

**READING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES**

<b>TO:</b>	<b>TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE</b>		
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<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>HIGHMOOR ROAD / ALBERT ROAD - PETITION FOR A SAFER CROSSROADS - OBJECTIONS TO ADVERTISED ORDER (ADDITIONAL COMMENTS)</b>		
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**1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 To share with the Sub-Committee objections, support and other comments received to the proposal to restrict vehicle movements from the west side of Highmoor Road across the junction with Albert Road.
- 1.2 This report provides a response to the thoughts and ideas that many have expressed. This is to help the sub-committee reach a decision on whether or not to continue with the proposal or consider an alternative option.
- 1.3 Appendix 2 is a summary of the objections, thoughts and ideas received and officer response.

**2. RECOMMENDED ACTION**

- 2.1 As the main agenda item paper

**3.0 ADDITIONAL OFFICER COMMENTS TO RESPONSES RECEIVED.**

- a) The majority of responses have been from residents of the surrounding residential streets worried about the knock-on effect of displaced traffic. The perception is that drivers currently using Highmoor Road travelling west to east will simply divert on to the next nearest through road. Residents of Darrell Road, Buxton Avenue, Matlock Road and Harrogate Road make up the majority of the responses.

Displaced traffic is, of course, a concern. However, it is likely to be the case that traffic will be displaced across a much wider area particularly over time. There are a number of options for a driver to travel west to east across Caversham Heights and the decision of what route to take will be made at the start of the journey once drivers have got used to the scheme. A single day count carried out recently showed the 8-9am period as the busiest with 186 vehicles using the junction from the west. The school run between 3-4pm had 85 vehicles use the junction from the west. The busiest PM period between 5-6 counted 129 vehicles use the junction from the west

- b) Many comments have been received that this junction is not the worst in Caversham and that we should be looking at various others.

This is not reflected in the accident data collected by the police and shared with us for road safety purposes. In terms of injury accidents this is currently the worst junction within the residential streets of Caversham.

- c) 4-way stop has received a reasonable level of support as the perception is that it works well elsewhere particularly in the US.

Legislation does not allow us to use a 4-way stop - DfT Circular 02/2003 (31 January 2003) and the current Traffic Signs and General Directions (TSRGD) (2002).

Direction 30 clarifies that stop signs to diagram 601.1 may not be used on both roads at a junction. The effect of this in addition to direction 34 is that 4-way stops or give ways - or combinations of the two - are prohibited.

- d) The use of mirrors is not explored in the options.

It is very difficult to judge vehicle speed in a reflected image. Mirrors are rarely used in such busy situations and do not form part of the current TSRGD requiring special DfT authorisation. All other options have to be explored and exhausted before a mirror will be considered. A mirror does not deal with the issues presented to us as a part of the petition.

## **5. CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC AIMS**

- 5.1 To promote equality, social inclusion and a safe and healthy environment for all.

## **6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION**

- 6.1 Statutory consultation will be carried out in accordance with the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996. The list of options has been shared with the lead petitioner and ward members for wider circulation within the community.

## **7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 Proposals for movement restrictions are advertised under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

## **8. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- 8.1 In addition to the Human Rights Act 1998 the Council is required to comply with the Equalities Act 2010. Section 149 of the Equalities Act 2010 requires the Council to have due regard to the need to:-

- eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
- advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
- foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

## **9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1 The annual road safety programme is funded through existing Transport Capital Budgets.

## **10. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 10.1 TM Sub Committee 16<sup>th</sup> January 2014 petition submission. TM Sub Committee 13<sup>th</sup> March 2014 Annual Road Safety Review. TM Sub Committee 14<sup>th</sup> September 2014.



**Appendix 2 : Responses received in relation to advertised Traffic Regulation Order for Bus Gate at Highmoor Road/Albert Road junction.**

<p><i>Address objection received from</i> <i>Resident Comment</i></p>
<p><i>4x Residents of Darrell Road, 1 Resident of Kidmore Road, 1 Resident of Chazey Road, 1 Resident of Albert Road, 1 Resident of Woodcote Road and 1 Resident of Matlock Road</i></p> <p>“I note with concern the changes made to the junction and I object strongly to the proposed closure at Highmoor Road to vehicles. In no particular order my concerns are:            Safety issues of diverting cars down ungritted roads of Buxton Avenue, Matlock Road and Harrogate Road.            Safety concerns of sending cars down highly populated roads where children regularly play            Restricted width in Buxton Ave and Matlock Road due to high number of parked cars with few off road parking spaces, few suitable passing spaces and only space for one way traffic            Visibility at the Harrogate Road/Albert Road junction is very poor, worse than that at Highmoor Road.            Safety concerns of children walking from highly populated surrounding areas, crossing the soon to be very busy roads going to the park/school on their own.            Highmoor Road takes a lot of traffic that makes u-turns on Woodcote Road/St Peters Hill and these cars will now be speeding down Harrogate Road, Buxton Avenue and Matlock Roads in order to beat the queues in rush hours, so it will not just be local traffic using these local roads but also commuters and drivers from outside of the county.            I suggest you consider using less draconian measures such as:            Installing mirrors at the junction to enable drivers to see more clearly,            To ask residents in the houses on the corner to keep their foliage clear of any signage and to ask the residents on the right of the junction to lower their fence at the front of the property to increase visibility and even step it in at the beginning to eliminate the blind spot. All of these measure can be done with very little cost to the Council and for the safety of the locals”</p>
<p><i>Resident of Darrell Road</i></p> <p>“We have observed with concern the changes proposed with regard to the Highmoor Road/Albert Road junction and wish to object to them strongly.            We have lived here for 30 years and are familiar with the problems posed by the traffic circulating in this area. We agree that the junction in question suffers at present from interrupted sightlines and from excess traffic speeds, and that these should be addressed. However we believe the proposed closure of the junction to traffic other than buses is misconceived and would cause more problems than it solves. It seems to us that the proposal to block Highmoor Road/Albert Road junction would greatly exacerbate the existing problems which could all be solved much more quickly, cheaply and easily by one or more or preferably all of the following actions.            Traffic calming measures along Albert Road            Improved warning signage on both Albert Road and Highmoor Road West            Installation of mirrors at that junction.            Improvement of sight lines from Highmoor Road West with the co-operation of residents on either side of the junction by cutting back on vegetation and lowering the fence panels to the south of the junction.            We trust the problem will be more thoroughly considered so as to develop a solution that works for the area as a whole and improve traffic flows instead of the present short sighted and ill thought through proposals”.</p>
<p><i>Resident of Woodcote Road</i></p> <p>“Whilst it is undoubtedly true that the junction of Highmoor Road and Albert Road has an above average accident rate, whatever is done about it must reduce the overall danger, not simply reduce the danger at one junction while increasing the danger elsewhere. Unfortunately this is exactly what the proposal will do. Any cars on Woodcote Road needing to get to Albert Road or further east will simply be relocated on to Richmond Road or Harrogate Road. Harrogate Road has no better visibility than Highmoor (in fact, significantly worse visibility when there is a bus at the bus stop, and cars dropping off at St. Andrews nursery). Richmond Road has better visibility, but it is at the corner of the children's play park. Neither are suitable alternatives to displace all of the traffic to. At the moment the traffic is spread across 3 east-west roads, but you are proposing to concentrate it all on just 2 east-west roads, and increasing the traffic along Matlock and Buxton, which are quiet residential streets. I believe that this plan would therefore be increasing the overall danger for pedestrians and other road users by increasing traffic volume on similarly hazardous roads.</p>

