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I strongly object to this action and would be detrimentally affected by this proposal based on the following:-

The stopping order was published on 16th October in the London Gazette together with the Salisbury Journal, neither of these publications are in the area affected and not seen by local residents.

West Street stopping up is not essential to the development of the riverside park per-se. And a plan to allow the riverside park development to proceed at significantly reduced cost and much less traffic disruption has been ignored.

The overall development proposal appears to enhance the amenity in the area with the detriment of the traffic flow in West Street and to the residents within Portland Grove and Chantry Lodge.

The Stopping order would double the number of bus movements within West Street and hugely increase the traffic flow in and out of the Lidl car park in West Street most of which at present does not use West Street. Delivery lorries to Lidl currently do not use West Street but would have to cross traffic exiting the Lidl car park to get into it. Waitrose delivery lorries would have to turn round, cross traffic to exit the Waitrose delivery park. All of this increases noise and pollution in the area.

The safety of students and people walking to the Leisure Centre and 6th Form Collage from the multi story car park would be adversely affected with two way traffic and reduced pavement width (Previously increase by the council fairly recently) .

The current arrangements informally for dropping off school children attending the Leisure Centre will be lost and children will have to cross the main western avenue north and south bound to get to the Leisure Centre with potential problems and disruption of traffic and risk to the children.

I do not believe a census of local people has been made as to how many would actually use the proposed park.

When and if the park is used there would be a detrimental effect on the perceived wild life within the area.

The current track of the river is not maintained adequately and no provision is mentioned as to the maintenance of the proposed park

For my own car use, accessing and exiting the car park in Chantry Lodge would be made more difficult with two way traffic manipulation in West Street and the requirement to cross south bound traffic in Western Avenue to access the northern traffic way.

This proposal to me seems a waste of the leveling up funds provided by the government to improve Andover town centre by creating a park away from the town centre and probably not increasing the foot fall within the town.

I'm sure there are lots of other reasons for objecting to this proposal, but it would get much too long an email.