley LTNs has not changed. I remain 100% against them and I won't waste my time or yours going over why. You have identified there are winners and losers. It is clear that you have no issue with Littlemore losing again.

I will say that you have made my son's life harder and my life as a mother of child with additional needs that much harder. That what you have taken from me is my respite time. Precious time needed to protect my mental health and recharge so I can be a good parent. It is clear you couldn't care less. People like me and my family, my neighbours and my community are collateral damage in your campaign for net zero. After all, this is not about making people's lives convenient.

The Council's motto is, "*equality and integrity in all we do...*" I would like to remind you of this. I met with you Councillor Gant in good faith and took my time to show you the issues with the LTNs. I used that word often not used in politics, "**compromise.**"

Whilst you have denied my requests to allow residents access through Crowell Road, I am pleased that you listened to the concerns raised in part to allow emergency services access through the proposed ANPR camera on Crowell Road and I have no objections to the list of exemptions proposed. What I cannot reconcile myself with, is that your proposal does not allow access for those with a blue badge. If you proceed with this recommendation today without amending it, to allow access to the most vulnerable within our community, you are not fit to hold the office you do. You know this is wrong and you have the power to fix it!

I also do not understand why Littlemore is being treated differently to the rest of the City. The camera on the High Street has operational hours but the two in Littlemore will be on 24/7! I would like an explanation as to why an area, which has been identified as being in the top 20% of the most deprived areas in the Country, is being treated differently and so poorly by this administration?

Panorama reported that ANPR cameras have raised £70 million in fines UK wide! I understand that once again Littlemore will be a cash cow for the rest of Oxfordshire and you will no doubt raise a lot of money from fines, which you intend to put into a Transport pot for the County. Will Littlemore have priority over this money? Will you be using this money to improve Littlemore's inadequate infrastructure?

I would like to know what the plan is for Mayfair Road? After more than 2 years of raising with this administration that it is **DANGEROUS** to have three planters, which prevents emergency services from having any access, you have failed to address this issue. Why?

Littlemore deserves answers and accountability from this administration. Meanwhile, I will continue to fight the social injustice of this policy and the unfairness that clean air is a post code lottery!

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