One option would be a mini-roundabout so that all traffic needs to slow. Or do we even have the option of 4 way stops in the UK, as is common in the US?.

A better alternative though would be to make the whole area a 20mph zone. Traffic travelling at that speed is much more likely to avoid a collision - at all of the junctions. Given that this is a residential area with children's parks, nursery schools, a high population of elderly people, and is an area that is in sore need of a safe cycle route, it seems like an ideal place to introduce a 20mph zone"

*Resident of Woodcote Road*

I am not in favour of this plan for a bus gate for the reasons that I set out below. I would suggest a number of other options which could be considered. Principally I would suggest a reduction in the speed limit for the whole area to 20mph, which would improve safety in and around the roads in general as well as this specific location.

In my opinion the proposal to close the Highmoor Road to Albert Road junction to private vehicles is effectively taking a sledgehammer to crack a nut, and will end up merely moving the problem elsewhere. There are many options to mitigate the number of collisions at this junction which would not involve the draconian measure of shutting the junction to all but a select group of road users (ie. buses, refuse vehicles and cyclists).

It should also be noted that currently in the winter, none of the 4 roads are considered primary gritting routes, and Shepherds Lane, Richmond Road and Highmoor Road are all secondary gritting routes.

Harrogate Road is not gritted at all, yet would bear the brunt of a lot of diverted traffic due to vehicles turning from Highmoor Road into Buxton Road or Matlock Road when their route is blocked

I would suggest the following options could be considered as an alternative to the bus gate on Highmoor Road 1) Mirror, 2)Vegetation, 3)Speed on Albert Road 4)20mph Local Speed Limit and 5)No Right Turn bans

*Resident of Upper Warren Avenue*

I wish to record my absolute objection to this proposal.

I fail to understand why such radical steps are considered appropriate at this location to avoid accidents which occur at numerous junctions of this type in suburban areas. These proposals would exacerbate the traffic on the Woodcote Road. It would be far more appropriate to install traffic calming measures on the approaches to the junction to ensure vehicle users approach it with the due care and attention this and many other junctions deserve.

*Resident of Buxton Avenue*

My objections are as follows

There are a number of assumptions and statements that are not supported by any evidence or statistics. Diverting the traffic is merely moving the issue elsewhere, whilst I am unconvinced the Albert Rd/Highmoor Rd problems are caused by lack of visibility, rather lack of signage and warnings, there are visibility problems with other junctions.

Buxton Rd and Matlock Rd are far less suitable for traffic that currently uses Highmoor Road, There are many more parked cars and full of families with young children. Harrogate Road gets no sun and remains icy longer, sometimes being almost impassable.

The Heights school site in Upper Warren Avenue is likely to increase car journeys around the area

A sensible and more low cost alternative such as motion activated slow down or stop illuminated signs to alert road users to the presence of the junction.

I would strongly urge you to reconsider this proposal as it appears to be opposed by the vast majority of local residents and drivers who use this junction.

*Resident of St Peters Avenue*

I would like to voice my objection to the proposed plans for the junction of Highmoor Rd and Albert Road. As a parent living in the local area and often driving along Highmoor Road. I find this offers the safest alternative when we are going to Caversham Primary School and Highdown School.

The proposed alterations are not safe due to the restricted width of those roads where there are a high number of parked cars on both sides of the road. To me it seems the best and easiest measure is to install mirrors.

*Resident of Matlock Road*

I write regarding the proposed bus gate in Highmoor Road at the junction of Highmoor and Albert Road and the effect this will have on the density of traffic travelling down Buxton/Matlock and Harrogate Roads. These three roads are quiet residential streets where children play and are totally unsuited to an increase in traffic. It would be much better to keep the present system flawed as it is, or control the speed with a few speed humps and/or make the area a 20mphs speed limit. I therefore along with many other residents strongly oppose the present proposal.

*Resident of Chazey Road*

I am writing to object strongly to the changes proposed in traffic flow along Highmoor Road, closing the road to cars users will just mean the problem will move to another junction. Most of the sightlines in Caversham are poor due to the trees/greenery which make Caversham such a pleasant place to live, sight lines could be improved quickly and cheaply if:

- 1) Home owners trimmed their trees and shrubs
- 2) Reposition the green telecoms box
- 3) If residents stopped parking their cars on the pavement near the junction

Please reconsider plans to close Highmoor Road to traffic .

*Resident of Chazey Road*

I refer to the proposal to restrict access to/from Highmoor Road at the junction of Albert Road. I wish to object to this because

There are other means of improving safety at this junction:

Improve visibility splays by requiring residents to trim back excessive foliage in hedges, enforce the law in terms of parking near the junction and on footpaths, and provide traffic calming measures in Highmoor and Albert Roads to reduce speed.

Alternative routes are equally dangerous in terms of visibility

*Resident of St Andrews Road*

I wish to object to the decision to close Highmoor Road to cars at the Albert Road junction. This is madness when the council has not tried methods to resolve the current situation. I suggest you try, better signage, Stop PMI signs, speed bumps or red tarmac or visibility mirrors.

Please reconsider this decision and look at alternative methods before you upset the whole of Caversham Heights.

*Resident of Buxton Avenue*

Junctions are part of a larger system any changes are best viewed holistically, I have not seen any evidence that the council has examined the unintended consequences of the change in traffic flows. The council seems to have dismissed many logical options because drivers apparently ignore lines and stop signs. The obvious answer to this must be to use the police to enforce laws and make some money for the council.

