

PROPOSED REVERSAL OF ONE-WAY ON SILCHESTER ROAD & FAIRCROSS ROAD - OBJECTIONS TO TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER
 APPENDIX 1 - Summary of letters of support and objections received to Traffic Regulation Order

Objection/Support/ Comment	Comments
	<p>Summary of responses: Objections - 160, Support - 27, Comment - 8.</p>
1) Parents, Objection	<p>This will mean that parents dropping off at Southcote Primary school on a morning will need to go onto the Bath Rd and come down to Faircross via Circuit Lane, Bath Road and Southcote Lane. This will drastically increase the traffic on the road as they will not be able to reach Faircross because of the early morning camera.</p>
2) Objection	<p>The issue of the congestion along Silchester Road is around the school drop off and pick up times. There is an option of trialing using the school car park as a through route for parents with cars which does not require the disruption and expense of reversing both roads. The car park is wide enough to allow parents to enter at the northern end, drop off their children safely outside a gate directly into the school grounds, this gate can be manned by school staff whilst it is open. The school has not had any official contact about this in the past three years and is willing to trial it. The only cost will be signage and a STOP line on Silchester Road outside house number 1 (currently reads NO ENTRY).</p> <p>There will be unnecessary costs and disruption in changing the junction on Southcote Lane and Faircross Road (it is angled to a left turn).</p> <p>There is a bus restriction on Southcote Lane for buses/taxis only between 07:30 and 08:45 During those hours we have the staff from the 600 pupil Southcote Primary arriving for work and the parents of the children attending Breakfast Club dropping off their children prior to going to work themselves. Reversing the direction of these roads will force cars onto the very busy Bath Road to travel to the Beefeater junction to come down Southcote Lane to get to the school - this affects all traffic coming from the South and West (St Matthew's side) of the school. That traffic will also be added to Southcote Lane past the WREN school at the time students are arriving there in the morning on foot and bicycle. Currently there is no reason for any parents taking children to the school to add to the major congestion on the Bath Road.</p> <p>This suggestion wastes money, endangers children, adds to congestion and will cause huge disruption over a number of months for roadworks as well as ongoing traffic onto one of the busiest roads in Reading.</p>
3) Objection	<p>This will make the journey to school even more difficult than it is currently. A huge number of parents and staff would be forced off of the estate and onto the Bath Road before re entering Southcote by the Beefeater. This would increase the volume of traffic heading towards the town centre - adding to already high volumes of traffic, pollution and journey times. The school offers wrap around care,</p>

	it appears that no consideration has been given to the journeys taken by parents to deliver and collect their children - a process that in the grand scheme of things takes no more than a few minutes per day.
4) Parent, Objection	Ridiculous idea! People rat run because of the camera by the dr surgery. Southcote Primary has hundreds of children that legitimately need to be taken to and from school. Why should our journeys be forced out on to the Bath road? Journeys will be longer, getting to breakfast club will be delayed. Take the camera down and let people turn right from Faircross Road
5) Objection	This is ridiculous, it'll put more traffic onto the Bath Road as people who want to park down Silchester Road will have to go onto the Bath Rd to come into Southcote Lane by the Beefeater. This will put even more pressure on Circuit Lane and the roads off of it as parents try to park and this is seriously bad already meaning residents are constantly bothered by the parking ! Maybe the council should lift the ban along the Southcote Lane until a later time in the day say 8.15am then more people could use the road to get to work and then children can safely access the schools along the route. Frankly with the cameras, crossings which are not in useful places and the speed bumps and restrictions I hardly call the road a rat run !! Maybe the council should look at better ways for parents to get their children to school. My children walk to and from school everyday and manage it perfectly well. I would also like to suggest that the entrance to Southcote Primary school from Shepley Drive should be closed permanently it's a small residential road and cannot cope with the additional traffic down it everyday .
6) Parent, Objection	Why make journeys to school difficult just as a means to stop rat running. The majority of cars that use Silchester Road are going to the school. Breakfast club starts at 7.45 - how are we supposed to get our children there when we also can't go up Southcote Lane due to the camera. Those that use it as a cut through are doing so because of the camera by the surgery and because the traffic on the Bath Road is heavy and slow. I can only imagine how much of a traffic jam will be caused on Southcote Lane by cars waiting to turn into Faircross Road!!!
7) Parent, Objection	As a parent there is no alternative but to use these roads to drop my kids to school and be on time at work. Public transport is no alternative for primary school children. Nobody likes driving, but it is essential to keep our jobs.
8) Objection	Those living in the lower part of Southcote, would need to travel out of the estate and along the Bath Road before re-entering Southcote Lane by the Beefeater in order to avoid the morning bus gate (camera) to drop of kids at breakers club at Southcote Primary School!
9) Objection	This is a ridiculous suggestion - it will increase the already heavy traffic heading into the town centre! Obviously a system not thought through and the impact it will have on residents and the local school!
10) Parents, Objection	Parents of children that go to southcote school won't be able to get them there or have anywhere to park. I live in lower southcote and when it rains have to drive my child to school.

