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Ref- Kirkham Lane Bathwick

Proposed shared use with cyclists

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I have lived in Powlett Road with my family for the past 46 years and we use Kirkham Lane almost daily to reach the local shops, walk to the city centre and visit Henrietta Park. I am against shared use with cyclists for the following reasons.

Kirkham Lane connects the densely populated Bathwick Estate with the very busy main road of Bathwick Street so it is always very busy with pedestrians both young and old going about their business and the length of the lane is so short it takes just one minute to walk its entire length so cycling would gain very little extra time if any

Powlett Court is built along one side of the lane which have apartments owned mainly by elderly residents with their own footpath and gate leading directly on to the lane and opposite two other garden gates and the entrance to a small electricity sub station. The lane itself is narrow and already has two concrete lamp standards, one metal lamp standard a wooden telegraph pole plus its support and a metal post with instructions, for cyclists, all taking up valuable space. It is most important to point out that stone walling runs the entire length of the lane on both sides so there is no extra room for manoeuvre, FOR EXAMPLE If an elderly couple returning home from the shops each carrying a shopping bag to spread the load holding on to each other for support or maybe with walking sticks, if approached by a cyclist there is not enough room for them to pass safely, the same applies if a grown up is pushing a bulky pram with a small child running along side. We are not discussing a quiet country lane here, if we were I would wholeheartedly agree to shared use ours is a busy pedestrian passageway in constant use seven days a week and it takes just one minute to walk it from beginning to end.

I would like to say to the cyclist, please consider your elderly neighbours, such as myself, push your bicycle for that one minute and it will give you the opportunity to show by example, especially to the young that you respect the law and to the decision makers please don't change things for the minority cyclists and put us the majority pedestrians under stress and in fear of an accident.

PLEASE VOTE AGAINST THIS PROPOSAL AND KEEP EVERYONE SAFE

THANK YOU