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| <p>I am writing to oppose the application for the closure of Devizes Road, Hilperton.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I walk along the road regularly at different times of the day, and the number of vehicles that use the road is minimal. I rarely encounter more than 20 along the full stretch which can take 10-15 minutes to walk. 2. The road already has traffic calming that ensures speed is kept to a minimum. 3. As a keen cyclist using this route I do not encounter any vehicle issues. 4. If everyone wanted to close the roads past their homes, what impact would that have on the highway infrastructure? 5. Has a study actually been completed to evaluate the number of vehicles using this road as well as the speeds of vehicles, and how such a closure would serve the benefit of the wider community, not just the residents? 6. I assume if it is closed that the residents would thereafter be responsible for the upkeep and cost of their now "private" road and not burdening the local taxpayers who would be unable to use this public highway? | <p>Data collected in October 2021 recorded approximately 2,000 vehicle movements per day on Devizes Road. The data suggests that up to 1,500 vehicle movements per day may be classified as through movement.</p> <p>85th percentile traffic speeds were recorded at 26mph, which within the 20mph speed limit, exceeds the threshold for enforcement action.</p> <p>Removal of through traffic would ensure this route is lightly trafficked, improving the environment for cyclists and pedestrians and encouraging greater uptake of sustainable modes of travel. This in turn has a wider benefit on public health and the environment.</p> <p>The road will remain adopted highway, with access along Devizes Road either side of the modal filter. It will not become a private road and residents will not be required to contribute to maintenance.</p> |
| <p>The Statement of Wiltshire Council's Reasons for the proposal includes the following note:</p> <p><i>In consultation with its residents, Hilperton Parish Council have identified a local desire to prevent the through movement of vehicular traffic on Devizes Road, Hilperton in light of the construction of Elizabeth Way. The removal of through traffic will serve to encourage greater use of Devizes Road for walking and cycling, facilitating a link with surrounding cycle and pedestrian networks.</i></p> <p>The minutes of the Parish Council that discussed the proposal (19 Nov 2019) state that they conducted a survey including Devizes Road, Stourton Park and Hanewell Rise (Devizes Roadside), sending out 130 survey forms and receiving 65. The survey was based on 5 Options provided by Wiltshire Council. The minutes state that Option1 was preferred – the option that closes Devizes Road on the west side of the roundabout at its junction with Stourton Park. The minutes provide no information regarding any discussion of the survey results and I asked the Parish Council for details of the votes cast for each option so as to gauge their strength of support. However, this information was not forthcoming. At this juncture then the basis for the choice of Option1 seems somewhat arbitrary as the question is a little more complicated than a first past the post decision – if that is what it was.</p> <p>With the road closed as in Option 1 all residents that access their homes through Stourton Park and those of Devizes Road to the east of the roundabout will be cut off from direct access to the village requiring an extra 2 miles for a car journey to the village hall.</p> <p>The point made in the Reasons for the Proposal regarding increased use of Devizes Road for walking and cycling, facilitating a link with surrounding cycle and pedestrian networks is well made for recreational use but does not recognise the necessities of everyday living which amongst other things include shopping, getting children to the local schools, travel to work and delivery and postal services.</p> <p>Consequently, I consider the choice of Option 1 to be arbitrary and prejudicial basing my assessment on:</p> <p>Despite the parish Council reporting that Option 1 was preferred no rationale for this choice was provided and the strength of support for the other options was not reported.</p> <p>No reason was given for including only one side of Hanewell Rise in the survey. I live on the other side and would like to have been included.</p> <p>Closing the road on the west side of the roundabout will have the effect of cutting off a large number of residents from the village and require a 2 mile extra journey to the village hall.</p> <p>Closing Devizes Road on either side of the roundabout will have the same effect on “preventing through movement arising in light of the construction of Elizabeth Way”. Closing the Devizes Road on the other</p> | <p>The queries relating to the consultation by Hilperton Parish Council in 2019 can only be addressed by the Parish Council.</p> <p>Whilst the proposed closure point would restrict vehicle movements along Devizes Road, residents of Stourton Park and those to the east of the roundabout will be able to access facilities within the village by other means such as walking, cycling or wheeling without any detour. The distance when travelling by car from the Stourton Park mini-roundabout to the village hall on Whaddon Lane, as an example, would increase by approximately 1.1miles when using the A361, Trowbridge Road and Church Street as opposed to the current route using Devizes Road and Church Street to access Whaddon Lane.</p> <p>In terms of walking routes, again using Stourton Park to the village hall as an example, the route along Devizes Road, Church Street and Whaddon Lane is approximately 0.7miles. A shorter route using HILP29 footpath is also available. This links Devizes Road and Whaddon Lane directly, with the distance from Stourton Park mini-roundabout to the village hall being approximately 0.4miles using this route.</p> <p>It is acknowledged that not everyone will be able to take up alternative means of travel; however, for those who are able, these routes will be more attractive for walking, cycling and wheeling as a result of reduced traffic volumes.</p> <p>Any operational changes to roads that impact vehicular movement have an impact on drivers; however, the public highway is not solely for the benefit of motorised users.</p> <p>With regard to the operational aspects of the proposed modal filter, signing will be provided at each end of Devizes Road to advise drivers that this is no longer a through road. For vehicles who attempt to travel the length of the road despite this signing, those entering from the A361 may use the mini-roundabout to complete a turning movement. For those entering from Trowbridge Road, a turning area will be provided at the closure point to facilitate turning movements. These may also be used by the refuse vehicle etc if required.</p> <p>In light of comments received as part of this consultation process, the provision of an alternative modal filter location at the eastern end of Devizes Road at its junction with the A361 has been considered and opinions sought from the local elected Wiltshire Councillor and Parish Council.</p> <p>The Parish Council expressed no preference, although supported the proposal to which this report relates, and it was highlighted by the local Member that the proposed location has been put forward based on feedback from previous consultation with residents.</p> |