11) Objection	Will increase a lot more traffic on to the Bath road causing so much more unnecessary traffic. Plus more problems for parents trying to do school run.
12) Parent, Objection	<p>As a parent, getting children ready for school and yourself ready for work, is timely in the mornings and sometimes quite stressful, as you don't want your child to be late and you don't want to be late for work either.</p> <p>I use the breakfast club, and live quite close to the school, but sometimes need to drive into work, this new road structure would heavily impact my journey time, as I would have to go onto the bath road, and then come back on myself, then to go back into the traffic on the bath road.</p> <p>Not a very good idea at all, and would like to know who has suggested this</p>
13) Objection	This would make it very difficult for parents to get their children to school on time. The Bath Road is already heavy with traffic especially when there are problems on the M4. Absence would definitely become an issue.
14) Objection	Will cause addition traffic on bath road for those going to southcote school. Why is flow up southcote a problem now that it is 20 mph?
15) Objection	<p>All parents are trying to do is drop their children at school and be able to pick them up. Whilst this proposal will stop cars turning in Fawley Road it will just push the problem somewhere else and in fact make it worse. Currently you have to often drive round a few times to find a parking spot. This proposal means you'll push people to go round and round on bath road - further congesting an already busy road and negatively impacting on commuters. Surely the solution is to get rid of the pointless 'bus lane' on Southcote Lane. Yes there's some traffic but it's hardly going to block this road as most of it heads directly to the junction by the beef eater. All you are doing with this proposal is making it harder for hard working parents to drop off their children and pick up on time and heaping more misery on commuters on bath road</p>
16) Objection	No consideration of the local impact on Southcote Primary School and the parents that use these roads on a daily basis. Also there was no contact with the school to discuss the proposed changes - again Reading Council not following due process and trying to pass changes without proper impact assessment.
17) Parents, Objection	<p>Strongly object as a driver and mom with a pupil at Southcote Primary School this will add many, many more minutes to our journey in the morning.</p> <p>I understand this will prevent the U-turns on Southcote Lane and as a driver myself I have witnessed others drivers carrying out this manoeuvre when it has not been safe to do so. However, this could be avoided if the bus lane restriction was lifted from 8:30am.</p>
18) Resident, Objection	The road is already very narrow. During head and tail of school timing there are too many cars many are parked even on the green patch of the sidewalk. Even between school times there are cars parked on the road. As resident on silchester I don't want one way to

	be reversed. It will cause more noise too.
19) Objection	I object because I question whether anyone other than parents are using this as a 'rat run' - do you have any evidence that people who are not using the school are using it to bypass the bus lane? By doing this you're effectively stopping any parent who lives to the left of the map from using the school road to drop their children off, solely to stop an undetermined number of people using it to bypass the bus lane.
20) Parent, Support	As a parent dropping off at Southcote Primary I support the proposal as it would stop the u-turns in the road where cars use the Silchester road as a cut through to avoid the bus lane camera and then u-turn in Southcote lane to head in the direction of the Beefeater. These u-turns are dangerous and often cause traffic delays on Southcote Lane to drivers.
21) Objection	This will create problems for those who want to enter Silchester Road to avoid the bus lane gate on Southcote Lane, they have to go around the bath road increasing traffic congestion in that area.
22) Parent, Objection	I have a child at Southcote primary and to do the drop off would mean travelling all the way to Beefeater roundabout and back down Southcote Lane in the morning traffic for a journey that currently takes 3 mins. If Circuit Lane is used for stopping this will cause a backlog of traffic for the vehicles coming from the surrounding areas
23) Objection	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is no need to amend the current one way restriction as there are no traffic issues. There is no clear objective that will be achieved in doing this. This is yet another example of the council wasting tax payers money. 2. If this reversal of the one way route was to go ahead you will be driving even more traffic during peak hours on to the already heavily congested Bath Road. This will likely add up to 20 (yes 20, I sit in it most days) mins to travel time to drop children at Southcote school. 3. If the reversal of the one way route was to go ahead I have serious concerns over the safety of young children walking to school/ the The Grange Pre-School. Cars will have to turn right from Silchester Road on to Circuit Lane. With the number of cars parked on Circuit Lane views on to the road when turning right will be restricted and there is a high risk that small children crossing the road will not easily be seen. 4. Consultation processes have not properly taken place with residents to allow for their views and opinions. This is in breach of the law.
24) Parent, Objection	<p>I would like to strongly object to the proposal to reverse Order 1994. The reversal of the flow of traffic along Faircross Rd and Silchester Rd combined with the No Entry Bus Only on Southcote Rd that is operation until 8:45am will make it impossible to access Southcote Primary School in the morning.</p> <p>Enacting the proposed changes will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - place significant strain upon surrounding streets for early morning short term parking, and again in the evenings from school close hours through to the end of after school clubs - significantly increase pedestrian traffic and noise to residents from the school children - cause significant delay and disruption to parents when children are being dropped off to breakfast club prior to school hours

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - impact significantly on parent's ability to attend their place of work in a timely manner, making Southcote a less attractive place to live - significantly increase the level of frustration amongst drivers who are forced to use the streets, causing further hazards to children attending the three schools in the area - increase the instances of late attendance to school for school children - significantly reduce the suitability of Southcote Primary School as a school of choice within Reading, Southcote and Calcot. <p>This view is taken in consideration of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the bus restrictions in place on Southcote Lane that prevents West-East access to Southcote Lane in the mornings b) The nearby presence of Hugh Farringdon School and Wren schools, which together with Southcote Primary School collectively place enormous pressure on available parking spaces during school pickup and drop off c) the location of Southcote Primary school entry gates on Silchester Rd d) the lack of suitable alternatives to relocate the school gates for Southcote Primary School e) the current level of frustration experienced by parents who use the streets for child drop off and collection at the three local schools <p>As a local resident whose child attends Southcote Primary School, I urge the Assistant Director of Legal and Democratic Services to ensure that this proposal is reviewed carefully and that community consultation is undertaken adequately and broadly. Were the Council adamant about proceeding with the proposal to revoke Order 1994, then I would urge the council to engage the service of a third part traffic management consultancy to examine the impact of the proposal on the residential community and the three schools in the area. In summary, the proposal will endanger the safety of children and hamper the ability of parents to maintain a work/life balance in Southcote.</p>
25) Objection	<p>This makes no sense at all. The only way it would work is if the bus lane restriction between 8.30am and 8.45am on Southcote lane is lifted - otherwise, the parents dropping off their children at Southcote Primary will be forced clog up Bath road even more during morning rush hour and it will mean that more cars will have to be on the roads for longer - taking an even longer route to get home. I strongly object - as do many other parents of children who attend Southcote Primary school.</p>
26) Objection	<p>I believe it would be harder for parents to drop their children off at Southcote Primary. I also believe it would create more traffic on Circuit Lane where the Grange Pre School is located making it busier and more dangerous at the time the 2-4 year olds are trying to cross the road with no crossings present to get to the Pre School. If someone from the council were to visit Silchester Road/ Circuit lane junction they would see that the road is full of parked cars for the school which already blocks the road and creates a one car pass. Sending more cars down Silchester road and onto Circuit lane would create more of a blockage and mean it would be harder for children to cross the road and make it more likely for a child to be knocked down. I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS PLAN.</p>
27) Parent, Objection	<p>As a parent who uses this road twice a day, and arrives early for breakfast club and at the usual collection time of 3:10pm, it is already incredibly difficult/near impossible to park as it is! And it's one way! There is never space for any cars to move safely through the road</p>

