

Fox Lane Area Traffic Working Group - 4 FEB 2020

About 18 people present.

Paul was congratulated on the Council's abandonment of its 'Starbucks' plan.

Discussion lively but serious and good natured and, except for a few, a feeling that compromise will be necessary as some roads are heavily used as short cuts. Generally agreed this should be for the whole area and not just certain roads and some road closures will be required, but how that is done is debatable.

David Bird elaborated on what an acceptable plan might look like. He suggested a scheme based on the 'green poster' map but using ANPR rather than physical barriers. The group largely favours an ANPR solution to the problem of through traffic but recognises that the Council seems less keen.

There is some dispute with the Council concerning the costs, both capital and running, of ANPR. It was suggested objections might be more political than practical.

The results from the questionnaire were looked at. It was recognised that there were flaws and perceived bias in the questions, and that 100 replies is not many in an area of this size. However it showed some indication of local sentiment which is quite evenly split on many issues. It was suggested a full questionnaire organised by the Council might be a better indicator.

After discussion of many issues it was agreed that David Bird would write to the Council:

1. Supplying up-to-date information on ANPR cameras and requesting detailed costings for a local scheme.
2. Asking for proper assessment criteria to be applied to any trial particularly to surrounding roads.
3. Requesting that any scheme includes mitigation measures on the peripheral roads e.g. hedges, trees, pedestrian crossings, constrictions, etc.
4. Asking that the Council consult residents by means of a questionnaire detailing alternative schemes which can be put in order of preference. David will suggest alternatives.

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