(east) side of the roundabout will achieve the objective without cutting off a large number of residents from reasonable access to the village.

Closing the road on either side of the roundabout will cut off those residents of Devizes Road that live on its eastern side.

If the Option to close the road on the west side of the roundabout is implemented then presumably some No Entry signs will be posted at either end of Devizes Road. Any vehicle that disregards these signs will need to turn round where the road is closed and the roundabout will facilitate this. However regardless of which side of the roundabout is chosen for closure that side will not benefit from a roundabout, requiring the vehicle to turn round in the narrow confines of the road. This might prove to be a major safety issue with large vehicles mounting paths in their manoeuvres. This argues against closing a road in the middle where both sides do not benefit from a roundabout.

As stated above some residents will be cut off from the village and have to take a longer journey to get there. I presume that this is simply a regrettable consequence of the option accepted by Wiltshire Council, but this must be weighed against the fact that traffic volume was I assume considered by the Council when planning permission was granted for building developments along Devizes Road and I can assure the Council that it was certainly considered by some if not all of the buyers of those houses. Again, I am sure that the Council considered all traffic issues when permission was granted for Elizabeth Way. Consequently, changing access to Devizes Road for villagers in the manner proposed is not only arbitrary but prejudicial.

If local traffic from Stourton Park is considered so material that it should be denied full access to Devizes Road then presumably all other local traffic along the road should be similarly considered requiring a change to the point of closure.

I did ask the Parish Council for details of the strength of support for each option but this was not forthcoming. The poor response to the survey calls into question the strength of the local desire for change and the lack of knowledge of the support each option gained does not allow the choice of Option 1 to be properly assessed.

