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Removing through motor traffic

- This workshop will focus on removing through motor traffic from local areas, an important part of a strategy to ensure cyclists don't have to mix with fast or busy motor traffic.
- A short presentation will demonstrate some examples of how removing through motor traffic can work, including implemented schemes and current 'ward asks' from the LCC election campaign.
- The discussion will include how removing through motor traffic can be 'sold' to residents and others, and allow participants to share experiences of campaigning and implementation, positive and negative.

Removing through motor traffic

- Why?
- When is it appropriate?
- Different scopes of intervention

REMOVING THROUGH MOTOR TRAFFIC: WHAT IT MIGHT LOOK LIKE

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Images: Cycling Embassy of Great Britain, , NYC DOT, Rachel Aldred, Steve Melia





Before image, Albion Drive: London Borough of Hackney



After image, Albion Drive: London Borough of Hackney



REMOVING THROUGH MOTOR TRAFFIC: TARGETING RAT-RUNS

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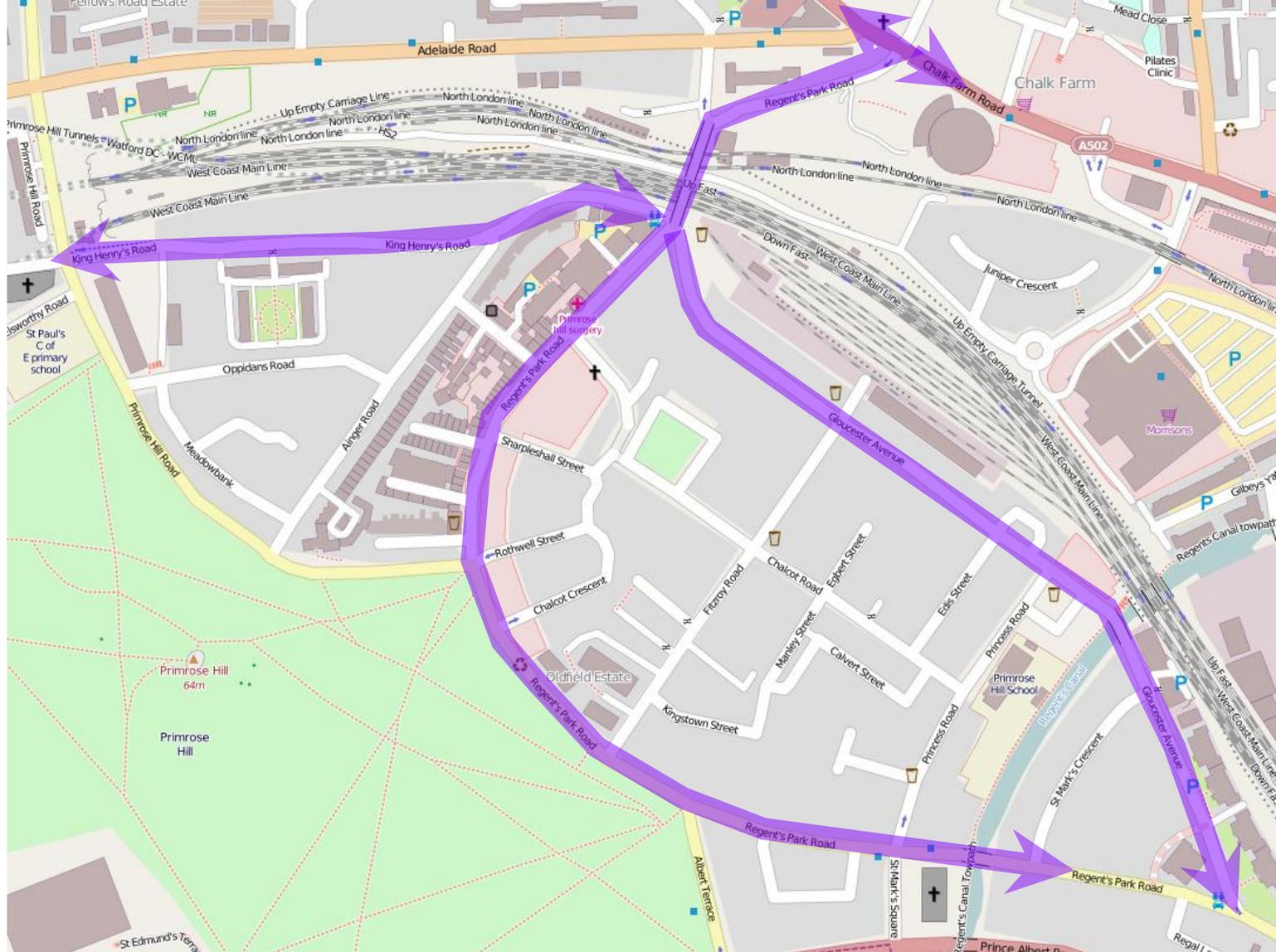
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Areas Without Through Traffic

