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THE COUNTY OF WILTSHIRE (TROWBRIDGE) (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING, PROHIBITION OF STOPPING, TAXI RANK CLEARWAYS AND ON STREET PARKING) CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2019 EXPERIMENTAL ORDER (NO.1) 2020

Dear Sirs,
Reference

reference LJB/TRO/TROWexp1

Objection to the making of an Order for the purposes of indefinite continuation of the Experimental Order

I support the principle of the scheme for which the order was made. An order should be made, but it should be different from the Order.

A common problem with cycle facilities including this one is that they stop short of junctions. Many more collisions injuring cyclists occur at road junctions than at road links between junctions. People are deterred more from cycling a given route by its junctions, particularly roundabouts, than by conditions along the road. People cycling experience close passing by left turning motor vehicles for example.

The cycle facility made possible by the Order is only on one side of the road, so it only protects people cycling inbound, not outbound. This severely reduces improved road safety and cycle facilities, thus failing to encouraging significant modal shift, as people normally wish to make return journeys by the same mode. There is no obvious direct and protected cycle route in the reverse direction in the local road network.

These alterations should be in a varied Order:

A modified order should start at Hilperton Road roundabout not East of it. At the least, it should

A modified order should not end 220m East of that junction, at the West end of the signal controlled crossing, but extend for to the roundabout just West of Hilperton Village.

A modified order should also impose parking restrictions, and allow for the provision of a westbound cycle lane on the same length of road (see 1 and 2 above).

The choices of single or double yellow lines, mandatory or advisory cycle lanes, and provision of defender bollards throughout or only at certain points such as the starts and ends, should be reviewed, with consultation of cyclists and cycling organisations. I am a member and representative of Cycling UK and the current Convenor of the Transport Topic Group of Wiltshire Climate Alliance