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I am affected by the proposed Stopping Up Order by Test Valley Borough Council and object on the following grounds:

I live in a ground floor flat facing West Street, the narrowing of the pavements outside Chantry Lodge will have a direct impact on my quality of life and is in direct conflict with the conditions imposed by Test Valley in the planning permissions for Chantry Lodge ground floor flats, which required the pavement to be widened, in the interests of pedestrian safety; like a good number of the Chantry Lodge residents, I suffer from a respiratory condition and the narrowing of the pavements will bring me and a number of others into closer contact with much less clean air.

The stopping up will more than quadruple the levels of atmospheric pollution (Air Quality) near Chantry Lodge attributable to vehicles, in particular diesel emissions as buses, delivery lorries to the shops and customers of Lidl supermarket will have to traverse West Street twice; the revisions will require the vehicles to be in a start/stop regime with the impact of an increase in stationary (idling) traffic as they traverse, enter and egress West Street at the junction with Western Avenue.

Further, I would point out that the stopping up order was only published in the London Gazette and the Salisbury Journal, the latter is NOT a local paper as Salisbury is in the county of WILTSHIRE, not HAMPSHIRE. I would have expected that the notice would have been in the Andover Advertiser, the local HAMPSHIRE newspaper and the stopping up notice should now be placed in the correct local newspaper with the requisite period of 28 days for objections so that residents of Andover have a notice period for objections.

I was only advised just in time to raise my objection by a retired planning solicitor, regular residents of Andover would not be aware of Test Valley Borough Council's plans to stop up West Street and half of the Dual Carriageway (Western Avenue) being a major local thoroughfare into and out of Andover and as such an important and essential east/west link in the north of the town.

West Street - Stopping Up – objections:

1. There is NO stopping up requirement necessary to enable the development of a riverside park;
2. Amenity improvement can be achieved in other ways at lower cost and in particular by the retention of the current one-way traffic layout in West Street provided as an alternative by local residents (PDF attached);
3. The scheme will mean a considerable increase in traffic movements and associated noise and traffic flow will migrate to a start/stop regime with increased stationary idling traffic; this has not been taken into

account;

4. It is respectfully suggested that a refusal of the Order can be justified on the grounds that Residents' amenity, the scheme and in particular the proposed increase in traffic movements in West Street, together with the inherent reduction in Air Quality, will have a detrimental effect on the living conditions of Chantry Lodge and other local residents, in particular those in Portland Grove;
5. In respect of Highway Safety, making West Street two-way cannot be considered to be beneficial by any margin, and the proposed reduction in width of the pavement alongside the Leisure Centre & Chantry Lodge increases the risks to pedestrians, many of whom are young adults from the local College and younger family members entering and exiting the Leisure Centre, particularly school parties attending for swimming lessons;
6. Local parking potential currently at a premium, will suffer a net loss;
7. It is claimed by Test Valley Borough Council that any impact in increased atmospheric pollution is marginal; this I doubt, since the major source of harmful atmospheric particles is diesel emissions and the proposed increase in vehicle movements in West Street can only be harmful to elderly residents, infants and young children in this area of the town;
8. Harmful increased traffic congestion will be inevitable if stopping up goes ahead.

Western Avenue – Stopping Up – my objections to the removal of one half of the dual carriageway:

1. The loss of half of the carrying capacity of Western Avenue, a major local thoroughfare and a considerable traffic flow success over time, is a negative impact on community safety;
2. There is a government requirement for 15,000 extra houses in Test Valley – despite the fact that this will increase traffic on the dual carriageway, it has not been taken into account;
3. The plan to remove half of the dual carriageway will create a potential for accidents and congestion;
4. The creation of two right hand turn junctions when travelling east along Western Avenue and the potential for serious accidents has not been taken into account;
5. The current arrangements for school children attending the Leisure Centre

is informally for the buses to stop in West Street and the children disembark, muster into groups and proceed to the adjacent Leisure Centre. The closure of the dual carriageway means that school vehicles will be required to make use of the bus layby on the western side of the existing northbound carriageway, muster there and cross the southbound carriageway before then crossing the bridge over the river and proceeding to the Leisure Centre. This creates more opportunities for conflicts and risks to the children. Furthermore, the bus layby will inevitably be used by the buses it is intended for so its availability for schools cannot be relied upon;

6. The objections to the Stopping Up of West Street are materially relevant to the case for the Stopping Up of Western Avenue, since the removal of these two traffic flow successses over time, will now generally migrate to interminable traffic misery for some, in the form of start/stop and at times more frequent stationary traffic for those Andover residents traversing these two locations.

Thank you for your attention Mr Crass