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LTNs and Disabled People



Disabled people have been amongst the strongest opponents of Low Traffic Neighbourhoods.

Three clear things stand out from the English National Travel Survey.

1. Disabled people travel much less than non-disabled people.
2. When they do travel disabled people are very reliant on a car (either as a driver or passenger).
3. Buses are also important to disabled people - those with a milder disability use them more than able-bodied people.

LTNs are problematic because they can:

- Make car journeys longer costing disabled people time, money and, depending on the disability, extra discomfort and pain.

- Act as a deterrent to much-valued taxis serving an area.
- Increase journey times for SEN children.
- Make bus travel more stressful as buses, bogged down in traffic from the LTNs, are more erratic and journey times are longer.
- Make trips to work, the shops or hospital more difficult.

“How can it be? I am disabled, car dependent, live one rd outside East Bristol Liveable Neighbourhood LTN. Our home along with many others surrounded by 3 sacrificial boundary rds Constant Qs of traffic 85% of time. My journeys are increased by 30-50 minutes.”