

Comments Received on Lewisham Road Closures by the ABD

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After road closures (prior to 30/07/2020 from 01/7/2020)

"I hope this is not too late but I am writing to object to the road closures. I live in Lee but officially the London Borough of Greenwich, just. I chose to live in Lee and use Lee train station and the shops in that location. This is now so much more difficult and restrictive. I cannot collect my children from the station in the rain as it would take 20 mins to drive to the station, if I am lucky. There are safety issues to be considered here. My neighbours are elderly and now unable to access the shops where they live and instead are pushed out on the main road. It's horrible. These decisions have literally cut communities in half. I can't stand the oppressiveness of these decisions, made by a few people". (S.H.)

"I object to the proposals as they will massively hit the trade for our business Harlequin Party Shop on Lee High Rd. Please re-think involving dwellers and workers in the area". (P.D.)

"Hello how do you object the ridiculous road closures around Lewisham? They haven't closed some of the roads but they have closed all side roads around Lewisham. It's dangerous and ridiculous. As a resident I no longer have access to roads leading to home without massive delay. It's beyond stupid. A major accident or incident on the main roads will leave me with no route home. I was stuck in traffic for 2 hours on the 17th July because of an incident on the A2. We had no choice but to wait it out". (S.D.)

"I am writing to complain about the current situation with road closures within Lewisham borough. The council have had complete disregard for the thoughts and feeling of its residents. My entire support network is within the road closure area. My mother lives in Manor Lane and my son's nursery is also within the closed area. I have two small children under 2 and although we walk most places this is not always practical or realistic, given weather and life constraints. Both were only five minute journeys by car have now gone up to 20-30mins. The current situation has made all the road within the borough far more congested and almost impossible to drive anywhere. We see having a car as a luxury and the local authority appear to have an agenda to make it almost impossible to have one for those on lower incomes putting parking permits up by double this year. At a time when the government are advising you to use your car rather than public transport. It appears to many in the borough, as further gentrification of an already very middle-class area. Appealing to the middle-aged men in lycra crew without proper thought about those who are older, have young children or a disability. Definitely a neighbourhood divided. Why should one neighbourhood suffer at the cost of another? Promoting clean air in one just pushes the problem somewhere else. Traffic has increased ten-fold on my road - Belmont Hill because of the sheer congestion in the town centre and along the A2. Also not helped by the closure of Boyne Rd which happened again without

consultation approximately 15 years ago. Apparently done as a councillor for Lewisham lived on the road at the time and lobbied for the changes. I hope you can use some of my objections towards your arguments against the current road closures". (F.G.)

"The closure of roads on the west side of Burnt Ash Road is a serious mistake. One result of this is that the southern end (Upwood Road) of Leyland Road, which is already used as a 'rat run' and dropping-off route by Colfe's School parents, will now be even worse affected. Many residents, including myself, have paid the council for white lines to prevent school parents parking across our driveways. Frequently, parents have been abusive to Leyland Road residents and the school, although sympathetic to residents, is powerless to act. Not only is this a very real post-pandemic problem (i.e.: when the school re-opens in the autumn) but it is also a traffic accident and pollution matter if/when Leyland Road becomes even busier in the early morning and at close of school. In addition, the closure half-way along of Upwood Road will undoubtedly cause further disruption and, indeed, possible accidents, as parents will now use Upwood Road as a turn-around to re-access Burnt Ash, rather than being able to drive through to Horn Park Lane. There is also the issue of emergency (vehicle) access. My wife and I object to these closures from every angle. We have been residents of Leyland Road for over 40 years". (R.S.)

"I am writing to make my objections known regarding road closures around Lee and Lewisham. The implementation of these closures will cause: GRIDLOCK, HIGHER LEVELS OF POLLUTION, INCREASED JOURNEY TIMES, PROLONGED RESPONSES BY EMERGENCY SERVICES. Already there is traffic queueing down Harland Road at peak times due to the build up of traffic on Baring Road turning into the South Circular Road. In the 43yrs I have live in this area I have never experienced such high volumes of traffic congestion and this is not helped by the amount of roadworks currently taking place!" (J.S.)

