

**Committee:** Cabinet Member Report

**Date:** 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024

**Agenda item:** N/A

**Wards:** Longthornton

**Subject:** Informal Consultation – Road Closure-Longthornton Road

**Lead officer:** Dan Jones, Director of Environment, Civic and Climate Department

**Lead member:** Councillor Stephen Alambritis MBE, Cabinet Member for Transport

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## **Recommendations:**

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That the Cabinet Member considers the issues detailed in this report and

- A) Notes the result of the informal consultation that was carried out between 19<sup>th</sup> of February and 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024 on the proposal to introduce a road closure on Longthornton Road as shown on plans attached in appendix 1.
- B) Considers the responses received to the informal consultation detailed in appendix 2.
- C) Agrees to abandon the proposed road closure.

## **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report presents the results of the informal consultation that was carried out to determine the level of support from residents for a road closure on Longthornton Road.

## **2. DETAILS**

- 2.1 Strategically placed road closures or banned movements are measures that are considered to address speed and volume of traffic in non-Distributor Roads whilst maintaining access.
- 2.2 Longthornton Road is residential road located between Stanford Road and Rowan Road. Due to its location, it offers a short cut between Stanford Road and Rowan Road.
- 2.3 As with the majority of the roads in the borough, Longthornton Road is subject to 20mph. However, the Council has received concerns regarding speed.
- 2.4 To determine extent of the problem, a traffic and volume survey was carried out between 1<sup>st</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023. The survey data showed that although the average speed is just above 20mph, the 85-percentile speed (i.e. 85% of traffic) in the southeast bound direction is 26.1mph and 27.7mph in the northwest bound direction. The total number of vehicles heading southeast bound was 10304 and 7730 heading northwest. A summary of the survey data is shown in appendix 3.

## **3. PROPOSED MEASURES**

- 3.1 To reduce rat running and speed of traffic and improve safety and perception of safety for the residents and all user groups, the Council proposed a non-physical road closure enforceable by a ANPR camera.

3.2 Three options were developed for the point of closure. All three options were put to the residents with the idea that if there was majority support for a closure, the option with the majority support would be progressed to statutory consultation. The options included:

1. Closure at Longthornton Road / Stanford Road junction
2. Closure at Longthornton Road / Rowan Rad junction.
3. Closure at Longthornton Road/ Hemlock Close junction.
4. No closure.

#### 4. CONSULTATION

4.1 To determine level of support for the proposed road closure and preferred option, an informal consultation was undertaken between 19th of February and 8th March 2024. A newsletter with a plan was also circulated to all the properties which would be directly affected by a potential closure i.e. Longthornton Road, Hemlock Close and Cranesbill Close, as shown in appendix 1. Residents were asked to provide feedback online by using a feedback link. Documents were also made available at the Link, Merton Civic Centre and on the Council's website. Residents were also advised that hard copies of the questionnaire would be provided upon request.

4.2 In total 384 responses were received. Of these, 18 were deemed invalid due to incomplete submissions, repeat submissions by the same person or no answers given. 14 emails independent of the online survey were also submitted, 10 of which had also submitted their feedback via the on-line questionnaire. All responses are detailed in appendix 2.

4.3 Of the remaining 366 valid responses, 78 (21%) were from within the controlled area (directly affected roads), and 288 (79%) were from primarily adjacent or nearby streets.

4.4 Of the 78 responses from **inside** the controlled area, 38 consider rat running to be a problem with 38 considering it not to be a problem and 2 are unsure.

4.4.1 Of the 78 responses from **inside** the controlled area only 18 support the road closure, 55 against and 5 not sure.

4.5 Of the 288 responses from **outside** the controlled area, 32 consider rat running to be a problem with 218 considering it not to be a problem with 38 unsure.

4.5.1 Of the 288 **outside** the controlled area only 6 support the road closure, 276 against and 6 unsure.

4.6 It should be noted that as a rule, with an informal consultation, when considering responses and making a decision, although feedback from outside the consultation area is noted and reported, the decision is made based on feedback from those within the consultation area. In this case, it is considered that those from outside the controlled area are not in a position to comment on a road within which they do not reside and are most likely unaware of the daily traffic issues along Longthornton Road.

4.7 Based on the feedback received there is an overwhelming lack of support for the proposed road closure. The general feeling from the residents within the consulted area is that a road closure would be an inconvenience, and a few would prefer other measures such as road humps to be considered. The overwhelming feeling outside the controlled area is that a road closure would lead to more congestion/pollution on nearby streets.

4.9 All the ward Councilors have been fully engaged during the informal consultation process.

#### 5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 Based on the overall feedback received and given the lack of support for the road closure, it is recommended that the proposed closure is abandoned.

## **6.0 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 6.1 Do Nothing. Although this will do nothing to reduce speed of traffic or rat running and will not address the ongoing concerns from some residents, it would be in line with the majority of the responses received.
- 6.2 To consider a speed camera. However, due to strict criteria set out by the Police and TFL it is not possible to consider a speed camera as the criteria cannot be met and a speed camera is only effective for a small length of the road.
- 6.3 To consider speed humps. These would discourage speeding, however, would not be as effective as a road closure in addressing rat running / volume of traffic. Vertical deflections such as road humps are effective at reducing speed of all traffic when placed at regular intervals along the road, as it encourages motorists to travel at a consistent low speed. However, there is noise and vibration associated with these features with reported crack line damage to property. These features can also be expensive with an ongoing maintenance costs. Although some residents have mentioned traffic calming, the majority do not consider there is a problem that requires intervention.
- 6.4 To introduce chicanes or buildouts. This option was not considered as a viable option as it would involve the removal of significant amount of parking and will not address the reported run running or traffic volumes. In some instances, chicanes can result to an increase in speed as some drivers consider them as a challenge and at times resulting in motorists driving to on the wrong side of the road. And no one resident would want such a feature outside their home.
- 6.5 To introduce the proposed closure. This, however, will not be in line with the majority feedback received.

## **7.0 FINANCIAL RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 NA

## **8.0 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 N/A

## **9.0 HUMAN RIGHTS & EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHENSION IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1 N/A

## **10. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATION**

- 10.1 N/A

## **11.0 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 11.1 N/A

### **APPENDICES**

The following documents are to be published with this report and form part of the report.

Appendix 1- Newsletter / Plan

Appendix 2- Consultation analysis and comments

Appendix 3- Automatic Traffic Survey- summary data

MERTON COUNCIL

## Longthornton Road – Road Closure



Informal consultation  
February/March 2024

Cllr Stephen Alambritis MBE  
Cabinet Member for Transport



To address rat running and speed, the Council is considering the introduction of a road closure along Longthornton Road. To facilitate unhindered access for emergency services, the closure will be non-physical and will be enforced by an ANPR camera.

Three options have been developed for the point of closure and if there is support for a closure, the option with the majority support will be progressed to statutory consultation. Options include:

1. Closure at Longthornton Rd / Stanford Rd junction
2. Closure at Longthornton Rd / Rowan Rd junction
3. Closure at Longthornton Rd / Hemlock Close junction
4. No closure

To ensure sufficient space for a turning head at the point of closure, there will be a need for some parking restrictions which will be subject to a statutory consultation should one of the options be progressed.

### LET US KNOW YOUR VIEWS

To determine the preferred option and level of support, we are undertaking an informal consultation between 19<sup>th</sup> February to 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024. The decision on the preferred option and whether to proceed with the next step, which would involve a statutory consultation on the preferred option, will be subject to the responses received during this consultation. We would ask that you submit your questionnaire online using the feedback link <https://consult.merton.gov.uk/survey/965> posted on the website [Low traffic neighbourhoods | Merton Council](#)

If, however, you require a hard copy, please contact Traffic & Highways on 020 8545 3700 and one will be posted to you. **Please provide your full postal address and quote Longthornton Closure**

**Please note that at this stage, it is only one response per address.**

Should some residents be minded forwarding a petition for or against, it is important to note that although a petition will be reported, a decision will be based on the responses received directly from individual households.

We regret that due to the number of responses received during an informal consultation, it will not be possible to reply to each respondent. We welcome your comments on this proposal, which will be noted and included within the proposed measures where appropriate.

### WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

The results of the consultation along with officers' recommendations will be shared with all Ward Councillors and presented to the Cabinet Member for Transport for a decision. Once a decision is made you will be informed accordingly.

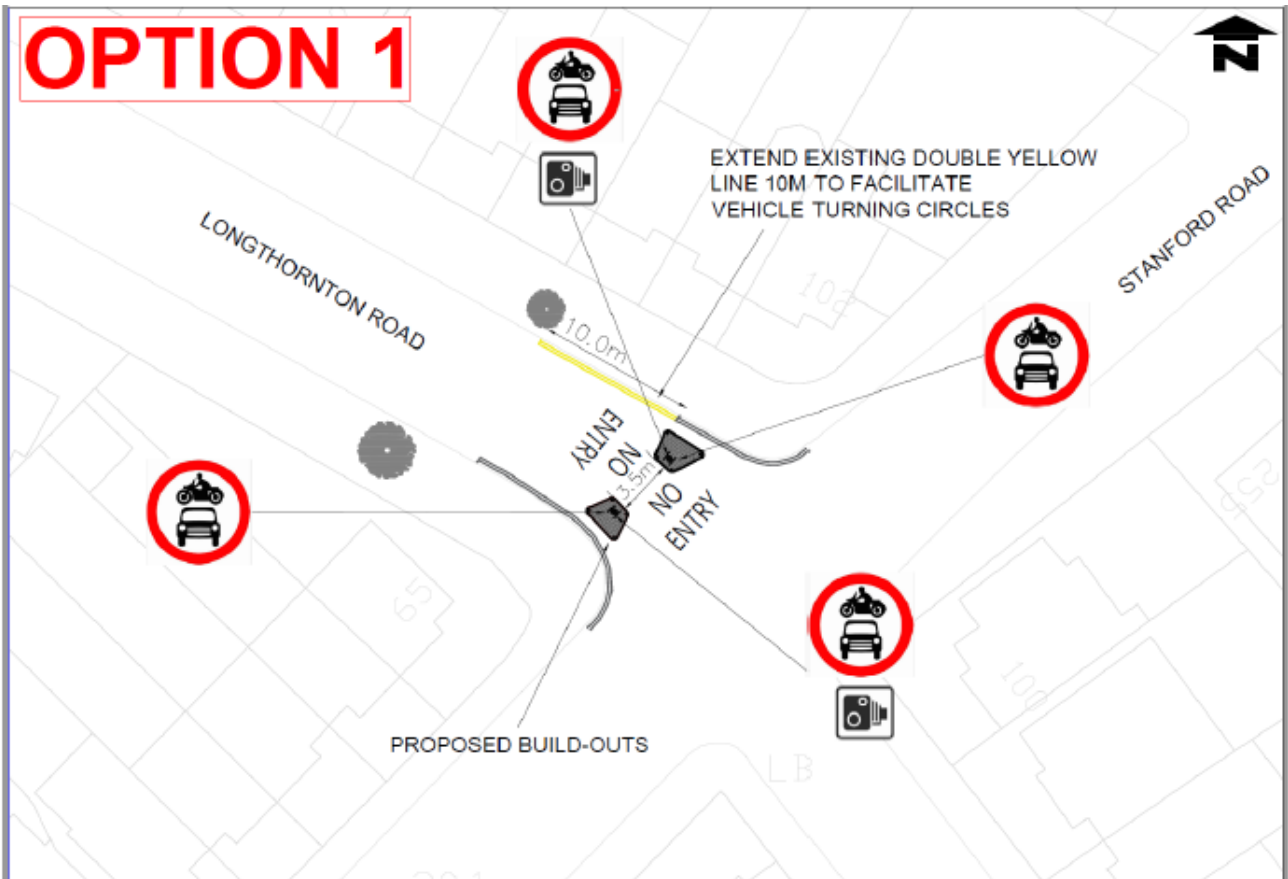
To view the plan of the proposal on a larger scale and for all updates, please refer to the website. [Low traffic neighbourhoods | Merton Council](#)

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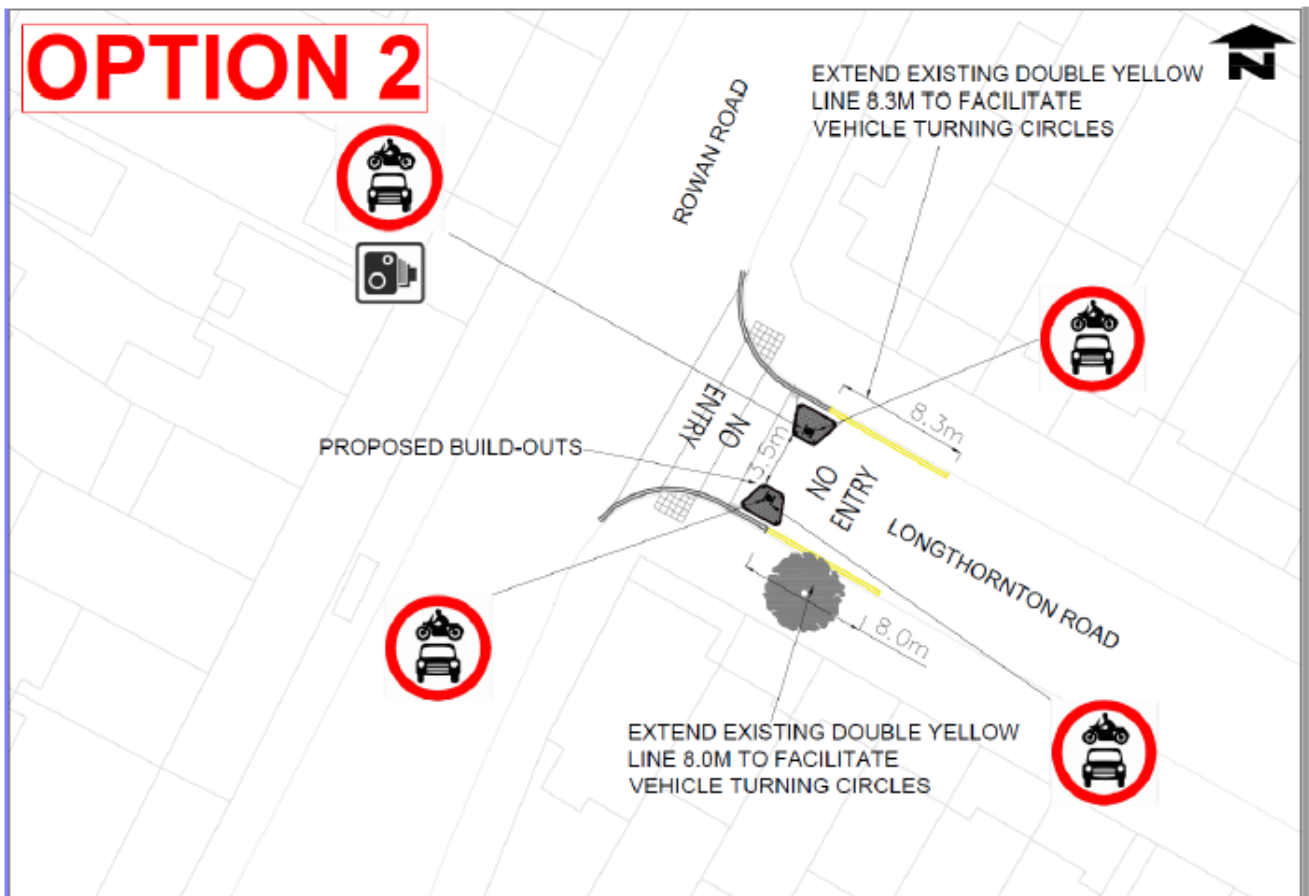
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# OPTION 1