	<p>as it stands.</p> <p>If you reverse this one way road layout, and plan on allowing twice as much traffic through, not only will it become incredible congested on such a narrow road, it would also become very dangerous having traffic coming from both ways, for both parents and children. The road would be blocked by cars and it would be at a standstill.</p> <p>This would make it incredibly frustrating and difficult for parents to efficiently and safely collect their children!!</p>
28) Objection	<p>it would seem this suggestion has more negatives than positives, southcote road is already congested enough with parking either side of it (due to a lack of parking in the new houses in the old "Elvian School" grounds). Plus the fact there is a now a rat run with people dropping school (for the Wren) children off opposite these flats and turning round in monks way or elvian close. I imagine this would happen even more if this plan were to go ahead, creating more/same risk for pedestrians and school children just in a difference place.</p>
29) Parent, Objection	<p>As a parent of children at Southcote school, I thoroughly object to this change. I strongly believe it will cause more traffic accidents and potential dangers to children from the school as parking will be further restricted. It will also impact children getting to school/or picked up after school, on time due to having to drive further to make your way back around if a space is not found. Surely it makes more sense to remove the restriction that is in place on Southcote lane between 730-845. First of all it would be great to understand exactly what benefit that restriction brings - as it's for a bus lane that doesn't even have the road markings of a bus lane - just a bus stop! That way cars would no longer have to turn in the road which I believe it the reason for this change in way. Furthermore, would it not make more sense to remove the island from Southcote lane so cars can turn right at the top of the one way system rather than having to turn left and then turn the car around - again to avoid a very small stretch of road because of 'bus lane restrictions' that being absolutely no benefit....</p> <p>I hope more consideration is given to this as more options that will result in less accidents, are possible!</p>
30) Objection	<p>This will add more to the current traffic jam in West Reading/ Southcote. It does not resolve to the actual issue of parking and traffic in this area.</p>
31) Parent, Objection	<p>This will make our life very hard to drop off my kids to Southcote Primary School. Please can you consider this request.</p>
32) Objection	<p>it makes no sense to change the roads</p>
33) Objection	<p>Difficult to get children to school and school employees as would need to travel along A4 Bath taking a considerable longer time especially as there would be much more traffic. Also unfair on people that live in Southcote having to do such a long detour.</p> <p>Why change it now after it has been like this for many years. Traffic will always be a problem. Need to sort speeding and parking problems first which has had money spent on it and not resolved. Just spending more money on roadworks not needed. Springs to mind if it not broken no need to fix it</p>

34) Parent, Objection	<p>This will cause major issues for us parents who live in lower southcote past the school who need to drop their kids off early at the school for breakfast club.</p> <p>We would need to leave southcote, re enter at the befeater to avoid the time restriction camera by the school. This will add significant times to my journey</p>
35) Parent, Objection	<p>I drop my children to breakfast club at Southcote primary school so this would mean fighting through the traffic along the bath road twice . If you live in the lower part of Southcote, you would need to travel out of the estate and along the Bath Road before re-entering Southcote Lane by the Beefeater in order to avoid the morning bus gate (camera) and then again once I've dropped them off as we would have to go up circuit Lane back onto the bath Road.</p>
36) Objection	<p>By changing the direction it will make it make it a cut through avoiding the Bath road which would increase traffic. Changing the direction would also cause huge problems for Southcote primary school children as there would then be a school crossing directly around a blind corner coming off of Faircross road onto Silchester road. Changing the direction would solve the problem of cars turning into Fawley road all it would do is move it to the junction of Southcote Farm lane, which already has problems due to being a collection and drop off point for parents for children who attend The Wren and Hugh Farrington.</p>
37) Parent, Objection	<p>This change would have a massive impact for me on the days I work and need to drop my children into Southcote Breakfast Club and then drive straight on to Whitley by car. I live in [REDACTED] Road. With the planned changes I would need to leave the estate, join the Bath Road traffic heading into town and come back into Southcote Lane at the Beefeater roundabout. This would add considerable disruption and time to my journey not to mention adding more traffic and increased fumes onto an already busy Bath Road. I don't believe I will be the only one in this situation. Anyone living on my side of the Circuit Lane roundabout will face the same problem or people will end up parking in surrounding streets in order to walk in. Southcote Primary School has a huge intake of some 630 pupils plus staff, the plans will cause massive disruption for both parents and staff and the wider community. What a waste of money to add to the shambolic resurfacing that has already gone on. I object wholeheartedly.</p>
38) Objection	<p>I believe the reversal will cause increased disruption and danger for Southcote primary pupils. Circuit lane is congested/ dangerous for pedestrians to navigate at drop off & pick up as it is. If traffic is exiting Silchester Rd via this route it will be even worse!!</p>
39) Objection	<p>Will cause more traffic and issues going the other way. Complete waste of money that could be better spent elsewhere.</p>
40) Objection	<p>Doing this will have a major impact on people getting their children and staff to Southcote Primary School causing more traffic on the A4 Bath road which it can not take with an already overflow of traffic using the A4 at these times.</p> <p>Also causing more pollution with adding drive times of up to 20 mins onto to people journeys even residents of the estate.</p> <p>To avoid people using it as a rat run put a bus camera higher up Southcote road to get the people that do this!!</p> <p>fine them not the people who follow the rules and generally will be majorly inconvenienced by this change if it goes ahead!</p>
41) Objection	<p>Total waste of tax payers money!</p>
42) Parent, Objection	<p>I object because this will cause more traffic and chaos To the bath road! It would also mean having to leave early to take my [REDACTED] old to school and waiting which in my sons case he cannot do for the school to open! It will majorly impact on the</p>

