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Dear Editor

It is extremely unfortunate that the enforcement cameras have still not been installed  on the two bus gates in Cornwallis Road and Bartholomew Road nearly three months after the LTNs were created. (Oxford Mail, June 3). The  result is that many motorists are ignoring the bus gates and driving through even though this is illegal. The LTNs are therefore not operating as they should.

We know from existing LTNs elsewhere that there is an initial ‘chaos’ phase with increased traffic on some roads while drivers get used to their new routes. This can take several months to calm down and for the benefits of reduced traffic to be felt more widely. The Cowley LTNs should therefore be given more time for residents to get used to them and for traffic adjustments to be felt by all. Of course, it would help if bus use went back to pre-lockdown levels as current traffic levels are actually higher than pre-lockdown.

Your report states that the council will be considering in February 2022 whether or not to prolong the trial. We would ask councillors to please make the LTNS permanent at this point.

Yours sincerely

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