Given that the objective of the proposal is to” prevent the through movement of vehicular traffic on Devizes Road, Hilperton in light of the construction of Elizabeth Way” there would be no downside to adopting the Wiltshire Council’s Option to close Devizes Road at the eastern end of the road where it meets the A361. This would deliver the objective while not prejudicing the interest of any of the village residents. It would also reduce the problems of road users who ignore Road Closed/No Entry signs turning round and creating a safety issue.

I ask that Wiltshire Council reconsiders the current proposal and adopts the Option which closes Devizes Road at its eastern end where it connects to the A361.

And with the whole road closed it would deliver an even bigger service to “encourage greater use of Devizes Road for walking and cycling, facilitating a link with surrounding cycle and pedestrian networks” without complicating the lives of local residents.

I am writing to express my concern regarding bollards being placed at the mini roundabout on the Devizes Road.

I am a resident of Stourton Park for 17 years and I now believe that I am being cut off from my community and neighbours. I usually turn left into the village and rarely right towards the rugby club. I am an active member of the village and frequently use the village hall.

I am dismayed that this is a possible plan. Sometimes planning is not effective for progress.

Please don’t do this for the greater good of the Hilperton residents and elderly community who don’t want to drive out to a busy road with a possibility of McDonalds traffic.

Whilst the proposed closure point would restrict vehicle movements along Devizes Road, residents of Stourton Park and those to the east of the roundabout will be able to access facilities within the village by other means such as walking, cycling or wheeling without any detour. The distance when travelling by car from the Stourton Park mini-roundabout to the village hall on Whaddon Lane, as an example, would increase by approximately 1.1miles when using the A361, Trowbridge Road and Church Street as opposed to the current route using Devizes Road and Church Street to access Whaddon Lane.

In terms of walking routes, again using Stourton Park to the village hall as an example, the route along Devizes Road, Church Street and Whaddon Lane is approximately 0.7miles. A shorter route using HILP29 footpath is also available. This links Devizes Road and Whaddon Lane directly, with the distance from

