

Appendix 1
 Consultation Comments – Luckley Path

<u>Object / Support</u>	<u>Comments</u>	<u>Officer Coments</u>
Object	<p>I am opposed to the closing of Luckley Path to traffic as this would create a problem to the only other access to Peach street, that of Eashampstead Road. Not only would this increase waiting time to get on to Peach Street this would have other 2 unforeseen complications.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The build-up of traffic when school is out, with parents picking kids up from Saint Crispins School. 2. Access to and from the car the car parks on either side of Easthampstead Road at rush hour. <p>Please reconsider your proposal.</p>	<p>A very low number of vehicles used Luckley Path before the temporary closure. Therefore we do not anticipate significant impact on Peach Street/Easthampstead Road junction at busy periods.</p> <p>There have been no additional reports of congestion from car parks on Easthampstead Road, which is where many parents park when collecting children from St. Crispins and other nearby schools.</p>
Object	<p>I am writing in consideration of the Luckley Path closure planned. It is a minor entrance which is generally used by locals. To not use this entrance involves putting enormous strain on Denton Road the road where the fire station is. Surely this will slow down the movement of fire engines getting out and returning from their calls. As for the argument of causing congestion, we have not witnessed this in the 25 years we have lived in Sturges Road and believe that it actually reduces congestion on Easthampstead Road, accessing Peach Street.</p>	<p>Due to the improvements to the alignment of Peach Street as part of the Market Place improvements, the kerblines of Luckley Path had to be altered. This means that when vehicles exist Luckley Path they will have to use both lanes of Peach Street. This maneuver is anticipated to impact the speed and volume of traffic and cause congestion on Peach Street, especially at busy periods. Also the kerblines alteration have contributed towards improvements of pedestrian safety at this junction.</p> <p>A very low number of vehicles used Luckley Path before the temporary closure. Therefore we do not anticipate significant impact on surrounding road network at busy periods.</p>

		<p>The fire service have no objections to the proposals</p>
<p>Object</p>	<p>The Council's proposal to stop vehicular access to Wokingham's Market Place using Luckley Path is not good. The proposal is illogical and environmentally hostile.</p> <p>The presumption that traffic delays are caused by vehicles trying to access Peach Street is wrong. Before the current road works started the norm was, in busy traffic, that vehicles in Luckley Path would wait for red traffic lights in Peach Street or for the traffic lights at the top of Denmark Street or the traffic lights in Broad Street to cause traffic to stop, and then move into the road at the invitation of drivers waiting for the traffic to start moving again out of Peach Street. So, delays were rare. When traffic was light there was no problem anyway. Have the results of any traffic surveys been made available to the public? Do they relate to the reality of the situation before the current road works began?</p> <p>The other reality currently, and as proposed by the Council for the future is that vehicles use Denton Road as the obvious alternative in not being able to use Luckley Path. So, the frequency of vehicles using Denton Road has increased. Denton Road is a narrow road with many resident's cars parked on the road, plus two 90 degree turns, plus traffic accessing or leaving the car park next to Curves.</p> <p>As compared to using the extremely short Luckley Path, drivers are using the more hazardous Denton Road to the busy Easthampstead Road near the fire station. They then wait to join the traffic in Peach Street to travel towards Market Place and past the point that could have been at earlier if they could have used Luckley Path. The</p>	<p>Due to the improvements to the alignment of Peach Street as part of the Market Place improvements, the kerblines of Luckley Path had to be altered. This means that when vehicles exist Luckley Path they will have to use both lanes of Peach Street. This maneuver is anticipated to impact the speed and volume of traffic and cause congestion on Peach Street, especially at busy periods. Also the kerblines alteration have contributed towards improvements of pedestrian safety at this junction</p> <p>There have been no traffic surveys undertaken, since the implementation of the temporary closure. However, it should be noted that there have been no additional reports of congestion from the surrounding road network.</p> <p>Denton Road is less hazardous to all road users than Luckley Path as it has footways for pedestrians on both sides of the road, whereas Luckley Path has none.</p> <p>It is noted that some drivers will have to travel further however, as very low number of vehicles used Luckley Path before the temporary closure, we do not anticipate significant impact on surrounding road network or the environment.</p>

	<p>other reality of course is that the traffic along Peach Street is increased by the number of vehicles no longer using Luckley Path. This alternative route is more than 30 times further, putting 30 times more CO2 fumes into the already unhealthy Wokingham air.</p> <p>We should all be doing things to make life easier. This Council's proposal does not do that.</p>	<p>All our proposals are carefully considered by the elected members and other stakeholders to ensure the measures are betterment for the community.</p>
Object	<p>I wish to object to the above closure as it is unnecessary. The closure of this road will increase road traffic on Murdock Rd, Easthampstead Rd and Peach Street. When the road was open my journey through the town centre was smooth, especially after the keep clear boxes were painted on the road in Peach St. I will now have to drive down Murdock Rd, Easthampstead Rd and part of Peach St to get to the junction of Luckley Path and Peach St. Not only will you increase the road traffic on these roads but also increase traffic passing St Theresa's School and the fire station. More road miles driven will increase pollution.</p> <p>Although the junction with Peach Street is not ideal but signage on the road surface could alert both pedestrians and drivers to the junction. Also when the new Peach Place development is open the pavement on the other side of the road will be more popular with pedestrians using the new shops and restaurants.</p> <p>I dispute the claim the traffic using the junction disrupts the flow in Peach St. The pedestrian lights at the start of Denmark St and the other set in Peach St. already stop the flow of traffic. Repainting the keep clear signs on Peach St will allow traffic to exit Luckley Path smoothly when gaps appear.</p>	<p>It is noted that some drivers will have to travel further however, as very low number of vehicles used Luckley Path before the temporary closure, we do not anticipate significant impact on surrounding road network or the environment.</p> <p>The surrounding roads to Luckley Path are more suitable alternatives due to the width of the carriageway and the provision of footways for non-motorised users, where Luckley Path has no separation for vehicles and pedestrians on a narrow road.</p> <p>Vehicles exiting Luckley Path to continue towards Broad Street block the lane access for traffic travelling towards Denmark Street, thus creating more congestion and problems with traffic flow.</p> <p>Nearby businesses are in support of the proposal.</p>

	<p>I also dispute your claim that the present closure has not affected business. No reliable analysis of this could possibly have been undertaken during the horrendous traffic disruption caused by the Market Place resurfacing and that in Rose St., with the Peach Place development.</p>	
Object	<p>We wish to object to the proposed closure of Luckley Path on the following grounds :</p> <p>1 After all the disruption over what seems like an age further unnecessary disruption is not needed</p> <p>2 There is no evidence that closure will improve pedestrian safety, to the best of my knowledge this junction has never caused any accidents.</p> <p>3 Closure will make it even more difficult for people in the Batty`s Barn/Langborough Conservation Area to access the north of the town resulting in even more traffic onto Murdoch Rd and Langborough. These roads already carry an excess amount of traffic being effectively used as a southern distributor road.</p> <p>It is not uncommon for both of these roads to have large traffic jams during the morning and peak times which can also result in grid lock. Has any consideration been given to a permanent one way system at Langborough Rd ?</p> <p>Further increases in traffic on these roads will also result in more air pollution which is already a matter of great concern.</p> <p>4 There is no evidence that this proposal is any part of an overall plan to improve traffic and general environmental improvement in the Town as a whole.</p> <p>5 The current proposals for the Town, of which the closure of Luckley Path forms a part, will do little to improve it`s attraction because TRAFFIC remains the main problem .What is needed are radical proposals to pedestrianise large parts of the Town by reintroducing two way traffic on Rectory rd. and Wiltshire Rd. allowing</p>	<p>There have been 5 injury accidents in the previous 5 years at or within 20 metres of this junction.</p> <p>It is noted that some drivers will have to travel further however, as very low number of vehicles used Luckley Path before the temporary closure, we do not anticipate significant impact on surrounding road network or the environment.</p> <p>The surrounding roads to Luckley Path are more suitable alternatives due to the width of the carriageway and the provision of footways for non-motorised users, where Luckley Path has no separation for vehicles and pedestrians on a narrow road.</p> <p>These improvements are in line with Wokingham Town Centre Masterplan objective namely:</p> <p>5.1.1(3) Enhance accessibility to and from the town centre, improving linkages for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles within the town centre. Give greater pedestrian priority along town centre streets.</p> <p>5.3.1(4) Improve junctions to enhance public space and improve pedestrian movement and safety.</p>

