

13 November 2025

I am affected by the proposed Stopping Up orders on Western Avenue and West Street, Andover, by Test Valley Borough Council and object on the following grounds:

It has not been brought properly to public attention. You did not publish the deadline to object in the local paper, nor are the signs very visible. This is underhand.

I don't believe the riverside walk will benefit the town enough to warrant all these road changes or cost. We already get traffic congestion without the additional 15000 homes due to be built adding to it, or extra traffic generated from the new theatre. What you are proposing appears to reduce the current infrastructure and traffic capacity by 50%.

It is also unfair to Andover residents, particularly those in Chantry Lodge and Portland Grove, to have to put up with all the roadwork upheaval, extra noise, traffic and pollution that changing the layout and doubling the traffic will generate in that area. I regularly visit Chantry Lodge and the leisure centre and am concerned about the impact on myself accessing them going forwards.

I have seen the riverside walk "viewing platform" plans and you can still clearly see it is sandwiched between a main road and the bus station and Lidl car park so there will be pollution and noise. We have plenty of river walks and lakes to access without this traffic or cost being necessary. The uplift grant will be exceeded by far.

I'm sure there are less disruptive and safer solutions. It appears to me there is only one plan being pushed forwards at the expense of the town's residents and I have it on good authority that previous meetings to discuss it and air objections have been cut short.

Please take my objections into consideration.

30 November 2025

My objections include the extra traffic that reducing the lanes between the Folly roundabout and Asda on Western Avenue will create. We already suffer bad congestion there at peak times and 15000 thousand more houses are being built, which will increase that traffic further. Any traffic build up there will have a knock on effect to the Tesco area and all the way around to the other side of town.

I attend the leisure centre a few times per week and my elderly parents live in Chantry Lodge. They moved there to end their days in better comfort. The road work noise, extra traffic and pollution will affect their health negatively, which will also affect me. The traffic will double as vehicles will both enter and exit using the road directly outside their flat. The pavement will also be narrower and less safe for all. People, including myself, visiting Lidl, the leisure centre and college will all be negatively impacted as this work is carried out by both the inconvenience and reduced pedestrian safety.