

Appendix 5: Copy of UNSUNG Campaign Group Objection (Petition and Survey)

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[Introduction published on web page]

Traffic Regulation Order 25-012 to make New Sydney Place LTN permanent.

Register your objection here by noon 24th July 2025

B&NES produced a Notice of Intent on 4th July to make the New Sydney Place LTN permanent. This follows a decision by Councillor Mark Elliott, which was rammed through before the WECA mayoral elections despite the decision being called in by 12 opposition councillors. Their weak "Statement of Reasons" for making the LTN permanent is [here](#).

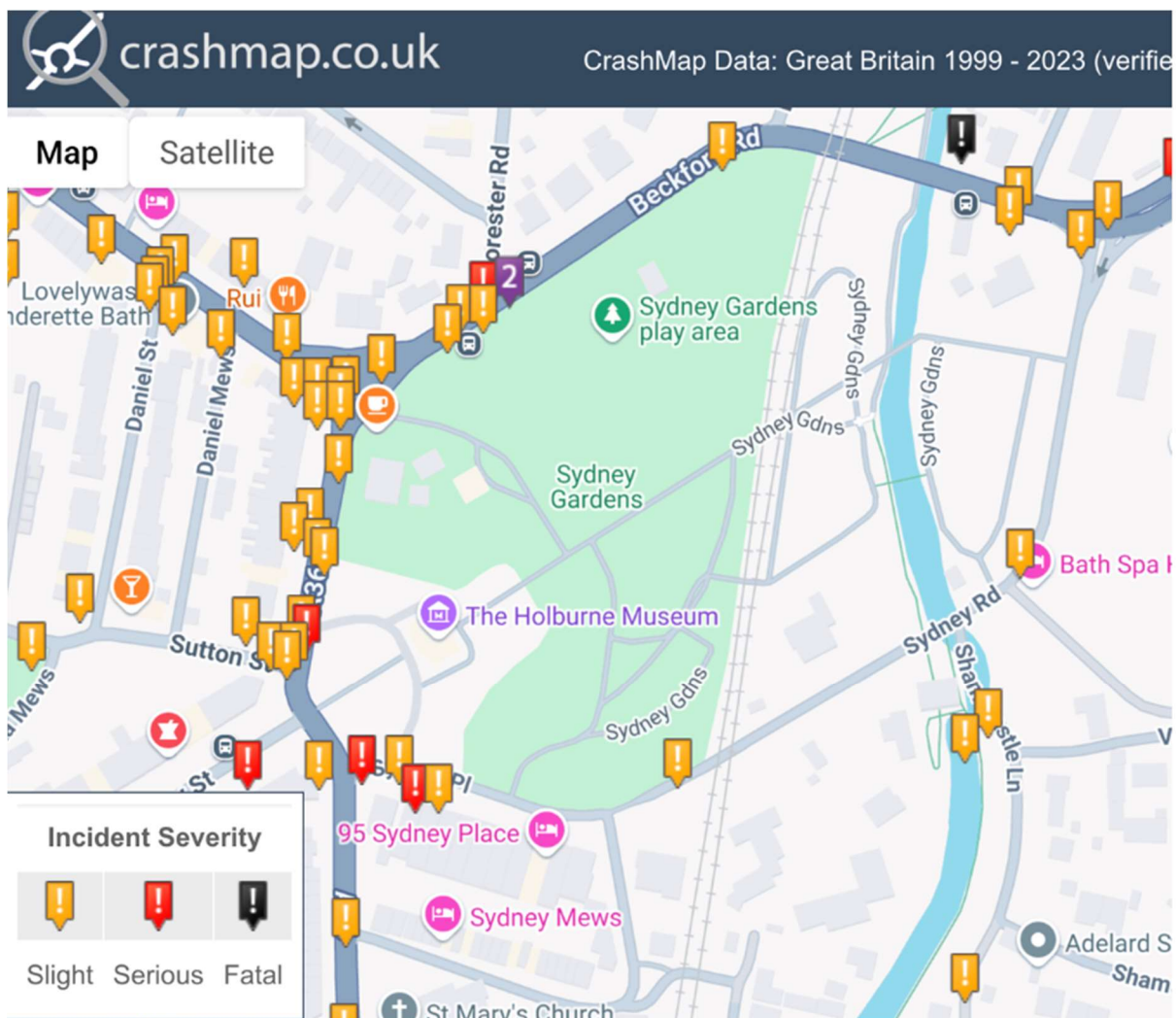
Ignoring residents, reducing safety

B&NES are abusing democracy by ignoring [Department for Transport guidance](#) to ensure community buy-in, with 76% of residents opposing the LTN, including 70% of residents in the directly affected area respectively.