	<p>streets like Peach St. And large parts of the Town Centre. We look forward to a response to the above.</p>	<p>5.4.1(3) Invest in the town centre's streets as places rather than just corridors for car traffic.</p> <p>Currently we don't have any plans for large areas to be pedestrianisation, however your comments are noted for future considerations.</p>
Object	<p>I oppose the proposed permanent closure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This vehicle route through to Peach Street is one that is very useful for residents living in the nearby area who are heading north from the town or to the Waitrose car park. • The end to disruption to town traffic by the regeneration work and the re-opening of Luckley Path has been eagerly anticipated for some time. • Alternative routes are longer and therefore cause more CO2 and NOX pollution. • To make permanent this temporary closure is another frustration for residents. • The major interruption to traffic flow down Peach Street is actually caused by the pedestrian crossing further north and the vehicles exiting from Easthampstead Road. • Peach Street flow is not impeded by this exit, as cars joining from Luckley Path usually have to wait for the red signal at the pedestrian crossing to be able to be let out - often to join already very slow moving traffic already impeded by congestion in Denmark Street. 	<p>It is noted that some drivers will have to travel further however, as very low number of vehicles used Luckley Path before the temporary closure, we do not anticipate significant impact on surrounding road network or the environment.</p> <p>The surrounding roads to Luckley Path are more suitable alternatives due to the width of the carriageway and the provision of footways for non-motorised users, where Luckley Path has no separation for vehicles and pedestrians on a narrow road.</p> <p>Vehicles waiting to exit Luckley Path block pedestrian's route and sometimes this means they walk into the carriageway on Peach Street to get around, causing safety concerns. There have been 5 injury accidents in the previous 5 years at or within 20 metres of this junction</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of this junction will mean more traffic from this area will need to join Easthampstead Road opposite Page's Croft or via Denton Road and then interrupt the flowing traffic at Peach Street which will cause greater disruption. Alternatively, the longer route via the station will put more pressure on Langborough Road and the junction with Denmark Street. • There has never been an accident to pedestrians or traffic at this junction. 	
Object	<p>I am concerned to find that there is yet another proposal which will work to the detriment of residents in the Great Langborough residential area. The vehicular access to Peach St. via Luckley path is a much missed route into the town centre which should certainly not be made permanent. It's closure does not result in reducing traffic congestion in the Market place as those wishing to get to Broad St. then have to take a dog-leg and come in via Easthampstead Road in order to join the same stream of traffic a bit sooner!</p> <p>The only other way into the town centre is to go down the already busy Langborough Road - then out further west along Wellington Road and on through the station yard, then back into town from there. These are all busy roads so it just contributes to the overall traffic congestion in the town.</p> <p>Clearly motorists exiting Luckley Path need to go carefully and be aware of pedestrians. I have found motorists to be pretty considerate in letting in vehicles wishing to exit there in order to go into Broad St. There are natural gaps which allow one to exit there when the</p>	<p>It is noted that some drivers will have to travel further however, as very low number of vehicles used Luckley Path before the temporary closure, we do not anticipate significant impact on surrounding road network or the environment.</p> <p>The surrounding roads to Luckley Path are more suitable alternatives due to the width of the carriageway and the provision of footways for non-motorised users, where Luckley Path has no separation for vehicles and pedestrians on a narrow road. Vehicles waiting to exit Luckley Path block pedestrian's route and sometimes this means they walk into the carriageway on Peach Street to get around, causing safety concerns.</p>

	<p>pedestrian crossing to the east on Peach St. halts the flow of traffic. If there are to be concerns about the safety of pedestrians in the town there are plenty of other roads with no pedestrian crossing where one just has to trust to the decency of motorists! eg. Carnival Pool roundabout and the Denmark St. / Langborough Road mini-roundabout all lack pedestrian crossings.</p>	
Object	<p>We write to object to the proposal to close Luckley Path to motor vehicles. Based on our experience of using Luckley Path by car and on foot most days for over 40 years we do not believe that the case for closure is adequately made-out and that the analysis of reasons provided by the Council does not reflect a complete picture of the situation. Cars exiting Luckley Path make only a very minor contribution to traffic congestion in Peach Street. The key causes of the slowness and weight of traffic at peak times are the effect of the many Pedestrian controlled traffic lights within a short distance of each other namely (i) outside the former M&S (ii) by the Town Hall outside Superdrug (iii) across the top of Denmark Street/Market Square by Barclays (iv) by the Post Office. We have no objection to these and indeed welcome them. In addition - and this is before the regeneration and Elms Field complications – there is often a back-up of traffic in Denmark Street from the Carnival pool roundabout and the notorious Finchampstead Road bottle neck around the Molly Millar Lane junction and the Tesco roundabout.</p> <p>We have not witnessed any significant safety issues over the years, as drivers, many of whom are local residents and familiar with the Luckley Path exit, take care to give pedestrians, pushchairs, disability scooters etc. due priority. Indeed if there were several cars waiting to exit,</p>	<p>Vehicles exiting Luckley Path to continue towards Broad Street block the lane access for traffic travelling towards Denmark Street, thus creating more congestion and problems with traffic flow.</p> <p>There have been 5 injury accidents in the previous 5 years at or within 20 metres of this junction.</p> <p>It is noted that some drivers will have to travel further however, as very low number of vehicles used Luckley Path before the temporary closure, we do not anticipate significant impact on surrounding road network or the environment.</p> <p>All our proposals are carefully considered by the elected members and other stakeholders to ensure the measures are betterment for the community.</p>

	<p>some pedestrians used their initiative and passed behind the first waiting car, with no problem.</p> <p>The erstwhile 'keep clear' road marking on Peach Street at the exit from Luckley Path was helpful and cars leaving could either turn immediately into the left hand lane to proceed down Denmark Street, or into the right hand lane for Broad Street.</p> <p>If Luckley Path is no longer available to motor vehicles the inevitable result will be longer motorised journeys in the town for local residents, and for those attending Corpus Christi church, and St Theresa's school, not to mention the concomitant increase in pollution.</p> <p>Congestion will also increase by vehicles having to turn left from Denton Road into Easthampstead Road and left from the town end of Easthampstead Road into Peach Street. This is already a difficult manoeuvre and will be more so, and potentially dangerous as there will be nothing to stop the two lane traffic which has merged from Wiltshire Road by All Saints church and the London Road/Bracknell/A329M direction. Drivers queuing in Easthampstead Road will be dependent on the goodwill of fellow drivers already on the main road to exit safely.</p> <p>We think that Luckley Path, if left open to traffic would be an asset to the town and certainly not add to the poor traffic flow. We cannot help wondering how much the planners have actually studied this junction in practice at various times of day before the Luckley Path closure in February 2017, rather than concentrating on a peak traffic flow paper exercise.</p>	
Object	<p>I wish to object strongly to the proposed closure, as a resident who has regularly used it by car and on cycle for decades (until the recent temporary closure).</p> <p>The proposal claims that the temporary closure has not inconvenienced business, but offers no evidence. Even</p>	<p>All nearby businesses were consulted on the proposals and none have objected to them.</p> <p>It is noted that some drivers will have to travel further however, as very low number of</p>