# OPTION 2



# OPTION 3



EXTEND EXISTING DOUBLE YELLOW LINE 9M TO FACILITATE VEHICLE TURNING CIRCLES



9.0m

HEMLOCK CLOSE



PROPOSED BUILD-OUTS

INTRODUCE 11M OF DOUBLE YELLOW LINE TO FACILITATE VEHICLE TURNING CIRCLES

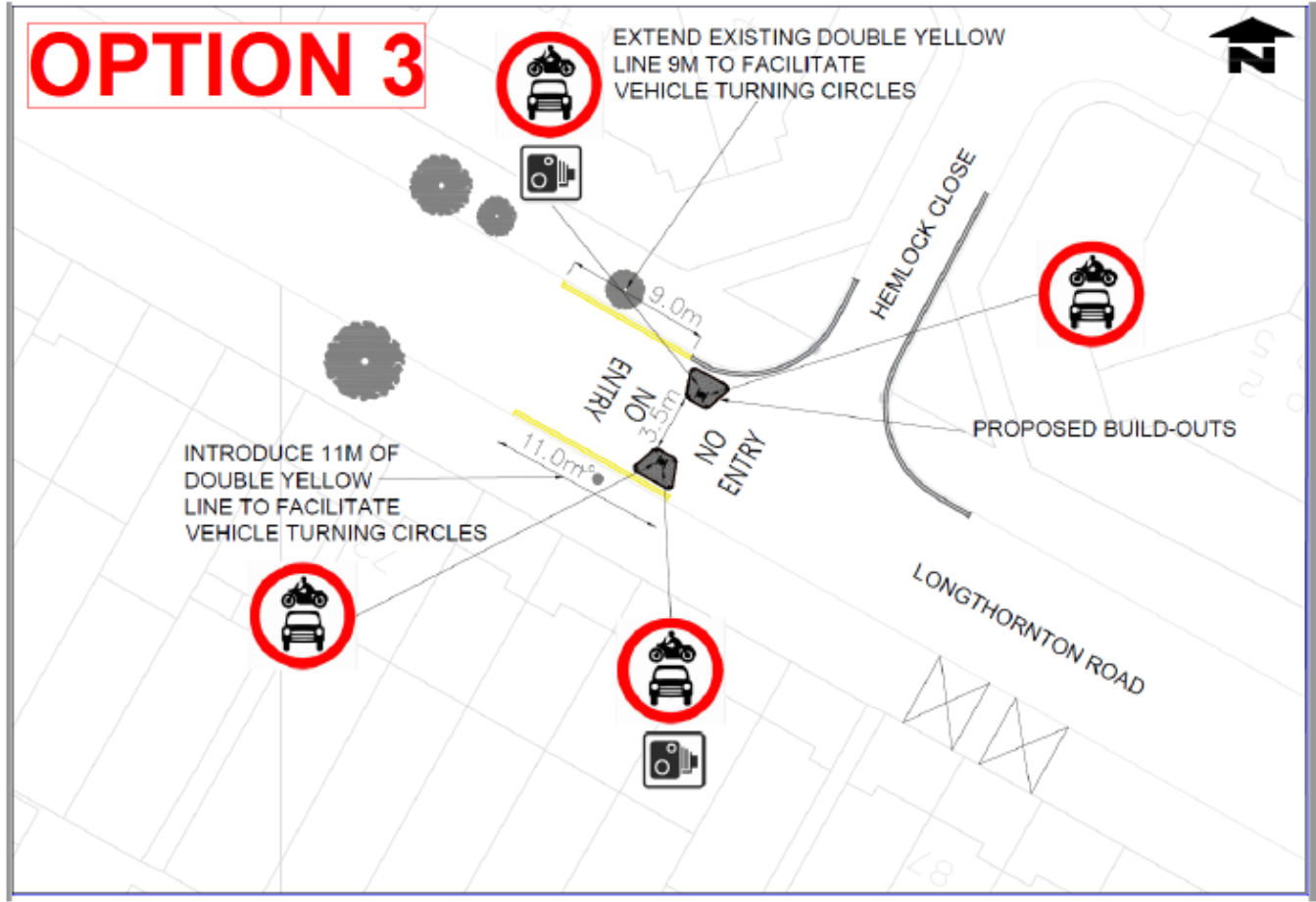
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LONGTHORNTON ROAD



**Response Rate**

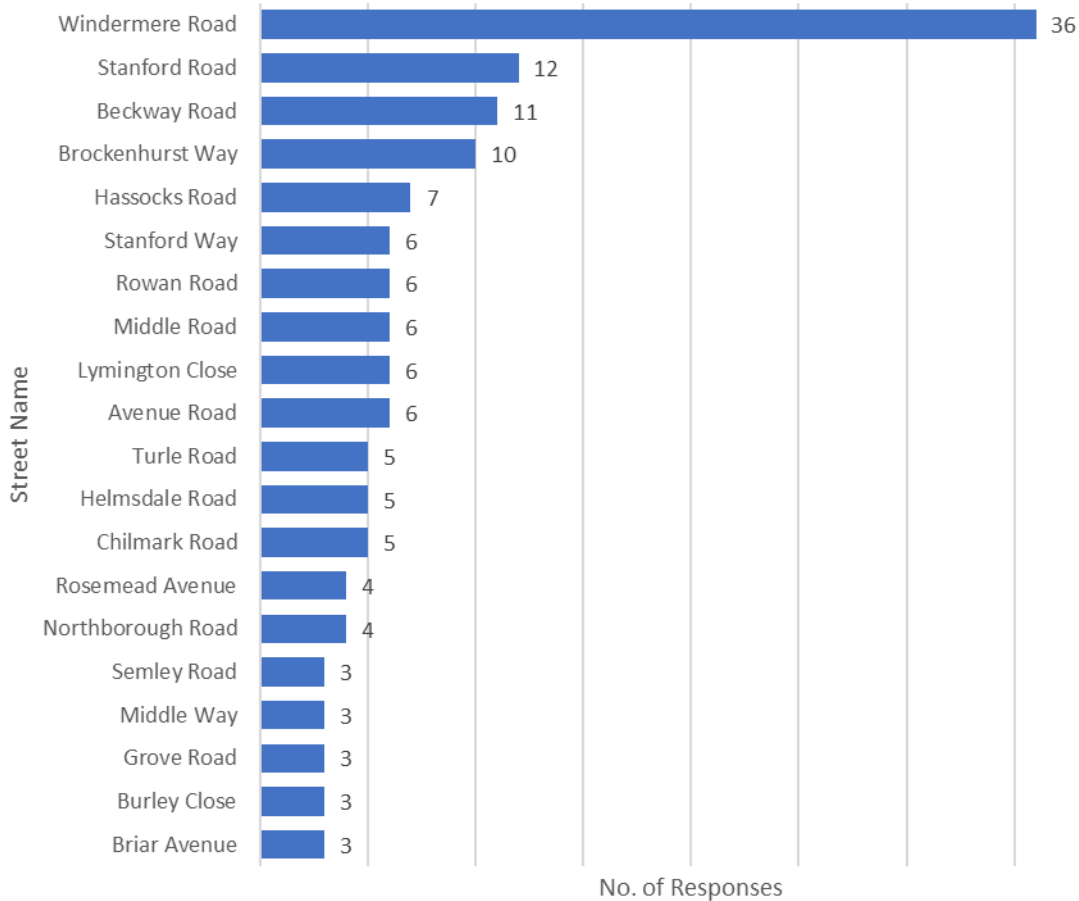
Street	No. of Addresses	No. of Responses	% Response Rate
Cranesbill Close	13	5	38%
Hemlock Close	103	31	30%
Longthornton Road	138	42	30%
Stanford Way	1	0	30%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>31%</b>

**Responses to the questionnaire**

Questions	Inside Controlled Area					Outside Controlled Area				GRAND TOTAL
	YES	NO	NOT SURE	TOTAL		YES	NO	NOT SURE	TOTAL	
Is rat-running a problem?	38	38	2	78		32	218	38	288	366
Do you support a road closure?	18	55	5	78		6	276	6	288	366
Option 1 (Longthornton & Stanford)	14	61	3	78		4	274	10	288	366
Option 2 (Longthornton & Rowan)	10	65	3	78		5	276	7	288	366
Option 3 (Longthornton & Hemlock)	16	55	7	78		8	263	17	288	366

The majority of responses from outside the consultation area came from Windermere Road (36), then Stanford Road (12), Beckway Road (11) and Brockenhurst Way (10). There were many other roads who also commented but very few from each. Please see table which shows all those roads with 3 or more responses. The primary reason the responses are so high from Windermere Road is that if Longthornton Road was to be closed, then through traffic/rat-running will be likely to use this street.

## Number of responses from streets outside the controlled area



### **Submitted Comments**

The majority of respondents also made comments on the proposals. These have been categorised by subject / issue and the number of times the issue has been raised.

Subject	Number of Comments	
	Inside controlled area	Outside controlled area
Inconvenience	18	76
Speeding – NO	13	4
Speeding – YES	13	2
Disproportionate	7	15
Won't Work	2	10
Other Measures	28	64
Add to Pollution	10	30
Add to Congestion	13	75
Operation	7	0
Public Transport	2	9
Safety	2	9
Waste of Money	7	2



- Inconvenience  
General disruption and inconvenience to residents accessing and parking
- Speeding - NO  
Speeding and rat-running is NOT considered a particular problem
- Speeding - YES  
Speeding and rat-running IS considered a particular problem, with some anecdotal evidence given of recorded speeds.
- Disproportionate  
The proposals are an overkill and disproportionate to any problems in the street.
- Won't Work  
The proposals will not have the desired/stated effect.
- Other Measures  
Other measures that are simpler, cheaper and more effective should be considered, such as traffic calming, speed cameras, better policing, signage and other smaller restrictions.
- Add to Pollution  
The proposals will force people to take longer routes and increase pollution.
- Add to Congestion
- Longer routes will add to congestion in the surrounding streets.
- Operation  
Lack of clarity on aspects of how the proposals will operate, with many questions asked and the effect on visitors, tradespeople etc.
- Public Transport  
The proposal will have negative effects on public transport due to more congestion on surrounding roads.
- Safety  
Proposal will have a negative impact on safety in the closed off area due to less parking and likely increased speeds, making it a less pleasant place for residents and children.
- Waste of Money  
A range of comments relating to wasting council tax, generating cash and restricting basic freedoms of movement.
- Those residents who think speeding is a problem do not agree with the proposals and feel alternatives such as traffic calming would be more appropriate.
- A number of respondents are concerned that the proposals will reduce on-street parking.
- Nearly a quarter of comments were calling for other measures to be considered.
- The perception of whether there was a speeding/rat-running problem was split evenly.
- The next highest occurrence was relating to the inconvenience the proposals would have for residents, which seemed to outweigh whether they thought there was a problem with traffic.

## Comments from online Questionnaire-Inside Controlled Area

Do you Support road closure?	Comments
Yes	Very good idea as the speeding specially over night is becoming ridiculous. closing right in the middle is the best option so that people leaving at the top or bottom of the rod don't need to cross all the way true
Yes	Possibly a fairer option to close from Longthornton Rd/Hemlock Close Junction. This will mean access from both sides. This will avoid traffic driving the full length of Longthornton Rd; which will not control speeding, from one end of the road to the other.
Yes	It's not clear how my or guest cars will be permitted to use the road to visit my address and without PCN? Also, what are the pros and cons of each option, especially the stop at hemlock and Longthornton?
Yes	I would appreciate if the road closer was in the middle of longthornton Road as this would allow people to access there homes from both sides of the road rather than closing the road from either end.
Yes	All options are good, but we prefer option three. That way, it will filter the traffic from both ends for the residents despite the loss of parking. We previously asked the council to close the road with an emergency gate, making Longthornton Road a dead-end road. Not everyone is going to be happy because it is an inconvenience to them to go the long way round, but the residents have to deal with the endurance of the noise and pollution. We are glad something is being done before something serious happens
Yes	I have ticked agree to all options because I am fed up with the speeding down this road. I do however think alternative options would be better- such as bits of pavements that gradient out with overtaking signs which would force traffic to slow. I am less keen on fully closing the road because as a resident I like to use both entrances an exits. But I honestly do not know how anyone hasn't been killed down this road with the speeds people go at.
Yes	I have been doing a CRW and the rat run and speeding is horrendous we did suggest speed humps but got told no to do with this now, i was thinking about maybe a give way option where Hemlock Close is like what is on rowan road as this has been suggested to me by a few residents as a lot of people don't want it closed but we have had some people i think you will find doing this survey that don't even live on this road or hemlock close and i don't think they should be taken into consideration there vote at all as they are not residents as they have been commenting on the Nextdoor App where someone posted it, Me and a few other residents have put a lot of work into getting this road sorted especially one resident who got us all on board with the roadwatch and we recorded 1 vehicle that was doing 72mph and we have recorded up to over 50 vehicles in a hour with a royal mail van doing 56mph,this is in all sorts of weather and we will not have people who live outside dictate and try influence this
Yes	I think this is a great idea. Rat running / high speed cars along Longthornton Road is a problem.
Yes	I am happy either closure on Option 1 closure from Stanford Road / Longthornton Road Junction or Option 3 Longthornton Road / Hemlock Close Junction . Longthornton road has become a Rat run, since last June 2023 we the community road watch group with a PCSO Officer have taken over 1200 vehicle registration driving over 24 mph, highest speed recorded of 72mph.
Yes	Whether it be option 1, 2 or 3, curved road humps across the width of the road, give-way installation of a couple of build-outs will definitely be needed, otherwise people will use the opportunity to speed. Thank you.
Yes	yes, I strongly agree with the Road closure as speeding has been a big problem on our road.
Yes	Road closure is necessary at either end of Longthornton Road in order to prevent the RAT / high speed runs taking place almost every day , and also to prevent HGV's taking short cut through instead of using ROWAN road.
Yes	Something needs to be done to control the speeding and rat running in this road and to prevent large lorries from using the road as a cut through
Unsure	I am strongly against Longthornton Road being closed, however something does need to be done about the speeding and the Rat Run. Even closing the Junction at Hemlock Close will cause extreme inconvenience to the residents. Car parking on this road is a premium. I have been refused off street parking twice so I am asking Merton to give residents the option of Off street parking, in my instance my neighbour has off street parking and I believe your measurements used to determine off street

