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I am writing to you as I am affected by the proposed Stopping Up Order by Test Valley Borough Council to change West Street Andover into a 2 way road and close off part of the existing A 3057 western Avenue to create Riverside Park, and I object on the following grounds.

I moved to Andover in 1978 now having retired frequently use these roads to cycle to and from Andover Leisure Centre normally 5 or 6 days a week to play sport.

I wish to object to the proposal for concern for the safety of all road users within the area. These roads give access to the Chantry Centre service yard, Lidl, Chantry Lodge residents, Andover Leisure Centre, and Cricklade College.

At various times of the day West Street is very busy with Pedestrians crossing the road both near the bust station and the other side towards the Leisure Centre with customers of the Centre and students attending Cricklade College.

I understand that the pavements had to be extended to gain planning approval for the building of Chantry Lodge and the Sports centre are to be reduced in width to allow the 2 way traffic to be introduced.

Currently these pavements can be congested at peak times with both pedestrians and cyclists and the road with buses going into the bus station, the proposed changes will increase risk with more members of the public using public transport and the possible development of Cricklade college. With no change in demand immediately the buses alone will double in volume because of two way traffic and significantly increase pollution in the area.

I consider it is not necessary to block off the end of West Street, but to continue to allow buses to emerge as the currently do onto the A3057, by having to emerge onto the A3057 from a give way at the proposed lay out into a single carriage way that will be carrying more traffic is significantly raising the risk of serious accidents delays and increasing pollution.

With more houses being built in the area traffic is only going to increase over the next few years, now government and manufactures are either moving to longer targets or removing them all together to produce electric vehicles pollution will increase with less efficient traffic flow.

Therefore I object to the plan on the following :-

Increased pollution

Increased risk of serious road traffic collision

Increased risk to pedestrians with increasing traffic flow in both directions.

Increased risk to public transport passengers with buses having to turn around in the bus station and emerging onto a single lane carriageway on the A3057.

Increased risk to cyclist coming into conflict with reduced width cycle ways and having to negotiate crossing 2 way congested traffic.