1. Primrose Hill

Former rat-runs:



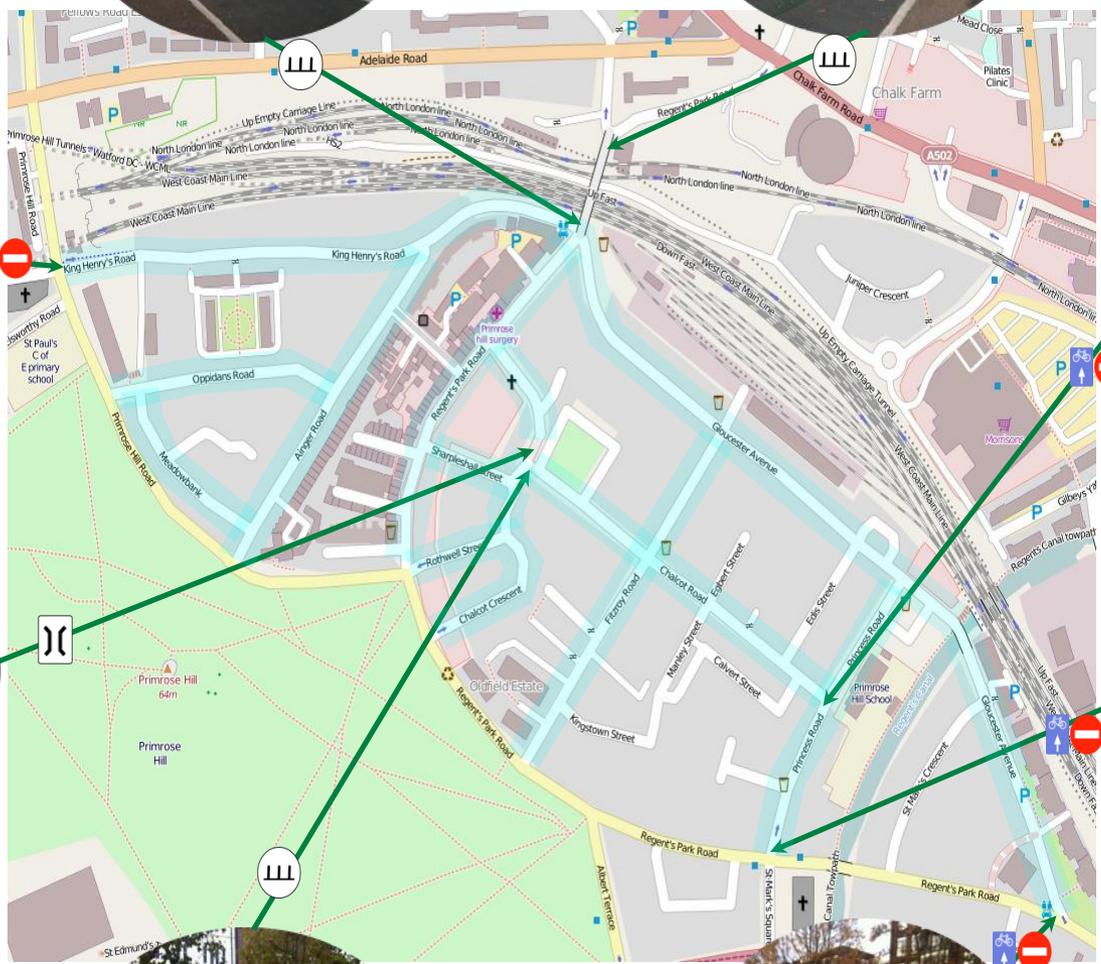
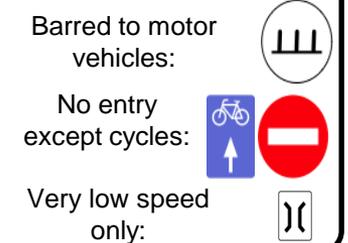
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Areas Without Through Traffic