	<p>school parents that need to drive their children to and from school and also the school staff, as they would need to leave southcote one end to then go along the bath room to enter the other side! It's will also be unsafe for not just southcote primary school but for the secondary school children that walk to school as there will be so many cars going down one way only! IF SOMETHING ISNT BROKEN DONT TRY AND FIGHT IT. I hope you listen to everyone views and realise what you are trying to do is utterly wrong and unsafe for children and parents.</p>
43) Parent, Objection	<p>This would prove impossible to drop off my daughter to breakfast club so that I can travel to work in time as there are restrictions to Southcote lane during early mornings. This would mean extensive travel from Southcote circuit lane, then bath Road during rush hour traffic and then back down Southcote lane for drop off to Southcote School and complete repetition of this journey to travel to work.</p>
44) Objection	<p>I think that there are lots of people who travel by vehicle from Southcote lane (Burghfield road end) who would then have to travel on the A4 to the befeater roundabout to be able to get to the school at school drop off time in the mornings because of the bus lane restrictions this can only make rush hour traffic on the A4 worse in the mornings, it's bad enough now without adding to it (Please)</p> <p>You could consider moving the bus lane restriction/barrier/camera to just past the turning for the School (Faircross road) which wouldn't impact the buses or through traffic but would help parents dropping off their children, this would also stop people using Silchester and Faircross roads as a rat run in the mornings</p> <p>As an aside Ashampstead Road needs to be made one way (In my opinion)</p>
45) Support	<p>I support it however I cannot see how it will work. The way the road is at the moment already causes traffic chaos with the amount of residential cars parked along both roads. Cars are repeatedly being parked across people's driveways and up on the kerb's preventing safe walking.</p> <p>If a two way system is put back in place, the traffic will be backed up both ends from trying to get through with all of the cars parked up unless double yellow lines are implemented.</p>
46) Objection	<p>I do not see how this helps cutting the traffic wanting to bypass the A4.</p> <p>Even if someone comes in to Silchester-Faircross road, they are only allowed to turn left. If they turn into Fawley Road that is a dead end so I do not see how people could cut through there...</p> <p>In addition, Southcote Lane is already a no-go in the morning so technically you cannot take your kids to school to Southcote as you are not allowed to go to Faircross in the new system via Southcote lane.</p> <p>This means that all parents taking their kids will need park on the other side of the Southcote Lane Roundabout.</p>

47) Objection	<p>Traffic flow is bad enough in the mornings as it is going up Silchester road, cars parked across drives, on the pavement, or double yellow lines, on the bend, across dropped kerbs etc, having traffic come down Silchester road to turn left or right into lower Circuit lane will turn Hatford road and upper Circuit lane into two more so called "rat runs"</p> <p>If Fawley road is the problem why not build a refuge extending to the junction lines to prevent turning.</p> <p>Get traffic enforcement to spend more than one day every other month there, parents will start to take notice once they start receiving tickets</p>
48) Parent, Objection	<p>My son goes to Southcote Primary School. The proposal means that to drop him in the morning, we need to drive via Bath Road to the junction with Southcote Lane (Beefeater roundabout) in rush hour, as the junction between Southcote Lane and Circuit lane does not allow cars going at that time (only buses are allowed). The Beefeater roundabout has a considerable amount of traffic in the rush hour, the proposal will increase the traffic in this roundabout, affecting negatively to the other drivers and the parents that drop the kids to the school.</p>
49) Objection	<p>I object, I think it will cause more harm and obstruction than it would now. The system works and local residents will be unable to access local schools without travelling far out of their way. If there is a problem with people turning around and going up Southcote lane put an island in the road to prevent people doing so. It is not fair on the staff, parents and children of Southcote school. It will cause more harm than good as people are use to the old way and make it more accident prone. People with disabilities and residents of Silchester road will have unnecessary traffic and disruption with parking. I think it is a mistake and will come of no good. I think it will cause more traffic, more accidents and could potentially be dangerous in the long run.</p>
50) Objection	<p>You can't even barely drive down it one way let alone cars coming from both directions absolutely ridiculous!</p>
51) Objection	<p>Lift the ban on driving up Southcote lane problem solved!</p>
52) Objection	<p>This will have huge implications for parents and staff of Southcote primary. Making people come right out of southcote onto the main bath road and back in. For myself it will add to my journey and create an impossible timescale for morning drop offs and work!</p>
53) Objection	<p>I have to get to work at Southcote Primary school and the reverse will mean I will have to travel further and get caught up in busy traffic heading in to Reading</p>
54) Objection	<p>Personally instead of changing the direction of the traffic, you should take the island out from the top of fawely Road so that traffic can go either way. It would put a stop to the hold up of the traffic when inconsiderate drivers are doing a u-turn along southcote lane, also there should be a sign with no u-turn.</p>
55) Objection	<p>It will cause more congestion on the bath road heading towards the beefeater roundabout as to avoid the bus camera residents who wish to access the road will need to come out onto the bath road and travel down.</p> <p>Also for residents on that road they would have to also enter the bath road in the mornings in order to travel to town to avoid the bus camera.</p> <p>The bath road is already heavily congested in the mornings and I travel from tilehurst road to the school so it would heavily impact</p>