The LTN has increased traffic by 20-50% on surrounding roads that are less safe than Sydney Road, but the council do not care.

The facts

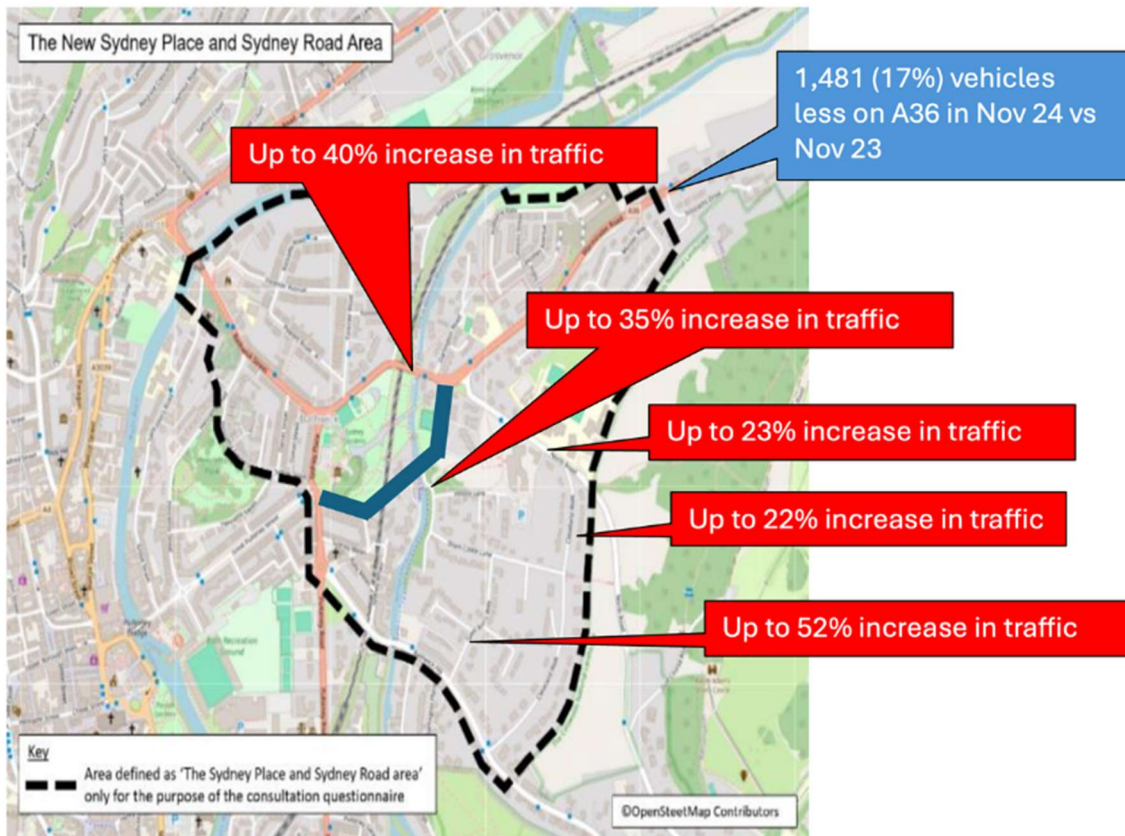
Safety: Despite carrying 1/3 of the A36 traffic, Sydney Road has had less than 15% of accidents recorded in the past 25 years. An FOI response from B&NES produced no recorded accident data for Sydney Road in the past 5 years.



Residents have reported many instances of traffic jumping the Bathwick St traffic lights or blocking the yellow box since the LTN introduced congestion, with several pedestrian and cycle near misses. Despite complaints to B&NES and Avon and Somerset Police, no fines have been issued.