"I wish to protest against the current road closures occurring in Lewisham. It is resulting in congested traffic on the main/major roads in the borough with the consequential added pollution, longer journeys and irate drivers. It appears an ill thought out exercise". (B.S.)

"We live on Holme Lacey road and we entirely object to these new road closures. It is seriously affecting our journey times to anywhere at all! Thank you for taking the time to create this group". (E.T.)

"I object strongly to these road closures. Both my husband and I are hospital doctors and it is adding an extra 15-20 minutes journey time to get to the hospital. We also care for my mother and can't take her to hospital as quickly as before either. Also the pollution from all the drivers driving for longer and further is worse for the environment and for the people living on Burnt Ash Road, which includes a nursing home, plus all the people waiting for buses or walking to Lee station. It makes no sense whatsoever and needs to be reversed asap". (S.W.)

"Firstly, many thanks for the support you and your organisation have given to the residents of Lee who are being held hostage by the London Borough of Lewisham

under the guise of Covid-19. The introduction of road closures as a method of controlling congestion will have other long-term negative effects. As a case in point, I was planning to buy an electric car within the near future, however, what is the point of making that large investment if I am unable to drive my current car, which has very low emissions? Therefore, I have changed my long-term plans and will not make that 'green' choice because the cost is greater to me than the benefit – I will retain my petrol car indefinitely. The other decision I have been forced to make is to drive out of the borough to do my shopping as I have easier access to the A2 than Lee Green. Will this affect the development of Lee Gate because no business will thrive there now? The units at Chiltonian Industrial Park look very quiet and I suspect their business may be suffering". (S.B.)

"I am a Lewisham resident and I am alarmed at the numerous side road closures that have been implemented within the Lee area. I live in the Bellingham area and I understand this scheme will be rolled out in the Bellingham area which is of deep concern as I live in Southend Lane which is a main road in SE6. If extra traffic is pushed onto Southend Lane then this is going to cause further increase in pollution etc as I can see this is happening in the Lee Green area.

I note there has been no resident consultation and the scheme is being implemented in Lee early due to covid. I note the side roads are extremely quiet however the A20 St Mildred Road is jam packed with traffic. This cannot continue it is a war against drivers and devaluing properties situated on the main roads". (C.L.)

"Thank you for your note and leaflet. Indeed as residents in Newstead Road we are extremely upset and annoyed at Lewisham Council who have seriously affected our daily lives and way to travel in the area. Lewisham Council have been closing many roads in our areas of Lee Green using the Covid 19 epidemic - as a result this has split our lovely community in 2 parts with serious consequences on road travelling. Manor Lane, Manor Park and Upwood roads and many others are now closed and this has stopped us from having fast and direct access to our local hospital in Lewisham forcing us to use the busy south circular via Catford which is not sustainable for elderly patients. These road closure have made practically any residents of Lee Green living on the other side of the railway line into a complete ghetto. This is creating divisions at a difficult time with the Covid 19 Crisis very much still present. This brutal closure has creating serious traffic congestion in the area and severe pollution all day long on Burnt Ash Hill. Roads are now solid with heavy traffic on Lee High Road - Burnt Ash Hill which make any trips for us totally unworkable. This is a very Brutal decision from the council ignoring the views of local residents in Newstead Road - Dallinger Road and many more with no proper public consultation. A very upsetting and sorry date of affairs." (M.F.)

"Please stop the road closures in Lee Manor, Lewisham. All it has done is create traffic elsewhere, obviously, and I keep hearing about emergency vehicles having to do three-point turns because of the closures. It needs a re-think!" (L.B.)

"Myself, and my family strongly object to the recent road closures being carried out in our area. I live on Holme Lacey Road and the end of my road has now been blocked. This new development is already causing problems for us as myself and my

husband both drive, we have three children who are constantly needing to be at different places at different times. Having our road blocked and so many others is not making life easy for us and so many other residents too. if anything it has so far made more life stressful than it already is. It's absolutely ridiculous! Thanks for your support I only hope it's not too late to stop this unjustified act by the council". (C.W.)

"We live in the borough of Lewisham and our journey to school in Blackheath from Lee has been severely affected by the road closures. Our trip to Manor House gardens means we are forced to use the main road which takes longer. We live on Harland Road and we have since seen more congestion on our road because of this". (D.W.)