	travel time.
56) Objection	The one way system works well as it is and it wouldn't be fair to residents and visitors to have to leave the area completely to be able to get back in.
57) Parent, Objection	It will make it difficult to drop our kids in Southcote Primary School. Also the bath road traffic and southcote road traffic is increasing day by day and this change will create traffic problems for the locals.
58) Objection	Waste of money and will cause more problems than resolve.
59) Objection	I believe using the tax payers money to make unnecessary changes to the roads in question is ridiculous, it will cause disruption for no reason.
60) Comments	I agree something has to be done about the rat running of vehicles but surely it would be a lot cheaper, easier and less disruptive to everyone if you move the bus lane camera to past Fawley road. The new proposal for traffic coming out of Silchester Rd onto Circuit Lane would be dangerous because of the speed some vehicles travel and also the vehicles parked on Circuit lane obstruct drivers vision (that would be an accident waiting to happen). If you remove the island on Circuit Lane where are the children going to cross??
61) Objection	There are already so many challenges with dropping my child off to southcote primary school, I am not sure how this will resolve the issue. This school has expanded to make space to more children that extra traffic is expected. Whilst this might feel an inconvenience to some we have to expect this if our town is to expand
62) School staff, Objection	<p>I object because periodically I have to drive to my place of work (Southcote Primary) this, to attend scheduled, after school meetings at our Federation school (Katesgrove). My journey will not only take longer but will add to the already congested Bath Road traffic during morning rush hour and after school rush hour. Thus potentially adding to the stress already caused to entering the WREN and Hugh Farringdon.</p> <p>This extra journey and inconvenience would be very problematic, not just for me but all the other staff that have no option but to drive to school.</p> <p>This plan of Road change I can see will have an adverse effect for Southcote Primary by teachers choosing to leave and find more local posts due to the stress n strain on daily travel.</p>
63) School staff, Objection	<p>As a staff member of the school it benefits us from a safety point of view when taking children on local trips and walks to keep the local Roads as they are right now.</p> <p>When Southcote Teachers take its students on local trips we come out of our school turning left to go and walk up Silchester Road. We get on local coaches which have a waiting point to take our school children on trips.</p> <p>This current system is fantastic from a low level traffic point of view because the Road isn't busy at certain times of day. This is a relief knowing that cars will not accidentally mount pavement or cause for concern when out with young students.</p> <p>If this new proposal is put in place this could cause the school to reconsider safeguarding children and so adversely local educational</p>

	trips for children no longer possible due to higher risk of accidents. This would impact the learning of our children who will no longer be able to investigate their local community without being at risk of Road accidents.
64) Resident, Objection	I live on [REDACTED], at school run times it is already extremely chaotic and busy but, if the one way system changes, I fear it will be even worse as parents who usually park on Silchester road will not have time to go all the way around so even more cars will have to try to park on Shepley. I also work at [REDACTED] school and don't really notice much of the "problem" that you're trying to fix.
65) Objection	This will push a lot more traffic onto the bath road when parents living in lower Southcote need to get to Southcote primary they will have to crawl along the bath road.
66) School staff, Objection	As a member of staff at the school and concerned local resident we would consider taking action of a march. This would seriously impact our community adding unress for parents, children and teachers alike. It is difficult enough for parents droooibg chikdren off to school which has in excess of 600 pupils. The action to reroute traffic will add to the already headache of morning and afternoon drop off and pick up. I object to the proposal RBC have put forward. We will no longer be able to adequately safeguard children who currently use our school field for activities safely with regular traffic passing through. Our duty of care is to safeguard our pupils. Is RBC prepared to put this and the safety of vulnerable children n families on the estate at risk? This action remains a major concern!
67) Objection	Absolute nightmare for residents
68) Support	The road is a death trap for kids with the one way system and the parking is a nightmare and it's a general nuisance
69) Comments	There is certainly something that needs to be done to stop the rat run and danger to school children. Changing the direction will be very costly, other ideas need to be considered which are less costly, moving the camera to just past Fawley Road, east side, will be less costly but then there is the issue of drivers being able to turn around safely rather than go through the camera. Whatever is the outcome there will be residents unhappy with the decision, but the safety of the children is paramount. More effort should be taken to reduce parents driving to school. If the direction is reversed then there is the problem of vehicles turning into Circuit Lane, the cars that park near the junction will impare the visibility of vehicle exiting Silchester Road, and where will the island go by Silchester Road, which helps children cross the road. Please give carefull consideration and listen to all locals opinions.
70) Objection	Object on the basis that it will cause traffic chaos to already busy roads around Southcote Primary School. This will also result in more traffic on bath road as people living Southcote side of the school will have to go all the way round to access Silchester Road for drop offs. I ask the question how much additional traffic does the rat running into fawley road really cause. How many buses are late because