Perhaps the strongest case against the safety of the scheme is made by Bathwick St Mary's School in the [Stakeholder Engagement Report](#) (page 11) ***"School strongly believes, due to reasons of child and pedestrian safety, that the Sydney Road closure is negatively impacting children being able to safely walk to their local school. The headteacher believes it is imperative to reopen Sydney Road to keep children safe and equally increase the number of short term parking bays on other local roads meaning that school traffic would not need to enter Darlington Road by motor vehicle."***

Increased Traffic on Boundary Roads. There is no modal shift to active travel – a net change of 14 more vehicles was diverted onto boundary roads. When A36 traffic returns fully in September, flows on Beckford Road will have increased by more than 50%. Nearly 800 more cars a day will be passing King Edward's School.



This is against the Active Travel Guidance, which demands that an LTN is redesigned if it doesn't reduce displaced traffic.

While B&NES claim no increase in pollution, they haven't measured traffic or pollution levels on Sydney Place, but they have recently (since the LTN) introduced signs advising drivers to switch off engines when stuck in congestion:

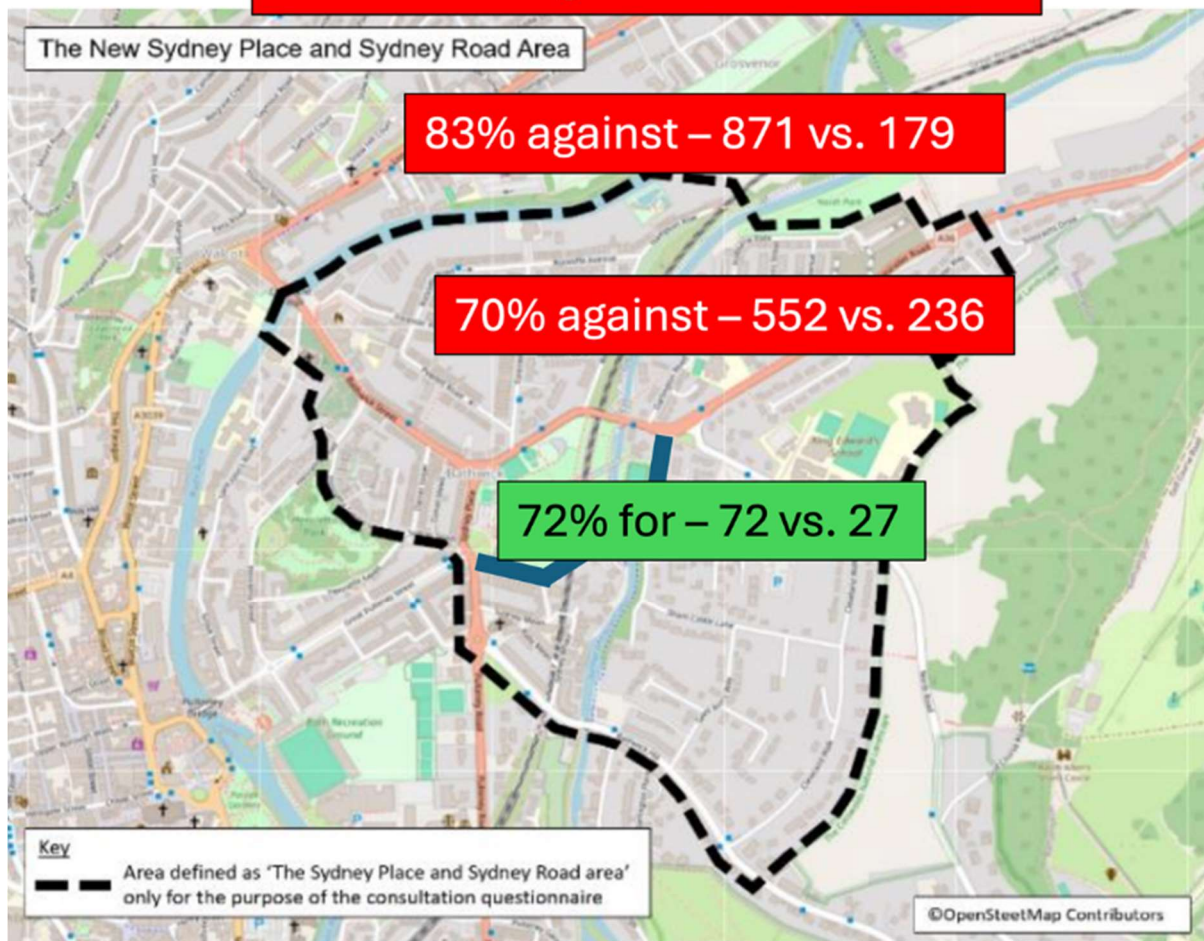


Ignoring Residents - B&NES ignored [government guidance](#) which states:

- An LTN must have "...support of a majority of the community before introducing it. "
- If the "community...is no longer supportive of the scheme, authorities should introduce changes to address community concerns or remove the scheme. "

Instead, they overrode 552 opposing residents of the affected area to rule in favour of the 72 beneficiaries who voted for the LTN

Overall 76% against – 1435 vs. 452



B&NES think it's a done deal but you can still object

Because they messed up the legal status of the trial, B&NES have to issue a new permanent TRO, and go through consultation. We have three weeks to object, and even if they ignore our objections, we will have evidence to challenge their behaviour in Court.

Please register your objection below

About You

Forename

Surname

Postcode

B&NES Ward

Select...

Your Objections

[Survey with drop down objection grounds provided by the campaign group]:

I object to making the New Sydney Place LTN permanent via TRO 25-012 because (tick all that apply)

Your Objections

I object to making the New Sydney Place LTN permanent via TRO 25-012 because (tick all that apply)*

B&NES has not followed DfT guidance by ignoring opposition from the majority of residents in the affected area. ☐

B&NES councillors made a political commitment to a minority of benefitting residents at the expense of the majority living on boundary roads. ☐