"I write as both a motorist and cyclist regarding the frankly ridiculous road closures, implemented in the Hither Green area over the last month. To my knowledge there has been little or no consultation with us, the residents, who are now bearing the brunt of these closures in the form of a huge increase in congestion together with the greatly extended journey times and increased pollution this causes. A journey to drop my teenage daughter at Lewisham DLR that used to take 30 minutes, now takes well in excess of an hour. And that's when I am willing to make the journey; at other times the traffic is that bad that I am not willing to sit bumper-to-bumper crawling along Torridon Road, which now regularly experiences tailbacks across the lights at the Sandhurst Road junction. Instead I ask my daughter to get the bus, where she experiences the same gridlock and delay, leaving her to question whether making her journey is worth the stress. I believe one of the justifications for the closures is to make the area cycle-friendly. As a cyclist I assure you that the last thing that contributes to a cycle-friendly environment is frustrated motorists, especially when the cyclists are viewed as the beneficiaries of their frustration. How such issues were not apparent when this scheme was planned is beyond me. With Hither Green's proximity to the already congested South Circular, the effect such closures would have on the traffic should have been obvious. Alternative means of transport are simply not an option in a great many cases and so we're stuck - short of moving house, we either like it or lump it. However, my understanding is that these closures have currently been made on a trial basis; given it should already be clear that this scheme is a failure, I see no purpose being served in prolonging the misery it has created and ask that you push for the trial be wound-up at the earliest opportunity". (N.H.)

"The blocking of roads is absolutely ridiculous. This will have a serious impact on residents and more importantly times to get to Lewisham hospital will dramatically increase plus ambulance times to residents will also increase quite probably resulting in deaths. No thought given about this type of scenario at all. Last weekend my wife drove from home to Catford, stopped for 10 mins, drove onto Downham and returned, journey time 2 hours; yes two hours for a usual 30-40 minute trip". (K.H.)

"The Alliance Team are doing an excellent job and we are confident that every resident will register their objections. These closures are totally unjustified/ unwarranted and serve no useful purpose – all the Trials will achieve nothing except CHAOS and disruption of Access to Hither Green and Lee Railway services. The

closing of the junction (+cameras) at the crossroads (Fernbrook Road/Manor Lane/Southbrook Road) is unacceptable because no vehicles can enter or leave to reach the upper end of Manor Lane and Milborough Crescent, depriving hundreds of residents returning home from Lewisham shopping, both parks, Library, Handen Road Clinic, Supermarkets, Greenwich, Blackheath etc. and problematic for traffic access to the recently converted Chiltonian industrial Estate with numerous shops. We observe that vehicles that enter from Burnt Ash Road into Holme Lacey/Dallinger Road, find that they cannot exit as both roads are blocked at the end with a metal pole embedded in the centre hence they have to turn around and go back to Burnt Ash Road proceed to St Mildred's and turn into Manor Lane involving close to half a mile to reach a destination which is only a few yards away. Total waste of time, fuel cost, aggravation, and inconvenience. It is definitely an inappropriate time to conduct such a trial when Coronavirus is rife and over 80% of the workforce are house-bound working from home instead of reporting to offices and shops. The Think-tanks have not taken into consideration the fact that when residents purchased houses on Manor Lane they did so, by bearing in mind all the facilities, amenities, etc. surrounding them, viz. schools, buses, trains, library, parks, shops, church, GP clinic, etc. Now we are deprived of all these facilities. This state of affairs should be looked into seriously with a view regarding compensation to all the residents, from the respective authorities for their slip-up". (P.N.)

"As an elderly resident of Horn Park Lane I am appalled and distressed at the effect of the closures of Upwood Road, Cambridge Drive, Woodyates Rd etc. I have a terminally ill husband at home under palliative care and am dependent on my car for essential shopping, doctor (Handen Rd), Lewisham Hospital etc. Hospital transport, district nurses, carers are all affected by the closures but are essential for me to keep my husband at home. Ambulance transport is regularly required to take him to Lewisham Hospital or St. Christopher's Hospice. As we are no longer able to go through Hither Green and both time of journey and miles covered have increased significantly and will be worse when schools re-open. Horn Park Lane is already a rat run and it is increasingly difficult to get out on to Lee High Road and the South Circular. Lewisham have been very high handed over this and despite requests Royal Greenwich Borough seem to be ignoring what is happening to affect their (our) roads and I would like to strongly object to the proposals". (S.B.)