	of it? what is the true impact ? The impact of this move on Silchester Road and surrounding roads far greater.
71) Objection	With bus lane restrictions on Southcote Lane this will only cause frustration for parent dropping off their children at Southcote Primary for breakfast club, especially if they approach the school from the west, it will require them to go onto the Bath Road to access the school from the other direction. I don't understand the logic behind this and goodness knows how much public money will be wasted to make these changes to a road that runs perfectly well. You be better off spending a little money on signs for Fawley Road stopping parent driving down it to drop of their children, now this causes nothing but traffic chaos and it's an accident waiting to happen!!
72) Objection	How will parents who live west of the bus gate get to children to southcote school and breakfast club whilst the gate is in operation? They will have to go up onto the A4 and enter southcote lane by the befeater. Makes no sense to increase traffic in these areas. What about allowing southcote residents vehicles to have unrestricted access through the gate to allow access to the school?
73) Objection	Although it is good that Silchester Road is one way, as it has been for a long time, I am very concerned about the proposed changes. Where are all the cars, dropping off children, from the west going to stop? A lot of them go up Silchester Road, west to east, but with the change of direction of the one way system they will not be able to. As they cannot go up Southcote Lane, beyond the camera on Circuit Lane roundabout, they will, more than likely use Shepley Drive or park in Circuit Lane. Very bad for both options as they are already over run with traffic, making it dangerous and impossible for residents in these roads. Surely a better and cheaper option would be to move the camera from Circuit Lane / Southcote Lane roundabout and position it at Fawley Road. This would enable Fawley Road to be entered from the west and east. It would also stop rat running up Silchester Road as u-turns in Fawley Road would be caught on camera
74) Objection	If you stop access to Silchester Road via Circuit Lane where do you expect parents travelling to Southcote Primary from the west (Burghfield Rd/Bath Rd) to park when dropping off their offspring? I expect they will park in Circuit Lane, Shepley Drive, Restwold Close and Stapleford Road. The council has already made the mistake of putting a school gate in Shepley Drive, a dead end road now rammed with school traffic twice a day, so don't compound it with another dumb idea. I object..in case you're wondering.
75) Comments	I don't understand how reversing the one way system will stop Silchester Road being used as a rat run. Surely the only way to stop Silchester Road being used as a rat run will be to take away the time restriction on Southcote Lane. People use Silchester Road to avoid going up onto the Bath Road!
76) School staff, Objection	I live in Burghfield Road and work at Southcote Primary School so would have to drive along the A4 Bath Road to the Beefeater roundabout adding to the already congested Bath Road, increasing my journey time and carbon footprint considerably!
77) Parent, Objection	To drop children at Southcote primary school I would have to travel from Dwyer rd via the Bath rd almost into town then back on myself down Southcote lane doubling my journey time and distance I don't see how this is helping to reduce carbon emissions or traffic problems

78)	Place additional buses only signs on Southcote lane past Faircross rd towards town and move the camera to this location stopping any u turn out of Faircross rd
79) Objection	This will be used as a rat run for people to cut through on the estate. There is a school close by and this will result in someone getting injured. Cars park along Silchester road causing obstruction to pedestrians and people trying to get out of their driveways. Double yellow lines should be introduced both sides of Silchester road.
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83) Objection	The road is very narrow as it is and there are SO many cars parked along the side of the road - there is definitely not enough room to have it flowing both ways. It is also safer for the children (as there is a school along this road) if the traffic is all going in one direction.
84) Resident, objection	Instead off changing it around why dont you allow people to turn right and left out off faircross road or even take the bus camera away to allow people to go up southcote lane us residents have enough trouble with the school parents blocking are driveways and parking on them and even stopping in the middle off the road to drop there kids off the people who also work in the school take up the parking spaces on road instead off parking in the school car park and when us residents get blocked into are driveways and confront the people doing it, it always leads to verbal abuse and one off these days it will lead it physical abuse like I have nearly encountered and when you tell the school about this they dont care about us residents so instead off worrying about the changing off the one way system you should focus on the parking situation around here
85) Resident, Support	The only think that would be worrying me is that the school run it gets very congested and I get parked in. I live at number [REDACTED] Silchester road. I've had many cars park me in as it's a narrow road and it's rather difficult for me to manoeuvre my car and I sometimes hit the curb as a result. Also I do notice plenty parents parking on the double yellows upon entering Silchester Road. I also see plenty of parents stopping their car in the middle of Silchester Road to offload their kids. This is obviously hindering the traffic flow which is not supported according to the Highway Code and potentially dangerous to kids. Also, these road markings saying 20mph is a joke as the speed cameras down where coronation square bus stop is and the one by Lima court(not sure but it's the one when you come into southcote lane from bath road) are still 30mph. So a waste of money painting these on the roads. Just like the speed humps that we're made then taken redone because of the road resurfacing. I'd like to also mention since I have your attention which I probably won't but I'd rather not come to the church to voice these as I'd get backlash and I don't want that. Verge parking, remember that? Happens all over Silchester road and Faircross way and always the same car parked on a verge on the intersection where circuit lane meets Silchester road. You can see the tracks. If they don't own a driveway then park elsewhere. Anyways, I wonder how many people have been fined for parking on the verges as it's going to look a right state after this wet season. Costing more money. We could recoup a lot if this was policed. Give me the job! I'll do it for cheaper than a lot of you overpaid lot but hey nobody is going to read this anyways. I support the reverse but there's better opportunities than this to get

	right. Those dog walking vans(black with the green righting down Ashampstead road). You know who, has ruined those verges. But let's keep putting up the council tax instead to sort it instead of policing the rules you have implemented.
86) Comments	Will make very little difference to the problem of school traffic ignoring all road regulations. Leave Circuit Lane refuge where it is and make it right turn only out of Silchester Road, not that the parents will take any notice though. Some enforcement of the current parking issues would be nice. This scheme will make the parking free for all in Shepley Drive worse and will increase issues in Circuit Lane.
87) Objection	Forcing local traffic to leave estate after dropping off children at Southcote Primary to join traffic on Bath Road to junction at the Beefeater to return home will increase traffic on Bath Road. Access to staff carparks at GP Surgery and Blessed Hugh Faringdon School will only be possible by entering Southcote Lane at junction with Beefeater, increasing travel time and traffic on Bath Road. possible resolution: Moving the traffic restriction camera to a point on Southcote Lane opposite Faircross Road would solve the issue of drivers turning at junction of Fawley Road but allow traffic to surgery and Blessed Hugh Faringdon School.
88) School staff, Objection	I work at the school and this would mean a longer and more congested route to work
89) School staff, Objection	The Camera needs to be moved to where the bus stop is pass Fawley Road, enabling staff and parents to drop and to get to school between the times of 0730 and 0845. And would stop the traffic going pass Southcote Primary School and then making U turns across Fawley Road. I work at Blessed Hugh Faringdon School
90) School staff, Objection	Having worked at Blessed Hugh Faringdon for the last [REDACTED] years and also being a [REDACTED] this will not only increase my Journey to work but also the longer i am in the car in traffic the more of a problem i have with my joints. Are you not able to give access to disabled drivers at the least?
91) School staff, Objection	I work at Blessed Hugh Faringdon School and this proposal will have a big impact on my journey into work. I myself get very annoyed at the people turning around in Fawley road. I and a number of staff will now have to add to the Bath Road traffic therefore making congestion worse. Indeed parents dropping off pupils will also add to congestion. Surely the camera can be moved to beyond Fawley Road so preventing these dangerous manoeuvres taking place. There is no point making changes that will actually make traffic congestion worse.
92) Objection	Move the camera further up the road to allow access to both schools. I already spend a great deal of time coming into work over the Burghfield bridge and this would make my journey to teach in Reading to stressful to continue.