*Resident of Matlock Road*

To divert traffic from Highmoor Road to Matlock without foresight, as the junction needs more signage on approach to the junction, other junctions have more signage, we have used this junction for many years and it is not one of worst in the areas. Residents on the junction need to keep clear any foliage and consideration must be given to the high fence and right hand side, plus speeds bumps before the junction.

*Resident of Buxton Avenue*

I haven't met anyone locally who believes that the current proposed action is the right response. The adjacent roads are unsuitable for an increase in traffic due to the on road parking and high percentage of young families with children on scooters etc. In snowy weather Buxton, Matlock and Harrogate Road are impassable without 4 wheel drives. I would prefer to see traffic calming measures. My suggestion would be that a 4 way stop would be the most appropriate and cheap to implement.

*Resident of Highmoor Road*

I have lived on the corner of this junction and have attended many many accidents over the years, generally being the first at the scene. It is always the fault of the driver travelling east on Highmoor Road, and the 1<sup>st</sup> comment they make is "I didn't realise it was a junction". So by suggesting putting a bus gate into the junction does not solve this merely pushes this to another location.

The solution should be to keep Highmoor/Albert open but alert drivers to the junction, through sleeping policeman or rumble strips along Highmoor to slow traffic down, or a raised platform on the junction could be used.

*Resident of South View Avenue*

I am writing to object to the consultation for changes to create a bus gate at the above junction. The proposal seems an extreme response to the stated problem. It appears to me there are a range of possible approaches to improve safety at this junction. Your proposal simply risks moving the problem not solving it.

*Resident of Upper Warren Avenue*

I wish to record my absolute objection to this proposal. I fail to understand why such radical steps are considered appropriate at this location to avoid accidents which occur at numerous other junctions. It would be far more appropriate to install traffic calming.

*Resident of Matlock Road*

I write regarding the proposed bus gate in Highmoor Road at the junction of Highmoor/Albert Road and the effect this will have on the density of traffic travelling down Buxton/Matlock and Harrogate. These three roads are narrow where children play and cars park both sides. If cars were forced down these roads the chaos, likelihood of a collision and decline in safety for the area would be a tragedy. It would be better to keep the area as is and make Highmoor/Albert Road a 20 mph speed limit.

*Resident of Darrell Road*

I object to the proposal for a bus gate for the following reasons, Albert Road is clearly a hazard as witnessed by recent accidents and some action is required however closure of this junction to private vehicles will not provide a holistic approach. Albert Road is a dangerous road for its duration and similar hazards exist at other junctions. I would encourage you to adopt strict traffic calming measures on Albert Road similar to Kidmore Road.

*Resident of Chazey Road*

I appreciate there have been a number of accidents at this junction but I must strongly object to the proposed introduction of a bus gate. Cars do travel quickly along Albert Road as it is a long straight road, surely it would be more logical to slow these cars down. I would recommend moving the Albert Road bus stops to give drivers a clearer sight line, request hedges are clipped back, introduce traffic calming measures including 20mph on Albert Road and create a 4 way stop junction at Highmoor/Albert Road junction.

*Resident of Darrell Road*

I wish to raise my strong objection to the closure of Highmoor/Albert Road and believe there must be more prudent alternatives such as reducing the speed of traffic calming down Highmoor Road or increasing the visibility at the junction by asking residents to trim their hedges. I strongly believe the closure will cause far worse knock on problems in the future and hope you'll consider alternative options.

*Resident of Matlock Road*

I wish to object to the proposed Highmoor Road Bus Gate Order. I think there are no grounds for believing the closing Highmoor Road will lead to a net improvement in road safety. As far as I can see no consideration has been given to alternative routes that displaced traffic will be obliged to use. It might reduce accidents at this junction but it is very likely to increase accidents at other nearby junctions. The problem can be solved by moving the stop line forward to improve visibility.

*Resident of Darrell Road*

I wish to object to the proposed changes at Highmoor/Albert Road. I feel this is a sledgehammer to crack a nut and that the council has not considered other solutions. I feel the first line of action would be to ensure all road signs are clear and no parking restrictions are in place. I believe stop signs should be placed at both sides of the road so drivers can clearly see they are to stop. I suggest you look at compulsory purchase for the corner so the fence lines can be moved back, red double yellow lines at the junction, stop signs on both sides of the junction, a mirror on the corners to help visibility and looking at reducing the volume of traffic exiting Woodcote Road via Darrell Road.

*Address Unknown*

I do not believe that traffic restrictions for ordinary road users to be the answer and would ask that RBC consider other methods such as better signage and road markings to indicate the need for extra caution at this junction. My experience over the past few years has led me to believe that increasing volume of traffic using different roads around Caversham Heights in order to avoid congestion on St Peters Hill is the real problem rather than the inherent danger at this particular junction.

*Address Unknown*

At present there are no signs or road markings to indicate the need for extra caution at this junction, surely this would be a more measured remedies in the first instance. Highmoor Road provides a vital alternative route for travelling to Caversham Centre and Emmer Green thereby mitigating further congestion on St Peters Hill .

*Address Unknown*

I am writing to object to the proposed partial closure of the Highmoor Rd & Albert Rd junction. As a resident of Upper Warren Ave I regularly use Highmoor Rd and this dangerous junction to drive into the village to go to Waitrose etc as it is the most direct route.

I agree this is a dangerous junction and I believe the reason for this is because of the very poor sight lines. There is absolutely no visibility to the left and very little to the right when you stop at the very obvious STOP sign. One is forced to venture into Albert Rd to get some visibility.

My solution would be to persuade or compel the residents of the two corner properties to reduce or remove the excessively high and overgrown vegetation/fences/walls on the corners of the already narrow pavements which completely obscure a drivers line of sight, especially to the left. Blocking off this road



is not addressing the real problem, it would only force drivers onto smaller roads and create other dangerous junctions.

*Resident of Upper Warren Avenue*

It does seem that the proposal can be likened to a sledgehammer cracking a nut. Certainly the sight lines at the west end of the junction are limited, so I agree that something needs to be done. The Matlock and Buxton roads are narrow and have parking on either side. Indeed one of the roads (Matlock I believe) has a very poor sight line at the right hand turn into Harrogate Road due to a high hedge. Similarly Harrogate Road is tight, again with parking on either side. For those seeking to go down Oakley Road / Rotherfield Way, the Oakley Road link from Albert to Kidmore Road is consistently full of parked vehicles with a decision having to be made at either end as to which of two cars at either end should drive the central track first. Adopting the proposal is going to cause unacceptable congestion on these roads and, in turn, safety issues in their own right. As if Caversham does not have enough congestion problems as it is!