"I am writing to add my support to the objection to the Road Closure on Dallinger Road. I am in the vulnerable category and now delivery drivers are no longer delivering to me due to the road closures. The decision is absolutely ridiculous". (K.M.)

"Why did they have to block all road from Lee to Hither Green as that is the quickest route to get to Lewisham Hospital. Now they are forcing all traffic onto the major roads which are already heavily congested. What is going to happen if there is an accident on one of these major roads, which means there will be major delays which is a common occurrence on our motorways and now will be common occurrence on our major roads too. If a parent/carer/childminder is too far away to walk to school or has a pick-up at two schools and there is an accident on one of their roads how do you expect them to be to school on time? I understand traffic control but there are

too many road closures in this area and they will cause major delays and disruption to people's lives". (D.L.)

"Thank you for starting the petition. I am not sure what has happened, but Lewisham has closed off part of Ennersdale Road (a main road) and changed the direction of traffic on Pascoe Road. Traffic is now racing through Pascoe Road from Ennersdale, the main road. I have lived at Pascoe Road for over 20 years. Up until this point, it was a quiet, one-way street. It has totally destroyed the street. The signs indicate it may be to do with COVID and or cycling, but as somebody who spends a lot of time at the front of the house, cyclists rarely use the road, even after this change. There is no reason that this change should have happened and I certainly don't recall any consultation on this matter. Please help! Not sure what the neighbours are thinking, but much the same, I should imagine. Ennersdale is a main road. Pascoe road is a small, narrow, one way street which has been destroyed by this thoughtless process". (A.P.)

"We live in Upwood Road on the Greenwich side of the road. Half of Upwood Road is within Lewisham. Lewisham Council has recently blocked and closed the road (half way in the middle). We have to drive locally everyday to a relative in Carston Close. Since Lewisham Council blocked and closed Upwood Road, Cambridge Drive and Leyland Road we have been forced to drive around, three times more our normal mileage, to get to our relative. The only way for us to drive there is to go in the opposite direction to Horn Park Lane, then to Eltham Road to Lee Gate, then into Burnt Ash Road, Dorville Road, Leyland Road and finally Carston Close. A really round about journey. The Eltham Road A20 rush hour traffic to Lee Gate is bad enough normally. Now it is a nightmare. The one-minute drive from Horn Park Lane to Lee Gate and our local Sainsbury's could now easily take half an hour and more because road closures push more traffic into Eltham Road. We have friends living in Eltham Road (near Cambridge Drive). They are horrified by the increased traffic and air pollution. As we are driving more and not less we are using more petrol polluting the neighbourhood more and contributing more to the traffic congestion. Is the Lewisham Council's policy of closing so many local residential roads such a good idea to help improve and create a healthy environment. They want people to walk and cycle. Many people are not young enough to cycle or even walk. People have to drive for all sorts of reasons. They only now pollute more and create more traffic congestions by driving in convoluted ways as a result of the road closures. Lewisham Council is pushing traffic from one area into another area. Healthy living for some at the expense of others. Isn't this rather selfish and also unkind to those not so capable of cycling or even walking. Use better options to improve the environment. For instance, more single yellow line residential roads and one-way streets could achieve a lot towards a better neighbourhood. To Close roads is too drastic". (J.J.)

"I live on the small section of Minard Road, north of the South Circular Road. It is usually a quiet bit of road, however, since the road closures have been put in place in other parts of Hither Green, there is now a huge increase in traffic going up our road (and surrounding roads), as cars are cutting through to get onto the South

