

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April

Dear Councillor

On Friday evening, you received from Newham BID our **independent** transport assessment undertaken by TPA, qualified transport consultants based in London. On page 7, they conclude that Cornwall Council's proposals are unsafe and have followed a questionable design process. There is also a swept path analysis at appendix C for two typical vehicles that use Newham daily.

If that was not enough, see attached the map showing the B usage of Newham and in particular the prevalence of B2 and B8 compared with B1. Councillor Donnithorne, no doubt informed by his officer team, said at full council (28 minutes into the webcast) that Newham was predominantly B1 and therefore that justified reducing the carriageway to 6.5M width. The map, based on Cornwall Council's publicly available interactive mapping system, clearly shows that the information provided by officers was extremely misleading and factually inaccurate. Apart from the surface area being predominantly B2 and B8, by rateable value, three quarters of the estate is also B2 or B8. Those businesses pay the majority of business rates for Newham.

Hence, Cornwall Council should be following its own design guidelines that stipulate a carriageway of 7.3M in width where there is B2 and B8 – see [Development Layout Design \(cornwall.gov.uk\)](https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/development-layout-design) (page 9)

Our solicitor has been in touch and we await formal confirmation that this scheme is not proceeding as planned this week.

Given the information on this email alone, it is inconceivable that these proposals ever saw the light of day let alone got approved ready to commence.

We would expect a full investigation into how this happened in due course.

Finally, thank you to the councillors who sent me supportive emails over the weekend.

Regards

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