I would suggest that time and some money is spent on improving the existing situation at the Highmoor Road/Albert Road junction by:

1. Moving the two bus stops, North and South, further away from the junction. They are currently within 50 metres of the junction.
2. Stop vehicles from parking within, say, 50 metres of the junction, on each of the four approach roads.
3. Place suitable safety signage and road markings, 20 mph zone and two humps (one each on Albert Road on the north and south sides).

A further existing risk is the tree close to the bus stop on the south side of the junction for those turning left into Albert Road from the east side of Albert Road, or straight across into Highmoor Road (west). The sight line here is very poor, and a definite hazard. I would add that I was amazed that this bus stop was retained following the disabling accident of a person waiting in the bus queue some time ago. It really is a high risk situation having a bus stopping directly oppose a T-junction

*Resident of High Meadow*

From using the junction it is clear that the majority of accidents are caused by poor sight lines. The angle of the junction means traffic exiting Highmoor Road needs to edge out to gain sufficient visibility. Gaining visibility is also hampered by bus shelters / stops close to the junction creating static obstructions when buses stop and parked cars close to the junction that hide moving cars / bicycles.

Closing the junction will reduce the numbers of vehicles needing the edge out, true. The cost though is sending large amounts of traffic down roads lined with parked cars. We all know the dangers of children and rows of parked cars. This proposal will merely move the accident blackspot and rather than it being a car on car blackspot, it will be car on child blackspot, so the proposal may end up making things worse.

I would suggest that instead the junction is treated as such:

- 1, Move bus shelters away from junction
- 2, Double yellow line up to 40m from the junction and or increase the pavement width to make parking impossible up to 20m from the junction
- 3, Move signposts and wall corners to allow for better sightlines whilst pulling to a stop at the junction (so you stop on the line, not 1m beyond)

*Resident of Darrell Road*

That the proposal "is misconceived and would cause more problems than it solves". The prime concern that we would like to add weight to with this letter and attachments, is that directly as a result of the proposed changes, there will be increased local traffic flows South into Reading using the Woodcote Road / St Peter's Hill combined with increased flows North that will turn right into Darell Road at this very dangerous junction. We do not know the relative accident history at the Albert Road / Highmoor junction versus Darell Road / Woodcote Road junction, but we suspect there is not a lot of difference between the two, and that the average vehicle speed along the Woodcote Road is higher than along Albert Road In conclusion, as local residents we are concerned for our own safety and that of others should this proposal go ahead in its current form. And as taxpayers we are concerned that what is viewed as a cost-effective fix for one problem does not result in the need for a much greater spend in the years to come, because of unintended consequences on neighbouring roads. It is our belief that this can be avoided by doing the right thing, not the expedient thing, at the Highmoor Road / Albert Road junction using traffic calming and other measures along Albert Road

*Resident of Ilkley Road*

This short sighted solution of closing the road may solve difficulties, mostly caused by human error, at this junction, but this option will merely move the problem to other areas in the neighbourhood which could cause potentially worse hazards than the original one. If we took this option to its logical conclusion, we would close all junctions or roads where a problem has occurred I would suggest that this proposal is reconsidered and that planners think more carefully about rumble strips, change of priorities, mini roundabout, sleeping policemen, and the many other methods of traffic management before closures or prohibitions.

*Address Unknown*

I object to this proposal for the following reason: The Proposed Diversion Route is at least as dangerous as the route proposed for closure, creating rat-runs along quiet residential roads, and forcing traffic to use junctions with restricted visibility. In effect, this proposal will create new "rat-runs" along five quiet residential roads, which currently carry little or no through traffic, and force traffic to negotiate junctions at which visibility is no better than at the Albert Road / Highmoor Road junction.

Rather than closing the junction as proposed, it would be far preferable to make all traffic slow down or stop at the junction. (There would be no visibility problem seeing stopped or very slow moving vehicles.) This could be achieved by a variety of measures, possibly used in conjunction eg traffic calming by sleeping policemen or width restrictions, mini roundabout, 4-way stop

*Address Unknown*

I use this junction nearly every day. In 20 years, I have not seen any accidents, unlike at the junction of Oakley Road and Kidmore Road where I have seen several. To block Highmoor Road connecting with Albert Road would cause traffic to use the less spacious Harrogate Road turn or to divert along Buxton Avenue and Matlock Road, followed by using the junction of Harrogate Road with Albert Road. This latter junction also does not have good visibility along Albert Road, as demonstrated by a number of near misses I have seen. Blocking off general access to the Highmoor Road / Albert Road junction may well increase the accidents at other junctions.

Most users of this junction exercise due care. Junctions are not dangerous, but some drivers are. Therefore, the solution is more likely to involve catching the offenders rather than disrupting the lives of many others. Of the accidents at this junction, how many drivers have been successfully prosecuted. I strongly urge that you take a holistic approach and look at the impact on the whole area and employ means to reduce the problem which do not involve the closure of any junctions.

*Address Unknown*

I believe this proposal to be nonsensical and quite frankly, can see no reason to implement it. I have lived in Caversham Heights for nearly 50 years and do not consider this junction to be a problem (indeed, there are far worse junctions in the area). If the junction is closed, it will simply force traffic down Matlock Road and Buxton Avenue, making them into rat runs, neither of which are particularly easy to get down currently as there are substantial sections of the road with parking on both sides. With increased traffic, this will only get worse. In addition, traffic will be shunted to the Harrogate Road junction which has worse visibility to the left and is often busy with Playgroup and Church visitors. I also believe that any cars driving up Albert Road are more likely to go faster when approaching that junction if it is closed to the general public, thus making accidents more likely.

*Cllr Ballsdon*

I have listened to and taken on board my residents' views regarding RBC's proposed bus gate on the Highmoor/Albert Road junction and am writing to add my objections to those already submitted by them as both a councillor and local resident of over 20 years. I object on the following grounds:

Vehicles should always stop at the "Stop" signs in Highmoor Road. I believe some of the accidents have happened because the driver travelling along Highmoor Road has failed to stop. Surely therefore RBC should ask TV Police to carry out enforcement work to ensure drivers do "Stop"?