Circular from Hither Green Lane, where long queues are forming at the traffic lights. During rush hour, there is now a steady flow of traffic up this section of Minard Road and then queues form here too, as traffic builds up waiting to get onto the South Circular. I fear that we, my husband and our baby, and all others living in this area, will be affected by the levels of fumes that are now being emitted on our road and surrounding roads. As we are now surrounded by queues of traffic. Minard Road is also a cycle route, and the excessive traffic now on the road make it very unsafe, if not almost impossible for cyclists to use the road. With cars parked on either side, it is effectively a one lane road. That one lane is now either being driven up regularly by speeding cars or filled with a queue of traffic. I understand the need to make roads safer and make the air cleaner. I am a keen cyclist and walker and welcome changes that make these activities safer. However, the road closures put in place are having the opposite effect where I live. A scheme that moves dangerous traffic levels from one area to another, is not a solution. Why do some people deserve cleaner air and a safer road outside their house and others don't? When we bought our house, we did so on the basis that it was on a relatively quiet and safe road, but that is no longer the case, and I find it very distressing. Please rethink these changes". (A.O.)

"I am an unpaid full time (around the clock) Carer for my mother who resides with me. She is in the late stages of Huntingtons Disease and is fully dependant on visits from Carers, District Nurses, and other professionals visiting my home as she is bed bound. I have witnessed emergency services having to turn around. That aside, I was not consulted or asked my preference. Local residents cannot access local amenities as they did before, yet those within Hither Green Central can. My teenage daughter who attends the local secondary school will be more 'at risk' walking to school as the school 'never asked' for interventions". (N.C.)

"I wish to STRONGLY object to the proposals.in Lewisham. I run a local before and after school club for working parents. The impact of the new road closures will be detrimental for children that we drop off and collect on a very tight schedule from 8 - 9.15 am and 3 - 4 pm daily. We are planning to walk the majority of children to and from school although, this is in no way ideal as some have disabilities and younger children may find the journey difficult, especially during the colder months. Ordinarily, we would collect children from schools in our 17 seater minibus, meaning that there are 16 less parents' cars on the road, and, parents are safe in the knowledge that their children after a full day at school can be transported to our club in comfort and safety. As well as this, I live on Burnt Ash Road and, as a result of the closures, the traffic is now displaced to this road where now (before schools fully reopen and people return to work), traffic is far, far worse than ever before and cars are sitting for longer periods with engines idling, increasing C02 emissions. My daughter has asthma which no doubt, will worsen now. I welcome your support with objecting the closures and look forward to hearing from you soon". (R.W.)

"Thank you for leafleting in my area. I live on one of the roads that has a school on it and although the road has not been shut we will have timed closures when it's implemented. The road will also be a feeder to the south circular when drivers have problems with backlogged traffic on Manor Lane and difficulty accessing it. I did

attend the meetings but was not originally told about the closures even though it affects everyone along our road. I feel it was already a done deal and the public meetings just a P.R. stunt, but now the scheme has gone ahead under the guise of Covid-19 with no further consultation, Covid-19 was a great time to bury democracy as far as the residents this affects". (G.W.)#

"The road closure by the borough of Lewisham has to be cancelled immediately because it denies the residents free movement in their locality and without consultation the residents are also denied consideration and respect. Lewisham Councillors imposed and redesigned our locality using the resident's money without their approval to impose walking and cycling, discriminating against the sick people, the disabled, the older, the very young children and the victims of fire and accidents as it increases the response time of emergency services. It will also impact negatively on local businesses". (C.D.)

"Thank you for your flier regarding Lewisham Road Proposals/Closures. I am a disabled resident, Blue Badge holder, living on Manor Lane SE12. The recent road closures have already massively impacted on me negatively. Trips to the hospital now take 30 minutes longer. A trip for medical supplies takes an additional 15 minutes. Congestion has increased following Lewisham road closures and not decreased. I see less people walking and cycling. Disabled motorists especially those who live alone are totally reliant on vehicles to get about safely to get essential items, medical care and medical supplies. Other options available to non-disabled people are not available for disabled people. Therefore, these road closures are DISCRIMINATORY against disabled people who cannot access areas that non-disabled people still can. Lewisham road proposals and closures need to be re-considered as a matter of urgency and a matter of law. Disabled people's views need to be taken into consideration and communicated more transparently to help wider residents so they can more fully understand the impact changes such as these have on disabled and vulnerable groups of residents. I am also massively concerned that significant changes were carried out without the agreement of residents. I believe the council commented that they'd spoken to 700 residents out of 14,000 in the Lee Green area - even if they all voted for these changes (which I'm not sure they did), it's such a tiny proportion of the overall community that the decision to go ahead with making changes should not have been agreed. And, where was it published that residents actually VOTED for these changes? I wasn't aware that we'd suddenly become a communist state with Chairman Egan making undemocratic decisions ad nauseam and which are flagrantly ultra vires". (A.S.)