	<p>if there have been no complaints, that is no proof. People are grinning and bearing it, along with all the other traffic disruption, especially since we were assured to was temporary.</p> <p>The proposal does not mention inconvenience to residents. Do we not matter to the Council? The current closure is certainly inconvenient to us, adding significant extra distance to many journeys. Making the closure permanent would prolong that.</p> <p>The junction was not unsafe. Vehicles necessarily move slowly when emerging into Peach Street. Pedestrians crossing the junction only have a single line of traffic to negotiate, unlike for example Easthampstead Road (which is one of the routes that will have more traffic if Luckley Path is closed.</p> <p>Please restore normal access as soon as possible.</p> <p>Finally, I am aware that this email was sent after midnight and so technically was after the consultation period. However, I doubt that any Council employees are at work now, so it will be seen at the same time as objections sent before midnight.</p>	<p>vehicles used Luckley Path before the temporary closure, we do not anticipate significant impact on surrounding road network or the environment.</p> <p>All our proposals are careful considered by the elected members and other stakeholders to ensure the measures are betterment for the community.</p> <p>There have been 5 injury accidents in the previous 5 years at or within 20 metres of this junction</p>
Object	<p>I would like to raise an objection to the closing of Luckley Path to traffic.</p> <p>Having lived in Wokingham for over 50 years , and currently residing in Sturges Rd for around 20 years, I have become familiar with the pattern of usage via this exit and, more recently, - the effect of its closure on traffic flow in the roads one currently needs to use as an alternative .</p> <p>Historically,the traffic using the Luckley Path exit has always reduced traffic congestion at both of the other junctions (the end of Langborough Rd near the library and the left turn where Easthampstead Rd meets Peach</p>	<p>It is noted that some drivers will have to travel further however, as very low number of vehicles used Luckley Path before the temporary closure, we do not anticipate significant impact on surrounding road network or the environment.</p> <p>There have been 5 injury accidents in the previous 5 years at or within 20 metres of this junction.</p> <p>Vehicles exiting Luckley Path to continue towards Broad Street block the lane access</p>

	<p>street.) Ive noticed traffic flow has increased in both those places, particularly when schools are coming out, since cars have been unable to use the Luckley Path exit. Its even more noticeable now that Lanborough Rd is two way again. Whilst the increase is small, it seems illogical to close any option which impacts positively on traffic flow at busy junctions in our town centre.</p> <p>The traffic lights further down the road give a regular opportunity for anyone waiting at the Luckley junction to safely get out, to go either left or straight across. Those drivers going straight across towards Reading do not then have to add traffic to Denmark street which is helpful in terms of traffic volume on that strip of road.</p> <p>In terms of safety, my experience is that it honestly has never been an issue in all the time Ive lived here. Pedestrians occasionally step out across the road but when you come up to the exit you are always driving slowly because you need to check traffic to your right as in any T junction. If no accidents have apparently occurred in the twenty years we have lived here, one suspects pedestrian safety is not an issue which should be used as a rationale for closure.</p> <p>Please do reconsider this proposal. I think there is little to gain and more to lose in terms of maximising traffic flow. Thankyou for the opportunity to respond to the proposal.</p>	<p>for traffic travelling towards Denmark Street, thus creating more congestion and problems with traffic flow.</p> <p>There have been no significant impacts on congestion that have been reported to us.</p>
<p>Object</p>	<p>We would like to raise an objection to the closure of Luckley Path to motor vehicle traffic.</p> <p>Referring to the Statement of Reasons that have been issued we would comment as follows -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The road markings on Peach Street prevent the blocking of the junction and avoid congestion. At 	<p>Although there are KEEP CLEAR road markings, vehicles exiting Luckley Path to continue towards Broad Street still block the lane access for traffic travelling towards Denmark Street, thus creating more congestion and problems with traffic flow. There have been 5 injury accidents in the</p>

	<p>times of high traffic flow there is generally a 'give and take' approach to junction priority and in our experience traffic flows as freely as it does elsewhere in the town. Also the traffic flow is regularly disrupted by the pedestrian crossing to the east in Peach Street which enables the traffic to flow from Luckley Path.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As vehicles on Luckley Path generally have to stop or significantly slow down to negotiate the junction with Peach street, there is absolutely no problem with pedestrian visibility as most of the traffic is either stationary or moving at less than walking pace. • As with any active road junction where pedestrian and traffic flows cross (and there are many in the town) pedestrians have right of way. This is the case at this junction and drivers give way to disabled persons and people with prams and pushchairs. We know this to be the case as we have often pushed a pushchair round the town ! • Whilst we find it difficult to believe that the temporary closure has not caused any disturbance to businesses, we can state quite categorically that it has had a major adverse effect on <u>residents</u> in the Murdoch Road area. <p>Closure of the junction will mean that residents in the Murdoch Road area who want to drive to the north of the town, for example to Waitrose or Cantley, will have a choice of two detours, either via Murdoch Road or Denton Road to join Easthampstead Road and then join</p>	<p>previous 5 years at or within 20 metres of this junction.</p> <p>It is noted that some drivers will have to travel further however, as very low number of vehicles used Luckley Path before the temporary closure, we do not anticipate significant impact on surrounding road network or the environment.</p> <p>The surrounding roads are more suitable to traffic as they are wider and have footways, whereas there is no separation between vehicles and non-motorised users along Luckley Path.</p> <p>There have been no objections from any of the emergency services or local businesses in relation to the proposals.</p>
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Peach Street. This will increase traffic flow in this area adding to pollution and disturbance to local residents.

The Murdoch Road / Easthampstead Road junction is already very congested at peak times leading to long tailbacks on Murdoch Road. The additional traffic will further exacerbate the situation.

Denton Road is very narrow and has two blind corners. The visibility is restricted by brick walling on both corners where it joins Easthampstead Road and, because the major road is also quite narrow at this point the junction could be regarded as somewhat hazardous. Increased traffic flow here could also cause additional problems.

Whichever diversion is used, the additional traffic joining Peach Street at Easthampstead Road will inevitably cause more congestion at this junction and longer tailbacks at peak times. Unlike the Luckley Path junction, there is no traffic control from this junction to the east along Peach Street so the flow of traffic on the main road is unhindered, making it very difficult to exit onto Peach Street.

As fire engines and crews are also being utilised as paramedics this additional congestion could be particularly concerning if fire engines were held up en route to medical emergencies. Failure to reach even one such emergency in time would be a very high price to pay.

In the 25 or so years that we have lived in our current house we have regularly used the Luckley Path junction with Peach Street, both as pedestrians and drivers, and also driven along Peach Street past the junction. We

	<p>have never seen any major issues at the junction nor any accidents. The traffic flows well and there are no issues with the junction.</p> <p>Overall we consider the reasons for closure overstated and the proposal to close the junction as a net loss for the residents of Wokingham.</p> <p>We would therefore request that the proposal be withdrawn.</p> <p>We would be grateful if you would acknowledge receipt of this email</p>	
Object	<p>Luckley Path Prohibition of Driving Notice</p> <p>I am writing to object to the proposed closure of Luckley Path set out in the Prohibition of Driving order dated March 29, 2018.</p> <p>As an introductory note I want to state that I work for the Council on the Town Centre Regeneration project and, whilst I have concerns that submitting comments might cause me issues in my day to day working relationships, I feel strongly enough about the above that I wish to submit my comments.</p> <p>In addition to my role working on the regeneration I also live on Sturges Road and have done for many years. As the Regeneration communications manager I am the officer who generally goes out to present to local groups, such as Residents Associations and societies, about the regeneration works. I am well known for my work role by many residents around the town centre, have been involved in the project since 2008, and am continually approached with questions and comments whilst out in</p>	<p>The Traffic Management Team have received no comments or complaints in relation to the closure of Luckley Path. These, if received, have not been forwarded for consideration. There have been no objections from any of the emergency services.</p> <p>Although there are KEEP CLEAR road markings, vehicles exiting Luckley Path to continue towards Broad Street still block the lane access for traffic travelling towards Denmark Street, thus creating more congestion and problems with traffic flow.</p> <p>There have been 5 injury accidents in the previous 5 years at or within 20 metres of this junction.</p> <p>Denton Road and Sturges Road are less hazardous to all road users than Luckley Path as it has footways for pedestrians on both</p>