	parking needs to be addressed as vehicle sizes have changed. If this road is closed will this be a permanent measure. There are LTN issues such as deliveries not be able to I have medication delivered and am concerned about this.
Unsure	Will this affect current parking for us as we only have one car. In addition does this affect family who visit us for parking purposes?
Unsure	Rather than closure why council has given Longthornton Road all residents opportunity what they like to do. Very well given 4 option look like you already determine what you would like to do. Rather than that why not get rid of priority created on Rowan Road after Petrol Station. That is the route cause of speeding at Longthornton Rd and Windermere Rd and surrounding area. If the B road has no issue and main Road why create problem which has knock on other off Road. They have created same priority lane next to Lidl on bend Road, Now there is Zebra crossing working fine with people shopping to Lidl or crossing. why not do same as Rowan Road after petrol station where people can cross for cemetery and petrol station and calm down situation in surround off Road. I think LTN and all nonsense is rubbish rather increase infra structure and invest money where needed on time.
Unsure	Can there be a trial month to work out which option suits the roads. Close each three options for one month each and analyse the outcomes. Also, have high speed bumps to slow down the cars.
No	blocking the road at any of the junctions will inconvenience me too much.
No	We already have issues with transport due to the LTNs nos you want to add to the issue. What happens to the bus routes and those who use the routes early mornings and late nights? Please come up with an alternative plan
No	Closure will cause traffic.
No	I would like to express my strong opposition to the proposal for the partial street closure along Longthornton Road with the implementation of ANPR cameras due to concerns about cars exceeding speed limits. While I understand the importance of ensuring road safety and addressing speeding issues within our community, I firmly believe that the proposed street closure is not the most effective or fair solution to the problem. First and foremost, there have been no reported accidents attributed to speeding along Longthornton Road. Thus, implementing such drastic measures seems disproportionate to the perceived problem. Furthermore, the proposed street closure with ANPR cameras will primarily inconvenience residents and disrupt the flow of traffic without offering substantial evidence that it will effectively deter speeding. Residents rely on access to this street for their daily activities, and its closure would significantly inconvenience them without just cause. Instead of resorting to street closures, I urge the council to explore alternative solutions that have proven to be effective in addressing speeding issues. Measures such as installing speed bumps or implementing additional speed cameras at strategic locations could better target and deter speeding drivers while maintaining the accessibility of the street for residents and legitimate traffic. Moreover, if the council is genuinely concerned about speeding along Longthornton Road, it should prioritize comprehensive measures that address the root causes of speeding behaviour and promote safer driving habits through education and community engagement. I respectfully request that the council reconsider the proposal for partial street closure with ANPR cameras and explore alternative solutions that prioritize the safety and convenience of residents while effectively addressing the issue of speeding. Thank you for considering my views on this matter. I am hopeful that we can work together to find a solution.
No	Im a resident at Hemlock close and I would rather the big speed humps then us having to go in and out one way
No	I strongly feel that any form of road closure is completely unnecessary for this mainly residential area and will actually inconvenience local residents more than the so called rat runners/speeders given as reason for proposal. If speeding a major issue then surely installing a speed camera to catch the culprits is better solution & deterrent as closures just cause issues not only for direct resident access but also force cars to take longer routes via main roads which increases traffic & pollution to those residents homes. Another reason I am dead against closures is that I have witnessed for myself the disastrous Streatham Wells LTN which has caused major inconvenience to residents, businesses and drivers, including emergency service vehicles & public transport, affected children getting to schools and forced traffic on to already very busy main roads so much so that they came to complete standstill as a result.
No	I'm a resident of hemlock close and I disagree with the road closure, however I believe there should be the big speed bumps put in place for the speeding drivers.

No	I believe the borough can use speed bumpers or speed cameras as there is NO reason to close the road, this will cause disruption to us leaving in Longthornton Road: It will add extra miles to us to go around, Also this will stop the Police, Fire brigade and the Ambulance to have access. But it would not stop the criminals going through!!!! So I DON'T agree closing it anywhere as I have my car and company and I'm happy to have FREE access to the road. Enough to pay high Council Tax now I have to pay to drive on the street I live??? This is Greed from the Council; the only interest is to make money not to make safe!
No	As a resident living in this area for over 10 years, I sincerely do not believe "rat racing and speeding" to be a concern in this road. I am a pedestrian and driver and I always feel extremely safe being either one. I know these methods will cause even more disruptions on the roads at all times of the day. Alongside these reason, this will force me to have to walk home from all my commitments such as work, visiting family and running errands. This location is known for antisocial behaviour and therefore I will not feel safe as a young female. Please use your resources and my council tax for better use such as potholes and recycling.
No	No problems are caused currently and these measures are unnecessary. I have been a resident in Longthornton for over 10 years and don't see this as a problem, these measures will just increase travel times for residents and cause significant disruptions. Should the council still feel that this is a concern, I suggest adding a few speed bumps or even a speed camera to the road which will address the potential issue without troubling local residents.
No	I believe that any road closure will make traffic much worse in the area.
No	The problem in Longthornton Road is the car speed. A reasonable solution would be the introduction of either speed cameras, or speed humps/bumps. Closing Longthornton Rd will aggravate the thick traffic density in Rowan Rd - which is already causing a severe delay of public transport -, or will divert the traffic to Windermere Rd (which would also benefit from speed cameras, or speed humps/bumps). The three options discussed by the council lead to a high volume of cars turning around in Hemlock close - which is typically used only as parking entry and where kids are used to play outdoors. Closing the road is a very invasive measure which will add more problems than it solves. The idea of "Extending the existing double yellow line in the incorporation of Hemlock close to Longthornton Rd" is a good one, as vehicles parked close to these corners considerably reduce the visibility of cars.
No	You will creating more traffic on either end of Longthornton Road. Please don't do, speed bumps is more than enough and less cost effective...
No	I agree there are people speeding along Longthornton Road, the easiest and less expensive solution would be to install speed bumps ( 5 or 6 ) along the entire length of the road. We do not need another camera scheme, which works only as an obstacles to local residents, rather than solving community issues. Thank you
No	As a tradesman I commute everyday via vehicle. By closing any part of the road would cause my already lengthy journey to become longer! On top of that, from experience closing such roads causes more traffic on the busier roads leading to more jams and ultimately uncleaned air. Not once have I thought longthornton road is busy and have never experienced anyone speeding, mainly due to cars parked on both sides of the road making it difficult to do so. If this is the problem then perhaps instal road bumps instead. Massively against this proposal and will be extremely peeved if it goes ahead. Thank you for reading my comments Matt.
No	I'm not agree with closing this road. It's absolutely fine and some people speed maybe 25mph but u can speed everywhere. This is not point to close the road will affect everyone. Not agree with that. Thanks
No	I think it would be enough wit humps.
No	This is a joke, a waste of money and a clear cash grab. Do not close the road, it would just be a hindrance to those of us who live here. Thank you.
No	We considering that the introduction of any road closure, this case Longthornton Road, is a completely insane, authoritarian and chaotic measure for the community. This can be considered as a privations of freedom. We, the drivers pay an annual Road Tax which give us the right of a free use of the roads. As the closure of Valley Road (SW16),which is as well completely insane, the closure of Longthornton will create a huge chaos and unnecessary stress to the commuters. A road Bumps and a regular patrolling by the authorities will be enough to correct any suspected issues.
No	This kind of ideas attempt to the free mobility of the community. It against the law. This closures will cause a huge inconvenience, traffic chaos and stress to the neighbourhood. Speeds bumps and results patrolling from the police will prevent those waste of money from tax payers and solve out the unproven issue.

No	Closing this road makes no sense at all, it will only contribute to increase of traffic on main route, Rowan Road, which is already heavily congested. Speeding or rat running isn't a problem and tarmac is very poor with lots of pot holes. I've been living there for past couple of years and haven't witnessed any issues related to speeding, incidents, collisions, near misses etc. Generally speaking I believe any sort of closures will only cause headache for local residents and won't improve a thing. Regards, Michal
No	I don't think that rat running is too much of a problem. More the speeds of these individuals. Also it doesn't look like there would be enough space to turn around. What will happen with the charging points?
No	I've lived here for 18 months and have not seen an issue on this road and in the surrounding areas. The only time I've seen congestion is when there are roadworks
No	It will be a huge inconvenience if the closure takes place
No	Based on discussions with family and friends on the recent introductions of LTNs in their local area I am strongly against this proposal and I'm mindful that this may produce traffic on surrounding roads and be highly inconvenient for residents who drive
No	I am an NHS worker who regularly does on calls, requiring a vehicle. How are residents who have vehicles going to be protected when they need to have access to the road on a daily basis? There are also additional aid buses that support with transport for residents that I have seen and they will need access as well. From the letter received there is no information shared on how the current residents will be affected and supported in this way.
No	The road closure just causes more inconvenience to people that live in Hemlock Close. Having the traffic group on the road sending warnings has helped with speeding down the road I believe. A speedometer or something is likely to assist the problem without causing further inconvenience to residents.
No	I live on hemlock close and I am opposed to these plans. Looking at road closures in other areas they appear to create for traffic and risk. This is not what I wish for my council tax to be paying for.
No	Since the introduction of the LTZ in Streatham Wells, the traffic situation in the Vale area has been nothing short of catastrophic. All of the main roads are at a standstill during the morning rush hour, and 60 and 118 buses constantly cancelled due to the logjam, many schoolchildren in the area struggling to get to school on time, including my own (I know for a fact that several local schools in the area are in contact with the council about the situation, such is its severity). Any further restriction of traffic flow in our area is only going to add to the problem, and I'm honestly gobsmacked that it's being considered at this moment in time. As someone that lives directly off of Longthornton Road I have never seen the proposed 'rat-racing' issue as a problem, and at this point the needs of the area regarding the currently catastrophic traffic situation caused by the ill-conceived LTZ are far more pressing.
No	I believe that road closure is an extreme measure which should be used as a last resort. As a resident of Hemlock Close, I have not been aware of excessive 'rat run' traffic. Other measures should be introduced first, for example larger 20mph speed limit signs, a speed camera or SID. In my experience, road closures simply create congestion elsewhere which in turn will increase pollution in the local area.
No	In my household we agree that speeding on this road is an issue as we have night shift workers who struggle to sleep during the day due to speeding cars or even struggling sleeping during the night however we disagree on the road closures and think it is best if a different solution took place eg speed bumps, resident access only etc. The reasons we disagree are: For people living on this road, it would unnecessarily take longer to get home as we would have to go all the way around to the accessible entry Also closing the roads would increase the yellow lines which would limit parking even further than it already is forcing residents to park further away from home
No	I don't think closing the road is the solution. This will cause more problems for residents to get around as well as to park on the road - which is already difficult. Maybe installing a speed camera is a better option.
No	I think there is enough restriction in the area and no more is required
No	The most simple and obvious solution is to add a speed camera along the road if the council thinks there is an issue with speeding and also consider parking permits limited to max 2 per house. There are already limited parking spaces on the road so if you close part of the road and then remove further parking spaces to allow for a turning space, this will cause mayhem and frustration for hardworking residents in enjoying a peaceful existence on the road. I'm very frustrated that yet again this council is giving residents three over the top options rather than a simple speed camera. If this goes ahead, Labour will lose my vote at the next election!

No	A road closure will not solve the problem with speeding, it will cause more problems with parking, if you are going to extend double yellow lines. Speed humps would be a better option. What will happen when someone would like to visit their elderly parent or family, if there is no entry for non-resident cars
No	As far as I see each day, speeding is not a major problem on the this road. The abuse on occasions can be stopped by: 1. Speed cameras 2. Or by speed reducing enforcement on the road.
No	Road closures will increase traffic around the area of Longthornton Road, Rowan Road and Stanford way which is a vital route for workers and school children. A closure of Longthornton Road will be a major inconvenience to all residents of the area especially those of us who live on this road and will create unnecessary crowding and congestion. In addition, since my 16 years of living on this road I have witnessed no accidents on this road and believe that a closure will be a waste of money. In the case of any road improvement works on other major routes in the area, we will have issues accessing our road and it will cause frustration and issues to an area which does not need road closures.
No	A road closure is not needed and will be a inconvenience for us as residents of this road.
No	Parking is a big problem, to have some parking restriction is not wise. Therefore am happy to put up with the speeding. Then again why not just replace it instead with speed cameras.
No	Yes - this seems like it's not been thought through and that the council is jumping to extremities without taking the locals into consideration. Why don't you put speed bumps on the road like on the neighbouring Stanford Road, or speed cameras? Placing road closures puts residents at a disadvantage. We will have to pay for this closure through extra mileage on our vehicles, extra petrol and extra pollution for the inconvenience of the closures. There are four people in the household all with the same view the closure is unnecessary.
No	Rat running is not a problem on our road, but speed can be. Closing off one end won't completely stop people speeding to get from the open end. Closing off one end will add delays to journeys to residents and add to traffic throughout the area, especially during rush hour. Where are the proposals for speed bumps or other strictly speed related measures?
No	Road is fine as is. No problems
No	The requirement of closing down an end of our road will pose no benefits to the residents living on our street. Our road is not a busy road at all to require closures in terms of traffic and parking. Regarding rat running, this is not an issue for us and helps reduce traffic on main roads. Closure would cause additional nuisance for residents living on main roads such as rowan road and Stanford Road which is unfair of them. These closures are not required at all.
No	The slight problem of Rat Running is caused by the bicycle/width restriction outside Rowan Park on Rowan Road. Which is completely ineffective and only serves to back the traffic up causing delays and forcing people to find alternative routes. Remove it and the traffic will flow freely, resolving the problem.
No	I am against a road closure at the moment due to 2 main reasons. The first reason is due to the existing and growing problem of parking on Longthornton Road. There is a lot of difficulty in parking especially during the evenings where multiple large commercial vans are parked on the road belonging to many including residents of other roads. The road closure would severely further this problem due to the extension or introduction of yellow lines. I am totally against the hemlock close closure for this reason. A closure at rowan road would cause the least impact on parking but even then it would reduce the already limited space, leading to an impact further down the road. Whilst you have considered reducing the instances of rat running and speeding, you have not considered the impact this would have on the neighbourhood in relation to parking. There are already multiple disabled parking bays on the road now as well further limiting parking. This will make the issue intolerable. The second reason is specific to the Stanford Road closure. Norbury is the local town centre where most residents do their regular shopping. This closure would mean a significant increase for our travels to Norbury. My recommendation would be to instead have a no entry except for access of the residents. This would have the same affect without the impact of increased driving for residents. We should not be punished and our lives made more inconvenient due to other drivers using our road inappropriately.