Vehicles travelling on Albert Road should be encouraged away from the sides of the road (instead of away from the centre as they are currently) by the redrawing of the painted lines, so as to give more nosing-out space for Highmoor Road vehicles

Improved signage on Albert Road of the crossroads with a reminder of the speed limit

Forcing ordinary traffic onto alternative residential roads is not sensible on many counts, including:

It would push the problem to the tricky Harrogate Road junction, the visibility of which is completely obscured whenever a bus is at the bus stop (which can be for several minutes if one is waiting to synchronise with the timetable

Traffic would be pushed along Matlock & Buxton Roads, both of which are narrow with few passing places because of parked cars effectively making them single lane roads. Children play in these currently quiet roads making them unsuitable for rat-runs

Environmentally it would create more pollution as cars would have to travel further to get around the proposed bus gate

In icy/snowy weather Highmoor Road is gritted, but neither Harrogate nor Richmond Roads (the two parallel alternative roads) are which makes no sense forcing vehicles onto un-gritted roads

For all the above reasons I object to RBC's proposed bus gate and urge councillors who sit on the Traffic Management Sub-Committee to vote against it.

*Resident of Harrogate Road*

I write to object to the proposal for the crossroads at Highmoor Road and Albert Road (a bus gate in Highmoor Road). This proposal would have the following bad effects:

It would increase distances travelled by motor vehicles (with the obvious exceptions) by diverting them to a longer route. It would increase the number of turns they would have to make; many of the turns they are likely to make are right-hand ones; and the junctions where they would have to turn have less than ideal visibility because of the street layout. It would increase the volume of motor traffic in the vicinity of the St Andrew's pre-school.

In my view it would be preferable to advance the stop line in Highmoor Road and re-align the kerb in Albert Road so as to 'protect' vehicles stopped at the line from northbound traffic in Albert Road. The problem at the cross roads is one of visibility and moving the stop line forward would solve the problem

*Address Unknown*

I am writing to object against the installation of the proposed bus gate at the junction of Highmoor Road and Albert Road. Whilst I applaud RBC's intention to improve safety at this difficult junction I would suggest that this proposal will simply mean that a large volume of traffic that currently crosses Albert Road to use Kidmore Road as a way of approaching Caversham will be moved on to smaller side roads thus increasing congestion on smaller roads and endangering pedestrians that may need to cross between parked cars on these smaller roads which tend to have cars parked on either side. It is not for me to suggest alternative safety measures but has a mini-roundabout or mirrors at the junction been considered?

Resident of Ridge Hall Close

I wish to register my objection to this proposal. Whilst I am aware of the spate of accidents at the junction recently and support moves to improve road safety, I strongly object and think this proposal is a step too far and causes unnecessary inconvenience to local residents and traffic. It is a sledgehammer to crack a nut. It is my belief that a far less intrusive solution would be in simply improving the sight lines at the junction, by removing the tree on the pavement near the bus stop in Albert Road which obscures visibility to the left when negotiating the junction in question from a westward direction, and also by requiring residents on the western corners of the junction to reduce the size of bushes and fences which obscure one's view when attempting to cross the junction in an eastwards direction.

Resident of St Andrews Road

As a local resident who has witnessed an accident at the junction of Albert/Highmoor Road I appreciate the need to try and improve conditions at the junction. However I am alarmed by the proposal to simply shut Highmoor Road to private transport, this will only increase danger in other nearby locations. I would consider implementing speed bumps on Albert Road, similar to those on Kidmore Road or other action to increase awareness of the junction.

Resident of Buxton Avenue

I think the proposed bus gate is a disproportionate solution which will only cause problems in surrounding streets. We need to achieve two things, slow the traffic on Albert Road and improve the visibility at the junction. To achieve this the fence line should be lowered and trees removed and introduce traffic calming.

Resident of Buxton Avenue

I know the site well and wish to object strongly to the introduction of a bus gate at this location. The stated objective of this proposal is to increase road safety for all road users, however this objective should be achieved without shifting the issue to other locations. I object strongly to the proposal and would favour exploring other traffic calming options.

Resident of Grass Hill

*Whilst the junction on Highmoor Road to Albert Road is less than ideal, I fail to see how this proposal is at all beneficial. By introducing a bus gate the council is merely moving the issue along to other junctions, which will inevitably lead to more accidents with greater severity.*

Resident of Harrogate Road

I am writing to express my objection to the proposed traffic order which would create a bus gate. I acknowledge the unsafe nature of the above junction and urgent need for collision risk to be mitigated, however I strongly object to the current proposal on the basis that I do not believe it to be optimal in either traffic engineering or cost terms and would lead to unacceptable diversion of traffic along Harrogate Road. I therefore request that RBC urgently reconsider the current proposal and progress a scheme that better manages the traffic.

Resident of Chazey Road

*I write to object to the proposal on the grounds that it would be more likely to create a less safe traffic situation than the present arrangement. I am concerned that the transport committee has been misled into thinking very few drivers stop at this junction when this should be very few do not stop when exiting Highmoor Road. I suggest the junction can be improved with better road markings, a Stop sign on the right hand side, speed bumps or a 20mph limit.*

Resident of Woodcote Road

*The main problem affecting the junction of Highmoor Road and Albert Road Caversham is definitely caused by speeding vehicles on Albert Road, and there needs to be traffic calming here. Closing the road will not stop speeding on Albert Road merely cause the nearby quiet residential roads to be turned into rat runs. The problems would be solved by slowing traffic on Albert Road.*

Resident of Chazey Road

*I would like to object in the strongest possible terms to a traffic gate on Highmoor Road and will not lead to the most effective improvement of safety at this junction, even worse it will increase the safety risk elsewhere in the vicinity*

Resident of Chazey Road

*I wish to object to the proposal for a permanent closure of part of Highmoor Road leading to Albert Road, I have been using the road as both a cyclist and motorist for 40 years. I was startled to read in the report that very few people stop at this junction. In my 40 years I have never once seen any motorist fail to stop, no statistics or evidence was given to support this statement. The proposed alternative routes are far less suitable than the present arrangement. Regular trimming of overgrown hedges and branches would improve vision at the junction and of the stop signs.*

*Resident of Ashcroft Close*

*I use this junction fairly often and it seems the most regrettable to suggest it should be closed to all traffic except buses. There would seem to be two other options available a) to install traffic light or b) negotiate with the owner of corner properties to purchase at a reasonable price a narrow piece of their gardens.*

*Resident of Darrell Road*

*I object strongly to the proposed closure of Highmoor Road, this is a draconian measure, a poor use of tax payers money, will increase traffic on St Peters Hill and push traffic into surrounding areas. I suggest less draconian measures such as installing mirrors, asking residents to keep their foliage back and lower their fence lines. These measures can be done with very little cost to the council and for safety of locals.*