<p>the town and volunteering. This has included many comments from residents about the Luckley Path closure since we closed it for Peach Place last year.</p> <p>I have heard from some of the residents, and Residents Association members that I know, that the Council have commented that they have received no complaints from residents about the closure and would like to confirm this is incorrect. Please note I only have this alleged comment from other residents who have supposedly been told this by officers so I take it with reservation. However, if it has been said, it's somewhat disingenuous as I can confirm that I have regularly fed back to colleagues in Highways that local residents are unhappy with the temporary closure, certainly any time the restriction has been raised in discussion and at meetings - I have also made it clear that I have a conflict of interest in this matter when discussing it.</p> <p>There was clear evidence of local dissatisfaction at this closure with the continued removal of the original moveable barriers and signage during the first four months of the closure being in place. This escalated so far that by the end of June 2017 the barriers were being removed on a daily, sometimes twice daily, basis - as I walk past it every day on my way to and from work I was continually reinstating it myself. It was becoming such an issue Highways required a more comprehensive solution be installed by the Peach Place contractors Dawnus, leading to the installation of the concrete blocks.</p> <p>Given all my conversations with residents, many whilst moving the traffic barriers, cones and A fram signage back into place, have been stressing the fact that this is a temporary restriction in place purely due to the current closure of the footpath adjacent to Peach Place, Im</p>	<p>sides of the road, whereas Luckley Path has none. Since the implementation of the temporary closure, there have been no additional reports of congestion from the surrounding road network.</p> <p>It is noted that some drivers will have to travel further however, as very low number of vehicles used Luckley Path before the temporary closure, we do not anticipate significant impact on surrounding road network or the environment.</p> <p>These improvements are in line with Wokingham Town Centre Masterplan objective namely:</p> <p>5.1.1(3) Enhance accessibility to and from the town centre, improving linkages for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles within the town centre. Give greater pedestrian priority along town centre streets.</p> <p>5.3.1(4) Improve junctions to enhance public space and improve pedestrian movement and safety.</p> <p>5.4.1(3) Invest in the town centre's streets as places rather than just corridors for car traffic.</p> <p>These proposals have been carefully considered by the elected members and other stakeholders to ensure the measures are betterment for the community. There have been no objections from any of the emergency services or local businesses in relation to the proposals.</p>
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positive it's had the effect of discouraging people from taking it further and making a formal complaint about the closure at this time.

The road was restricted as part of the Peach Place regeneration works on 27 February 2017 as a temporary measure with an expected reopening date of March 2018 which has since been extended until later this summer to reflect the revised programme for the northern Peach Street footpath. At the time of the closure the temporary nature was emphasised and there was no mention of the plans to close it permanently. If this had been stated then I believe resident's reactions would have been very different at the time and over the following months.

In regards to the comments in the Statement of Reasons for the closure I would like to make the following comments.

- The route is a popular one to use as part of the highways network, increases network resilience, and reduces pressure on junctions at Langborough Road / Denmark Street Roundabout and at the Easthampstead Road / Peach Street junctions by offering an alternative route.
- Both the above junctions already have issues with the Langborough Road give and take system and the near zero visibility of traffic coming from the right when joining Peach Street from Emmbrook. The closure of Luckley Path, which has excellent visibility of approaching traffic from the right, would simply increase pressure on these junctions.
- The access point is popular for local emergency services who have used it as an opportunity to get past congestion pinch points at the above

	<p>junctions and its permanent closure could impact on local response times.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The impact on emergency services would be especially important if the council were to move forward with implementing the wider Environmental Improvements Programme projects which would see Peach Street converted to a single lane longer term which would increase delays for emergency vehicles. This single lane change has initially been proposed by the Council for after the northern and southern distributor roads are in place and pressure on the town centre is reduced.• I would disagree that vehicles exiting Luckley Path have a significant impact on traffic flow as, at busier times traffic is generally moving so slowly that there are no issues with people letting cars into the road, and at quieter times you rarely have to wait to get across either road.• The signalised pedestrianised crossing further down Peach Street also has impact of creating gaps in the traffic flow which allow people to easily merge without disruption. The original 'keep clear' area also made traffic merging very easy during busy and less busy times. As an aside, if disrupting the traffic flow this were a strong argument for road closures, you'd be looking at closing the majority of junctions that exist across the borough to stop restricting traffic flow.• In regards to pedestrian safety I have lived in Sturges Road for many years now and, as both a pedestrian and vehicle user, am unaware of any accidents to pedestrians or cars exiting this	
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	<p>junction. No actual statistics are provided to support this argument.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drivers exiting this point are generally very aware that they are approaching a crossing and this could be easily reinforced through a highways design manner, such as changes to the road surfacing or textured materials etc• Being aware in detail of how the new 'pedestrian zone' being created with the Market Place Environmental Improvements project, and having been involved in the engagement and creation of the Public Realm Strategy in 2013 I'd like to see more evidence around how this closure 'assists' as neither this, or the adopted Town Centre Masterplan SPD call for the actual closure of this road. For detail the closure (absolute or suggested) is not referenced in any of the key points for the Market Place brief in Section 3.2 or in the key points relating to Section 3.7 Peach Street West.• The limited references to Luckley Path (3 including one on a street map) in the Public Realm Strategy groups it with the issues at Easthampstead Road and would imply that it needs assessing at the same time as the Peach Street section of the EIP rather than Market Place. <p>I would recommend that the current closure is not proceeded with for the above reasons and that it is considered in the longer term when/if the Council proceeds with the wider EIP works and the impact of the new distributor roads can be fully assessed.</p>	
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	<p>I would also request, if possible, that my address is restricted due to my role working on the Regeneration project. Whilst it is common knowledge amongst residents that I live in the town centre, and Sturges Road, I have generally tried to keep my exact address confidential as people can get quite aggressive over the works we are undertaking at Elms Field and other town centre sites.</p>	
Object	<p>The proposal to close Luckley Path to vehicles is quite unnecessary and just a cheap option to overcome allegations of safety issues at the junction with Peach Street.</p> <p>Having lived in Wokingham for 22 years I can not recall any deaths occurring at this junction nor any serious injuries to pedestrians over that time and if my memory serves accurately there is no need to block yet another road thereby forcing extra traffic on to the main road prior to entering the Town. There are enough traffic delays in Wokingham at the best of times and the proposal would just add to these delays.</p> <p>When vehicles emerge from Luckley Path they are very slow moving and invariably show consideration for pedestrians and the pedestrians usually show respect and consideration for the cars trying to emerge. Josie Wragg is overstating the safety issue and just pushing an anti vehicle agenda. Vehicles travelling through Peach, Broad and Denmark streets as well as Luckley Path give the town part of its character and keep it alive and vibrant. And after the appalling shut down the town has suffered in recent months thanks to poor</p>	<p>Due to the improvements to the alignment of Peach Street as part of the Market Place improvements, the kerblines of Luckley Path had to be altered. This means that when vehicles exist Luckley Path they will have to use both lanes of Peach Street. This maneuver is anticipated to impact the speed and volume of traffic and cause congestion on Peach Street, especially at busy periods. Also the kerblines alteration have contributed towards improvements of pedestrian safety at this junction.</p> <p>There have been 5 injury accidents in the previous 5 years at or within 20 metres of this junction</p> <p>Denton Road and Sturges Road are less hazardous to all road users than Luckley Path as it has footways for pedestrians on both sides of the road, whereas Luckley Path has none. Since the implementation of the temporary closure, there have been no additional reports of congestion from the surrounding road network.</p>

