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

The Stopping Up of West Street is not a necessity of the proposed development of the Riverside Park.

As a resident of Chantry Lodge, making the change from a one-way to a two-way traffic system will create an extremely high increase in traffic passing Chantry Lodge.

Buses and delivery vehicles to and from Lidl and Waitrose, plus the high volume of traffic to and from Lidl car park, having to stop and start frequently, to allow vehicles and pedestrians across the road, will significantly increase the level of congestion, noise, pollution and our personal safety.

A recent emergency at Lidl Supermarket meant that the road in front of the Leisure had to be closed, causing chaos, as the Bus Station could not be accessed.

This incident together with recent roadworks on the Dual Carriage, causing considerable congestion, highlights the fact that the proposed two-way systems for West Street and Western Avenue would create further potential for congestion, pollution and accidents.

In view of the proposed Two-Way traffic in front of the Leisure Centre, school parties would now have to be dropped at College Layby. Then make their way to the Leisure Centre via a footbridge over the river, with potential hazards, particularly for youngsters.

The Stopping Up of West Street will also mean the loss of the Taxi rank and short stay layby close to the Bus Station, an amenity essential to many.

The proposed Stopping Up Orders on West Street and Western Avenue come at a considerable expense. Not only financial, but congestion, noise, pollution and personal safety.