

Parents at Canonbury Primary feeling abandoned over traffic

Between dangerous crossings, mounting traffic, and a building site by the playing fields parents of Canonbury Primary School are increasingly feeling abandoned by the council and are concerned for the health of their children.

Canonbury Road, onto which the school's front gates open, is the boundary of one of the many low traffic neighbourhoods (LTN) introduced by Islington Council to try and create a greener safer borough. However, parents are concerned that the LTN has actually made the situation by the school worse.

"The volume is just unsustainable because every single car journey has to come past the school now" said Marnie Pearce, a member of a group of parents especially concerned with traffic and pollution.

Marnie told *Islington Now* that since the introduction of the LTN she has "definitely" noticed an increase in traffic outside the school.

While council's latest interim monitoring report on the LTN suggests that there has been a 60% reduction in motorised traffic Marnie disagrees saying that the council's data "doesn't fit with the reality of what we're seeing every day."

The PTA group told *Islington Now* that they had made frequent attempts to contact members of the council on this issue but had received no response.

"What I find really upsetting as a parent is that I get the impression that no one at the council seems to care about the health of our children" said another parent who wished to remain anonymous.

"They implemented the LTNs so quickly," said this parent "they've told us that the health of our children is a priority, and they need to find a solution, yet we've been waiting six, eight months and nothing".

An Islington Council spokesperson said: "We're committed to making Islington's streets more people-friendly, to help create a cleaner, greener, healthier borough where all can travel easily.

"We continue to listen to all feedback from local people on our streets, and are looking at how we can make Canonbury Primary School's streets more people-friendly. A further announcement will be made in due course."