1. Primrose Hill

Roads from which through traffic has been removed:



Photos show traffic filtering measures:

Barred to motor vehicles:



No entry except cycles:



Very low speed only:



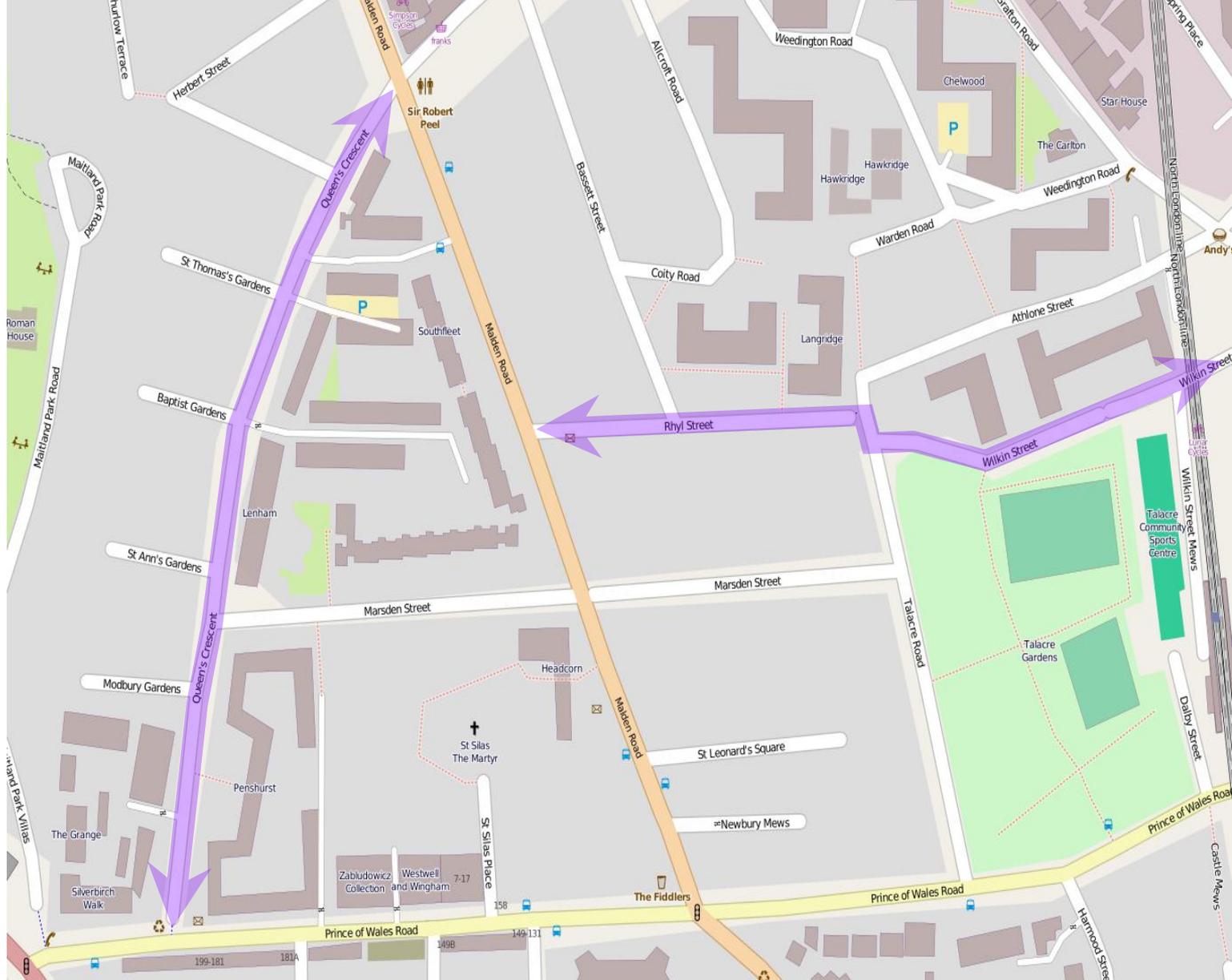
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Areas Without Through Traffic