	<p>planning the town needs revitalisation and its vibrancy back..</p>	<p>It is noted that some drivers will have to travel further however, as very low number of vehicles used Luckley Path before the temporary closure, we do not anticipate significant impact on surrounding road network or the environment.</p> <p>These proposals have been carefully considered by the elected members and other stakeholders to ensure the measures are betterment for the community. There have been no objections from any of the emergency services or local businesses in relation to the proposals.</p>
Object	<p>I would like to register my objection to the closure of Luckely path</p> <p>To further improve pedestrian safety and appearance of Wokingham town centre, Wokingham Borough Council is proposes to prohibit motor vehicles from driving on Luckley Path between its junction with Peach Street and a point 22 metres south-east of that junction.</p> <p>I object to this statement that safety is compromised by vehicular access to Denmark St from Luckely path. Can you provide evidence of incidents which you are basing your statement of improved safety on.</p> <p>In relation to the appearance of the pedestrian area, closing the access will still mean it can be seen so there will be no difference in visual appearance whether used by cars or not. It is also a road junction so are others being closed to vehicular use.</p>	<p>Although there are KEEP CLEAR road markings, vehicles exiting Luckley Path to continue towards Broad Street still block the lane access for traffic travelling towards Denmark Street, thus creating more congestion and problems with traffic flow. There have been 5 injury accidents in the previous 5 years at or within 20 metres of this junction.</p> <p>The junction is not a suitable placed for a zebra crossing as the inter-visibility between vehicles and pedestrians is not clear.</p> <p>Denton Road and Sturges Road are less hazardous to all road users than Luckley Path as it has footways for pedestrians on both sides of the road, whereas Luckley Path has none. Since the implementation of the</p>

	<p>"Vehicles exiting Luckley Path cause congestion build up at busy times". Can you show the traffic data on which this statement is based. In my experience it doesnt add to any congestion as the traffic flow down the path is negligibale in comparison to the flow up Denmark St. and can also block other vehicles trying to access Denmark Street via Market Place". Luckley path is nowhere near the market place to Denmark street junction so I can't see this as a valid point. Also if a boxed junction was painted on Denmark st it would prevent any blockages.</p> <p>Also, due to the narrowness of the road and building alignments alongside it, this makes it difficult for pedestrians to see oncoming vehicles." Instead of closing the road why don't you consider a proper crossing not too dissimilar to the one next to Tudor house, It is also a challenge for disabled persons and people with pushchairs/prams. Why it it a challenge? Why is this different to any other road junction. This could be improved by making an official crossing/zebra crossing</p> <p>Whilst current roadworks are on-going, the temporary closure of this exit has not caused any disturbance to businesses, so we feel that a permanent prohibition of driving will create a safer environment for all non-motorised users. Can you show the survey data on which this statement is based. Also, The disturbance to business is one factor to be considered. The closure of Luckely path and making Langborough road one way has caused considerable disturbance to residents of the Langborough area myself included as we have had to drive all the way round by the station to cross town.</p>	<p>temporary closure, there have been no additional reports of congestion from the surrounding road network.</p> <p>It is noted that some drivers will have to travel further however, as very low number of vehicles used Luckley Path before the temporary closure, we do not anticipate significant impact on surrounding road network or the environment.</p> <p>These proposals have been carefully considered by the elected members and other stakeholders to ensure the measures are betterment for the community. There have been no objections from any of the emergency services or local businesses in relation to the proposals.</p>
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	<p>This also assists in the pedestrian zone that is currently being created in the town centre. How does this assist a zone which is across Denmark St.</p> <p>I feel that no consultation with the local residents has been undertaken in this application and therefore it is not done in the best interests of people living on the town centre.</p>	
Object	<p>I am writing to object to the closure of Luckley Path. It appears that this idea is being suggested without any obvious assessment.</p> <p>I understand that the reasons cited include pollution and pedestrian safety. It is being suggested that <i>"Vehicles exiting Luckley Path cause congestion build up at busy times and can also block other vehicles trying to access Denmark Street via Market Place"</i></p> <p>However in reality the traffic flow down Peach Street has not previously been seriously impeded by this exit as cars from Luckley Path usually wait for the red signal at the pedestrian crossing to be let out amongst already stationary traffic. I would say rather that the pedestrian crossings throughout the town centre and traffic in Wellington Road and up Denmark Street cause more obstruction than that from Luckley Path.</p> <p>Also if there are more than a few cars waiting most residents will take another option anyway.</p>	<p>Although there are KEEP CLEAR road markings, vehicles exiting Luckley Path to continue towards Broad Street still block the lane access for traffic travelling towards Denmark Street, thus creating more congestion and problems with traffic flow.</p> <p>There have been 5 injury accidents in the previous 5 years at or within 20 metres of this junction.</p> <p>Denton Road and Sturges Road are less hazardous to all road users than Luckley Path as it has footways for pedestrians on both sides of the road, whereas Luckley Path has none. Since the implementation of the temporary closure, there have been no additional reports of congestion from the surrounding road network.</p> <p>It is noted that some drivers will have to travel further however, as a very low number of vehicles used Luckley Path before the temporary closure, we do not anticipate</p>

<p>The rational of avoiding accidents is not really made as even the police have acknowledged that there had not been any accidents at this point prior to its closure.</p> <p>What does not appear to have been considered is the effect on residents in the immediate vicinity for whom it is in fact a significant inconvenience or the longer journeys for all users of Sturges road including those for the school and church.</p> <p>This will clearly cause pollution in its own right and it is already plain to see that the traffic is having to detour around other roads so as to access the centre of town. It funnels instead up and down</p> <p>Easthampstead road with pressure point access in and out of Denton and Murdoch roads. The amount of traffic trying to exit from Easthampstead road on to Peach street was already problematic when Peach street was 2 lane and a return to that will make exiting more difficult than it currently is.</p> <p>The pollution is therefore created at those junctions and at the Easthampstead road egress into Peach street instead.</p> <p>I would ask if any traffic modelling has been done to explore the effect of the proposed closure of Luckley path and would welcome results of such modelling before any decision is taken.</p> <p>If none has been done, would it not make more sense to allow the road to reopen, carry out modelling and review the situation.</p>	<p>significant impact on surrounding road network or the environment.</p> <p>These proposals have been carefully considered by the elected members and other stakeholders to ensure the measures are betterment for the community. There have been no objections from any of the emergency services or local businesses in relation to the proposals.</p>
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	<p>I would point out also that the suggestion that no-one has objected to the closure does not mean we do not object .</p> <p>The closure was a sensible action to cope with the regeneration works and we could not object to that.</p> <p>Permanent closure is a very different matter and should have a more considered view than a few weeks of 'consultation'.</p> <p>I reiterate my view that this is closure is not being given sufficient exploration and oppose the closure on those grounds and at the least until more concrete evidence is available.</p>	
Object	<p>You've got to hand it to the council they are using every trick in the book to boost use of the white elephant car park at Carnival Pool. The permanent closure of Luckley Path means a long detour for anyone from the east of the town returning home from the car park, they can't park at the Paddocks as that is now closed, access to the Elms multi-storey will also require a long diversion once Elms Road is closed, Rose Street car park has gone and as for the former M&S one WBC has no plan (or if they have it's secret). Parking restrictions are being extended northwards along Wiltshire Road to prevent free parking and maybe elsewhere.</p> <p>Closing this historic route should NOT be for political expediency. There are no statistics to justify it on grounds of congestion. There are no statistics to prove that the temporary closure has not affected local trade. The closure will result in longer journeys on residential roads and create more congestion and of course more pollution.</p> <p>I strongly object to closing this road.</p>	<p>The primary reason for the closure of Luckley Path is to improve road safety for pedestrians. This also improves the traffic flow on Peach Street and thus reduces pollution.</p> <p>There have been 5 injury accidents in the previous 5 years at or within 20 metres of this junction</p> <p>Denton Road and Sturges Road are less hazardous to all road users than Luckley Path as it has footways for pedestrians on both sides of the road, whereas Luckley Path has none. Since the implementation of the temporary closure, there have been no additional reports of congestion from the surrounding road network.</p>