"I am keen to make my voice heard. The road closures are a nightmare for me as a resident of Lee". (M.C.)

"My journey to and from work is taking twice as long due to these closures and there is now a constant queue of traffic outside my door on Lee High Road". (S.B.)

"I am amazed that this has gone through when so many people objected very clearly at a consultation meeting. I notice that South Row has successfully reopened. So many people are affected - businesses, traders and the elderly. A trip to the hospital is a nightmare using all the main roads detouring through Lewisham town centre on

congested roads. Obviously the people or person who put this in place does not live in the area". (R.B.)

"In regards to the stealth road closures I would like to add the following comment: As a large local family who span generational divides, we rely on these roads being open to get around and see each other, helping to build up the community. This is clearly overall detrimental for the environment, as it results in the worst congested roads being even more heavily congested, due to the increased idling of cars".(G.H.)

"I would like my name added to any petition objecting to the new road closures in the Lee/Hither Green area of Lewisham. I live alone in the area and need to get out and back and have people visit. Today it took me over an hour to get home, probably a journey of less than 2 miles which would normally have taken 5 minutes. The main roads were virtually stationary with traffic. The fumes and pollution must have been dangerously high". (G.J.)

"Hi, I live in Manor Park where these road closures affect me and my family. These road closures have increased my journey to and from work by half an hour there and back even though my office is in Catford. For my job I work in properties in the Lewisham borough. These road closures have had a massive impact on my day to day life, impacting on me getting around the borough to carry out my job. I am very concerned for ALL the children in the Lewisham Borough who are due to go back to school in September with even more pollution on our main roads where our children will have to wait at bus stops inhaling these fumes to and from school due to the extra pollution on the major roads because of these road closures. These road closures have definitely not been introduced to help congestion or enable people to cycle or encourage walking especially our elderly and disabled community. Furthermore as a resident of the borough I pay council tax and we should have had much, much more consultation on these proposals from our councillors who we elect. This cannot just be about people who do not live in the Borough and who have the choice not to own a vehicle. I could NOT do the job I do without my vehicle as I need to carry my tools and materials around the borough from properties and unfortunately they cannot be carried on a bicycle, skateboard or any other means of transportation. Thank you so much ABD for taking on Lewisham Councillors. We residents thought no one was listening to us...so thanks once again". (C.B.)

"The road closures in Lee are a nightmare. It has increased congestion and pollution near my home so a few middle-class people can ride their bikes in peace. This is appalling decision making with no consideration for the stress and distress we all have to go through during this difficult time. You should see the air quality at the end of my road. What utter madness". (S.H.)

"I disagree with the road closures around Lewisham. I live in Pascoe Road which is affected by the closure of Dermond road and Ennersdale road. I and my family have been isolating over the covid19 pandemic for months now, and haven't seen family or friends The Council has made it impossible for them to come and visit, due to double journey time plus issues with parking and due to traffic on the roads that the closures have caused. This is impacting on all my family and all my neighbours we didn't get any warning about the closures that are happening. No cabs are able to

come on to my road due to the one way system on Pascoe road and they can't stop due to traffic on Dermond road. I have 9 children that attend 3 different schools in Lewisham and to get them in on time I rely on using cab services. I also use cabs for hospital appointments at Kings College hospital. Noise nuisance due to the one way system on Dermond road. The road is busy by 7:30am in the morning and I was woken up by cars tooting and people shouting like it was right outside my front door. This continues all day until 2am in the morning. This is unacceptable and even causes more danger for pedestrians. I am totally against all of this and the changes to the road the council has made. This has made my life and my neighbours life hell. (B.M.)

"I live in Lee Green myself and am deeply annoyed and depressed about the road closures. All my journeys have since taken 3 - 4 times longer since the road closures". (T.W.)

"I fully support the ABD initiative against Lewisham road closures, of which I learnt through a door-drop. I have objected to the plans from its early days, including writing to the Council and repeated letters to my MP. I would like to receive information on what can be done to stop this wasteful, idiotic project that goes completely against the grain of the local community of neighbours". (E.K.)

