

- I am here as the coordinator of a Community Speedwatch Team, we conduct speedwatch sessions on Winifred's Lane and Cavendish Road in Lower Lansdown
- Before I begin I want to acknowledge that the subject of Liveable Neighbourhood traffic planning polarises opinion. There are residents who will accept a small amount of motoring inconvenience and there are some who want no change. I accept that this is a difficult situation for the Council and can only refer to the Council's policy objectives.
- In addition the Adopted Local Plan Partial Update policy SB24 details the requirement for traffic reduction and calming in our area at policy 220L. This is a statutory document.
- Our group formed following a serious collision which occurred at Cavendish Place several years ago. Cavendish Road is used as a rat run for traffic which has made it unsafe for local users of the road. Normally we see volumes of up to 400 per hour at peak times.
- At that time 656 residents in the area signed a petition calling for calmer streets in the Lansdown Area.
- There has been an extensive LN consultation process and design workshops which produced a significant level of support for interventions to be trialled in the area.
- Our Group now supports the proposed ETRO for Lower Lansdown, we support the trial because in our opinion after conducting sessions and observing the through traffic behaviour and volume we expect more accidents to occur if traffic is not reduced and calmed.
- The traffic volumes have increased and speeds are faster, (including larger vehicles).
- The speed limit of 20 mph is being violated to dangerous levels on Cavendish Road
- Children's walking and cycling routes to school are worsened by this situation
- The roads affected have many multiple occupancy flats, close to the roads, few with off street parking. Whilst there are a small number of single occupancy homes there are many private rented flats on the actual affected roads.
- Several factors are impacting and will impact further on the use of Cavendish Road if we do nothing
 - The Queen Square management has displaced north/south traffic into our area
 - Sat Navs are showing our local streets as fastest route into/out of town and to the Royal Crescent and Charlotte Street car park
 - Cavendish Road is an attractive/fast route for rat running.
- We believe that change is long overdue, the trial is a reasonable way of getting this positive change for the area.

Thank you for your time.