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| | <p>Stourton Park mini-roundabout to the village hall being approximately 0.4miles using this route.</p> <p>It is acknowledged that not everyone will be able to take up alternative means of travel; however, for those who are able, these routes will be more attractive for walking, cycling and wheeling as a result of reduced traffic volumes.</p> <p>The planning application submitted by McDonalds for a fast-food restaurant alongside the A361 has been refused by Wiltshire Council.</p> |
| <p>So upset to hear the Council are planning to make changes to Devizes Rd at Stourton Park location, Hilperton, Trowbridge.</p> <p>While I agree that Devizes Rd is used as a rat run and changes are required, my thoughts would suggest a one way starting at the entrance to Devizes Rd at the A361 end.</p> <p>This would allow all the residents to have easy access to the village, rather than have to go all the way around the bypass to get to the village.</p> <p>Stopping the traffic coming from Stourton Park will isolate us from our community.</p> <p>It will not stop the determined drivers from bypassing the no entry as it surely will not be policed and easily flouted.</p> <p>I hope this plan is re considered.</p> | <p>The provision of a one-way system on Devizes Road from the A361 to Church Street would make the route much more attractive as a through route for vehicles travelling between the A361 and Trowbridge as they will be able to complete this journey without any conflict with opposing traffic. Vehicle speeds are also likely to increase due to the lack of opposing flow.</p> <p>Whilst a one-way system would allow residents to travel west into the village, residents returning from the village or amenities to the west would be required to use the A361 to return to Devizes Road. Similarly, all residents wishing to travel east by motor vehicle would be required to use Trowbridge Road and the A361.</p> <p>A one-way system would create additional issues for residents of Devizes Road and the roads leading from it and would not offer any overall benefit.</p> <p>The proposed modal filter would include physical changes as well as signing that will prevent through movement by vehicles, albeit in a manner that will allow removal for emergency access if required.</p> |
| <p>We are strongly opposed to the proposal to close Devizes Road HILPTERTON to through traffic.</p> <p>This action will isolate a large number of residential properties from having direct vehicular access to our local village centre and our community. The proposal would add 2 miles to every round trip we make to the local hospitality, schools, play parks, church, allotments, village hall and other local residents when using a motor vehicle to travel into the community centre. Further, this will add unnecessary mileage on trips to Trowbridge, Staverton and beyond; including shopping, doctors visits, hospital access, etc etc.</p> <p>We are a family of keen cyclists & walkers, and have never felt Devizes Road to be challenging or dangerous. There is already a great deal of traffic calming measures and a 20mph speed limit in place on Devizes Road. The network of existing cycle paths which run broadly parallel with Devizes Road have well served access. We regularly cycle with young children on this path network, with TROWBRIDGE being easily accessible using off road /quite roads options. Greater use of this existing resource should be made to improve sustainable transport in this area. I would suggest directing all of our local traffic on a detour of the A361 and 50mph limit area would increase the accident risk for local residents.</p> <p>In my opinion this proposal will have limited impact on improving sustainable transport options, as a cycle path is already in very close proximity. It will however negatively impact the connection of residents to OUR community.</p> <p>The published Statement of Reasons for this proposal states a “local desire” has been identified in support. I would like to know how this has been established, and to what extent the silent majority on this matter have been properly engaged with? I note the timing of public notices during the summer holidays may limit response (I missed the first two weeks myself). Also, there are no notices in locations to the West or East of the proposed installation, thus giving awareness to impacted residents living a short distance from the cited location.</p> <p>In summary, I believe this action will have greater negative impact on the residents to the east of Hilperton village, than any possible advantages to those stating a local desire. Given that access to the well-planned cycle network / green lanes around Paxcroft and leading into Trowbridge I fail to see how this will improve the already impressive sustainable transport options in this area.</p> | <p>Whilst the proposed closure point would restrict vehicle movements along Devizes Road, residents of Stourton Park and those to the east of the roundabout will be able to access facilities within the village by other means such as walking, cycling or wheeling without any detour. The distance when travelling by car from the Stourton Park mini-roundabout to the village hall on Whaddon Lane, as an example, would increase by approximately 1.1miles when using the A361, Trowbridge Road and Church Street as opposed to the current route using Devizes Road and Church Street to access Whaddon Lane.</p> <p>In terms of walking routes, again using Stourton Park to the village hall as an example, the route along Devizes Road, Church Street and Whaddon Lane is approximately 0.7miles. A shorter route using HILP29 footpath is also available. This links Devizes Road and Whaddon Lane directly, with the distance from Stourton Park mini-roundabout to the village hall being approximately 0.4miles using this route.</p> <p>Data collected in October 2021 recorded approximately 2,000 vehicle movements per day on Devizes Road. The data suggests that up to 1,500 vehicle movements per day may be classified as through movement.</p> <p>85th percentile traffic speeds were recorded at 26mph, which within the 20mph speed limit, exceeds the threshold for enforcement action.</p> <p>Removal of through traffic would ensure this route is lightly trafficked, improving the environment for cyclists and pedestrians and encouraging greater uptake of sustainable modes of travel. This in turn has a wider benefit on public health and the environment.</p> <p>The proposals were advertised from the 11 August to the 11 September, allowing an additional week for consultation due to the summer holiday period. School summer holidays in Wiltshire ended on the 31 August.</p> <p>In addition to notices posted on site, the consultation notices were published in the local press, on the Wiltshire Council website and in the local library.</p> <p>There is a well-developed cycle network around Hilperton; however, there are key links that are missing when considering the wider active travel network and the journeys users are seeking to make.</p> |