"As drivers we're concerned at the road closures around us and the lack of consultation around them. In particular we have concerns over emergency trips to the hospital. "Please inform us how best to object". (B.F.)

"I am totally disgusted with the recent road closures around Manor Lane SE12. This is causing tremendous queues of traffic on the main roads leading to the A20 and other roads. I have two local Sainsbury's but cannot reach neither of them or the pharmacy without sitting in traffic, I need to drive to my local Sainsbury's as I am not able to walk long distances. On Saturday this usually 5 minute journey took me 40 minutes in the amount of traffic to get there. I don't know how this was thought out but it is causing so much congestion and surely more pollution, not to mention my anxiety levels!!" (G.M.)

"Could you please tell me how I can object to the road closures in Lee. I live in one of the roads closed and am extremely unhappy with Lewisham council and the very crafty way they have gone about it. Please reconsider these plans. I have lived here for 25 years and never have I ever seen the levels of traffic this has caused in the area. We have never had a problem with this before. This is absolutely shocking and has not been thought through with local residences. I pay road tax and for petrol so I don't see why this should now be costing me more to get to my destination in an area which I choose to live in and love. This makes no sense at all and I urge you to reconsider these plans as it is causing stress to many local residences and local businesses" (M.M.)

"Many thanks for your leaflet through the door today. Glad to see you driving this objection forward (pun intended). Our quiet Pascoe Road is already now a rat run as a result, endangering the lives of children at the entrance to Trinity Primary School. Pollution will increase because of the long slow journey round Lewisham to get

anywhere. Commuting will be an issue. I see online maps have still not all been adjusted to show opposite direction of traffic either which will cause accidents (Googlemaps is correct, Apple maps is not). I do not understand the COVID nature of the change that's just wildly misleading through a kind of emotional blackmail. Let me know how we can object more loudly". (M.P.)

"I am writing to object to the road closures that have been put in place. I live at the St Mildreds end of Manor Lane and can only now enter my home via the south circular which has already seen a massive increase of traffic. I am a single mum and work in the borough and have no choice than to drive to drop my children to school (Bromley Common, so way too far to cycle) then into work and I then use the car in working hours to attend meetings. There is no way I am going to now be able to drop my children and get to work by my starting time. Who will make up for my pay decrease in wages when I will now have to start an hour later and leave a hour earlier? At times with the south circular already having been a busy road this gets blocked by an accident, or truck getting stopped at the railway bridge. How when this happens and the road is closed for hours will I get home when no other road now allows access? I feel like the crime rate will go up in an area that was already seeing crime as no emergency services can now get to them directly. Poor local businesses that have suffered throughout COVID-19 now have no passing trade and will have to close. Poorly thought out!" (G.M.)

"Just some thoughts on the situation. I had to drop my car in to have the brakes looked at this morning at our local garage, a journey from Horn Park Lane to Meadowcourt Road. Normally quite straightforward. Now I'm forced down to backed up traffic trying to get onto Eltham Road. With Upwood blocked this is inevitable. Stationary and idling traffic is increasing pollution for those at the bottom of Horn Park Lane. It's sending traffic onto the already congested Eltham Road with huge queues to the Tigers Head lights. It's increasing congestion and pollution on this road, including Riverston School and numerous residential estates down there. What happens when there are roadworks on this road? There's already a set on Lee High Road (lasting I think, 16 weeks). It's increasing the journey time for even the simplest of local journeys by probably 3x. The mass closures have significantly reduced the possibility in my opinion of any reversal in the 'trial' (if ever there was a possibility). With Leyland, Cambridge Drive and Woodyates all also closed, if you opened up Upwood you'd have a significantly worse problem than ever existed before. It would then become the primary route for traffic. Currently there is no access to the area I live from the whole of Burnt Ash Road, stretching from Tigers Head to the South Circular and from the Tigers Head to Horn Park Lane. The benefits and consequences are completely discriminatory and unfair. We are now hugely less accessible for Emergency Services, Deliveries and daily life. In regards to the 'trial'. What criteria are used to judge the success or otherwise of the trial and who makes the call whether it is deemed a 'success' or not? If the trial is supposed to be 6-18 months, who decides it should be 6 months or 18? The decision should not be made by Lewisham Council but an independent assessment. I believe Lewisham Council to be strongly biased and will judge the scheme a success by any criteria they wish to dream up. The way Covid-19 legislation has been shamelessly used to further