No	I strongly object to the proposed closure, main roads are already overloaded from many LTN's in the area of Streatham, which are causing traffic jams now into Streatham Vale area, not only cars but importantly major bus routes. I cannot see how this is of any benefit on a road that has light traffic most of the day with only once in a while a high speeding car, this does not justify as majority of users are careful drivers. I for one need to use my car to buy my groceries as I have arthritis and my hands can't carry heavy bags far. I am 69 years old and my car is a life line for me. If the proposed closure is at junction of Hemlock I possibly will not be able to park near my house as I live opposite the junction. Living on this road for 19 years there has NOT been a substantial increase car use, it has remained the same during the day. In fact reduced during and since COVID, as people worked from home, possibly still do. I have loved living here as it's a quite road, the only increase I have seen is motorbikes/scooters used by the many HMO's on Longthornton Road, working for many delivery companies, fast food etc. and lately electric bikes/scooters. Plus now I would feel extremely uncomfortable walking down the road at night from either bus stops each end of road with no traffic passing, I would feel isolated, I have always been happy to walk at night because of some traffic felt safe, with none that is scary for a woman, now a senior citizen on her own. Please don't make this decision on just the odd boy racer that might use the road. We are lucky to have wide pavements. however, pedestrian should remember the green cross code that I learned as a child to cross a road. Too many people now walk watching their phones, wearing earphones not paying attention to where they are, they're likely to be hit by a car, but most likely to be hit by an electric bikes/scooters on the pavement, as nearly happened to me recently, man on an electric bike, I never heard him.
Comment	My comment is a question. Are there any proposals or considerations for introducing charges for parking on Longthornton Road as a future development of this road closure?

### Comments from online Questionnaire-Outside Controlled Area

Do you Support road closure?	Comments-Outside Controlled Area
No	LTN's in Streatham have created terrible traffic problems on other roads and unforeseen traffic which is causing terrible delays for public transport buses as well as other road users. I do not agree with this scheme and feel it will be very disruptive for the surrounding roads. Please look at the traffic reports and bus time reports for buses along Streatham High Road from routes such as 118 to see how damaging to the traffic this can be. This also means that the air quality in the area at peak traffic times during those traffic times will be severely impacted by the cars running idly for 30 minutes at a time on one small stretch of road.
No	I think the closure of longthornton Road would lead to more cars on windermere road
No	A road closure will not help, install cameras. The area suffers with major traffic issues due to Lambeth's LTN. Closing more roads will only cause more havoc, pollution and stress.
No	This scheme will increase traffic in the surrounding roads, which are already narrow. It is better to resurface Longthornton Road and put in speed bumps to reduce speeding.
No	I don't agree with this scheme. It will cause lots of delays and traffic jams. There are already severe delays on Eardley Road, which will get worse.
No	Closing Longthornton will just cause more problems around the surrounding roads. People already speed down Windermere Road and this will get worse as people use this road as an alternative.
No	Speed bumps!
No	Look at Lambeth, these road closures help no-one, please consider other options. Public transport in the area is very poor, buses are delayed due to Streatham LTNs improve the service and give new routes
No	Road closures are going to add pressure on the traffic elsewhere

No	An LTN is not needed. Freedom of movement is an enshrined right. Stop this cash cow with LTN. Nobody wants it, nobody asked for it as it causes nothing but traffic and more pollution. It is a quiet residential road. Keep it that way.
No	all you need to do is put speed humps up
No	It is already gridlocked down Streatham Vale. Traffic is horrendous, this will create MORE traffic!!!
No	I live on the road parallel to this. Closure of Longthornton Road would simply divert any traffic down Stanford Road, Windermere Rd and Rowan Road and Crescent, therefore it would not resolve the issue of ratrunning and speeding but would just make the problem move elsewhere causing more anger and encouraging more dangerous driving when people are running late. We have already seen this issue when there have been roadworks in place on both Rowan Rd and Stanford Rd. Also more traffic on the other roads would surely cause more pollution and an already stretched public transport system on Rowan Rd/Streatham Vale and the top of Stanford Rd more disruption.
No	I know that Windermere Road is used as a rat-run so it will make it worse on neighbouring roads. Other/different measures should be taken to stop it happening
No	So ridiculous to keep pushing everyone on to the main roads, they are congested enough
No	I am a landlord of a property on Hemlock Close and I strongly oppose anything that impacts the ability to service the flat or sell it. The Streatham Wells LTN has been a disaster for the local community and further road closures only displace traffic. It may generate additional revenue for the council but it only seeks to alienate Streatham residents and cause confusion due to a lack of understanding of signage. Please do not go ahead with this.
No	It will push traffic back on to Stanford Road/Rowan Road and roads either side of Longthornton Road. It will cause a lot more pollution to the environment because traffic will not be able to move as freely. This has caused a massive problem on Streatham High Street. The pollution has got worse there. Put speed humps if you want to slow the traffic.
No	Traffic being able to freely flow without restriction is the way to go rather than forever squeezing vehicles thereby causing rat runs .. reduced lanes on main roads, reduced speed limit has more of an impact than allowing road users to use the roads sensibly and freely .. creating a blockage just means a rat run would spring up somewhere else. Deal with the fact people will drive and have a right to .. they pay their taxes, insurance etc so please stop making driving a misery for everyone
No	All closing this road does is force traffic onto other roads and results in even further levels of pollution from stationary queueing traffic and longer journey times.
No	It's wrong where we suppose drive main road busy can't move takes longer to get where you want go it's wrong
No	The local authority needs to stop acting like a Communist government and forcing people to take a defined route, extend their journeys and increase traffic and adversely affect climatic impact. If you are so worried install speed cameras on the road.
No	Closing roads pushes a problem elsewhere. ANPR are purely to charge people. Too many signs to look out for makes everything less meaningful. You are likely to just catch people following their sat nav, and the whole concept is unnecessary. Find another solution.
No	If this proposed road closure is due to speed I would suggest speed bumps and cameras that will actually enforce fines to those speeding. Closing the road is going to be awful for residents around the area and will not solve the problem. I strongly oppose this closure. There are already huge problems on the roads as it is and it just feels like the council have no idea what it's actually like to try to drive around this area.
No	Closing Road will make heavy congestion problems even worse. Best solution is to install speed bumps. Do not close this road
No	This is unnecessary. Keep your 15-minute city concepts out of our community



No	Please please don't do this. Closing vehicle access to the road will cause knock-on issues to other nearby roads, create more congestion for residents and also unfairly fine people who don't notice/understand the signage. There's no justification for singling out this road - we need local roads like this to be open.
No	Enough is enough. I am a public transport user and it is unbearable to move anywhere within Streatham. To get from Rowan Road to Streatham High Road is an impossible journey. Streatham Vale and Rowan road will become just like the high road. You have already closed significant road routes like estreham road and the area is already limited because of the railway lines. Take note of the effects of Streatham Wells LTN's and leave alone. I will actively campaign against this should it go ahead. You are creating divisions within the borough with these LTN's with people who live in them and those who live just outside then.
No	This will just cause traffic to back up onto other roads in the vicinity and make things worse for residents. Road closures in Streatham have already caused awful problems with traffic locally. There are problems with people speeding down Stanford Road too, but closing all the roads won't help. Surely there are alternatives such as speed humps or cameras to identify and prosecute culprits. You'll just be moving the problem elsewhere by closing Longthornton Road. I strongly oppose any planned road closure
No	Put a speed camera up but do not close the road. I have to visit my elderly mother in law at different times of day sometimes in an emergency I can't be worried if I'm allowed to drive down the road or not.
No	This is a bad idea along with the streatham wells ltn there will be no movement of traffic therefore just creating more cars idling.
No	This proposed road closure will cause undue disruption and stress amongst the people who reside in the local area, as well as increase traffic on other surrounding and main roads in the same manner that the closures around streatham have. A 25 minute drive from brixton to norbury now takes an hr during a school run in the morning and pickup. This consultation isolated may not seem like much but combined with I presume other consultants on surrounding roads in the area, it will only serve to cause frustration and stress amongst road uses, especially parents taking the kids to and from school before and after work during the week.
No	This would exacerbate the rat running through Windermere Road due to it being the first to Rowan Road after the playing fields especially if these are developed for housing. It is narrower so more dangerous and I have watched cars speed down the whole road. I have no problem walking along or across Longthornton which should be kept open for possible diversion of the 255 bus route.
No	I am not aware of speeding etc being an issue on this road however if it is I don't believe there are any traffic calming measures implemented and surely this should be done prior to closing a road.
No	The amount of pollution this Ltn will generate is a huge concern. Streatham vale is gridlocked most days due to the ltn in streatham. Another one down longthornton will make the situation worse and there are so many primary schools in the area
No	Longthornton and Windermere are both rat runs. Our road watches have shown the ridiculous speeds the traffic are doing. By closing Longthornton, it will put extra traffic on Windermere. Closing it is not the solution. It needs speed humps and speed cameras. When you look at the speeding figures for both roads, the council would have made a fortune in fines. I know there is a huge cost implication to the council re speed cameras but this is what is needed in both roads.
No	Closing the road will only cause more traffic chaos that already exists in Streatham vale. Speed jumps are more appropriate if you want to tackle speeding. Closing a road is not practical for residents.
No	Closing this road will add congestion to Manor Road and Northborough Rd the other main routes linking Mitcham to Norbury. This is yet another money making exercise using rat run as an excuse! A major route is not a rat run it's a normal road!
No	This should not be done. Closure of these roads will lead to worse pollution levels due to cars being jammed in one area.

No	LTNs are not required, all it will do is shift further traffic onto the high road. As someone that takes the bus to and from work, this will only increase my commute time making it harder for me and others to get across the Borough. Moreover I don't believe speed is a problem given the fact that the accident rate is low in the area. I believe that higher speed humps would be more effective
No	Another closure and will bring more chaos to the main road. It's ridiculous and only a trap to make more money and bring residents to their knees. No to any road closures
No	The traffic is already a nightmare in streatham vale, we don't need more road closures. The closure proposed does not make any sense, the traffic on that road is minimal.
No	Why are all the options for addressing the rat run and speeding problems based on closure of the road? What about effective traffic calming measures and/or enforcement via speed cameras etc. I think it is absurd to just close the road and very unfair on other neighbouring roads that will inevitably be impacted. I do agree there is a rat run and speeding issue in Longthornton Road, however the problem should be addressed in that road - rather than just close the road and push the problems to neighbouring roads, many of which have similar problems already. Windermere, Chilmark, Hassocks Roads for example will likely all see an increase in rat run and speeding traffic if these proposals go ahead. Please drop these simplistic proposals that will just shift the problems elsewhere rather than tackle them.
No	I live on streatham vale and we already suffer heavy traffic due to Streatham Wells LTN. The air quality is terrible and constant traffic jam prevents me to get to work on time. We don't need even more traffic if this LTN comes to life. Please think of residents of main streets.
No	Learn from the mess that Streatham has created!! Traffic has worsened, people are in their cars for longer
No	Windermere road is much more busy, with drivers driving with speed and we have schools nearby there also has been accidents due to speed on this road. This will just caused much more traffic in this area which is already unbearable in the mornings. You need to look into alleviating the traffic in this area not causing more. Please come and see for yourself how much traffic in this area there is after 7am.
No	The impact of the Streatham Wells LTN on traffic not only in that area has been negative it also has been to this area. Bus routes 118 and 60 which go through this borough and many people in this area rely on have been extremely badly affected by the LTN with unreliable service, journey times extended and not going the full length of their routes. Until this has settled down and normal service is resumed on buses no further LTNs in this area should be considered. If 2 of the purposes of LTNs is reduce car journeys and increase the use of public transport then the Streatham Wells LTN has been spectacularly unsuccessful. That LTN has consequences for a proposed LTN in this area. Merton should work with Lambeth council (and other neighbouring boroughs as applicable) to co-operate over LTNs rather than consider them in isolation.
Don't know	Why not introduce traffic lights and make longthornton a one way. Stanford Way is where we need traffic lights,lots of elderly people on stanford way.
No	Speed humps or a chicane is needed. No need for road closure!!
No	Road closures will only push any speed/rat run concerns onto other local roads, ie Windermere Road, which already has speed issues.
No	Speed bumps. No more road closures.
No	I am a resident of Windermere Road, and I am quite concerned to hear of the possible closure of Longthornton Road to through traffic. A considerable number of drivers already use Windermere Road as a short cut, and this will only make matters worse. Longthornton Road is a wider road than Windermere Road, and I can't understand why this decision has been made. I hope this decision can be reconsidered.
No	I think that all options are ridiculous. All you will do is push traffic/cars into Windermere Road, which is a narrower Road and experiences Speeding ( far and above the 20 mile limit). The cars reach speeds of at least 60 or more and this is unacceptable. On top of it all you have blocked access into Chilmark Road during school opening times). Even considering closing Windermere Road is a NO NO. This is an ill thought of proposal and surely the Council have better things to concentrate on. Furthermore, I have friends and family on Long Thornton Road. How am I to access Long Thornton road ( by car), to visit them?. How are others who

