

**23 February 2026**

Dear Mr Stevens,

**S.247 TCPA 1990 Stopping Up Order Application – Western Avenue and West Street, Andover**

**Case Reference: NATTRAN/SE/S247/6126**

As you may be aware the Test Valley Borough Council (the "Council") has been granted planning permission for the development of a new riverside park in Andover, Hampshire (reference 25/01047/FULLN dated 3 October 2025) (the "Development").

In order to facilitate the delivery of the Development (as authorised by the above-mentioned planning permission) the Council made an application to the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to section 247 Town and Country Planning Act 1990, to stop up sections of highway at Western Avenue and West Street, Andover (the proposed "SUO").

The Department for Transport (who are dealing with the application for the proposed SUO) have informed the Council that you have objected to the proposed SUO; and the Council has been provided, by the Department for Transport ("DfT"), with a copy of your objection (attached) to the proposed SUO. I write in response to those objections. Please note that your objections to the proposed SUO have been shared with the Council as the Council is the applicant for the proposed SUO.

The DfT has asked, as per their e-mail below, that the Council correspond with you directly to discuss your objections and try to resolve them. At the DfT's request, I have copied Juliet Bradbury at the DfT into this correspondence, and I would be grateful please if you could copy Juliet in on any reply you may choose to send. Juliet is the Case Officer at the DfT dealing with the application for the proposed SUO in this matter.

Following submission of the application for the proposed SUO to the Secretary of State for Transport the Council have been notified that a number of objections have been received to the proposed SUO. A number of common themes appear in these objections, and the Council have therefore prepared a formal Response Document (attached) which provides the Council's response to the common grounds of objection raised.

The Council's response to your specific points of concern as raised in your objections is provided in Common Objection (CO) numbers 13, 15, 16 and 23 of the attached document.

I would be grateful if you could please respond to this e-mail **within ten working days and no later than midnight on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026** confirming whether:

1. your concerns have now been addressed and as such your objections to the proposed SUO should be treated as withdrawn; or
2. you wish to maintain your objections to the proposed SUO;

Please also be aware that if a Public Inquiry is held in this matter, all correspondence will be passed to the Inspector and may be publicly available to anyone with an interest in the Inquiry.

The Council very much hopes that you may consider withdrawing your objection in light of this response. We remain willing to discuss the matter further with you if that would assist and/or to answer any questions you may have. Please do reply to this e-mail (cc'ing in Juliet) if you need any further information or would like to discuss matters further (noting the above deadline for your formal response).

Yours sincerely,

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