their own agenda and the transparent disdain for anyone's views be it local residents or neighbouring Greenwich Council shows they consider themselves unstoppable and are not prepared to let any proposals from outside be considered. The claims to get everyone cycling instead....where are the cycle lanes on Burnt Ash or Eltham Road, they are closing quiet residential roads with no problem for cyclists but making no provision for the hugely busy main routes. Some of the outstanding problems regarding Upwood have not been considered by Lewisham. Increased parking in Upwood was a direct result of Lewisham's CPZ policy on the other side of Burnt Ash, leading to narrowing of the road from Station parking and parking over residents' drives. Drop-offs for Colfes School significantly affected traffic flows, to such an extent that whenever Colfes were on holiday, morning traffic flow eased by probably 50%. There has been limited engagement for a divisive and extremely unpopular scheme. There have been no proposals covering more flexible arrangements for local residents. Our own narrow concerns just reflect the stupid reality which has now been imposed on us which we feel is deeply unfair. We see no benefits only downsides. There are around 15 other locations which have completely carved up the area. There's been no public publishing of the data which doesn't support the basis of it. I have seen it on a FOI request. I feel we've been stitched up with no recourse". (S.H.)

"I would like to receive more information and be kept informed about the many road closures which have already started taking place in the SE13 area with the reason for the urgency being stated as Covid -19. I do not believe that we have been consulted enough about these major and life-affecting changes as they have now been forced through urgently. Please inform me of any protests/challenges being made to Lewisham Council with regards to this". (D.L.)

"I totally object to these road closure as I live in Milborough Crescent off Manor Lane on the South Circular side. These road closures mean that i have to use the already busy South Circular extending my travelling time for everything i.e. shopping, doctors and even going to Lewisham hospital. It is a complete problem and myself along with many other residents attended the Lee Green assembly held at Trinity school on Taunton road, to make our objections heard to the council. This is in my opinion going to be implemented even with the objections of the local residents and would cause a lot of problems and my feeling is the trial period also is just a way to make the residents feel better, as this will be implemented even after the trial even if the figures are not so good, as the residents will be not privy to these stats. Let me know what else we can do object these closures". (N.M.)

"I have already voiced my concerns both verbally (at the meeting held at Old Colfeians in January) and by email to local councillors, TfL and my local MP, Clive Efford. Although I live in the Greenwich part of Lee the proposals will have a big impact on my neighbours and me. In effect they will cut us off from the rest of our neighbourhood, restricting access to e.g. my doctor, dentist, church, local shops & restaurants, as well as the station. I am in my 60s and, although I am relatively fit and walk or take public transport where possible, I am aware that this may not always be the case and that I will probably need to rely on my car more as I get older, especially during the winter months and at night. I was already worrying what

to do next year when the ULEZ is extended to cover my road. I bought an almost new car in 2013 with my redundancy payment thinking that, as I do relatively low mileage, it would see me through many years. Because I was persuaded to switch from petrol to diesel for the first time (due to the then government initiative) I will either have to pay the daily charge when it is brought in next year or buy a new car, neither of which I can afford to do. Maybe one good thing that may come out of the COVID-19 pandemic will be that politicians will have more things to worry about than bringing in draconian measures to restrict people being able to go about their daily business, especially if they are older or have restricted mobility.....cycle? My Giddy Aunt (or words to that effect)!" (D.W.)

Prior to road closures:

"I strongly object to the way Lewisham council have approached this scheme". (N.F.)

"We absolutely object to Lewisham borough's horrendous proposal to close some roads in Lee Green and Hither Green". (L.C.)

"I strongly object to the proposal to close Upwood Road. It will adversely affect us in many ways. It will make all the properties around here far less accessible, and hence far less attractive affecting the house prices and saleability in a big way". (S.H.)

"I absolutely object to these ridiculous proposals". (L.F.)

"I strongly oppose - this will become a nightmare for residents". (J.R.)

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