93) Objection	Only Support if bus line will be removed from southcote ln
94) Comments	To remove the dangerous rat run past the Primary school why not put the enforcement camera further up the hill past Fawley rd which would then ease access to BHFCs, the Southcote Primary and the GP Surgery.
95) Parent, Objection	this will mean that for my school run journeys I would need to leave Southcote add traffic to the existing busy Bath Road, then re enter Southcote at the befeater roundabout and then pass all 3 schools, The Wren, Blessed Hugh Faringdon and Southcote Primary. surely this increase in traffic will pottentially endanger the lives of pupils at these schools.
96) Objection	<p>To reverse this system would involve drivers going up to the Beefeater pub to come back down to Fawley Road. That would cause greater congestion, including pollution.</p> <p>It would help hugely for the camera either to be removed completely (has a survey been done to monitor how effective it is? How many cars have been reduced on that section of the road?) - or to move the camera further up past Blessed Hugh Faringdon school, to allow both employees at Southcote Primary and Blessed Hugh Faringdon to be able to access their place of work without restriction.</p> <p>Alternatively/additionally, an entry from the A4 via roundabout to access Fawley road would then allow employees at both the Primary and Secondary access their place of employment but also eliminate the 'rat run' that is trying to be avoided.</p>
97) Objection	<p>If you change it to a one way system there will be numerous members of staff and students that will only be able to access blessed Hugh Faringdon school from going past the school on the A4 to the beefeater roundabout and via Southcote lane that way which is out of the way.</p> <p>A possible solution to cars turning at junction of Fawley Road(which appears to be the issue) would be to move the traffic camera to a point above Fawley Road witch would then allow access to both schools(BHFCs and Southcote Primary) and the GP surgery but stop the rat run through Southcote to the Bath Road.</p>
98) School staff, Support	I work a Blessed Hugh Faringdon school and for me the problem is people turning in the road at the junction of Southcote Lane and Fawley Road.
99) Objection	<p>It had been a complete nightmare proposing that circuit lane be opened and stop charging motorist using it between 7:30 and 8:45 to avoid, what I was told after 3 tickets, to prevent ccildren getting hurt, however using silchester toad was the only option to getting to school and avoid the rush hour traffic.</p> <p>Circuit lane should be opened at a time of 8:30 to allow parents to take there children to school at a safe mileage of 20!</p> <p>Why make everyone dropping of at Southcote and hugh Farringdon Inconvenienced again.</p> <p>The road has been a massive contradiction for years!</p> <p>Safety is number one I agree, but no accidents have happened to my knowledge and no one listened when we advised this before.</p> <p>Make a scoop for parents!!!</p>

100)	Objection	It will have a massive knock on effect for traffic for people having to divert. What an awful idea! This will make alot of children late for school and people late for work. I dont understand why this was proposed at all. Please ensure you think about the negative effect this will have on all other roads around due to diversion.
101)	Objection	Force all traffic into roads that cannot cope now
102)	School staff, Objection	<p>Travelling from west reading and working at a local secondary school I use Silchester road to drive to my workplace due to the bus lane restrictions on Southcote Lane.</p> <p>By reversing the one way in Silchester road you will be increasing traffic on an already busy bath road.</p> <p>I appreciate the concerns with traffic using the end of Fawley road to turn round in and it is frustrating for those of us trying to access Fawley Road.</p> <p>Surely a more viable solution would be to move the camera from it current position further along Southcote Lane past Fawley Road?</p>
103)	Support	This will prevent through traffic that is not serving school runs.
104)	Objection	<p>I think this will cause more congestion</p> <p>I would suggest no parking on the grass verges and to open both ends of the school car park as there are 2 gates.Remarking of road signs as the old school gate is now closed the school could also monitor out the front of the school to stop parents stopping to drop kids off outside causing chaos.</p>
105)	Support	I think this is a great proposal. I've been concerned for a long time about the amount of traffic using Silchester Road to avoid the no entry into Southcote Lane and then doing a U turn in Fawley Road. I have seen many incidents which so easily could have been serious accidents whilst waiting at the Fawley Road bus stop.
106)	Objection	I understand the problems caused because of the camera on Southcote Lane restrictions so why is the camera not moved up. Past Fawley Road so that drivers can get to Hugh Faringdon school but not cut through to Bath road
107)	Objection	This is a mistake to change the direction. Congestion on the bath road is awful in the mornings. Residents in Southcote should be allowed to go through the bus lane for access to schools. At a busy time of the morning there is no access to two schools unless you travel all the way round causing further traffic on the bath road. Access to schools to drop children of safely should be in place.
108)	Support	Cars turning around in the middle of southcote Lane at the Fawley Road junction is very dangerous especially to pedestrians and school children.