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Objects	<p>I wish to object to the pointless and unjustified proposed closure of Luckley Path. Does the Council have the agenda of making life increasingly tiresome for its residents - based on this proposal it certainly appears so. The path has always been open to cars so what has changed to justify residents locally and Cockpit car park users in particularly, being forced to drive 600m through narrow local roads and past both sides of the fire station, instead of 50m to gain access to the town centre. The proposal has no concrete analysis to back it up - closing any road in Wokingham centre would obviously make it easier for pedestrians but surely there has to be some evidence of a net benefit to residents at large. As for businesses not being affected by such a closure, this is an insult to our intelligence - how could that be judged, given the overwhelming impact of the chaos caused by the Council's attempt to beautify the market square. Nothing in the proposal seems to have given any thought to the impact on the local residents of the streets around the area.</p>	<p>The primary reason for the closure of Luckley Path is to improve road safety for pedestrians. This closure, also improves the traffic flow on Peach Street, thus reduce pollution.</p> <p>There have been 5 injury accidents in the previous 5 years at or within 20 metres of this junction</p> <p>Denton Road and Sturges Road are less hazardous to all road users than Luckley Path as it has footways for pedestrians on both sides of the road, whereas Luckley Path has none. Since the implementation of the temporary closure, there have been no additional reports of congestion from the surrounding road network.</p>

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Object	<p>When Luckley Path was recently closed because of the road restrictions on Peach Street, we were told that it would open again in a few months and so users would have put up with that inconvenience during the disruptions in the town. However to close it permanently is a very different decision and for no reason that bears inspection. What concerns me about this decision is that it appears to be an opportunist action and not supported by quantified evidence.</p> <p>To my knowledge there have been no accidents to either vehicles or pedestrians at this useful junction and it has worked safely for many years to the benefit of residents south of the town. The traffic flow down Peach Street has not been impeded by this exit as cars from Luckley Path usually wait for the red signal at the pedestrian crossing to be let out amongst already stationary traffic – it's these traffic lights if anything that cause the traffic disruption . Closure of this junction will mean that more traffic from this area will need to join Easthampstead Road opposite Page's Croft or via Denton Road and then interrupt the flowing traffic at Peach Street earlier, which will cause</p>	<p>The primary reason for the closure of Luckley Path is to improve road safety for pedestrians. This closure, also improves the traffic flow on Peach Street, thus reduces pollution.</p> <p>There have been 5 injury accidents in the previous 5 years at or within 20 metres of this junction</p> <p>Denton Road and Sturges Road are less hazardous to all road users than Luckley Path as it has footways for pedestrians on both sides of the road, whereas Luckley Path has none. Since the implementation of the temporary closure, there have been no additional reports of congestion from the surrounding road network.</p> <p>It is noted that some drivers will have to travel further however, as very low number of</p>

	<p>greater disruption and congestion. I would be interested to see what if any traffic modelling is behind this decision. Frankly I think we've had enough of the road closures in town and just want to get back to normal as soon as possible without thinking of other schemes to shut access and create more diversions. The right order for doing this is surely to leave Luckley Path open and wait until the Southern Distributor Route is completed, when we have been assured that the town through-traffic should be reduced significantly (by up to 80% has been stated). Only then should WBC measure traffic flow and decide whether further action is needed on safety grounds.</p> <p>On the above basis I oppose the proposed closure of Luckley Path.</p>	<p>vehicles used Luckley Path before the temporary closure, we do not anticipate significant impact on surrounding road network or the environment.</p> <p>These proposals have been carefully considered by the elected members and other stakeholders to ensure the measures are betterment for the community. There have been no objections from any of the emergency services or local businesses in relation to the proposals.</p>
Object	<p>I live in Murdoch Road and the use of Luckley Path from Sturgess Rd into Peach/Broad St s is vital to us to reach Waitrose and disabled parking bays We have managed a significant detour for a year now with its environmental consequences With the pedestrian crossing/traffic lights at the top of Denmark street with the keep clear area as access there is no affect on the traffic flow There have been no accidents because of the access Please do not close Luckley Path and create a new area for young people to hang about in Kind regards. Philip Robinson</p>	<p>The primary reason for the closure of Luckley Path is to improve road safety for pedestrians. This closure, also improves the traffic flow on Peach Street, thus reduces pollution.</p> <p>There have been 5 injury accidents in the previous 5 years at or within 20 metres of this junction</p> <p>Denton Road and Sturges Road are less hazardous to all road users than Luckley Path as it has footways for pedestrians on both sides of the road, whereas Luckley Path has none. Since the implementation of the temporary closure, there have been no additional reports of congestion from the surrounding road network.</p>

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Object	<p>As residents of Wokingham based in South Drive we object to the closure of Luckley Path to vehicles on the basis that we do not consider that any of the reasons in the statement of reasons are accurate or supported by evidence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The statement claims that the closure will improve pedestrian safety. We have used both Luckley Path and Peach Street as drivers and pedestrians and can see no evidence for this. In our experience drivers are cautious when exiting Luckley Path and are very aware of pedestrians; drivers and pedestrians behave reasonably and politely. We note that the statement of reasons does not quote examples of injury to pedestrians and suspect that is because no-one has actually suffered injury. To the extent that the Traffic Management Team has perceived concerns about safety, this could easily be addressed by a stop sign just before the pavement, and by slight 	<p>The primary reason for the closure of Luckley Path is to improve road safety for pedestrians. This closure, also improves the traffic flow on Peach Street, thus reduces pollution.</p> <p>There have been 5 injury accidents in the previous 5 years at or within 20 metres of this junction</p> <p>Denton Road and Sturges Road are less hazardous to all road users than Luckley Path as it has footways for pedestrians on both sides of the road, whereas Luckley Path has none. Since the implementation of the temporary closure, there have been no additional reports of congestion from the surrounding road network.</p>

