

Letter addressed to HCC and CALA

22nd November 2022

Dear

Headbourne Worthy Parish Council completely supports the concerns of the Kings Barton Residents' Association, regarding the closure of Andover Rd. Their concerns are underlined by the significant number of people who have signed the petition against the closure of the Andover Road and the re-routing of the traffic along Winchester Avenue, through the new Kings Barton Estate.

The view of this Parish Council is that the Highways Authority – in this case Hampshire County Council – and the developer, CALA – both need to reassure us and new residents that any proposed changes to the road network are seen as safe by the residents, and that Winchester Avenue will be fit for purpose and properly adopted by HCC.

- There are currently 178 dwellings on Winchester Avenue, 11m from the main carriageway with little or no screening. These houses will be subject to the noise and pollution attendant from living close to a main throughfare.
- There are many more houses to be built on Winchester Avenue, the majority of which will be designated affordable or social housing.
- A busy main road will divide the residents of the development physically and will contribute to community severance. How is HCC to manage the traffic so that the aims of the Winchester Movement Strategy sufficiently reduce the traffic here? Where and how many new crossing places are planned?
- The simple closure of Andover Rd has the potential to force traffic onto rat runs through Headbourne Worthy, Kings Worthy, and along other local routes across North Winchester. The proposed new walking and cycling 'greenway' must be effectively linked to other safe walking and cycling routes from across North Winchester.

HWPC recognises that the development of Kings Barton and the climate emergency necessitates a re-think of the road network around Andover Rd but is of the opinion that thoughtful and innovative design should be employed to create an exciting network of walking and cycle ways into Winchester. This Parish Council supports a residential low traffic neighbourhood in Kings Barton. We would welcome closer involvement in the discussions around traffic management throughout North Winchester, and in particular through our parish, which includes, of course, Kings Barton.

Yours sincerely

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