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I have just heard that the Stopping up order for the above have been published, not in our local paper but in the London Gazette and Salisbury Journal, neither of which are in our County, let alone our town.

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:

West Street: I live facing West Street and have the windows open during most of the year. The re-routing of traffic for Lidl, all of which currently uses Western Ave, the doubling of bus movements and deliveries to Waitrose along with the necessity of delivery vehicles and refuse lorries to back into both Waitrose and Portland Grove, not to mention that vehicles will have to cross the two-way traffic to enter Lidl's car park and Portland Grove. This will considerably increase traffic congestion, resulting in far more noise and pollution detrimental to my health and others living or using the area. Pedestrian access to Lidl, the Leisure Centre, and the College will be more difficult.

Last week the entry to West Street was closed, by the Fire Brigade. If West Street was stopped up, traffic would not have been able to leave the area, and ambulances would not be able to access the area, increasing the danger to life.

Western Avenue: Although the current dual carriageway is not at capacity, the planned increased housing for Andover means it soon will be. Reducing the two lanes to one, will only increase congestion. The ability of emergency vehicles to attend to an incident will be considerably affected.