	<p>alterations to the pavement on Peach Street either side of Luckley Path that would make pedestrians more aware that vehicles are exiting that road.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . The statement claims that vehicles existing Luckley path cause congestion build up at busy times and block other vehicles trying to access Denmark Street. Again, in our experience of over 20 years of using both roads, the congestion is caused by other factors, in particular timing of the pedestrian crossings. In addition, our experience is that if there is temporary congestion on the Broad Street branch and not the Denmark Street branch, drivers in the Broad Street lane of Peach Street are usually very accommodating to drivers exiting Luckley Path. . The statement claims that closing the road to vehicles will “improve...the appearance” of Wokingham town centre. This is a matter of opinion and one that we and many other residents do not share – we do not consider that there is sufficient evidence of an improvement in appearance to justify the closure of a well-established right of way. . The statement claims that the temporary closure of the exit has not caused disturbance to businesses. Given the huge disruption to businesses caused by the current town centre works (which in our opinion has been exacerbated by their poor sequencing and management), we do not consider that the Traffic Management Team are able to judge whether the closure of Luckley Path has added to this disruption. We also do not see why the fact that businesses have not been disturbed should carry 	<p>It is noted that some drivers will have to travel further however, as very low number of vehicles used Luckley Path before the temporary closure, we do not anticipate significant impact on surrounding road network or the environment.</p> <p>These proposals have been carefully considered by the elected members and other stakeholders to ensure the measures are betterment for the community. There have been no objections from any of the emergency services or local businesses in relation to the proposals.</p>
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	<p>any particular weight – the issue is also one of inconvenience to residents which we list below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">. The statement claims that the closure will assist with the pedestrian zone which is being created in the town centre. There is no evidence for this assertion. Peach Street, Denmark Street and Broad Street will remain open. Luckley Path is on the other side of Peach Street from the pedestrian zone – closing the road will have no effect on the pedestrian zone. <p>.</p> <p>We consider that the closure will have the following detrimental effects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">. Since the closure most traffic to the south of the town centre wanting to go to the north or west of the town (such as from us to Waitrose) has had to go via Langborough Road, Carnival Pool Roundabout and, with the new changed road layout, via the station with the following effects:<ul style="list-style-type: none">o During the period of closure we have found this route to be frequently congested. Any small disruption – volume of traffic, cars blocking the station whilst they are trying to pick up or drop off, a break down or road works on Finchampstead Road – has caused a significant traffic jam. The closure of Luckley Path has meant that cars have not been able to escape. The result in our view has been a significant additional volume of traffic on the circular route, and an increase in pollution caused by idling cars.o Langborough Road is unsuitable for the volumes of traffic that use it. This proposal	
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	<p>will add to the volume of cars using that road to the detriment of residents and pedestrians using the road.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Drivers have to travel a considerable additional distance to visit Waitrose, significantly adding to the volume of cars that have to go via the station, which is not well designed as a through road because of the lay by that drivers use to drop off and pick up passengers. · The alternative route is for drivers to use Denton Road or Murdoch Road to enter Peach Street – this adds to the volume of traffic on Denton Road and Easthampstead and will simply move congestion caused by existing vehicles, to the extent it exists, further up Peach Street. · The proposed works to the bottom of Denmark Street will cause further disruption to long suffering residents – closing Luckley Path now will deny them a way of mitigating the disruption that the ongoing works will cause. · The closure of Luckley Path will lead to delivery vehicles using the road to park causing difficulties for pedestrians seeking to use the road. There has been evidence of this during the temporary closure. 	
Object	<p>When Luckley Path was recently closed because of the road restrictions on Peach Street, we were told that it would open again in a few months and so users would have put up with that inconvenience during the disruptions in the town. However to close it permanently is a very different decision and for no reason that bears inspection. What concerns me about this decision is that</p>	<p>The primary reason for the closure of Luckley Path is to improve road safety for pedestrians. This closure, also improves the traffic flow on Peach Street, thus reduces pollution.</p>

	<p>it appears to be an opportunist action and not supported by quantified evidence.</p> <p>To my knowledge there have been no accidents to either vehicles or pedestrians at this useful junction and it has worked safely for many years to the benefit of residents south of the town. The traffic flow down Peach Street has not been impeded by this exit as cars from Luckley Path usually wait for the red signal at the pedestrian crossing to be let out amongst already stationary traffic – it's these traffic lights if anything that cause the traffic disruption . Closure of this junction will mean that more traffic from this area will need to join Easthampstead Road opposite Page's Croft or via Denton Road and then interrupt the flowing traffic at Peach Street earlier, which will cause greater disruption and congestion. I would be interested to see what if any traffic modelling is behind this decision.</p> <p>Frankly I think we've had enough of the road closures in town and just want to get back to normal as soon as possible without thinking of other schemes to shut access and create more diversions. The right order for doing this is surely to leave Luckley Path open and wait until the Southern Distributor Route is completed, when we have been assured that the town through-traffic should be reduced significantly (by up to 80% has been stated). Only then should WBC measure traffic flow and decide whether further action is needed on safety grounds.</p> <p>On the above basis I oppose the proposed closure of Luckley Path.</p>	<p>There have been 5 injury accidents in the previous 5 years at or within 20 metres of this junction</p> <p>Denton Road and Sturges Road are less hazardous to all road users than Luckley Path as it has footways for pedestrians on both sides of the road, whereas Luckley Path has none. Since the implementation of the temporary closure, there have been no additional reports of congestion from the surrounding road network.</p> <p>It is noted that some drivers will have to travel further however, as very low number of vehicles used Luckley Path before the temporary closure, we do not anticipate significant impact on surrounding road network or the environment.</p> <p>These proposals have been carefully considered by the elected members and other stakeholders to ensure the measures are betterment for the community. There have been no objections from any of the emergency services or local businesses in relation to the proposals.</p>
Object	With regards to the proposal to permanently close Luckley Path to through traffic.	The primary reason for the closure of Luckley Path is to improve road safety for

	<p>As a resident of Sturges Road for 40 Years I would like voice my objection to this proposal. When the road was closed for the redevelopment of the town centre it was my understanding that this was a temporary measure.</p> <p>I see that this proposal is on the grounds of safety but I would be very interested to know of any statistics to back this up. Have there in fact been any incidents involving cars and pedestrians where Luckley Path meets Peach Street. I certainly am not aware of any in all my years here.</p> <p>By closing Luckley Path you are only going to divert through traffic either down Denton Road and Easthampstead Road (pass the Fire Station, which can't be a good idea) or down Langborough Road, which everyone knows is already a bottle neck at the best of times.</p> <p>I trust that this proposal will be carefully considered.</p>	<p>pedestrians. This closure, also improves the traffic flow on Peach Street, thus reduces pollution.</p> <p>There have been 5 injury accidents in the previous 5 years at or within 20 metres of this junction</p> <p>Denton Road and Sturges Road are less hazardous to all road users than Luckley Path as it has footways for pedestrians on both sides of the road, whereas Luckley Path has none. Since the implementation of the temporary closure, there have been no additional reports of congestion from the surrounding road network.</p> <p>It is noted that some drivers will have to travel further however, as very low number of vehicles used Luckley Path before the temporary closure, we do not anticipate significant impact on surrounding road network or the environment.</p> <p>These proposals have been carefully considered by the elected members and other stakeholders to ensure the measures are betterment for the community. There have been no objections from any of the emergency services or local businesses in relation to the proposals.</p>
Object	I am writing to register my objection to the proposed closure of the road junction at the end of Luckley path as it joins Denmark Street.	The primary reason for the closure of Luckley Path is to improve road safety for pedestrians. This closure, also improves the

	<p>As a resident of Sturges Road (town centre, joined to Luckley path), I have already been suffering the impact of having this junction closed and am very much looking forward to it being re-opened.</p> <p>With the junction closed my only options for getting to Waitrose by car (which I do regularly for large shops), will either be via Langborough Road or Easthampstead Road. Both roads are already very congested and forcing even more local traffic to use them is unnecessary when we have a perfectly good junction at the end of Luckley Path.</p> <p>I have lived in Sturges Road for the last 20 years and so can address some of the points you have made which are incorrect:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vehicles exiting Luckley Path cause congestion build up at busy times and can also block other vehicles trying to access Denmark Street via Market Place. <p>This is incorrect. The congestion is caused by the 2 sets of traffic lights on Denmark Street and Broad Street, which are in constant use by pedestrians during busy times. The traffic always moves very slowly past the end of the Luckley Path junction and it is therefore quite easy to merge in with this slow moving traffic. If there are occasions where a car moving across to the right hand lane, blocks for a minute or two the flow of traffic in the left hand lane, then they are only being held up from joining the traffic queue progressing down Denmark Street, so really has no impact on their overall journey.</p>	<p>traffic flow on Peach Street, thus reduces pollution.</p> <p>There have been 5 injury accidents in the previous 5 years at or within 20 metres of this junction</p> <p>Denton Road and Sturges Road are less hazardous to all road users than Luckley Path as it has footways for pedestrians on both sides of the road, whereas Luckley Path has none. Since the implementation of the temporary closure, there have been no additional reports of congestion from the surrounding road network.</p> <p>It is noted that some drivers will have to travel further however, as very low number of vehicles used Luckley Path before the temporary closure, we do not anticipate significant impact on surrounding road network or the environment.</p> <p>These proposals have been carefully considered by the elected members and other stakeholders to ensure the measures are betterment for the community. There have been no objections from any of the emergency services or local businesses in relation to the proposals.</p>
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	<p>2. due to the narrowness of the road and building alignments alongside it, this makes it difficult for pedestrians to see oncoming vehicles.</p> <p>Having lived in Sturges Road for 20 years I have also crossed this junction many times. Both pedestrians and drivers approach the junction with care and I have never witnessed or experienced anything that has made me concerned for pedestrians safety at this junction. I think a road sign for drivers approaching the junction would be adequate, 'Drive slowly. pedestrians crossing'.</p> <p>3. It is also a challenge for disabled persons and people with pushchairs/prams.</p> <p>The way this junction works is typically as cars approach they are looking out for pedestrians and if any are visible, the cars tend to hold back and allow them to cross. This junction is much safer for disabled persons and people with prams to cross than the Easthampstead Road junction, a little further down the road. If they have managed to get across that - I usually have to run myself - then the Luckley Path junction will be a lot easier.</p> <p>So to sum up, your reasons for closing the junction are incorrect and by closing the junction you will be forcing a lot of local town centre residents to use two very congested alternative routes. Please consider the needs of your local residents, not only people who are just looking to drive through as quickly as possible.</p>	
<p>Supports</p>	<p>I'd like to give my support to this Traffic Regulation Order that is looking to permanently close Luckley Path.</p>	