2. West Kentish Town

Former rat-runs:



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2. West Kentish Town

Roads from which through traffic has been removed:

Roads in which through traffic is reduced:



Photos show traffic filtering measures:

Barred to motor vehicles:



Very low speed only:



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REMOVING THROUGH MOTOR TRAFFIC: CURRENT ASK EXAMPLES

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Southwark - Grange (Southwark)

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The Space for Cycling needed in this area is: Close Willow Walk to through motor traffic, with access for emergency vehicles remaining.



Close Willow Walk to through motor traffic, east of the junction with Crimscott Street, with access for emergency vehicles remaining. Willow Walk is a busy rat-run, providing a quick and convenient bypass of the Dunton Road/Grange Road junction, as vehicles access Grange Road via Pages Walk. Pages Walk has a narrow exit with no room for cyclists alongside two lanes of motor vehicles, yet the number of cyclists exceeds motorists at peak times. Willow Walk is currently part of the London Cycle Network and has been identified as part of the Quietways programme. Adjacent industrial units provide good vehicle turning facility.

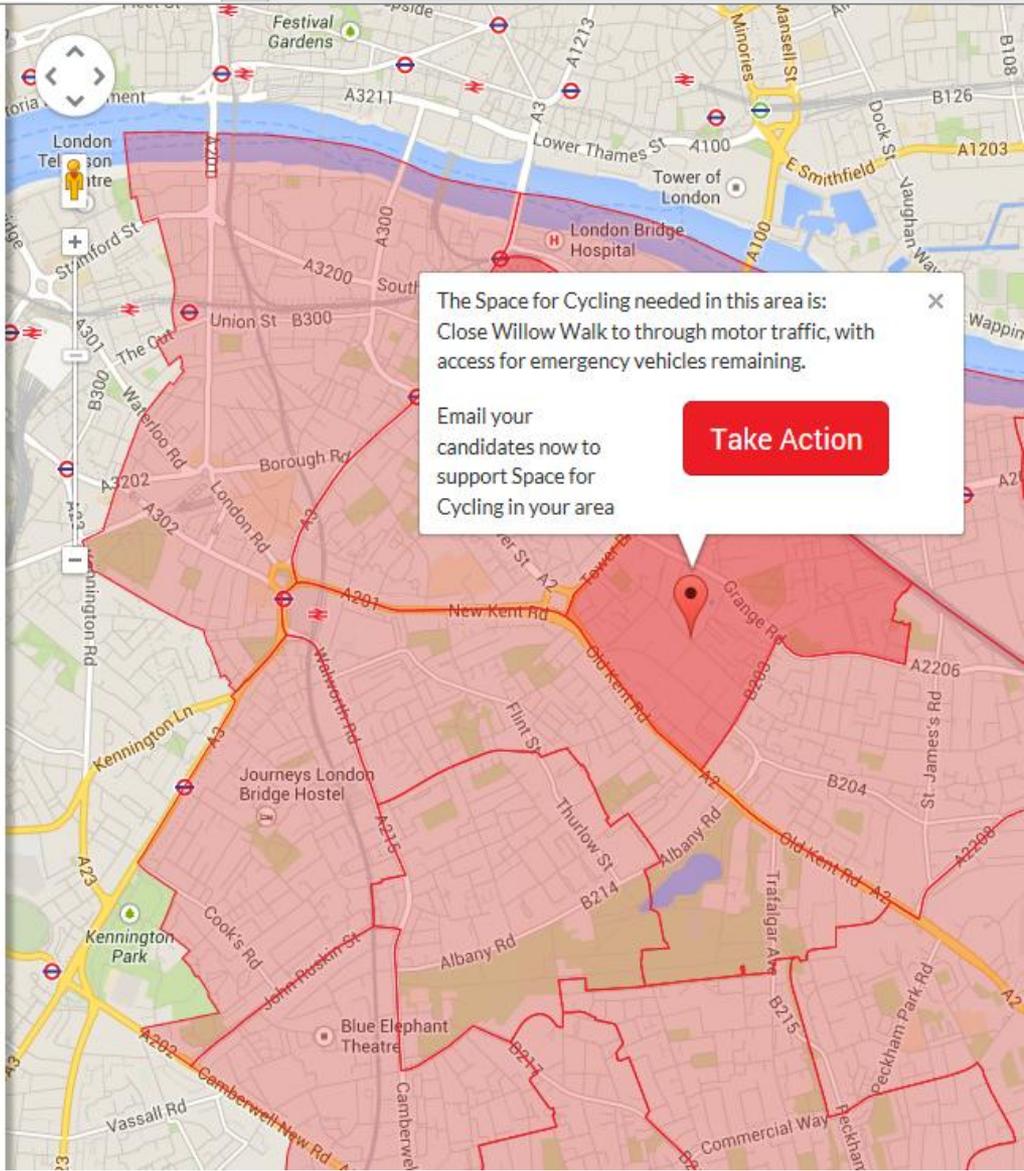
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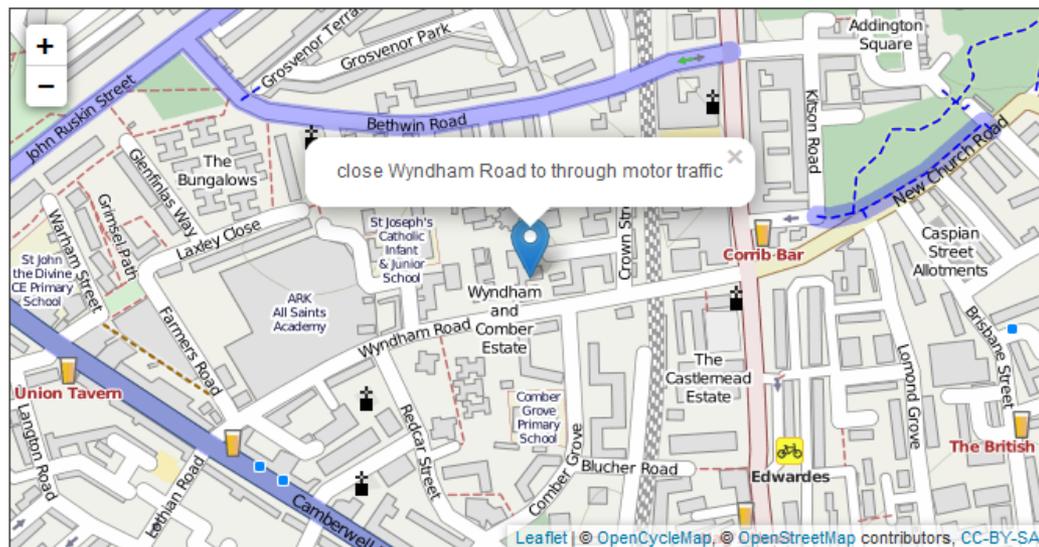
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Camberwell Green ward: close Wyndham Road to through motor traffic

