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## Response to your letter to Health and Wellbeing Board members

Dear,

Thank you for your question, dated 22nd September, regarding Low Traffic Neighbourhoods. I believe that your question was addressed to health practitioners on the board, and as an elected official without formal training in public health, it would be inappropriate for me to respond to you directly.

I have asked colleagues from our public health team to respond to your question, and they have provided the following response:

“In response to your question related to health practitioners’ involvement in the monitoring of and research into the health and wellbeing impacts resulting from the creation of LTNs, the NHS does not routinely monitor these impacts.

Routine monitoring of the impacts of LTNs is undertaken on behalf of local partners by Hackney Council, using the measures outlined below which are known to be strongly linked to key health outcomes. Directly measuring the health impacts of traffic control measures, such as LTNs, is complicated. It is very difficult to reliably assign cause and effect outside of a controlled study and these types of study take time to design, implement and evaluate.

[Such a study](#) in London, funded by the National Institute for Health Research and in which Hackney is participating, will be completed in 2025.

The Council measures the impacts of LTNs through traffic counters, air quality monitoring and active travel data<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>. We outline the borough-wide impacts of LTNs

<sup>1</sup> <https://tfl.gov.uk/corporate/about-tfl/how-we-work/planning-for-the-future/consultations-and-surveys#on-this-page-1>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/walking-and-cycling-statistics-england-2021>

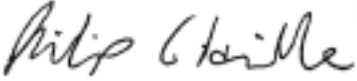
<sup>3</sup> <https://activelives.sportengland.org/>

<sup>4</sup> We also survey Hackney school children every year on how they travel to school

below, using information that we have collected to date, which shows an overall reduction in traffic flow and improvement in air quality, in line with wider research evidence. We will have more data on walking and cycling impacts towards the end of the year.”

I trust that this answers your question. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Philip Glanville". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

**Philip Glanville**  
Mayor of Hackney