	I agree with the reasons that WBC have given and see the benefits of the closure outweigh the benefit of it being open.	
Supports	<p>A good move.</p> <p>Better that a few residents of Sturges and Crescent Roads (includes me) are inconvenienced by having to use Easthampstead Road for the benefit of the majority of traffic being unimpeded on the main road, Peach Street.</p> <p>However, Easthampstead Road will then take more traffic, northbound, so suggest attending to lane control on Peach Street between the Ship and Easthampstead Road junction: Left lane must turn left and right lane must go straight on (left lane to be obstructed at Easthampstead Road junction).</p> <p>(Would have worked better if you could have closed Cross Street but that is not possible now with the new Broad Street/Rose Street junction layout but may still be worth considering.)</p>	
Supports	<p>This Path is in Wescott Ward. As one of the two Councillors elected for this ward I confirm my full support for the permanent closure to vehicles of Luckley Path.</p> <p>I hope that the entrance can be integrated into the Market Place refurbishment project.</p>	
Supports	The temporary closure of Luckley Path onto Peach Street has greatly improved safety for pedestrians and causes little inconvenience for car drivers.	

	<p>A successful trial period of many months has proved this to be so.</p> <p>Once the current major disruption of work to Wokingham town centre road system is complete, the permanent closure of this access for cars should improve traffic flow on Peach Street.</p> <p>I am in favour of this closure becoming permanent.</p>	
Supports	<p>I support the closure of Luckley Path to vehicles for the reasons that you give. However, I would suggest that Goatley Way (which is non-residential) is promoted/signposted as the main way for traffic coming from Peach Street to access Cockpit Path car park to reduce the pressure on Denton Road as this is a residential street. Goatley Way also has a turn right sign at the end (where it meets Luckley Path) so this, along with the ahead only sign on Luckley Path, will need to be removed.</p>	
Supports	<p>I am in favour of Luckley Path remaining closed to vehicles for several reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Luckley Path has been closed for one year with no apparent problems, but with benefits to pedestrians. 2 It is better for pedestrians walking along Peach Street/Market Place not to have traffic crossing their path and interrupting the pedestrian flow at what is already a narrow pavement area. Vehicles exiting Luckley Path have to edge out across the path of pedestrians in order to see what road traffic there is, and when it is clear for them to enter Peach Street/Market Place. 	

3. The pavement in Luckley Path is narrow by the side of M&Co and pedestrians will risk being hit if Luckley Path is reopened to vehicles.
4. The only legal pedestrian exit from Luckley Path will be through the private passage by M&Co.
5. The road width is restricted at the exit from Luckley Path and vehicles regularly hit the bollards installed to protect the Subway window.
6. Taking into account the above problems, opening up Luckley Path to pedestrians only would enhance the appearance of that area and it can be integrated into the Market Place refurbishments taking place.
7. Cars generally have to wait in Luckley Path to enter Market Place either for a gap or for a car to stop and let them out. Either way engines are left running and the air is polluted. Cars giving way also hold up traffic which increases the queues and pollution in Peach Street.
8. The Air Pollution work undertaken by the Council recommends that Luckley Path be permanently closed to vehicles. Anything that can be done to reduce pollution in the town centre (which is at an unacceptably high level) should be encouraged.

There are a few who would like Luckley Path to be reopened to vehicles to provide them with a short cut into the Market Place. In my opinion it is far better for these vehicles to enter Peach Street via Murdoch Road and Easthampstead Road where proper provisions are made for pedestrians and all vehicle sizes.

I do not think keeping Luckley Path closed is enough, however, and I believe the whole traffic flow through the town centre and the pedestrian controlled lights need reassessing. I would be happy to expand on my ideas to

	achieve a better flow of traffic through the town centre and reduce pollution levels.	
Supports	<p>Your letter dated 28th March 2018 refers In reply as one of the owner occupiers @ 1 Peach Street with direct frontage to the proposed closure area I would like to make the following observations :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The closure area as proposed leaves insufficient room for delivery vehicles using Luckley path as a drop off point for nearby retailers 2) This is already proving a problem with the temporary blockade in place as said drivers are using what remains open of Luckley path for this purpose and in doing so are frequently blocking totally all access to the car park at the rear of our building (where there are eight spaces) <p>This being the case can we request this be duly taken into account and accommodated accordingly Otherwise for the record I have no objection to the proposal going ahead</p>	
Supports	<p>With reference to the consultation for the closure of Luckley Path, Wokingham I have the following observations -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Luckley Path is currently closed due to the ongoing regeneration of Wokingham town centre and has not caused any issues. . I understand that vehicles using Luckley Path enter Peach Street and cause further congestion at periods of high traffic flow. . The sight lines for pedestrians is very limited due to the alignment of the buildings in Peach Street 	

and, if vehicles are waiting at the junction to enter Peach Street, this will impact the pedestrian flow and may cause pedestrians to enter the live carriageway to pass vehicles. *See photo below*



- . In the last five years there have five been injury collisions at or near this junction. It is not clear if any of these collisions are attributable to vehicles waiting to exit Luckley Path onto Denmark Street, however it is clear that 3 of them involve LGV's travelling on Peach Street that have struck pedestrians with their wing mirrors.
- . The current proposal is to close Luckley Path from the junction of Peach Street for a distance of 22 metres and prevent vehicular traffic entering

	<p>the road, allowing vehicles with exemptions access through collapsible bollards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . I am concerned that if the closure is not self-enforcing that an undue burden may be placed on the police by way of enforcement of any breaches to the closure, especially motorcycles. This combined with the poor view for pedestrians on the pavement who would not be expecting vehicles to emerge from the road, may actually put pedestrians in this area at greater risk. . Whilst Thames Valley Police will make no objection to this proposal I would advise that if the risk of vehicles, primarily two wheeled, is not 'engineered out', enforcement will be a very low priority for the police. 	
<p>Supports</p>	<p>We have lived in South Drive, Wokingham for over 30 years. We both regularly walk into the town centre via Luckley Path and, when it was open to traffic, drove into the centre via this route. As drivers we found it awkward to exit by this route and potentially dangerous to pedestrians. Whilst it would be slightly less convenient to drive into the centre if Luckley Path was closed we consider that such slight inconvenience is greatly outweighed by safety considerations. We also consider that the closure would improve traffic flow.</p> <p>We, therefore, support the permanent closure of Luckley Path.</p>	

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