	also have friends and family to visit supposed to do this, too.
No	I will flag a number of concerns: 1. It seems the consultation is not being properly publicised to many relevant stakeholders. Closing this road would have an inevitable knock on effect on Windermere road residents, yet you are not making efforts to ensure their views are sought. 2. What actual evidence is there of a rat run problem on longThornton - and indeed that if people do rat run, they do so to a greater degree on this road than others locally? Just because a couple of vocal people with niche interests propose this, doesn't mean it's a good idea. Traffic does actually have to move around the area, the ltns in lambeth have had record objections and you should be very careful not to exacerbate traffic misery with this unnecessary scheme. 3. If the road is to be partially closed, some physical elements are essential. Just putting a camera and an easily missed sign is not sufficient. Perhaps you just want a honey trap to raise revenues, but if you actually wanted to stop people going down the street, some planters or other partial obstruction at each end are essential to ensure drivers spot any restrictions that are in place. 3. Is this really best use of limited council resources?!
No	This closure will only shift the problem onto Windermere Road which is already a race track. This going to be another waste of tax payers money from an already stretched budget. Why don't you just install traffic calming measures like speed humps.
No	Streatham vale , Streatham , norbury are suffering very bad already with the Ltn in Streatham this will only cause much more traffic and pollution as cars will be stuck on other roads .
No	This is a completely bad idea as seen with the streatham wells LTN that has caused emergency levels of traffic in the morning and on journeys home closure of this road will only make the problem worse. I do not accept this proposal and do not want it to go ahead
No	Stop screwing with normal working class people just to line the boroughs coffers. You just want to generate money through fines
No	Put speedy humps if you think speed is an issue. Why LTNS ? they cause more traffic that is stationary. Look what you have done to Streatham High street!
No	Having experience of the terrible results that residents have to endure due to LTNS, I would categorically disagree with this awful, heavy handed approach!
No	Why close the road, Why not build speed humps across the whole carraigeway every 20 meteres or so. Went down a road in East london that has done that and did not get close to 15mph. Closing the road cars can still speed to the point of closure so that does not actually solve the issue of speeding
No	A very long, very dark road which will become extremely unsafe for people walking alone at night, especially women and children. No cars passing by increases crime, as the criminals know no one will be around to see what they are doing. This is only being implemented to make money off people who would access the road by mistake and get fined. If you cared about the public you would implement speed bumps along the road. That would stop speeding and make the road safer without making this road and the house along the road isolated and targeted.
No	Due to road closures streatham is causing huge issues to residents nearby like norbury mitcham croydon. I do not agree with further road closures as it is making a chaos on the roads and pollution is even bigger then currently
Yes	It will push to Windermere
No	Roads are there to be used. LTN's are discrimination against human rights. Drivers pay their road tax, therefore are allowed to drive down any/all roads. I highly disagree with this proposal and it should not be allowed to go ahead.
No	Road closures are ruining London, can't wait to move out of this mismanaged city!
No	Too many roads have been and causing significant environmental issues and as a result it's causing more pollution due to heavy and congested traffic. Adding to this, people are getting late for work and kids late for school. It's causing too much stress and road rage incidents have increased. No more closing of roads instead all the closed roads should be opened back and allow normal traffic like it used to be before. Thanks
No	Terrible idea to close the Longthornton road at any points suggested and more speed bumps needed on the road.

No	Stop closing roads and creating absolute chaos on main roads. More traffic jams, buses not running, kids having to walk for miles in the dark, people late for work, students late for school. More pollution!!! Find other ways of making money out of your constituents.
No	Ltn on streatham is already nightmare for us and our kids please dont do this on Merton!!!
No	If Longthornton Road is closed traffic will take the next junction off Rowan Road into Windermere Road which gives access past the access to Stanford Primary school increasing unnecessarily the danger to children going to and from school and any accompanying adults
No	I would recommend the implementation of speed humps rather than road closures. The road entrances offer a lot of necessary access for commuters and reduces traffic coming from Stanford Road to Northborough Road, especially in the event that the adjacent Beckway Road is blocked
No	There have been several times when Stanford Road has been closed due to burst water pipes and the use of Longthornton road has been valuable in being used to avoid the blockage to get to surrounding residential roads. This potential closure would force traffic onto narrower residential roads making which would cause bottlenecks due to cars being parked either sides of the roads. Thus creating condensed pollution for the residents of these roads.
No	The only reason you wish to use ANPR is so you can make money. If you wish to close the road for emergency services access then put a barrier with padlock like other roads in the borough. So then the only people with access is emergency services and the general public do not get stung with your money making scheme fines.
No	Traffic in the surrounding area is already horrendous due to the current LTN trials being held in and around Streatham and to propose something like this will only exacerbate the problem in my view. This is punishing the every day law abiding motorist...it will not stop the minority who choose to drive like animals.
No	By closing the road it's creating more congestion on the main roads absolutely ridiculous
No	Please do not go ahead with this. I know council think they are doing it for the community but the anger towards Lambeth Council for the Streatham Wells LTN will only be amplified for Merton. This is not a good idea at all and will only create more traffic, road rage and accidents on surrounding roads.
No	Put speed bumps if you have to. We don't need an LTN. Streatham Vale is already a mess due to the LTNs in Streatham (Lambeth) Don't do the same thing to Merton!
No	The road closures are making my life essential journey absolute living hell .
No	I'd rather see speed bumps be put down Longthornton Rd. LTNs cause more traffic on adjoining roads. Stanford Rd and Rowan Rd are often subject to part closures and diversions as it is. It would be awful to have traffic jams along Stanford Rd because of LTNs.
Yes	Please please consider the impact this will have on surrounding roads. Rowan road is already horribly congested and is road where lots of children walk to school (Woodmansterne and Granton.) Windermere road, like Longthornton, also has no speed bumps or speed cameras and is also subject to dangerous driving: last year a car overturned opposite my house (no. 5) from speeding. Due to the chicken shops on the Rowan road end of Windermere road, cars frequently drive dangerously, parking on the roads and across our drives while they either go to the gambling shop or buy fast food, then eat in their cars. If you are going to close longthornton road please consider closing Windermere road too, and forcing the traffic further south and therefore further from the primary schools. Dangerous driving and congestion on Rowan road has increased dramatically since the valley road LTN and it is putting our children's lives in danger. If you close Longthornton road alone you will simply see exactly the same problem on Windermere road, which is closer to the primary schools, chicken shop, gambling shop and Lidl, so will likely have an even greater negative impact. (I say this as an unwilling car owner, mum to 2 small children, GP and cyclist!)
No	If Longthornton Road is closed, the result will be that drivers who previously used this road as a shortcut will instead use Windermere Road, which already experiences an excessive amount of through traffic, some of which cuts through at alarming speed. Why should Longthornton Road residents receive relief from rat running and speeding vehicles at the expense of Windermere Road residents? If the proposed closure takes place, then Windermere Road should also be closed to through traffic. Personally speaking, I am absolutely fed up with the amount of traffic that already cuts through Windermere Road and I am aghast at the thought that the amount of traffic could potentially increase!

No	Proposed plans for LTNs cause traffic chaos in other neighbouring roads, also causes huge delays when travelling via bus, surely speed cameras are a far better idea. I travel via bus early morning for work and Streatham Vale going into Streatham is horrendous since LTNs were implemented around Streatham.
No	Stop closing down the roads that we the Tax payers pay to use via our Council Tax. Where are the statistics to show that this is nothing but a scam to get more money from residents to prop up a badly run Merton Council.
No	As a resident on the parallel street to Longthornton Road I am extremely concerned about this proposal. Rat-running and speed is not limited to Longthornton Road but also happens extremely frequently on Windermere Road. By closing one you are subjecting the other to more of this (both roads are used as a similar cut through between Rowan Road and Stanford Road). Additionally, the school road for Stanford Primary School is directly off Windermere Road, so causing more rat-running and speed down Windermere Road is not only dangerous for the residents, but also for the school children. I strongly object to the proposal.
No	There's more than enough LTN's affecting Lambeth, Merton and Croydon as it is. No more LTN's need to be added. This is clear from the traffic on the main roads everyone is forced to use.
No	Please do not close other roads as Streatham vale is constantly gridlocked adding even more pollution to the area and sitting in traffic for sometimes an hour at a time on the vale.
No	Speeding and rat running is not an problem on this road from my experience. Blocking will be an inconvenience for residents who live there. We do not support this proposal
No	Will cause too much traffic
No	I am strongly against the closure of Longthornton Road. This will cause additional traffic on Windermere Road which is much narrower and already has high traffic volumes. Displacing traffic to the next residential street does not solve the problem - it will make that street more dangerous. Where can I find any raport on rat-running and speed on Longthornton Road compared to Windermere Road?
No	I live on Woodstock Way there is enough awful dangerous traffic already in Streatham Vale thanks to Lambeth silly scheme. People are getting to work late, children are late for school. I have to walk to my daughters school as the traffic is so bad in morning. Cars are driving in opposite direction, sooner or later they will be an accident. I don't understand why councils are doing this to people who are just trying to get on with normal day to day things. It's like you got nothing better to do!
No	I've lived around here for 25 years and alternate between driving and walking and have never seen an issue with those roads. Absolutely absurd to even bring this ridiculous nonsense for discussion. More time wasting and our money wasted.
No	Absolutely no need for another road closure. There are no issues around this road as I live close. This ridiculous idea will cause a growth in crime both to property and personal safety. Traffic flow is also a deterrent for crime. Buses are now unusable as most are cancelled and because of other road closures this causes the buses to be considerably delayed. Open ALL LTNs.
No	Why not use speed bumps as a deterrent to speeding as all other nearby roads currently use? This proposed closure is a complete inconvenience to local residents including ourselves. It is going to cause more congestion on other roads including Windermere road which is narrower than Longthornton road and has a lot of school traffic. This will reduce safety to school children.
No	It is utterly unfathomable that you would suggest another road closure – LTN near Streatham Vale, when it has been so terribly affected by the Streatham Wells LTN's that it will completely devastate the traffic and life's of the Vale residents in the area if it can be devastated any more than it already is! 1 million percentage object to this.

No	This closure will create a lot more traffic in the area, the most reasonable solution in my opinion would be to put speed bumps or speed cameras at this moment.
No	There are no issues on Longthornton road. Speeding is not a problem as the road is quite narrow especially when there are two cars either side. Rat Running is not an issue, You will just end up diverting traffic to Rowan Road and Stanford Road if you block Longthornton Road. The Aforementioned roads are right next to each other this plan is pointless and against the wishes of the residents.
No	I am fed up of the council disregarding the views of the residents. Streatham has turned into a nightmare to travel in during rush our because of these ltns. The traffic has got worse, road users have seemingly forgotten traffic regulations and pollution has got worse. The buses are stuck in endless queues and people think it is okay to use racist slurs to vent their frustration. This scheme is not working. The Streatham Wells ltn is a perfect example of this yet the council persists with the closure. It took me 90 mins to do a journey to balham today, as a resident who pays taxes, as a road user who already has to deal with a school road I am close to breaking point. You have already made the area unvisitable... my friends and family are unwilling to sit in traffic for hours to visit and this ridiculous scheme is impacting my well being.
No	If this street would be closed, then closest streets like Hassocks Road become very busy road. I'm aware of it because kids use this road to cross it when getting to Woodmansterne School. Plus pollution on road getting worse when walking with kids next to stuck cars in the traffic.
No	This isn't a solution. Closing another roas will only increase already bas traffic in nearby areas. Longthornton Rd isn't busy if ppl speeding put speed bumps! We need access between roads. Closing roads will adversely affect other ppl's journey to school and work.
No	I am sick to death of the LTNs! When the school runs have finished, there's hardly any traffic around except for around the LTN areas. I have a business where I drive items to customers if they're close by as I had to close my shop on Balham High Road last year. I have also had to take up two other jobs to tick by during this recession. One is driving as a courier. When driving around, I get less than minimum wage due to the extra time it takes to get from A to B. To reduce traffic, we need better public transport! Then there are real alternatives for those who drive for the sake of it. Personally I walk lots in general, but when carrying lots or travelling late at night it's much easier and safer to use my little ULEZ compliant car.
No	I have big concerns that if this goes ahead it will cause more traffic driving down/up Windermere Road. Traffic is already heavy on Streatham Vale and will back up onto Rowan Road if we have more roads closed off. The scheme doesn't take into consideration the people that live locally as they have made no effort to let local residents know what is going on.
No	Traffic on those routes is not excessive even at rush hour. Cars on that road are very respectful of speed limits, which hugely reduces the risk to pedestrians. Closing those junctions would displace traffic to even smaller residential roads, or on to the high road which is already at a standstill. Buses on the high road are already impacted by the Streatham LTN, especially on the stretches that do not have a bus lane. It will also cause longer journeys and so increase overall emissions.
No	Windermere road will become very busy and as it's there is so much traffic going through this road
No	Rather than LTNs, one way traffic would also help on roads such as Beckway, Avenue and Lyndhurst. With cars parked on both sides of the road, two way traffic can't flow and no room to turn or pass one another.
No	Put I'm speed restrictions if necessary not close another road, it will only push problems onto other streets
No	Why were the residents of Stanford Road not notified about this consultation? Please ensure all residents are notified before the consultation closes.
No	We already have insufficient road infrastructure. This is a step backwards. Creating more traffic and problems for locals on nearby roads.
No	Install speed humps
No	I've lived here for 22 years and there has never been a problem, do not cause one.

