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Many thanks for your correspondence and I can confirm that I wish to maintain my objections to the proposed SUO. I have, as suggested, reviewed the Common Objections and in particular numbers 19 and 20 and these mitigations do not diminish my fear of injury or worse by cycling in the vicinity of these proposed alterations to the road layout. These are my main points of concern:-

Whilst cycling towards the leisure centre I have the option of using the wide pavement which, as it is shared use and is suitably wide, allows for safe use by both cyclists and pedestrians. Narrowing this pavement would create a hazard for both forms of transportation.

Much is made of the safety created by the inclusion of a dedicated cycle path running parallel to the western carriageway of Western Avenue (A3057) but the fact remains that I have to be able to get there safely in the first place. The only means of achieving this would be to either cross 2 lanes of busy traffic outside of the leisure centre and then cycle along with the traffic until the cycle path is reached or to cycle along a reduced width joint use path and then cross 2 lanes of traffic. At present upon leaving the leisure centre there is the dedicated cycle lane along with a single lane of traffic as against the proposed 2 lanes of traffic which has been enlarged to include buses in both directions, delivery to the Chantry Centre stores plus the traffic to and from the Lidle supermarket.