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Dear Zina,

Low Traffic Neighbourhoods

Thank you for your response to my letter of 18 May regarding the need to take rapid action to improve cycling and walking networks as lockdown eases. Please do also pass on my thanks to local government staff for all their hard work in responding to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

I welcome many of the measures proposed in your response but am disappointed that Haringey's plans only include two "low traffic neighbourhoods" in Tottenham and the Green Lanes / St Anne's area. I am concerned this doesn't reflect the level of need locally or the enthusiasm from people within Hornsey & Wood Green to see Haringey Council respond ambitiously and swiftly to this opportunity to transform our streets and neighbourhoods. Failure to use this opportunity to transform our public spaces risks pushing people into car use which would be devastating for our planet.

I have been contacted by a number of residents across Hornsey & Wood Green who share my concerns and I urge you to work closely with stakeholders including Haringey Cycling Campaign and Living Streets to expand the current proposals. Please can you also advise what consideration was given to the introduction of low traffic neighbourhoods in Hornsey & Wood Green, why none are included in the Council's proposals, what areas have been proposed for further action by residents using your new interactive Commonplace Map and how you intend to respond to these.

The window of opportunity for action this summer is closing and it is essential it isn't wasted.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine West
Member of Parliament for Hornsey & Wood Green