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December 17th

Dear Katherine Kerswell,

Initially, I wrote to Croydon Council on the 27th July to raise concerns about the impact of the LTN scheme. I also spoke to the former Croydon Cabinet Member for transport and expressed my deep concerns with the scheme, as well as having written to the Secretary of State for Transport to raise my concerns and request any further assistance he can provide. Unfortunately, this matter remains a major issue locally - my constituents have continued to be impacted with reports of increased road rage, traffic and road closures.

London Borough of Bromley challenged the legality of the LTN scheme, due to the failure of Croydon to consult with LBB before implementing the scheme. I welcomed the news that Croydon Council allowed a formal consultation on the final agreed proposals, allowing residents to comment formally on the proposals. However, I was disappointed to have been informed last week that the consultation was extended by another 14 days as local businesses were not included in the first consultation. It is right that local businesses are consulted, but I had hoped that this would have been done at the outset. The consultation, therefore, ends on Friday and the outcome will not be known until early January causing further delay and distress to those affected.

My view remains unchanged, I believe that if a better scheme can work for both Boroughs, it should be trialled first. If this isn't possible then the current roadblocks should be voted out and the idea abandoned as it simply has not worked in practice.

There is a great strength of feeling on this issue and I have heard from residents about the significant impact that this is having on their lives.

I, therefore, ask again, that if a new scheme is voted for it is first tested in the community to establish it's efficiency. If this can not happen I would welcome the LTN zone being removed due to the impact on Bromley residents.

I request my views are formally submitted in the consultation and would greatly appreciate an update on the outcome in January.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ellie Reeves".

Ellie Reeves
Member of Parliament for Lewisham West and Penge