

Rowden Lane, Chippenham – Prohibition of Entry and Right Hand Turn

Name	Address	Objection/ Support
1. Resident of Rowden Lane	- email	<p>I wish to object to the proposed traffic prohibition affecting Rowden Lane and Coppice Close in Chippenham. The reasons for my objection are set out below.</p> <p>If the no-entry sign is enforced, all the residents of Rowden Lane including those from the 31 new dwellings already constructed by Redcliffe Homes in Rowden Lane will need to exit via Coppice Close.</p> <p>In the original consent for the 64 new homes being built by Redcliffe Homes at the top of Rowden Lane, it was a requirement that a new access road should be constructed before any building commenced. That requirement has since been lifted, meaning that if the no-entry sign is enforced, the residents of ALL the households in Rowden Lane will be required to exit via Coppice Close.</p> <p>That means approximately 110 households will have no option but to exit through Coppice Close, and that's in addition to the 45 or so households in Coppice Close itself; 155 households all passing along Coppice Close. This will mean more noise and congestion for those residents.</p> <p><u>There will be a tenfold increase in the number of houses on Rowden Lane. Hence, it seems without any degree of logic or reason to reduce the number of exits.</u></p> <p>Currently, Rowden Lane offers an alternative exit to the A4.</p> <p>Passage along Coppice Close is frequently congested by vehicles parked on both sides of the road. This already presents a hazard with the current level of usage, which will only get worse with the planned (imposed) increased volume resulting from only one exit.</p> <p>Furthermore, if the proposed 'Rowden Country Park' development is allowed to proceed as last planned, then the residents from 145 of those new homes would also need to exit via Coppice Close, making the proposed closure of Rowden Lane at the lower end completely untenable.</p> <p>It is clear that Coppice Close was never designed for that volume of traffic. If the proposed no-entry is permitted, then surely it would be a requirement for double yellow lines along the full length of Coppice Close.</p> <p>The reason given on the Wiltshire Council website for the proposed prohibition is: "<i>For preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs</i>". I fail to see how the proposed prohibition can improve amenities for the residents of either Coppice Close or Rowden Lane.</p> <p>Finally, I would advise that entry and egress along</p>

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		<p>the route of Rowden Lane to the Bath Road is asserted in the epitome of title to my property and others in the curtilage of Rowden Manor. I believe this will need court action to overturn.</p> <p>Hence, the proposed prohibition should be rejected.</p>
2. Anonymous	- Email	<p>I wish to lodge my objections to proposed restrictions at Rowden Lane. There will no doubt be congestion in Coppice Close at certain times of the day if the proposal goes ahead. Entering into Patterdown is going to be difficult.</p> <p>It must make more sense to allow traffic to exit at the end of Rowden Lane as well as Coppice Close. This will obviously ease congestion at both exits.</p>
3. Chippenham Town Council	email	No comments
4. Resident of Rowden Lane	email	As objection 1 above.
5. Resident of Coppice Close	email	<p>I live in Coppice Close and since the building company's have changed the road layout I have already noticed a massive increase in traffic.</p> <p>You may be aware there is a busy farm in Rowden Lane and a caravan storage company. All the caravan's and farm traffic now pass through Coppice Close. When all the houses are finished this is going to add hundreds of extra cars on to that one tiny estate road. Some of my neighbours already have four cars per home.</p> <p>Has this been considered? Also the block pavement on the bridge has already become loose and has sunken as a direct result of the increased traffic leaving the close. I have contacted the building company's to tell them the state of the road especially on the left hand side due to heavy traffic leaving but the building company's just promise to call me back. I have heard nothing from them. And nobody has been to asses the state of the road and the increased traffic. Over the summer every weekend I witnessed streams of caravan's and traffic leaving. I understand the important need for extra houses but this tiny little estate rood can not cope with the extra houses now the road layout has been changed in Rowden Lane.</p>
6. Resident of Coppice Close	email	<p>My family and I are writing to strongly object the proposed traffic restriction at the end of Rowden Lane. We live right on the corner of Coppice close, this means that we will constantly be bombarded with more traffic, noise and congestion. As it is, we</p>