*Resident of Albert Road*

*Whilst I understand a bus gate may reduce accidents at this location this will lead to increase in traffic on surrounding streets and do nothing to reduce the speed of vehicles on Albert Road, I believe the best solution would be to install a mini-roundabout at this junction which would be relatively cheap to install.*

*Resident of Darrell Road*

*I would like to object strongly to the present proposals, alternative routes would present a far greater hazard than those present at Highmoor/Albert Road. It would be better if proper well maintained road markings are provided or consider a chicane to the stop line, resite the bus stop or remove and reduce local garden walls to give greater visibility.*

*Resident of Buxton Avenue*

*I am writing to record my formal objection to the bus gate because this proposal will be dangerous to residents of Buxton Avenue. Buxton Avenue usually has cars parked both sides meaning the road cant have two way traffic. Children often play in these streets and are regulary used by children learning to ride bikes on their cycling proficiency lessons as well as learner drivers. I believe that instead of making my road more dangerous the council should make the roads safer for example through placing speed bumps.*

*Resident of Buxton Avenue*

*I wholeheartedly oppose the proposal to introduce a bus gate at the Highmoor Road/Albert Road junction on the grounds that the proposal will simply create an increase in traffic flow on adjacent street. To force additional traffic down these roads is at best short sighted and at worst negligent on behalf of the council. It is clear to me that any solution needs to be part of a more co-ordinated view to control traffic flows generally in the area. I would suggest that the solution needs to be considered is a series of traffic calming measures*

*Resident of Darrell Road*

*We object strongly to the proposed change. We believe it will increase risk to drivers and pedestrians, including small children. The rationale for the proposed change is that drivers ignore speed limits and junction markings. Neither of these issues will be addressed by diverting traffic to a different junction, and the principle is wrong. The proposed change would shift traffic to narrower and more congested roads, and to other junctions where visibility is problematic (eg Harrogate Road and Matlock Road/Buxton Avenue). Harrogate Road would become the most southerly access point to central Caversham from the Woodcote Road. This would increase danger to drivers and pedestrians.*

*We believe there are other ways to reduce accidents at the Highmoor Road/Albert Road junction, and we strongly object to the proposed change.*

*Resident of Matlock Road*

*I am writing to register my objection to the proposals to change the junction of Highmoor Road and Albert Road into a one-way junction.*

*However, I don't believe that the proposed changes are the best solution.*

*Perhaps less draconian (and possibly cheaper) measures could be considered to address these issues and increase safety at the junction.*

*In summary, while I agree that the junction as it stands is dangerous, I don't believe that the proposed changes are the best solution. They would simply create more problems and safety issues on the surrounding roads.*

*Surely it would be better to improve the junction itself, rather than reroute the traffic and just move the accident blackspot to another place.*

*The Methodist Church at Caversham Heights*

The Church Council met last night and asked me to pass on to you their concerns over the proposed closure. Members were concerned not so much with the inconvenience in having to use other roads to reach the church but the additional hazards that would be created if the closure went ahead. Measures were suggested that the junction could be made more obvious to drivers they were approaching a crossroads but putting a stop sign on the right hand side of Highmoor Road, stripes or speed bumps on the road or pinchpoints. It was strongly felt that making traffic use Matlock Road, Buxton Avenue and Harrogate Road would lead to more accidents rather than fewer. The Church Council hopes you will take their views into consideration in the consultation and that the proposals will not proceed.

*Resident of Illkey Road*

Whilst understanding the need for a safe junction, I strongly object to this ROAD CLOSURE proposal as I am totally convinced it will create more problems than it solves, will not stop speeding up and down Albert Road and will create even more opportunities for accidents to residents and their family members in the local streets affected by the 'rat runs' which will become apparent should this proposal go ahead.

I would welcome traffic calming measures such as 20mph zones, clearer warning signs, speed cameras and raised ramps as mentioned previously and trust that these options will be considered as more logical solutions than the OPTION 1 closure of this junction which is a vital road link for both Caversham residents and other users of the junction.

*Resident of Buxton Avenue.*

I wish to strongly protest at the proposed closure of the west side of Highmoor Road at the junction with Albert Road as this is not the best or rather the least worst solution and will have a knock on effect on the traffic flow in the area which will create new and similar problems elsewhere increasing the risk to all road users in the area. This could be made even worse if plans to build the new Free schools permanent site goes ahead at Highridge in Upper Warren Avenue or more alarmingly Bugs Bottom.

If the best solution - smart traffic lights at apparently £120,000 is beyond the resources of RBC then the following are better and less inconvenient/dangerous options:

- 1) Basic fixed time traffic lights - assuming £50,000 the apparent cost can be covered. With RBC's mania to install new lights this presumably wouldn't be a problem.
- 2) Speed humps, obviously designed to cater for buses, on Albert/Highmoor Road similar to the arrangement along Kidmore Road. Plus improved signage.
- 3) Offer to buy a corner a small piece of land from house on South West side to improve sight line at junction - surely this does not have to be a lengthy and expensive process as claimed unless RBC is totally inefficient - it does of course depend on a willing seller. Has the house holder even been asked?
- 4) Mini roundabout - whilst space is tight it would slow/stop traffic, the main purpose, particularly if combined with speed humps.
- 5) Single lane control 'gate' with nominated priority from one direction similar to Surley Row arrangement, albeit one gate rather than two, positioned on the East side of Highmoor Road before it reaches Kidmore Road. This would slow traffic flow particularly if combined with speed humps.

If this closure goes ahead are the council going to provide clear signage, particularly on the Woodcote Road (before junction with Richmond Road) to warn drivers of the new hopefully temporary arrangement. Please can you reconsider your decision.

*Resident of Albert Road*

We wish to object to the proposed part closure of the junction of Albert Road/Highmoor Road. We believe the closure of the junction would push traffic to neighbouring junctions where the sight lines are not significantly better than that at Highmoor/Albert Road junction. For example, sight lines at Richmond Road and Harrogate Road are also poor. Hence the safety issue is not addressed by the proposals.

Albert Road is a residential road with a park and a nursery on. We believe the principal problem is that traffic goes too fast along Albert road increasing both the probability (due to greater reaction time) and magnitude of accidents at junctions. Limited traffic calming measures along Albert Road would make the junctions safer and also reduce the risk to those using the park and the nursery.