No	I simply don't agree with the road closure at all. Creates more traffic and pollution on surrounding roads. The rat runs will continue but just not on this road. The point?
No	In the 22years I have lived here there has never been a problem with traffic. There is speeding in whichever road you go down, will you be closing all roads in that case ? Why have there not been any speed cameras put in place, the buses on Stanford Road are speeding all the time to the point the house shakes and nothing has been done about that. All you want to do is makes everyone's life difficult.
No	We do not support these road closures that will then cause issues for those that live in the local area with added and unnecessary traffic. As if there isn't enough traffic caused by LTNs. Stupidest thing introduced by the councils, does the complete opposite.
No	Streatham Vale/Rowan Road in already struggling with the volume of traffic as a result of the LTNs implemented in Streatham Wells. Buses are unreliable and transport links are poor in this part of the borough. Closing the road will only increase the volume of traffic. However I do support traffic calming measures such as speed bumps in Longthornton Road.
Yes	Please explain the closure at Hemlock close. Is that not the only entrance to that road?? Also would a closure of Long Thornton Road, not push traffic onto Windermere Road which has busier entrance from ROWAN Road which is also narrower. I am worried closing Thornton Road will impact on traffic on Windermere Road. If you were to consider closing Windermere Road, how would this impact access to Oxby and Byards Croft? Also, please state what kind of closure you are suggesting is this a time closure or at all times? More information necessary please
No	There is already a backlog of traffic from Streatham High road. Closing this road will only add to the unbearable traffic for roas users particularly as it is close to 3 major schools.
No	You are causing hell for commuters. All of the traffic, delays, termination of public transport. Stop ruining the area. Locals will not travel through streatham with it being such a mess and people will move boroughs to get away as you are making people's lives sad
No	Windermere Road already gets enough speeding traffic through it and this would push more onto it. A scheme like this can't be done in isolation with out looking at the surrounding pictures. Windermere Road has a school off it as well so increased risk for vehicles so don't want additional vehicles down it. A more sensible option would be to surely reduce the carriageway width and introduce some build outs, potential planting features with them too
No	Road closure/LTN at any point is not at all necessary, other measures such as speed cameras if deemed necessary should be introduced, not road closures/LTNs which are merely a money making scheme for the council. Introducing such an LTN/road closure will put more traffic nearby main roads which are already bad enough.
No	The traffic at the moment with all the LTN is unbelievable, if we close more roads it will be worse and cause many protests. It would not help children go to school and would make them late which would get them in trouble.
No	Longthornton road is wide enough. It's bad enough with Chilmark Rd closed during school run. We are unable to get to our forecourt as it is.
No	Please put on speed bumps and not closure. Lots of children use this road to go to or come from school. Making it dark and empty is risky. Put a zebra crossing on Standford Rd so children and adults can cross safely. <b>DO NOT CLOSE ANYMORE ROADS!!!</b>
No	Please don't add to the congestion we are already experiencing as the result if the Streatham LTN. Use other traffic calming measures e.g. speed bumps if you must.
No	LTNs will clog the area further. Streatham Vale is already struggling for survival in terms of business. We have the school roads with restricted access- that's plenty.
No	That road is very used buy our community to access the main road, if the traffic declines because of road clousure, the road will be less secure and prompt to violence or other things as no cars will pass by to protect us. U used it with a baby, sometimes already dark. Anyone can mess with us or attack us as no one will see. It will become a very dark long road and will be unsafe to walk alone and with children.
No	This madness needs to stop.

No	These proposals will only add to the issues caused by the streatham wells Ltn that already causes the traffic to back up as far as longthornton Road during rush hour
No	Speed camera, big bumps. Anything but a road closure
No	If this road closes it will affect the already ridiculous traffic in this area. It would seem that the recent increase in traffic is due to the new LTN in Streatham. Making more LTNs just causes more traffic on main roads affecting drivers, pedestrians transport users and school children, not to mention those who live on the main roads. It's a ridiculous proposal.
No	Traffic is terrible in streatham vale and the main roads are always so heavily congested. I think the council need to consider ways to improve this rather than forcing more traffic back onto already horrendous roads.
No	Please please reconsider it again, the traffic it will only get worse and worse. Every day I drive for a living is anything is already nightmare on the roads so please do not close anymore Roads if anything You should consider reopening a few roads that you have a really closed.
No	Speeding is a problem. Please do not engineer another problem by closing roads . It only displaces the traffic . Imagine ever Road being closed of , due to the " rat run " excuse . Speed measures are needed not closures .
No	im afraid I see very little sense in this proposal as morning school traffic understandably has been diverted from school roads - this being Stanford primary school and Woodmansterne school, the proposal will just further exacerbate the morning school traffic, impacting work traffic. The term 'Rat-running' has been attributed to this road unnecessarily, and proceeding with changes to this road will impact surrounding traffic negatively and possible cause more traffic accidents or injury to children or elderly during high traffic times.
No	There is traffic backed up from the disastrous Streatham LTN which has caused huge traffic pollution. There is no need for this closure. Road bumps could be used instead. There are already several roads closed additionally due to being "school roads". This proposal makes no sense.
No	This would cause unnecessary congestion in an already congested area for a matter that has other solutions than this.
No	I do not agree with this scheme. There are far too many road closures in streatham already which is causing mayhem at peak times. This will then force traffic into windermere road where I live which is already used as a cut through by a lot of people wanting to avoid traffic. This will make the road busier than normal and noiser than normal. Plus we have a school extremely near so forcing traffic down this road is not a good idea Longthornton road does not need to be closed and the government and councils should focus on other things like improving roads and not shutting them creating grid lock traffic in the entire area
No	If Longthornton Road is closed it will generate too much traffic down Windermere Road which already generates traffic due to Stanford School. A possibility could be sleeping policemen (humps) or a chicane on Longthornton Road. We have already seen the results of traffic build up when Longthornton Road was closed to have the hump fitted at the junction with Rowan Road.
No	I have been affected by Streathams road blockages and can state factually that it has made things so bad. The traffic is absolutely crazy and has built up more frustration on the roads.
No	This is just going to cause more traffic and congestion
No	Windermere road is also busy road as most of times kids are around for school and it will result in danger for kids if longthornton road will be closed and it results in more traffic on Windermere road. According to me as I have kids and I had to go out to drop them and pick them from and we go by walk it will result in danger for kids .
No	This will drive even more traffic down Windermere Road where we have a problem with speeding and aggressive driving. I welcome an approach that slows traffic in both streets. The current proposal simply moves the problem to Windermere Road.
No	Just look at Streatham wells LTN, Its a mess, and causes more problems than what it intend to solve
No	Knock on effect of traffic trickling down to surrounding roads!
No	There is already a give way on Rowan road and a APNR camera near lidl. There is already so much traffic on rowan road and closing longthornton road will put extra traffic on rowan road



No	No closure please. It's fine how it is
No	We cannot have any more road closures. The Lambeth Streatham Wells LTN has already crippled transport. Further closures will promote increased systemic gridlock, harming children's ability to get to school, adults ability to get to work and air quality on the gridlocked streets
No	I am appalled that, being a local resident, I have not been formally approached to comment on this proposal. I, like many of my neighbours, only found out about this by word of mouth. I totally object to this proposal in it's entirety and particularly the clear intention to close the road to all but Longthornton residents. It would appear that no alternative road calming measures have been considered which leads me to conclude that the council see this as an opportunity to raise additional cash by way of motorist fines. If Longthornton Road is closed traffic will inevitably use Windermere Road which is far narrower and much closer to Stanford Primary school. I do hope you have personally consulted the residents of that road and the school governing body! Rather than using your time drawing up additional restrictions to limit the use of cars in the area, I would like to see you taking steps to reverse the pea brained LTN recently introduced by Lambeth which has turned Streatham High Road and London Road, Norbury, into a car park. Since the introduction of that scheme the 255 bus service that serves Stanford Road and Pollards Hill has been severely affected with many buses now terminating at Norbury station due to delays getting through Streatham. In conclusion, I strongly object to the proposed closure of Longthornton Road and urge the council to consider alternative traffic calming measures (e.g. Road humps) to combat the perceived rat run, and a speed camera to combat speeding motorists. This would achieve the stated aims without disadvantaging those residents living in the surrounding area.
No	Stopped messing with stuff that works. You are just making it worse.
Don't know	If Longthornton is closed it will have a impact on surrounding roads mainly Windermere. Windermere should also be included in consultation both roads are subjected to speeding traffic.
No	If you stop traffic on Longthornton road it will create more traffic on the adjacent roads. Emergency vehicle access will be more difficult. Northborough road is an extremely busy road. It is the main road to access Croydon , Brighton etc . It is the main road that the fire brigade road uses to fain access to Mitcham etc. It is going to create more traffic which will prolong the emergency vehicles gaining access to an accident/patient. You are creating another problem at the divers expense.
Don't know	If Longthornton is closed it will have a detrimental impact on Windermere Road we already experience heavy speeding traffic it will just get worse with Longthornton closed to traffic
No	There's a lack of joined up thinking behind the proposal to close Longthornton Road to traffic. Closing Longthornton Road will result in the displaced traffic using other local roads – especially Windermere Road, which is both a much narrower and a key route to Stanford Primary school. Merton Council can take credit for the School Safety Zone for Stanford Primary School – but this proposal will undue most of that good work by significantly increasing vehicular traffic virtually outside the school! IF there is a traffic issue on Longthornton Road why not address it by use of speed humps or similar traffic calming measures as used on other Merton roads?
No	This scheme will undoubtedly drive traffic onto Windermere Road, a road already taking its fair share of traffic. Your plans and your explanations will count for nothing when you have driven people out of the area and will subsequently be begging for tradesmen and other skilled workers to return.
No	There is such a big traffic on the roads,especially when on school run. Our journey to school is 30 mins longer now as my kids school is at Streatham. We pay our road tax,we are forced to use cars as all buses are in traffic(118,255,109). You should take control on cyclist as they are cycling dangerous-not stopping at red light,wearing headphones,cycling on the pavement they do not have insurance for their bike but should have it.
No	By closing off one residential road you are pushing traffic on to everyone else's road and causing more congestion for them. It makes life worse for everyone else. Also road is wide which makes it easier to use which makes it less likely to cause congestion with passing cars. I only use it when stanford road has been closed by Thames water which has been a number of times in the last year and I choose this road as I feel safer using it.

No	Please, stop shutting this area down! It's hard enough as it is getting about.
No	If there is a problem put speed camera and humps. By closing the road your adding more traffic to the existing traffic which is a take back from valley road closure
Don't know	I love on Windermere Road. Don't you think it will make this Road busier with any Road closures. It really does sound like a half baked area. You are not even looking at the roads that will be severely impacted with these road closures. I also didn't know about this, until one of my neighbours sent me this link. Your thoughts are greatly appreciated
No	Traffic bad as is, no locals want this. Speed bumps could work.
No	Road closures will create more traffic on other roads, this is not a solution to speeding problem. Install speed bumps instead.
No	I don't see how Longthornton road can be classified as a rat run, a rat run to where from where, it isn't? There aren't any short cuts through the road it is just a normal road intersecting two other roads just like many more along the route do. I am strongly opposed to any such plan to restrict traffic through there, I feel it's just another method to fleece the motorist out of more money, and cause further frustration. It will serve no real purpose apart from costing an exorbitant amount of council money to implement, and possibly only generating a small amount of money from unfortunate motorists who may stray along the route inadvertently.
No	Closing Longthornton Road at any point makes absolutely no sense and will only add to congestion on the already congested main roads. There are already three schools in the area that restrict access Stanford and Norbury Manor and Woodmansterne. We do not need another road closure. I fail to understand how having more cars travelling at 20 miles per hr on the main road can possibly be better than having alternative ways to get somewhere
No	I see no benefit from the proposed road closures. as someone who has already had to get up an hour earlier than previously to travel on the heavy traffic that has been a result of other road closures, I feel angered that every day folk are not being considered. There are not enough buses to take more People who want to leave their car, and not everyone has the means to cycle.
Yes	I use this route regularly to cycle with my teenage son and agree this is a busy rat run and speeding is a problem. This change will encourage us and many others to cycle more and improve safety. Great proposal.
No	We have already seen the devastation caused to traffic flow in the whole area, following the introduction of LTN's in Streatham. This will just add to the problems and will benefit nobody. As a resident of Norbury, in London borough of Croydon, I am sick and tired of neighbouring boroughs introducing schemes without any care for the affect it has on us. It already takes an hour, by bus, to get to Brixton, you should start looking at introducing viable, cheap, alternative methods for people to get to work rather than introduce traffic schemes that always make things worse. Rush hour buses and trains are already rammed, costly and unreliable, in your drive to get people out of their cars what do you propose they do apart from sit in pollution inducing traffic jams that you are creating or adding to?
No	The main issue is that the whole BottleNeck Norbury, Streatham Vale and Streatham has been badly affected by the closure of several roads by Streatham Common, which really is a problem on London Road, and others. So at this time, it would be best not to close this road until at least Streatham Common finds a way to alleviate the bottleneck created, or that the drivers adapt. And review it in the future.
No	The traffic build up due to local school closure and streatham Ltn backlog is a massive issue. This road being open allows traffic to spread out instead of super congested high road and Stanford . Please leave this road alone. It's a nightmare getting to school and work as it is! Spend the money on our local facilities instead !!
No	This will create more traffic in the area, if speeding is the problem there then do speed bumps, but leave the road open.
No	Don't understand the idea of closing the roads, make sense to make some of the roads around here one-way..

No	STOP MESSING AROUND WITH THE ROADS, THIS JUST CAUSES CONJESTION/ BOTTLE NECK ELSE WHERE. LOOK AT OTHER OPTIONS WHERE YOU/ CENTRAL GOVERNMENT PROVIDE SUBSIDIES TO INCOURAGE LESS POPULATING VEHICLES.
No	If you close Longthornton then like myself I would then use Windermere. So passing the problem to the road next door. Cameras issuing fines is a better answer, I know that you need xx people killed before a camera is installed but surely prevention is better than cure.
No	I live on Windermere Road and I think the idea of closing Longthornton Road is very very shortsighted indeed. It may be used as a rat run as suggested but where do people think all the cars are going to go.. that's right. Windermere Road. Therefore the problem will just be shifted to the next road along. Why isn't Windermere Road being seen as an option to close as well (at least at the point where Chilmark Road joins Windermere Road)? Or how about putting traffic calming measures in such as speed bumps?
No	The closure of Longthornton Road will only increase vehicles on Windermere Road and Stanford Road and once Stanford School closes in August 2024 then it will increase vehicles on Hassocks Road and Chilmark Road also. This in line with Lambeths LTN of Streatham Wells has already cause major congestion in Streatham Vale so the closure of Longthornton Road will only increase the traffic in Streatham Vale. Maybe Speed bumps on Longthornton Road will be a better viable option to slow vehicles down
No	These road closures are killing our neighbourhoods, causing more and more traffic jams. Just look at Streatham common area more cars stuck on the roads causing more pollution.
No	If speeding is an issue introduce speed humps do not penalise drivers who use the road responsibly
No	If speeding is a concern then traffic calming measures and speed cameras could be introduced on Longthornton Road. *Longthornton Road is a wide, straight road which should be used to carry vehicles, it is not a 'rat run'. *Vehicles are forced to use Longthornton Road to get to Stanford Road because the yield/give way system introduced on Rowan Road is ineffective and traffic backs up on Rowan Road, around the corner. This causes excessive speeding along Rowan Road from the other direction. This yield system should have been the other way around or a speed camera should be introduced here. Many children cross the road here when coming out of the Rowan Road playground, the introduced measures have done nothing to prevent cars racing to get through the yield system. *I'm very concerned about the way mopeds are being driven in this area *Many of the moped delivery drivers collect their delivery goods from the Streatham Vale Industrial Site just behind Longthornton Road, this proposal would not prevent mopeds from racing up/down Longthornton Road - speed bumps are needed.
No	Traffic are already bad n so much noise . Enough is enough . We dont need road closure it will affected us more .
No	Traffic is already terrible in the area, additional road closures will only serve to make this worse and does not solve the non existent problem
No	I live in Norbury it is already challenging to commute taking my daughter to school at Granton primary and to travel along the London road due the introduction of LTNs that have created further congestion on already congested road. Introducing more LTNS just further ads too the problem and makes it difficult for people who live in the area to go about there daily lives
No	We live in Windermere Rd which is parallel to Longthornton Rd. We already get a lot of through traffic from Stanford Rd to Rowan Rd. If Longthornton Rd is closed Windermere Rd will get twice as much through traffic as it does already and we are very worried regarding the increase of traffic that we will inevitably get. The proposed solution must include the adjoining roads and local area.
No	With all other road closures, everywhere is a rat run and a carpark. You need to travel along Rowan Road and Streatham Vale every morning to understand the extent of traffic problem in the area. This scheme is not welcomed and will further penalised people with cars.
No	The council are only doing this for more money. Does not benefit anyone. The road works alone are making journeys over 2 hours which should take 50mins. My daughter to get to school in this will make her journey a extra 40mins. It's madness. As the council are sitting behind their desk and not in traffic they do not care

