

Councillors, I'm speaking on behalf of my fellow resident, Alexandra Watkins, about the proposed ETRO to block Winifreds Lane and Lansdown Crescent.

I'm John Morgan.

In a nutshell, this is a prime example of what has made some LTNs so unnecessarily controversial elsewhere in the UK.

The roads to the east of Cavendish ie Park Street, St James Square etcetera are, in all but name, already LTNs.

The Cavendish Road/Winifreds Lane/Sion Road alignment is, in LTN speak, an arterial road.

This peak period route is one of only four south/north routes, the others being Lansdown Lane to the west and Lansdown Road and the A46 to the east.

I attended the co-design workshop in July 22. The only intervention proposed for Winifreds was one traffic calming hump!

But, 17 months later, with no more work apparent, we have this incendiary proposal dropped on our community. No baseline studies. No risks identified. No mitigating measures.

It seems that the Council is choosing to proceed with closures to create chaos and be non-compliant with its own LTN policies rather than select appropriate solutions.

Your experiment with more congestion and pollution could endanger the safety and health of school children and the medically vulnerable.

I represent the voices of hundreds if not thousands of locals - they are up in arms.

Residents who know the area well, yet residents your consultants have meticulously excluded.

Supposed beneficiaries such as Lansdown Crescent are in representational disarray. There is even opposition from Cavendish Road.

Diverted motorists will be forced along Sion Hill Place's blind corners and narrow pavements and past Kingswood's primary school and nursery exit.

OR, via Julian Road with its shops, doctors surgery and St Andrews primary school. And this just after the Council has successfully improved the street-scape, actually forming a more Liveable Neighbourhood. Soon to be reversed I fear!

To Morford Street with its socially deprived Ballance Street flats; again residents who were never consulted.

And finally to clogged and narrow Lansdown Road and one of the most dangerous junctions in Bath.

All this without any apparent consideration of the 31 Park & Ride, emergency services or pedestrians on Lansdown Road.

Cllr Rigby said, *'We are committed to delivering our Liveable Neighbourhood programme because we want streets where everyone is safe'*.

Councillors, in your heart of hearts will this experiment truly, '**make everyone safe**'?

I urge you to reconsider this misconceived experiment.

Thank you.

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6.30pm Guidhall