We ask that **Wyndham road be closed to through motor traffic at the junction with Comber Grove** (near the primary school) to prevent rat running between Camberwell New Road and Camberwell Road.

[email your councillors to support our campaign](#)



Ask: Remove through motor traffic from the “quiet” roads of Carshalton Village

This is Rochester Road, Carshalton, London Borough of Sutton – part of a regular cycle route for me and many others. It is a typical suburban road which ought to be 100% OK for cycling. **But it isn't.**

It is a two-way street. However, it's used in both directions as a short cut by motorists avoiding the traffic queues on the main road. **They are usually in a hurry.** As I cycle ahead, vehicles often come round that corner. It is a **blind corner.** The drivers can't see other cars or cyclists or families coming from the park entrance behind the camera. Often the **vehicles come round quite fast.** When it is a large car or van, you are forced into the gutter.

We must **remove through motor traffic** from so many side roads like this one. That's why **#Space4Cycling** is important to me and everyone who cycles – or who wants to cycle – in outer London.

•John Kinnear, Sutton Cyclists, adapted from <http://getsuttoncycling.org.uk/category/areas-without-through-motor-traffic/>



Over to You...

- How can we sell removing through motor traffic...
 - to residents?
 - to businesses?
 - to politicians and officers?
- Do you have positive or negative experiences to share...
 - Of campaigning to remove through motor traffic?
 - Of implementing it?

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