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Further to your email of 23rd February regarding the Stopping Up Order Application for Western Avenue and West Street, Andover, we would like to reaffirm our objections to this order. We appreciate the time and detail you have provided in outlining your reasoning, and recognise your commitment to improvements for Andover. While we share the goal of fostering a safe and vibrant community, we remain concerned about several aspects of the proposed changes.

Firstly, we would appreciate further explanation regarding the necessity of moving to a two-way traffic system, as we believe the current one-way system is sufficient. One of our fellow residents presented an alternative one-way solution at a much lower cost, but unfortunately was not permitted to speak at two of your planning meetings last year. We attended both meetings and found this disappointing, feeling it lacked fairness in allowing all voices to be heard.

Secondly, the potential for increased noise, traffic congestion, and atmospheric pollution remains a significant concern for us and other residents in the area. We worry about the safety of our community, including those who live nearby and those who pass through daily. When we moved here over eight years ago, we hoped for a secure and peaceful environment, and it is distressing to consider that these changes may undermine that sense of safety.

We also understand there are plans to widen West Street, which would reduce the pavement width alongside the Leisure Centre and outside Chantry Lodge. This seems to contradict your previous decision to remove a loading bay and widen the pavement, and we are concerned that this may increase risks for pedestrians, particularly those heading to the bus station or Chantry Centre.

While we have no objection to the plans to regenerate Riverside Park, we hope this will not come at the expense of our own and others' safety. We kindly ask that you reconsider your plans for the Stopping Up Order, taking our concerns into account.

Thank you for your attention to our objections and for the work you are doing for the community. Please let us know if you require any further clarification or if there are opportunities to discuss these matters further. We would appreciate confirmation of any upcoming meetings or consultations, including dates and times, so that we can ensure our participation.