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Dear Katherine

Crystal Palace LTN

Officers and Members at Bromley have now had a chance to read the report being presented to Croydon's Traffic Management Advisory Committee (TMAC) on Tuesday, regarding the Crystal Palace LTN:

https://democracy.croydon.gov.uk/documents/s26662/TMAC%2012%20Jan%20LTN_Finalv2.pdf

Our comments to this report are set out below and I would be grateful if you can ensure that these are presented to the TMAC for their consideration prior to reaching any decision on Tuesday evening.

It appears that although the overwhelming response to the consultation is in favour of all measures being removed, the recommendation is that the current scheme should remain but be enforced with ANPR instead of barriers. We appreciate that this will allow residents of the LTN, district nurses and emergency services vehicles to pass through, but not any other traffic. However, this outcome would not help the residents of the Bromley streets that have been so negatively affected.

We understand that the consultation was not a referendum, but it appears that the public responses have been discounted entirely.

Section 5.12 of the report states:

“Those living within the area of the Temporary LTN that responded, did so in the following ways:

Introduction of ANPR enforced LTN:

- *Agree or Strongly Agree with implementing an ANPR solution: 392 (26%)* •
- *Disagree or Strongly Disagree with implementing an ANPR solution: 951 (62%)*

Should the scheme remain in its current format?

• Agree or Strongly Agree with the scheme remaining: 236 (15%) • Disagree or Strongly Disagree with scheme remaining: 1,136 (75%)

Should the scheme be removed in its entirety?

• Agree or Strongly Agree with removing the scheme: 932 (61%) • Disagree or Strongly Disagree with removing scheme: 345 (23%)

In summary, of those living within the LTN area that responded, 75% disagreed with scheme remaining and 62% disagreed with the implementation of an ANPR enforced LTN. However this only represents the views of people in around 25% households in the LTN area, the majority of people did not provide a response suggesting that they don't have a particular view on this scheme."

Section 2.6 of the report states:

"A Total of 4315 responses to the main consultation were received (and analysed) from across London (and wider). The consultation demonstrating what the Secretary of State for Transport has called 'the noise and passion schemes can generate'. It has not achieved what the Secretary of State is asking for in terms gathering a 'truly representative picture of local views'. The views received are from much wider than the 'local'. The population sample does not reflect the population within the Temporary LTN Area especially in terms of age profile and ethnicity. The Secretary of State reminds us that consultation 'should not be confused with listening only to the loudest voices or giving any one group a veto'."

So despite a reasonable response rate at 25%, with the majority wishing to see the scheme removed entirely, the recommendation is to discount these responses.

Bromley is aware of the strength of feeling of residents in the area who see no benefit from the scheme and only experience a negative impact. The impact on Bromley residents is, of course, of particular concern.

The formal position of Bromley Council on this matter is that we would wish to see the scheme removed in its entirety, due to the ongoing negative impacts on traffic flow and congestion in some streets within the LTN (e.g. Milestone Road, Patterson Road, Cintra Park) and on the perimeter of the scheme (Anerley Hill), whereby ongoing congestion is likely to lead to an overall decrease in air quality for residents in this road and nearby. As such, we would respectfully suggest that until such times as studies have been undertaken into air quality along the A214 corridor, the existing scheme is removed and the proposed new ANPR scheme is not implemented, until such time as the impact on air quality is known.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely

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