

R Hushon statement

Good morning panel

I am here in a personal capacity as a respondent and resident of Lansdown, living within the trial area and a participant in community speedwatch sessions on Cavendish Road and Winifred's lane. I request that you decline the call in.

The council have run a rigorous,

fair and extensive consultation process which has made huge efforts to engage with a very wide group of individuals far beyond organised community groups.

The linked experimental scheme was informed by this and designed by officers to improve walking and cycling routes and to reduce through traffic using Cavendish Road northbound.

The trial has achieved this objective by cutting northbound through traffic on Cavendish road by up to 800 cars per day. There is a slight inconvenience to drivers of under a minute. The disinformation propagated relating to impacts on Julian Road has been proven wrong by the data.

I have witnessed a lot more walkers and cyclists in the area using e and cargo bikes especially parents cycling to St Stephens.

There is a key difference in attitudes to the trial within the trial area. Those who walk/cycle or use public transport predominantly tend to support it. Those who don't support it predominantly drive private cars for their principal mode of travel. This must inform any decision making.

The report details the linked scheme as a good scheme which could be improved. I agree with the recommendations.

I would like to address the school run traffic for Kingswood independent prep school. The data suggests school related vehicles are using the route northbound past the prep school exit gate. This gate is a significant distance from the actual school and by 9.10 in the morning and after school pick up this traffic has largely gone. Yet I would still urge the school and parents who are driving this route to develop and implement a better traffic management plan such as a school park and stride scheme or even a term time school street to address an issue which concerns some residents from Sion Hill

Finally the trial is actually supported by a significant group of locals who want positive change in line with council policy. They agree with the recommendations that the scheme is a good scheme and believe it should not be removed, improvements can be made and it should be made permanent.

Thank you for your consideration