No	This is just a scheme to make extra money for the council and is outrageous
No	You are displacing traffic which cause standing traffic elsewhere and inconvenience people trying to get to work.. our roads are tiny we don't have 2 &3 lanes on our main roads so any displacement anywhere cause major congestion.. this results in pollution for those roads taking the displaced traffic. Perceived success in one area does not translate to all areas .. the disaster of streatham wells is being felt by us.. with increased traffic on our local roads delays and early termination to some of our buses ...this will just add to that eternal nightmare. The mayor himself admitted it doesn't work. please listen to the electorate if this is a consultation and not forgone conclusion.
Don't know	Any road closure around this area will directly impact the neighbouring street Windermere Road where we currently reside. Already we're subjected to cars going at excessive speeds constantly (due to lack of speed bumps) and regular traffic at the Rowan Road junction. I do not understand the logic of this proposal or how it would benefit residents in any way. The problem that needs addressing is Greyhound Road and side streets which is now gridlocked, noisy and a huge pollutant ever since Lambeth council introduced the LTN in Streatham.
No	Stanford Road is very hand as it gives us direct access to norbury. Please do not close it.
No	The traffic is already heavy from LTN's road closures in Streatham. This is going to make traffic even worse along Rowan Road! Don't you think cars do that down most roads.
No	The close of this road is not necessary If anything speed humps may be something to consider. Closing the road would only encourage local drug dealers its already not safe to walk at night.
No	I see this proposal as a pointless LTN and a waste of public money. The traffic , which is not an issue in this area anyway, will just be diverted to Windermere, which is busier during school times, specially as there is already a school hours road closure there, on one of its junctions. You would rather add more cars/traffic to a road full of children on their way to Stanford and Woodmansterne school? It's bonkers that someone has thought of this idea. We have enough road closures in the area around both schools, we don't need a 24hrs one.
No	Imagine disable or with small children not being able to get to the post office or pharmacy on the Longthornton Road or if they forget and have to pay fine for entering the street to get to one if those places. Please consider all people. Closing the entry to this street won't change anything! Stop the crime in a different way, not by closing the streets!
No	No road should be closed to any law abiding citizen, if it is indeed rat running and speed, put in severe speed bumps and chicanes, this will 100% solve the issue
No	While I don't live on the road, I live close by and also visit family living on this road. I can't claim to know what it's like to live in the road but it never seems in any way busy when I am present. If speeding is an issue then would speed humps as you have in Stanford Road and Rowan Road be an alternative option, failing those a speed camera? Closing this road would only cause a rat run to open up elsewhere, possibly Windermere Road or more cars travelling at speed on Stanford and Northborough Roads. Northborough in particular is very narrow and will likely suffer most if this closure goes ahead due to its narrow nature. As with many of these road closure initiatives you will just be taking a road out of use for the advantage of a few and making money out of it to the detriment of many others. I vote no to this.
No	Closing the roads is just another way of draining money from people trying to make a living and lining the pockets of the council and the mayor of London. No more road closures please!
No	With the LTNs already causing havoc in Streatham this will just add to the already over congested traffic on Rowan rd which has been the knock in effect from the streatham LTNs
No	The closure will bring more traffic on near by streets, like Rowan Road and Windermere Road, it will result that cars will spend in general more time on the roads and as result it will increase the pollution in the whole are. It is not fare on residents who live on Rowan Road and Windermere Road who are already have lots of traffic on their roads and who already suffer because of Streatham LTN scheme. Lots of residents on Longthornton Road would also suffer because they would travel longer to get home if they travelling from the wrong side. Closure also will have negative effects on public services like ambulance, police, fire brigade. Residents of Windermere and Rowan roads were not consulted regarding the

	proposal.
No	This will increase traffic on main roads which will increase emissions and air quality in the whole area. You need to come up with another solution as this will create other problems in the area.
No	The only issue I have is that it would force all traffic to use Windermere Road as a rat run therefore cameras should be placed on both Roads for speeding or Windermere and Longthornton should both be closed.
No	I don't see this resolving any problems, rather moving the problem along to another street instead, i.e. Windermere Road. The scheme would be more cohesive if both Longthornton and Windermere Roads were closed, thereby not causing either to be used as rat runs.
No	We have had enough unnecessary road works in the area please stop
No	As a resident in the local area, I frequently use this road to get to and from work and putting restrictions in place via closure of parts of the road will make traffic build up in other surrounding areas causing higher emissions through exhaust fumes etc.
No	Do close roads Add speed bumps
No	Roads are not "rat runs". Roads are for driving on/travelling on. London is being turned into a place of chaos because of road closures. We have a system and LTNs are making a mess. Road closures are never considered systematically and the consequences are ignored. Streatham is a huge mess. Don't add to it
No	Closing Longthornton or any other roads in the area will only increase traffic in the area. It would push more cars onto Windermere road which is already busier than Longthornton. Before undertaking such a consultation, evidence should be produced to show that there is significant problem with speeding.
No	As a teacher at Woodmansterne School and local person I use Longthornton Road regularly. 1) Longthornton Road connects you to Stanford Way/road from Mitcham Eastfields station directly and is the shortest distance. I use this route myself to return home from Mitcham Eastfields. If closed then Windermere Road or Stanford Way would be used instead and would be a greater distance, creating more pollution and adding to traffic. 2) Longthornton Road is a wide road making it safe for driving in both directions while also seeing pedestrians crossing it. 3) Longthornton Road connects Rowan Road to Stanford Way and Stanford Road comfortably and easily with the shortest distance, hence reducing pollution and traffic. 4) If Longthornton Road was closed then traffic would be pushed onto Windermere Road which is already a narrow road or Stanford Way which is already busy and shared with the 255 bus. This would create more traffic and pollution and create more danger to pedestrians. 5: In streatham where Drewstead Road leading to Streatham Hill station and Valley Road leading to West Norwood from Streatham Common have been closed, there has been an unbearable amount of traffic and pollution created. Even buses are often unable to move and this whole area has become ruined. Q: What positive benefit would closing a well used road have for the local area? Q: Would reducing the number of roads only create more pollution and add to traffic? Q: What positive benefit is there in closing one of the widest roads in Norbury? Q: Why does the Council want to create more traffic in Norbury? Q: What is the purpose of closing Longthornton Road? Is not a road for the use of vehicles? Conclusion: Closing Longthornton Road and other roads will create more traffic, more pollution and more stress on the surrounding already narrow roads that will have more cars using them. This also makes it more dangerous for pedestrians as the roads are overstressed
No	1. Closure of this wide road will deprive motorists of options. 2. Traffic will divert to Windermere road which in itself is already packed with parked cars and difficult to drive making it impossible to use. 3. Other adjoining roads will suffer the strain of extra traffic which are pouring on them which could otherwise have used Longthornton Road. 4. Experience has shown what happened to Streatham road after such closures earlier on. 5. Can you not think of improving traffic flow so that hard working people can earn their living rather than creating obstacles. 6. I like a partial refund of my road tax as I pay it assuming that I will have access to existing roads. Less roads should mean less road tax.

No	I think that the LTNs are a complete waste of time, we can see that the LTNs in Lambeth have had an effect on us in Merton and I don not support it in anyway, we have residents on Rowan road in complete distress as they cannot have there windows open due to the fumes from the car exhausts sitting in traffic jams due to the LTNs in Streatham, how are the LTNs making life any better we have children constantly late for school due the traffic jams missed doctors appointments and more toxic gases in there due to sitting cars from early hours of the morning to 10.30 and from 4.30 to early evening.
No	This is an ill thought-out solution and offers no benefit to residents. ANPR enforced road closures are a cheap and unreliable solution. The racing occurs in the early hours of the morning, it's very easy to remove or cover number plates. Furthermore, what benefit does a road closure offer that simply adding a speed camera doesn't? It's not a deterrent to drivers already intentionally breaking the law. It's also confusing for motorists and it'll be largely innocent drivers caught out. Rat running is also a problem on neighbouring Windermere Road (and probably Hassocks too). Closing one road will just lead to more drivers onto these roads. The solution is to add a physical measure (like some sort of speed bump) onto these roads. The residents need a proper solution to anti-social behaviour and illegal driving. This proposal will just punish innocent local drivers, making the roads harder to navigate and fleecing them with fines.
No	This is unnecessary and will only cause chaos on already incredibly busy roads. Please stop doing whatever you want without due regard to the community. This isn't a dictatorship
No	The traffic is already a nightmare due backlog from the new Streatham LTN adding more road closure, with not enough public transport to support, will just add extra traffic pollution to our already highly polluted area. There is few road closed around schools on rush hour, this will push more traffic on an already heavily busy rowan road. From a non driver.....
No	Going through Streatham due to ltns is already a major nightmare and ridiculously doesn't make any sense so anymore road closures will just escalate the already made unnecessary traffic causing more delays amongst everything else that the ltns have no positive effects.
No	I live on Windermere Road and am very concerned that this will simply move the problem to here. There are already people using Windermere road as a rat run and this proposal will only exacerbate the problem
No	The problems arose when the LTN zone was unforced in Streatham Wells. Ever since, it has created congestion in the Vale, sometimes as far as the petrol station on Rowan road. Should more road "closures" be put in place, it will only create more traffic, more pollution, more delays... I cannot even take the bus anymore to get to Streatham Common Station as the traffic is so bad, I am certain to miss my train. I should not have to wake up earlier and get my child up earlier just because of bad planning. More road access restrictions will make the residents lives unbearable. If cutting through these roads is a real issue, invest in road humps. But don't penalise a further number of local residents by creating more traffic and pollution and terrible delays in commuting.
No	There are too many road closures (LTNs) in and around the streatham and Mitcham areas with constant roadworks (gas,water etc), thus multiple diversions are nearly always implemented. So (permanent) closures will only further increase in traffic/congestion/pollution/delays/misery to commuters. Currently buses in Mitcham and around streatham LTNs, are having upto one hour delays towards destinations and are offloading passengers due to stand still traffic, yet we are encouraged to use public transport! The idling of vehicles in traffic has increased localised pollution and affects those with asthmatic and breathing conditions. I propose speed humps/chicanes as a better alternative.
No	We already struggle to go anywhere by car and the lack of / reliability of public transport (which I'd prefer over car) doesn't help. More road closures will just lead to more delays and traffic and more horrible public transport (=bus) experience in absence of proper bus routes.
Don't know	Rat running and severe speeding is also a problem on Beckway rd , which is far narrower than longthornton rd and can be seen as the extended rat run route from Rowan Rd to Northborough Rd. The introduction of a LTN for one road ,will only benefit resident on that road and have an effect on the adjacent roads, what consideration is in place for that ?

No	Closure of Longthornton Road would increase pressure on the parallel roads, and increase pollution due to longer queuing traffic. It is not fair to the residents of those roads either, who would suffer more. In terms of implementation, the plan of no physical block supported by ANPR cameras does not demonstrate the strength of the case to close off this road as a 'rat run' and instead comes across as another way of penalising unawares drivers.
No	I am a community nurse and visit a number of patients in the area/roads you propose to close of to traffic. This will increase my journey time to visit them and consequently I will have less quality time caring to their needs. Streatham LTN has already had a knock on effect on my work.
No	I have been a resident of Chilmark Road for over 50years and have seen many changes. Closing Longthornton Road will increased vehicle use of Windermere, Hassocks and Chilmark Road.(Longthornton is a much wider road than these three) Note the current restrictions to aforementioned roads because of Stanford Middle school will no doubt be removed when the school closes in August 2024. All closing Longthornton road will do is move the "Rat Run" to Windermere, Chilmark and Hassocks Roads. Defeats the object surely?? Suggest Merton remove the silly road calming measure adjacent to the cemetery this will allow free flowing traffic down Rowan Road and will reduce the need for drivers to use Rat runs. Merton would be better making a one way system around
No	These kind of closures just divert traffic to other roads and don't solve anything. Also, a scheme policed by cameras and no physical barrier is a disgusting hidden tax on drivers who don't know the area and are perhaps concentrating on the road instead of more confusing signage!
No	I live almost opposite the junction with Longthornton Road and Rowan Road. I have not experienced any issues with rat running or speed since I have lived here over the last 5 years. The road is an essential link between Mitcham and Norbury. It is generally quite quiet especially as there are mitigating factors such as dense parked cars, bus stops, and multiple adjoining junctions. I do not believe a road closure is necessary. Road closures simply limit route options and push traffic to other roads leading to traffic jams elsewhere. We already have limited routes to Norbury given school road closures at Hassocks Road. If there is an issue with speed (not my experience) I would rather support a speed camera on Longthornton Road which would penalise the bad drivers while not limiting the access of the well behaved drivers. I would recommend that Merton does NOT copy Lambeth which has brought Streatham to its knees through LTNs. I strongly urge Merton not to implement a road closure of any type here.
No	Closing this road will result in drivers using the next road or make Rowan Road busy. Which will increase speeding to regain time loss due to blocking roads
No	I'm a Merton resident that occasionally uses Longthornton Road, not as a Rat Run ( which I find to be a derogatory term) but to get to Norbury , I also use the road to get from Norbury to Rowan Road . I feel that closing the road will force other road users onto nearby already busy roads , including Northborough Road and Woodmansterne. My understanding is that one of the reasons for the proposed closure is due to speeding , surely it would make better sense to deal with this issue by using measures such as speed humps or a camera , another complaint appears to be regarding Lorry's using the road , how about instead of closing it enforce a weight restriction. These are not radical ideas, they're used in London to deal with similar issues instead of moving the issue elsewhere and other residence having to deal with the problem . Where does it stop if you implement it here ,every residential road will demanding the same.
No	I font believe these type if road closure prevent pollution etc. It just disrupt people's lives and us just another way of taking motorist. They gave done this to my area and I have to drive an extra mile each way to get to my home when ever I use my car. I am also stuck in traffic burning up fuel. Do tell me how us thus reducing pollution.

