

**Inquiry to be held into a draft stopping up Order for part of the A3057 Western Avenue,
Andover
Commencing on 30 June 2026**

SUPPLEMENTARY PROOF OF EVIDENCE

Adrian Truss, Resident.

- 1 I am Adrian Truss, of Chantry Lodge, Chantry Street, Andover, I am a solicitor with many years experience in local government service of planning, highways and related areas of the law. Prior to qualification, I worked for the Public Policy and Road Safety Departments of the Automobile Association as a Legislation Analyst for approximately 4 years and then as Parliamentary Officer for the Royal College of Nursing before commencing employment with Buckinghamshire County Council in 1992.
- 2 This matter involves planning application number 25/01047/FULLN which was submitted by the Test Valley Borough Council (“the Council”) for determination by its Northern Area Planning Committee at its meeting on 23 September 2025.
- 3 I provide this supplementary proof of evidence in support of residents application to modify the above draft stopping up Order which has been provided to me this 8th Day of June 2026.
- 4 The report from Charles and Associates, Consulting Engineers into the Council’s proposal to stop up part of West Street. The report states that the Council’s scheme creates a collision risk in West Street and that it does not conform to national policies in terms of active travel, highway safety and road design.
- 5 I can state that in a number of ways the Council’s scheme does not comply with the local highway authority’s design guide for Cycling and Pedestrian facilities.
- 6 The residents acknowledge that the Council has applied to remove West Street from the draft stopping up Order despite insisting on its inclusion on a number of occasions as this process has continued. However, the key objection was and remains that West Street is not and cannot be safely converted to two way traffic see paragraphs 2.1.5, 2.1.6, 3.1.2, and 3.1.3.
- 7 The report mentions in paragraph 4.1.7 that the Council’s Road Safety Audit does not raise any concerns with respect to pedestrian safety despite West Street having a high pedestrian footfall where pedestrians and vehicles interact.

8 Conclusion

The residents ask that their proposed modification to the draft Stopping Up Order and plan included with my main proof of evidence (marked on the plan with a thick purple line) be put forward to the Secretary of State because it retains the current relatively safe layout for West Street and allows for increased traffic (mainly caused by the changes to the entrance and exit to Lidl carpark which is required to enable the proposed park) without sacrificing safety and accords with the NPPF and local policies and allows traffic to depart the area without causing queuing or delays.