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I am totally against this project for the following reasons:

Increased congestion - currently on a 1 way system; changing this will cause congestion, traffic delays and unnecessary additional polluting fumes.

Negative effect on the town centre- retailers and shoppers will suffer long term damage: trying to get into town will be a nightmare. By choosing to avoid the traffic snarls and delays, shoppers will get on the A303 and head to Basingstoke. What will induce them to come back? Nothing because while this enormous and unnecessary disruption takes place, retailers will have lost revenue and may not be able to continue.

Currently the river and wildlife are protected; opening this area up will result in loss of habitat, pollution and littering. We have plenty of river frontage already that needs to be better serviced.