

Questions Submitted on Low Traffic Neighbourhoods

The responses to these questions are attached.

Question 1

Can medical professionals on the board please explain involvement of any health or medical professionals in the monitoring of and research into the health & well-being impacts resulting from the creation of Low Traffic Neighbourhoods for those benefiting and for those now living and perhaps most importantly attending schools and nurseries on roads traffic has been re-routed?

Question 2

In terms of health and well-being, could health practitioners on the Board please explain the public health benefits of displacing traffic from roads with relatively low levels of air pollution onto residential & community roads already known to have higher levels of air pollution?

Question 3

As someone who has been prescribed a second inhaler since the implementation of Low Traffic Neighbourhoods, I would like to know what measures local health practitioners (and more generally the NHS) have been taking to monitor, research and address the harmful respiratory health impacts of pollution over the past 2 years with respect to those living, working or going to school on roads now receiving high volumes of relocated traffic? If nothing has been done in this regard, why not?

Questions 4

I suffer from COPD, Bronchiectasis and Asthma. My question is why have the council failed to implement the Department of transport directive on LTN's which state the elderly and blue badge holders should not be affected by the LTN's. I ask this question as the closures have had a really negative affect on my life and my ability to lead a normal one. I did not see myself as disabled prior to their implementation but I certainly do now.

Question 5

Much is being made by the council about LTNs tackling climate change, but where is the evidence that LTNs reduce the amount of overall fuel burnt, rather than simply deterring a small proportion of short journeys by making everyone else drive further and queue longer, resulting in an overall increase in fuel burnt? LTNs demonstrably increase traffic, pollution

and congestion on boundary roads which are often bus routes. The slowness of bus services is a common reason for people not choosing to travel by bus. Why does the council choose to slow them further by funnelling all the traffic into bus routes? Given that buses disproportionately serve poorer members of the community, surely undermining the viability of buses increases inequalities.