*Resident of Albert Road*

We are very concerned to hear about the Council's plans to install a one-way system here and divert the traffic along other roads to the junction at Harrogate Road and Albert Road. Speeding traffic along Albert Road has been a problem for many years and we fail to see how this will address that problem. We feel the current plans will both increase the volume and speed of the traffic and as parents of three children I would respectfully suggest that other traffic calming measures are considered.

*Resident of Highmoor Road*

From a risk assessment perspective I feel that your proposed control measure to reduce the likelihood of an accident at the Albert Road/Highmoor Road junction is effectively just moving the risk elsewhere and perhaps even increasing the likelihood of an accident!

Indeed I would argue that this proposal will divert traffic onto roads that are even less capable of dealing with the traffic flow with a number not being capable of dealing with two-way traffic. Furthermore this will result in vehicles having to exit at the Albert Road/Harrogate Road junction which shares similar characteristics to the above. On the information I have read on this junction to date it would seem more sensible to me to attempt to get people to comply with the stop signs and/or slow the traffic down on Albert Road in the run up to the junction. Perhaps the signs that automatically light up as you approach (powered by photo voltaic cells) could be considered, or even a 20mph restriction (if legal).

*Resident of Darrell Road*

Without question the solution proposed by the Council is a mistake. It ignores the unintended consequences of sending a large volume of traffic up Buxton and Matlock. Judging by the attached document the Council seems to believe that drivers ignore all traffic laws, so it hardly makes sense to force them to drive up narrow roads filled with young families. The obvious answer to this is to use the police to enforce the laws, and make some money for the Council. A roundabout, changed priorities or pushing the Highmoor Junction into Albert would all be preferable to forcing traffic up small streets, and with a little enforcement would likely solve the problem.

*Resident of Darrell Road* It seems to us that the proposal to block the Highmoor Road/Albert Road junction would greatly exacerbate the existing problems, which could be solved much more quickly, cheaply and easily by one or more, or preferably all, of the following actions:- Traffic calming measures along Albert Road, Improved warning signage on both Albert Road and Highmoor Road West, Installation of mirrors at the junction; Improvement of sight lines from Highmoor Road West, and with the co-operation of residents on either side of the junction, by cutting back vegetation and by lowering the fence panels to the south of the junction.

We trust that the problem will be more thoroughly considered so as to develop a solution that works for the area as a whole and improves traffic flows, instead of the present short-sighted and ill-thought-through proposals.

*Resident of Buxton Avenue*

Irrespective of whether a change is needed to the road layout (which I am sure will be a policy decision related to the number of accidents - personally I have never had an issue with the junction), the proposed partial road closure is a terrible idea. It appears this option has only been chosen because it is the cheapest and most convenient for the council. It does not adequately take into account the increased traffic on the diverted roads (Matlock Road/Buxton Avenue) which are small, narrow roads with parked cars on both sides of the road, many driveways (with people reversing out throughout the day) and most importantly, a lot of resident children and animals. This will make these previously safe and quiet roads unsafe, busy, noisy and, in my view, would be significantly worse than leaving the current junction as it is. The council appear not to have given sufficient (if any) thought to the knock on effect of their decision to the wider community.





Name	Address	Summary of comment
BH	Caversham Heights	Traffic humps will be installed and given a chance. Closure will have a serious impact on local residents with traffic going down unsuitable roads in a long detour and more seriously increasing traffic at a junction used by children, it may create more problems than it hopes to solve.
LD	Caversham Heights	Due to displaced traffic onto other residential roads I foresee further accidents resulting from your decision.
ER	Caversham Heights	Traffic would move and the problem of traffic in the Caversham Heights residential area will remain. Make streets one-way to discourage "rat-running" and speed-bumps regulate the speed of local traffic.
FP	Unknown	Increase traffic in Buxton Avenue and Matlock Road as a result moving the issue to the Harrogate Road junction. Traffic lights or roundabout should be the solution. Or compulsory purchase boundary walls to improve visibility.
HP	Unknown	Displaced traffic would cause a wider problem. 4-way stop is a better solution.
HC	Unknown	Displaced traffic would cause a wider problem. Suggestions of better solutions include parking measures, remove central hatch and move stop lines, warnings of hazardous junction, traffic calming.
JC	Unknown	Displaced traffic would cause a wider problem. Traffic calming and rumble strips should be used.
KL	Caversham Heights	Support proposed measures.
KB	Caversham Heights	Concerned about displaced traffic. Would support changed priorities.
LJ	Caversham Heights	Critical of review of options. Does not believe that this junction is more unsafe than others. Concerned about displaced traffic. Traffic calming better solution.
KM	Caversham Heights	Worried about displaced traffic. Police should enforce stop. Traffic calming and lower (20mph) limit should be considered.
MM	Caversham Heights	Concerned just moving problem to another location. Move bus stop, consider parking measures & traffic calming better solutions.
H McK	Caversham Heights	Displaced traffic a concern. Mini-roundabout better solution.

ML	Caversham Heights	Negative impact of diverting traffic and effectively moving the problem and making local access more difficult and no safer. Traffic calming, traffic signals, mini-roundabout & remove fencing/hedges should be considered.
Mr & Mrs B	Caversham Heights	Calling for urgent action following near-miss.
Mr & Mrs B	Unknown	Concerned about displaced traffic. 4-way stop, speed warning sign and move bus timing point need to be considered.
Mr & Mrs B	Unknown	Concerned about diverted traffic. Speed camera and 20mph limit should be applied to Albert Road.
Mr & Mrs G	Caversham Heights	Critical of proposal. Inconvenient to local residents and concerned about displaced traffic. Traffic calming, replace fences, better signs and move bus stop better solutions.
Mr & Mrs H	Caversham Heights	Critical of proposal. Concerned about diverted traffic. Inconvenient to local residents. Traffic calming & more road signs all that is needed.
Mr & Mrs H	Caversham Heights	Accidents caused by drivers not realising that the junction exists. Traffic calming and better signs, possible width restriction and raised table. Concerned about displaced traffic.
Mr & Mrs J	Unknown	Inconvenient to local residents and displaces traffic and problem elsewhere. 4-way stop or change of priority better solutions.
Mr & Mrs M	Caversham Heights	Concerned about displaced traffic. Improve sight lines or traffic signals at junction better solutions. Reduced speed limit all over Caversham Heights and all Give Ways should be replaced with STOP. Traffic calming on Albert Road.
Mr & Mrs S	Caversham Heights	Concerned about displaced traffic and the problem being pushed elsewhere. Various options including measure to slow speed.
Mr & Mrs W	Caversham Heights	Concern problem will be pushed to other areas. Restriction unenforceable. Refresh what is there and add traffic calming. Lit STOP signs triggered by vehicle presence. Install a mirror. Cut back hedges. These are all better solutions.
Mr & Mrs T	Caversham Heights	Concerned about displaced traffic. Traffic calming a better solution.
Mr A	Caversham Heights	Concerned about displaced traffic and increased speed on Albert Road. 4-way stop a better solution. Lower speed limits but not speed humps.
Mr B	Caversham Heights	Concerned about displaced traffic. Traffic calming, relocate stops and traffic calming a better solution. Raising the junction will also help.