## Responses received by e-mail

14 responses have been received by e-mail. This represents 4% of the total number of responses. However, 10 of these responses (emails 5-14) had also filled in the online questionnaire. All 14 of the emails come outside the controlled area and each one objected to a proposed closure. All comments from email are shown below in table below.

Good morning, I would like to highlight that Windermere Road is already a very busy road and by closing off Longthornton road is not a good idea. I think both roads needs to be closed. There a school called Stanford primary school. There are cameras installed to protect children and then how can we have more traffic coming into Windermere Road. People race down our road as it is a motorway. Please carefully look into this.

Please see the response from the Conservative Group below

The Conservatives oppose the proposed closure as there has not been any evidence presented about the impact on traffic flows if this road closure goes ahead.

We have just been made aware of a proposed LTN in Longthornton Road, when my wife received an email from Longthornton Neighbourhood. Apparently there was a consultation from 19 February to 8 March. However this is the first that we have heard of this and the date for this consultation has now passed.

We are disappointed that, living in Rowan Road, and so close to the proposed LTN, we have not been given appropriate warning of this by Merton council. There has been zero communication on this matter to residents who may be affected.

Given the recent horrendous traffic congestion caused in Streatham by the (now suspended) Streatham Wells LTN, we are disappointed that another LTN is being proposed so close to home. LTNs do not achieve anything, other than push traffic onto already busy and congested routes, delaying everybody's journey, including car and bus users. The proposed LTN would then push more traffic back onto Rowan Road and also Stanford Way. We do not understand what the concerns are about Longthornton Road and wonder if it is a concern about the road being used as a rat run, a more appropriate way might be to make Longthornton Road 1 way with Windermere Road, say, 1 way in the opposite direction?

LTNs increase congestion and pollution in the roads where traffic is pushed onto and have zero environmental benefits. The only benefit is to local councils, raking in huge fines from poor, unsuspecting people, often caught out by poor signage.

It is ironic that I found the details for the 3 Longthornton councillors on a web page including the words "democracy" and "Merton" <https://democracy.merton.gov.uk/mgMemberIndex.aspx?FN=WARD> as this attempt to sneak in a money grabbing LTN by the back door is a thoroughly undemocratic way of doing things.

We are very disappointed by the continual war on motorists in London & beyond and had hoped that Merton would not follow the example set by Mayor Khan, Lambeth, Southwark and others, but obviously this was a vain hope.

We should be grateful to receive your assurances that this LTN will not be considered further until local residents are given full information in advance and have the appropriate mechanism to raise concerns in a truly democratic way and that our elected representatives will realise that they are the servants of the people and not their masters.

Apparently the reason for considering closure of Longthornton Road is because of complaints from residents concerning traffic vibration.

This is not uncommon. The cause is well known to any Highway Engineer as is the solution.

If the London Borough of Merton properly repaired potholes, sunken old trench excavations and broken sections of existing tarmac surfacing, and properly resurfaced the road thereby providing a hard smooth surface, vibration would no longer be an issue.

Longthornton Road is far wider than Windermere, Hassocks and Chilmark Roads.

Closure of Longthornton Road will result in an increase of traffic using these other Roads. Resulting in an increased risk of traffic accidents, deterioration of road construction and surfacing

The situation will be further aggravated following closure of the School in Chilmark Road in July this year.

This matter should be carefully re-considered by London Borough of Merton



I wish to make the following points about your proposal to close Longthornton road SW16 to non-resident traffic.

#### Procedural unfairness:

It is patently obvious that this proposal will affect adjacent and parallel streets, yet you have not taken any steps to engage with affected residents on these streets. One of my Windermere road neighbours contacted a local councillor and she confirmed that the council had been instructed to ensure Windermere road residents were consulted. They have not been. Instead it seems you are attempting to rush this through on the quiet. As soon as Longthornton is closed, it doesn't take a genius to realise traffic on that street will take Windermere road instead. The suggestion that the traffic will simply dissipate is complete nonsense and will not be borne out by any research you conduct. Furthermore consulting Windermere Road residents on a similar measure for their road after enacting measures on Longthornton would attempt to railroad them by creating a problem that doesn't exist now. We are affected by the current proposal and must therefore be allowed to input, as should other affected residents.

I would also observe this failure to consult affected stakeholders follows a pattern of behavior for this council:

1. Windermere road residents were not consulted when the school safety street measures were introduced on Chillmark road, despite the easily foreseeable impact (now a reality) that parents driving to and from Stanford would park on Windermere road in large volumes instead. (See several previous emails I have sent you about this);

And

2. Windermere road residents were also not consulted when permission was given for the house opposite me (97 Windermere road) into a "halfway house" (for want of a better term). This has led to a significant increase to antisocial behavior on the street and in nearby areas and whilst I acknowledge the need for such facilities and hence wouldn't want it removed, this was again foreseeable and we should have been consulted so that, at a minimum, measures could be agreed to mitigate any concerns we had.

This council needs to look carefully at its attitude to consultation, as you seem to force measures through with no regard for those who are negatively affected.

The failure to conduct proper consultation also means the council puts itself at risk of implementing measures supported by only a small minority of noisy complainants, but which a majority of borough residents are actually opposed to, as I suggest you are about to do here.

#### Irrationality

There is not, and has never been, a problem with the volume of traffic on Longthornton road, Windermere road - or any other road in the immediate area. These are generally quiet roads.

What is well documented is problems with speeding, given these are straight roads without a large volume of traffic. Residents have repeatedly asked for the council to act to reduce speeding and repeatedly been told that nothing can be done. There is no good reason not to have speed bumps (as there are on Stanford road), one way give way points (as on Rowan road), digital displays telling drivers what speed they are travelling at, or a range of other measures. These have all been dismissed without any good reason.

LTN measures are not intended to be used to reduce speeding, they are for traffic reduction, if that isn't already obvious from their name, it is also quite clear from much of the academic literature and official guidance.

There is absolutely no evidence of high traffic volumes on Longthornton road. Perhaps the real reason the council is interested in this measure is because of a desire to raise revenue through a network of PCN cameras. The proposal is not a rational response to the problem residents have reported, there is a danger your objectivity is compromised by an opportunity to raise revenue. One might reasonably observe that the correct response to budget constraints, rather than looking for new revenue streams, is to stop wasting public money on things residents don't want!

Please confirm that you will delay consideration of this proposal to allow time for a full and meaningful consultation of all affected residents. I look forward to feeding further views and evidence in via that properly conducted process.

It came to my attention that there are plans to impose road closure on Longthornton Road SW16 to address rat running and speed.

As a resident of near by Windermere Road SW16 I would like to draw your attention that we have even bigger issues of rat running and overspreading on our road.

If the Longthornton Road will be closed it will only increase rat running on Windermere Road.

Also I would like to draw your attention that because of school roads (Stanford Primary School and

Woodmansterne Primary School) Windermere Road has increased traffic and air pollution and noise pollution becoming of overspreading traffic. And lots of Lidl (which is close to Windermere Road) customers use Windermere Road to get to Stanford Road and beyond (not Longthornton Road).

Overspreading traffic is a big hazard for pupils using our road because cars and motorcycles drive on Windermere Road well above 20mph.

Furthermore Windermere Road is narrower comparing to Longthornton Road and at pick hours it's often get traffic jams with drivers peeping at each other that irritates residents even more.

Despite all these I think both roads Longthornton and Windermere Road are essential for commuters and it would cause lots of problems if any of them will be closed.

Instead it seems to me it would make more sense to put speed cameras or speed bumps on both roads to address overspending.

I am a resident of Windermere Road and I am quite concerned to hear of the possible closure of Longthornton Road to through traffic. A considerable number of drivers already use Windermere Road as a short cut and this will only make things worse. Longthornton Road is a wider road than this one and I can't understand why this decision has been made. I hope this decision can be reconsidered.

I understand that Merton plans to close Longthornton Road to through traffic. I am sure that this will lead to increased traffic along Windermere Road.

Please do not do this. I am already fed up with the amount of traffic that currently passes along Windermere Road.

I cannot face having to put up with an increase in the number of vehicles passing along here!!

I am a resident of Windermere Road, the next road to Longthornton.

I understand that we will be the next road to be considered for traffic calming.

As both roads have considerable speeding problems it would be more logical to consider both roads at the same time.

If the decision to close Longthornton does go ahead, this will highly impact the amount of extra traffic in Windermere.

We are the only two roads off Stanford that lead directly in to Rowan Road,

Instead of looking at Longthornton first and making a decision...then looking at what can be done in Windermere, please do both roads together. It would be a waste of money to implement something on one road that effects the decision on the other.

Look at what happened in Rowan Road outside Lidl when the chicanes had to be removed at a huge cost.

Please listen to the residents. Perhaps someone from your department needs to spend some time witnessing the dreadful speeding in both roads to understand our plight.

It is very difficult to understand when you don't live here.

The council would have made a huge amount of money, had the drivers who were caught speeding on our Community Speed Watch been fined.

Speed cameras are the way forward for both roads.

I would like to express my deep concerns about the awful proposal to stop traffic driving down Longthornton Road in SW16.

I am a resident in Windermere Road and we already suffer from heavy traffic on a daily basis, which often entails cars speeding down the road.

I sincerely hope the closure of Longthornton Road does not go ahead as this would be absolutely terrible for the traffic in the area, which will impact the local residents enormously.

Windermere Road will be particularly affected as all the traffic will be diverted down here, which is particularly

dangerous as we have schools nearby on Chilmark Road.

The introduction of speed bumps on Longthornton Road would be a much safer option and would have less impact on the local residents.

I do not see the benefit of closing the road whatsoever, it merely seems like a money making scheme aimed at catching drivers out.

London is already an extremely difficult Place to drive in, please do not make it worse!

All my neighbours share the same sentiment so please do consider this decision carefully.

I wish to lodge my objection to the above road closure.

I live in Windermere Road, which is already a busy residential road, without any speed bumps. If Longthornton Road is closed, then Windermere Road will become even busier and more dangerous for the school children who attend the school is Chilmark Road.

Since the closure of several roads in Streatham, the traffic along Rowan Road leading up to Streatham Vale has become absolutely horrific. I take the bus each day, early morning, to travel to work, and the buses are constantly stuck in heavy traffic. By closing Longthornton Road, the traffic travelling along Rowan Road onto the Vale will become even worse.

Please do not close any more roads, unless you are trying to drive people away from living in this area. Life is difficult enough!

I, as a resident of Windermere Road am appalled that there's a closure of the Long Thornton road, being considered. I further understand that Windermere Road could follow suit. That would be criminal.

In the first instance all that you are trying to do is to encourage maniac car drivers who care nothing about safety but are fuelled with intentions to just speed (just for the sheer sake of it). They will do this on Windermere Road, even more, if you consider closing/ restricting drivers entering Long Thornton. I don't think the Council is aware of the speeding on Windermere Road. It's only been made aware of speeding on Long Thornton (by the residents I've been made aware) and thus decided to consider it's closure. Long Thornton is much wider than Windermere. As a Windermere Road resident I wouldn't dream of requesting such an LTN, even on our road. It's also a scheme from a Labour led council and Merton should learn from what transpired in Lambeth; another Labour led Council. Is it being proposed to obtain revenue; I strongly feel it is!. Aren't we subjected to enough hardship from the current state of affairs that the UK fids itself in? We are not cash cows!

I can assure you as a Windermere Road resident, that the speeds these drivers reach are nothing short of criminal. They do this throughout the day and night despite there being other restrictions, i.e stopping cars entering Chilmark Road, during school term.

I've been given to understand that our family members would be restricted from visiting us, especially the OAP's. That's discrimination! My wife and I are OAP's.

Both our children visit us as regularly as they can but at the risk of being fined they will visit us even less. My wife has a large group of Siblings (7). All have extended families and they too will be unable to visit us, during the year and holiday periods, especially when we have large gatherings.

I certainly hope that Merton will look at my comments, views and treat them seriously. They are not frivolous; they are genuine!

I have heard about the proposed closure of Longthornton Road and as a resident living on Windermere Road I would like to express my concerns about the proposal. Windermere Road is also a racetrack and closing Longthornton Road will divert the boy racers onto it. As Windermere is a popular cut through I would suggest that action is considered only after studying the traffic volumes flowing down both roads. Shifting the problem and creating a bigger problem a few roads away is not good use of council money.

1.Following on from the Longthornton Ward meeting on 2nd March; can myself and colleague residents who were also at the meeting, be reassured that people not living on Longthornton Road, do not have full access to Merton's online system that would enable them to state their option.

This was raised at the meeting on 2nd March by an attendee at the meeting.

2.Residents on Hemlock Close: off of Longthornton Road: Myself and some colleague residents of Longthornton Road need to know if Hemlock Close residents received the Merton Proposal for Closure of Longthornton Road letter a week ago. One colleague feels not; they said this would not be right as they do not reside on

Longthornton Road. Hemlock Close has some 60 dwellings?

We may have to check with residents themselves should I not hear from you on this, this afternoon.

### Automatic Traffic Survey- summary data

### Appendix 3

		Direction 1			Direction 2			
		South East Bound			North West Bound			
Summary		Total Vehicles	Average Speed	85% Speed	Total Vehicles	Average Speed	85% Speed	
Day 1	Friday	01/12/2023	1616	21.4	26.4	1151	22	27.8
Day 2	Saturday	02/12/2023	1451	21.4	26.6	1091	22.3	28.4
Day 3	Sunday	03/12/2023	1140	21.2	26	924	22	27.7
Day 4	Monday	04/12/2023	1465	20.8	25.6	1146	22	27.6
Day 5	Tuesday	05/12/2023	1465	21	25.8	1122	21.7	27.5
Day 6	Wednesday	06/12/2023	1653	20.8	25.7	1195	21.9	27.5
Day 7	Thursday	07/12/2023	1514	20.6	25.7	1101	22	28
Week Total			<b>10304</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>26.1</b>	<b>7730</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>27.7</b>