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I live in Chantry Lodge and am affected by the proposed Stopping Up Order by Test Valley Borough Council. I object on the following grounds:

West Street – With greater attention to detail a way could have been found to improve the area around the river without interfering with the road arrangements much to the annoyance of everyone who lives here. Alternative arrangements have been pointed out to you on dozens of occasions – you have simply ignored them!

Western Avenue – The re-arrangement suggested for Western Avenue makes it much more awkward and dangerous for the children arriving at the Swimming Pool for lessons because they will have to cross through the traffic at some stage to or from their objective.

I am of the opinion that the Council takes far more notice of the ideas promoted by their own paid staff, than it does of the councillors who are elected by the townspeople. I consider that this is not the proper way to run the town.

I will now tell you something myself – I am an Andoverian by birth (on 22 June 1930). You think you know much more about the place than I do. I don't agree. You think that I and many others like me should simply stay quiet and say nothing because you have been fortunate enough to have had better opportunities than we had, particularly in education.