B&NES have ignored Active Travel England area checks which demand redesign of schemes which do not reduce displaced traffic. ☐

B&NES councillors have not engaged meaningfully with concerned residents. ☐

Congestion has substantially increased where I live. ☐

Public transport that serves my area has been negatively impacted. ☐

Pedestrians are less safe due to displaced traffic. ☐

Cyclists are less safe due to displaced traffic. ☐

Road Users are less safe due to displaced traffic. ☐

Pedestrians are less safe on Sydney Road at night.



I personally feel less safe as a local resident.



I personally have had my access to essential services disrupted.



Another Reason (enter details below)



Details of other reasons

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Has the LTN discriminated against you?

B&NES did a very poor job of conducting an Equalities Impact Assessment, and didn't consult widely enough on those who may have been disadvantaged on grounds such as age (old and young!), disability or other "Protected Characteristics". Your rights are here (make sure you consider you have Protected Characteristics):

<https://www.gov.uk/discrimination-your-rights>

We won't ask you for the nature of the discrimination, but we will supply your details to B&NES when we submit the objection, and they should contact you to discuss the issue.

Do you believe that B&NES has discriminated against you by implementing the LTN?

Yes/No

I prefer the following alternative arrangement for Sydney Road*

Please rank the options

☐

Remove the LTN entirely and restore through traffic on Sydney Road

☐

Restore through traffic with traffic calming on Sydney Road.



Please rank the options

Email

If you'd like to be kept informed

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Fundraising for a court action

Challenging B&NES in the High Court will be expensive. The protesters who successfully sued Lambeth Council had to raise £50k to go to court, and we would have to bear B&NES's legal costs if we were unsuccessful. We therefore need very active fundraising, and have created a GoFundMe page at:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/new-sydney-place-legal-challenge>

Any unspent funds will be donated to a local charity.

Data Privacy

We will always make sure that your information is protected and treated securely. Any information about you that we hold, or details you give us, will be held in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). Your data will only be used for the following purposes:

- presenting your status as a valid B&NES or visiting resident when the objection is submitted
- analysing returns to identify areas of B&NES where we can improve the reach of the objection
- where you have voluntarily supplied your e-mail, updating you on progress of the objection

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