Mr B	Caversham Heights	Concerned about displaced traffic and move the problem elsewhere. Traffic calming, 20mph, parking measures, 4-way stop, improved signs, mirrors, mini-roundabout, traffic signals, CPO land to straighten the road, cut back hedges are all better solutions.
Mr C	Caversham Heights	Concerned about displaced traffic. The case for taking this action is not proven.
Mr D	Caversham Heights	Concerned about displaced traffic will cause accidents elsewhere.
Mr D	Caversham Heights	Concerned about displaced traffic and this is a short term short sighted stop gap. The problems are about rat running. This is a much wider problem that requires an area wide solution including traffic signals at a number of junctions, traffic calming
Mr E	Caversham Heights	Inconvenient to local residents and concerned about displaced traffic. 20mph, a four-way stop & the junction raised to further slow vehicles is a better solution.
Mr E	Caversham Heights	Proposal unenforceable. Concerned about displaced traffic. 4-way stop is the solution.
Mr F	Caversham Heights	Concerned about displaced traffic. A mirror needs to be considered. Would support a 20mph without traffic calming. Nothing can ever legislate for the idiot.
Mr H	Caversham Heights	Concerned about displaced traffic.
Mr & Mrs H	Caversham Heights	Concerned about displaced traffic and moving the problem elsewhere. Improved signs, remove central hatch & reposition the stops, move the bus stop all are better solutions.
Mr H	Caversham Heights	Concerned about displaced traffic. Speed bumps, more visible signage and amendments to the fence/bushes which currently obscure the view would be a simpler, cheaper and a less impactful change to the local community. Would also support lower speed limit on Albert Road.
Mr H-J	Caversham Heights	Concerned about displaced traffic and knock on to other residential streets. Lower speed limit and a chicane at the junction to help pedestrians and force slower speed.
Mr K	Caversham Heights	Concerned about displaced traffic and creating problems elsewhere. Push the stop lines out into the junction and better signs.
Mr L	Caversham Heights	Concerned about displaced traffic and proposal unenforceable. Traffic lights, cutting hedges, range of traffic calming and parking measures. Move bus stop.

Mr L	Caversham Heights	Concerned about displaced traffic causing problems elsewhere. Cut down the trees. Move the bus stop, traffic calming on both roads, parking restrictions, more visible slow down signs, possibly a solar powered flashing sign should all be considered.
Mr L	Caversham Heights	Short sighted proposal that will displace traffic onto other residential streets. 4-way stop is the best idea.
Mr M	Caversham Heights	Concerned about displaced traffic causing problems elsewhere.
Mr M	Caversham Heights	Concerned about displaced traffic causing problems elsewhere. Sure there are better options.
Mr M	Caversham Heights	Concerned about displaced traffic causing problems elsewhere. Whole area a 20mph zone would improve the area for all users.
Mr P	Caversham Heights	Concerned about displaced traffic causing problems elsewhere. Various options to slow speed and highlight junction to make sure drivers stop.
Mr W	Caversham Heights	Concerned about displaced traffic causing problems elsewhere. Need to address excessive speeding in Albert Road. Favour traffic signals if not traffic calming, lighting, raising the junction should be considered.
Mr W	Caversham Heights	Concerned about displaced traffic causing problems elsewhere & inconvenience to local people. This is not the worst side that needs addressing. Surprise that there is no traffic calming measures on Albert Road.
Mr W	Caversham Heights	Concerned about displaced traffic causing problems & nuisance elsewhere. Traffic calming, 20mph, red route parking controls, mirrors, more visible signage are better options.
Mr A	Caversham Heights	Concerned about displaced traffic causing problems elsewhere.
Mr K	Caversham Heights	Concerned about displaced traffic causing problems elsewhere. Has understanding of CPO powers, this is not expensive and should be used to improve visibility.
Mr H	Caversham Heights	Concerned about displaced traffic causing problems elsewhere. Mirrors, dangerous junction signs, repaint red surface, mini-roundabout, 4-way stop alternative options.
Ms P	Caversham Heights	Concerned about displaced traffic causing problems, nuisance and reduce quality of life elsewhere. Traffic signals or realign fences/hedges
Ms S	Caversham Heights	Concerned about displaced traffic causing problems elsewhere.

Ms E	Caversham Heights	Concerned about displaced traffic causing problems elsewhere. Lots of better alternatives mainly traffic calming in Albert Road
Ms B	Caversham Heights	Concerned about displaced traffic causing problems elsewhere. Traffic signals will suffice.
Mrs H	Caversham Heights	Concerned about displaced traffic causing problems elsewhere. Traffic calming, vehicle activated flashing stop signs and parking controls are logical & cost effective.
Revd J	Caversham Heights	Concerned about displaced traffic causing problems elsewhere. Change priorities, 4-way stop, traffic calming on Albert Road should be considered. Chicane or throttle on Albert Road
Mr & Mrs W	Caversham Heights	Concerned about displaced traffic causing problems elsewhere. Refresh the red tarmac and stop markings. Traffic calming & vehicle activated stop sign, mirrors, hedge cutting as alternative options.
T	Unknown	Concerned about displaced traffic causing problems elsewhere. You will never avoid (accidents), no matter what you do. There must be a better way.
Ms D	Unknown	Concerned about the use of a one-way proposal. Concerned about displaced traffic causing problems elsewhere. Traffic calming, 25mph speed limit & restrict the use of Albert Road between Highmoor Rd and Richmond Rd southbound AM & northbound PM.
Mr B & Ms Y	Caversham Heights	Concerned about displaced traffic causing problems elsewhere. Traffic calming measures such as chicanes, 4-way stop, colour the junction, 20mph, wider measures to stop rat running.
Mr L	Caversham Heights	Concerned about displaced traffic causing problems elsewhere. Not convinced by the argument and would like more facts. Better options are improved road markings and illuminated signs.