109)	Comment	<p>I support the need to stop cars turning in the entrance to Fawley Road to go back up Southcote Lane. Most do not take particular care when doing so!</p> <p>I certainly would prefer to continue around past the primary school rather than join queues up the Bath Road to then turn down Southcote.</p> <p>Could the 7.30 to 8.45 camera not be moved to beyond the bus stop after Fawley Road turning so we could drive up from the roundabout and in to Fawley Road to access Hugh Faringdon School?</p>
110)	Objection	<p>Traffic would only move from Silchester Road to Circuit lane and Shepley Drive,</p> <p>The school gate at the top of Silchester road must be opened to allow a flow of cars through to drop off (as per planning agreement for the expansion) please can this be investigated.</p> <p>Move the camera from bottom of Southcote lane past the opening with Faircross Road, as this will stop drivers trying to dodge the camera.</p>
111)	Objection	<p>Will not stop the parking issues and abuse from parents blocking driveways and parking on the grass verges. Silchester road should have double yellow lines both sides to stop the parking before someone gets killed. The school should accommodate the car park for parents to drop off their children.</p>
112)	Resident, Objection	<p>What about residence from Southcote farm lane, barn close, Tallis lane. How are they suppose to travel. You have already made it difficult for us to travel from circuit lane round about by making it a bus lane. So you want us to go all the way to Southcote beafeater via bath road to go to southcote farm lane.</p> <p>You need to exempt local residence from the bus lane restrictions</p>
113)	Resident, Objection	<p>A possible solution to cars turning at junction of Fawley Road(which appears to be the issue) would be to move the traffic camera to a point above Fawley Road which would then allow access to both schools(BHFCS and Southcote Primary) and the GP surgery but stop the rat run through Southcote to the Bath Road.</p>
114)	School staff, Objection	<p>I am a teacher at Blessed Hugh Faringdon and I object to the proposal, unless action is also taken to address the knock-on effect for staff at the school. I travel from [REDACTED] to the school in the morning and would be obliged to join the slow moving queue on the Bath Road (frustratingly passing the rear of the school) as far as the Beefeater roundabout, only then to double back along Southcote Lane to reach the school.</p> <p>For teachers there is a lot of important preparation work to be done before the school day commences and being significantly delayed, or even late, on the journey to school means this work will not be done risking the quality of the children's education. Also I am likely to be a lot more stressed on reaching the school. There is already a problem recruiting and retaining teachers and proposals like this will not help.</p> <p>There are two ways of overcoming the problem for BHF staff:-</p> <p>(i) Details of the vehicles of the staff affected could be given to the Council and they would be classed as 'authorised vehicles' and</p>

		<p>allowed to pass the bus gate, east of Circuit Lane. The relevant legislation and signing does allow this type of exemption and would be quite feasible.</p> <p>(ii) The bus gate could be relocated just to the east of the Faircross Road junction. This would be combined with appropriate advance warning at the site of the existing bus gate. The proposed one way reversal on Silchester Road and Faircross Road could also be implemented to provide any driver ignoring the advance warning signs and arriving at the relocated bus gate a suitable alternative route</p>
115)	Objection	It will increase traffic idling and add to pollution
116)	Comment	Whilst reversing the one way restrictions should reduce the number of vehicles going past Southcote Primary School and turning in the junction of Fawley Road, I would like to see the traffic camera moved past Faircross Road but before the end of Southcote Lane, possibly before Southcote Farm Lane.
117)	Comment	Move the camera at the bottom of Circuit Lane to the position of the speed camera between Faircross Rd and Southcote Farm Lane, so that people in the mornings cannot use Southcote Lane as a rat run. This will mean that no other road changes will be required, so saving the council money.
118)	TVP, Objection	<p>Thank you for the consultation documents relating to the proposed reversal of the current one-way traffic regulation order in Silchester Road and Faircross Road, Southcote.</p> <p>I understand that the change is proposed to address safety concerns of drivers leaving Faircross Road and using Fawley Road to turn and travel east towards Reading.</p> <p>Having reviewed the injury collision statistics for the five year period between 1st June 2014 to 31st May 2019 there are no recorded injury collisions relating to the current routing of the one-way order, or as a result of vehicles turning left from Faircross Road into Southcote Lane and using the Fawley Road junction to make a U-turn manoeuvre as cited in the statement of reasons.</p> <p>The eastbound lane of Southcote Lane has a part-time bus gate which is in operation between the hours of 07:30 to 08:45am Monday to Friday and is enforced by Reading Borough Council. Reversing the one-way order will add more congestion to the A4 as all vehicles</p>

	<p>using Faircross Road will have to access it from the A4 end of Southcote Lane.</p> <p>The plans show that the traffic island in Southcote Lane at the junction with Faircross Road is being shortened and that the informal crossing on the west side of island is being retained. A right turn refuge is being created where the island is being removed which will hold no more than two vehicles waiting to turning right. I would ask the Highway Authority to consider impact this change will have to the free flow of traffic using Southcote Lane especially at school egress time when the part-time bus gate is not in operation. I suspect that several vehicles will wish turn right from Southcote Lane into Faircross Road which will cause traffic to tail back passed the informal crossing point causing all other traffic travelling east to wait. This will cause delays to drivers using Southcote Lane, including buses, and may result in impatient drivers or powered two wheelers to travel on the wrong side of the island to turn right into Faircross Road, or continue east on Southcote Lane, at the point where pedestrians are invited to cross the road on the informal crossing.</p> <p>If not already completed I would ask that swept path analysis is completed for the left turn manoeuvre from Silchester Road, south onto Circuit Lane as I am not confident that the current location of the existing refuge island is suitable for refuse, or larger vehicles.</p> <p>Thames Valley Police will object to this proposal on road safety grounds.</p>
Objections (x 60)	No comment
Support (x 19)	No comment