

Littlemore Parish Council

Cowley Low Traffic Neighbourhood

1. These proposals will have a significant impact on residents of Littlemore, but many households have had no notification of them. Apparently letters were sent, but not to all addresses in the parish.
2. The Parish Council welcomes in principle attempts to reduce traffic danger, congestion and pollution and to encourage walking and cycling. We acknowledge that the proposals will make walking and cycling safer and more pleasant, in particular for children going to school.
3. The consultation document admits that the proposed road closures will lead to longer journeys for those who want or need to travel by car.
4. The main route north from the southern part of the parish will be along Oxford Road to the Littlemore roundabout. Oxford Road has had problems with congestion and speeding for many years, and the Littlemore roundabout is known to be over capacity.
5. The Cowley Centre is our nearest district hub, but is a half hour walk away from many residents, too far for elderly and disabled people to walk. The 16 bus service runs only every 30 minutes, every 60 minutes on Sundays.
6. Residents in the Sandy Lane West area will have a long detour to reach the rest of Littlemore by car without using the ring road. Older residents in particular dislike the Sandy Lane junction with the ring road, where traffic is often either fast or at a standstill.

Littlemore Parish Council does not wish to oppose the proposed changes. However when the scheme is evaluated, we request that the impact on Littlemore is given the same attention as the streets directly affected:

- Possible increased congestion at Oxford Road and Littlemore roundabout
- Effect on traffic volumes at Newman Road
- Specific problems caused to residents in the Sandy Lane West area
- Already existing difficulties in accessing by public transport the Cowley Centre, doctors' surgeries, buses connecting with the JR Hospital etc for those who cannot walk or cycle