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		<p>are constantly disrupted by large trucks and tractors making early deliveries. We will consider moving elsewhere if the Rowden Lane exit is close as it will become unbearable for us.</p> <p>We hope you will take our concern and those of other Coppice close residents in consideration.</p>
7. Anonymous	email	<p>I wish to register my objection to this notice.</p> <p>Due to the incompetence of the original planning agreement that allowed the Coppice Close Estate to be built with insufficient parking per household (1 space per 3 bedroom house) and no guest parking, one side of the road has constantly a line of parked traffic which then leaves the road as single file.</p> <p>To allow the houses that have been built in Rowden and then to still allow more houses to be built and then divert all the traffic down a single lane Road (Coppice) which then leads on to a busy road that can take on some mornings with only the existing traffic (20 mins to get onto Patterdown Road) is mind blowingly incompetent.</p> <p>Obviously the people that have agreed this or are considering do not live on this estate and do not realize that on Dustbin day the whole estate is gridlocked until the dustbin can get to a place that they can turn around as they have nowhere to pull in and no one can pass !!</p> <p>A tractor came through the estate the other day with trailer and could not get through all the parked cars and had to knock on doors to get people to move their cars and now you are trying to get more through !!</p> <p>Please – Please reject this this notice to ease the traffic flow and use some common sense and maybe start insisting on sufficient parking for when new estates are built !!</p> <p>I have no objection to new homes but please you have to give parking a min of 2 cars per house as buses just won't do !</p>
8. Resident of Rowden Lane	email	As objection 1 above

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9. Resident of Rowden Lane	email	<p>I wish to formally object to the above mentioned prohibition for the reasons stated below.</p> <p>On completion of the Redcliffe Homes development on Rowden lane an additional 110 Households will be required to exit via the Coppice Close junction as well as the existing 45 households in Coppice Close. At present Rowden Lane provides an alternative exit onto the A4 Bath Road.</p> <p>It is clear to anyone using Coppice Close that the road was not designed for this level of traffic as the road is relatively narrow and frequently congested by parked vehicles on both sides of the road. This already presents a hazard which can only be exacerbated by any increase in traffic volume resulting from only one exit.</p> <p>Also if the proposed ' Rowden Country Park' development is allowed to proceed as planned 145 new households would also be required to exit via the Coppice Close junction.</p> <p>The reason given on the Wiltshire Council website for the proposed prohibition is ' <i>For preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs</i> '.</p> <p>It is difficult if not impossible to see how the amenities of the residents of Coppice Close or Rowden Lane is improved by this ill considered prohibition and it should therefor be rejected.</p> <p>For your information the deeds to my property, and I believe those of my neighbours, grant me access to the A4 Bath Road via Rowden Lane. Can this Prohibition vary the terms of this deed?</p>
10. Resident of Coppice Close	email	<p>I wish to object to the proposal as there is far too much traffic coming through coppice close as it is without shutting off rowden lane, the residents from the new development will be forced to add to the congestion.</p> <p>I have personally witnessed a couple of near misses around the coppice close bend already and with the bottleneck this proposed closure will bring this will increase the chances of an incident even more.</p> <p>Also, this will bring with it even more pollution, noise and inevitably, the road will become blocked on the corner and this leads to the prospect of</p>

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		<p>residents falling out with each other, etc. It does not make sense to restrict the traffic in any way, so I object to this proposal</p>
11. Residents of Rowden Lane	email	As objection number 1
12. Resident of Rowden Lane	letter	As objection number 1
13. Resident of Rowden Lane	email	<p>Please accept this as my formal objection to the proposed prohibition.</p> <p>I have tried using the Coppice Close exit, and already find it an onerous task to navigate as the road is too narrow, and cars frequently double park. Even a wider than normal vehicle parked causes delay.</p> <p>When all of the proposed homes are completed getting out of Rowden - even using both Rowden Lane and Coppice Close- will become a serious challenge especially at rush hour.</p> <p>This will cause distress to hundreds of people every single day long after Redcliffe Homes has moved on.</p> <p>This is further compounded by the egregiously placed 'hairpin' curve near the Rowden Arms. It is virtually impossible for cars to pass each other there as it slopes as well. This also needs to be reviewed especially as a car parked here can delay the emergency services and cause an unnecessary tragedy. It is crucial that this curve be widened.</p> <p>I would be very grateful if you would give this some thought.</p>
14. Resident of Coppice Close	email	<p>I am writing on behalf of my mother who lives in Coppice Close, Chippenham to strongly object the plans to have all the traffic from the new Rowden Lane development exiting via Coppice Close. This will have a massive impact on traffic, noise, pollution and the safety of the children who live in the road. Surely if both exits are used this will help ease congestion at both exits?</p>
15. Resident of Rowden Lane	email	As objection number 1