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| <p>I understand that shortly the Devizes Road in Hilperton is to be narrowed when it becomes a cycle path. I also understand it will be blocked in order to stop through vehicles.</p> <p>I moved to Hilperton in 2001 when I bought a house in Hanewell Rise which is off of Stourton Park. I love living in the village and over the years it has been lovely driving along Devizes Road and round the roundabout at the Lion and Fiddle into the village, or continuing straight on into Trowbridge itself. Since I have lived here Devizes Road has always been very quiet as all the heavy traffic has used the Hilperton Bypass.</p> <p>I have heard that in the near future, vehicles leaving Stourton Park will not be allowed to turn left on the roundabout towards Hilperton or Trowbridge. This of course means everyone east of the mini-roundabout living on or off of Devizes Road will have to turn towards Semington and travel along the Hilperton Bypass if they need to go into the village of Hilperton or Trowbridge.</p> <p>Whoever has come up with this idea has not given a single thought to the people who live off the Devizes Road and consider themselves residents of Hilperton being isolated from the village.</p> <p>However, I suppose if the closure goes ahead at the end of Stourton Park and one is forced to turn right then "The Powers that Be" don't consider we are residents of Hilperton and couldn't care less how we feel as we will be isolated from the village.</p> <p>One way to stop us being isolated is to block Devizes Road, at the roundabout onto the A361.</p> <p>One further consideration must also be given to the possibility that if the McDonald's drive-thru restaurant is granted planning permission, sooner or later, then everyone living on or off the Devizes Road east of the mini-roundabout at Stourton Park will have to drive past and look at McDonald's.</p> | <p>Whilst the proposed closure point would restrict vehicle movements along Devizes Road, residents of Stourton Park and those to the east of the roundabout will be able to access facilities within the village by other means such as walking, cycling or wheeling without any detour. The distance when travelling by car from the Stourton Park mini-roundabout to the village hall on Whaddon Lane, as an example, would increase by approximately 1.1miles when using the A361, Trowbridge Road and Church Street as opposed to the current route using Devizes Road and Church Street to access Whaddon Lane.</p> <p>In terms of walking routes, again using Stourton Park to the village hall as an example, the route along Devizes Road, Church Street and Whaddon Lane is approximately 0.7miles. A shorter route using HILP29 footpath is also available. This links Devizes Road and Whaddon Lane directly, with the distance from Stourton Park mini-roundabout to the village hall being approximately 0.4miles using this route.</p> <p>It is acknowledged that not everyone will be able to take up alternative means of travel; however, for those who are able, these routes will be more attractive for walking, cycling and wheeling as a result of reduced traffic volumes.</p> <p>Any operational changes to roads that impact vehicular movement have an impact on drivers; however, the public highway is not solely for the benefit of motorised users.</p> <p>In light of comments received as part of this consultation process, the provision of an alternative modal filter location at the eastern end of Devizes Road at its junction with the A361 has been considered and opinions sought from the local elected Wiltshire Councillor and Parish Council.</p> <p>The Parish Council expressed no preference, although supported the proposal to which this report relates, and it was highlighted by the local Member that the proposed location has been put forward based on feedback from previous consultation with residents.</p> <p>The planning application submitted by McDonalds for a fast-food restaurant alongside the A361 has been refused by Wiltshire Council.</p> |
| <p>I would like to strongly object to your proposal of blocking Devizes Road at the left hand side,of the roundabout so we have to turn right to go to Hilperton village via A361 which is already quite congested. I could more understand it if you blocked the right-hand side then at least we are not isolated from the village. I think we were asked our thoughts on shutting Devizes Road and the majority went for blocking the right side of the roundabout which would still keep us within the village.</p> | <p>This position is proposed as a result of information gathered during a local consultation undertaken by Hilperton Parish Council in 2019.</p> <p>In light of comments received as part of this consultation process, the provision of an alternative modal filter location at the eastern end of Devizes Road at its junction with the A361 has been considered and opinions sought from the local elected Wiltshire Councillor and Parish Council.</p> <p>The Parish Council expressed no preference, although supported the proposal to which this report relates, and it was highlighted by the local Member that the proposed location has been put forward based on feedback from previous consultation with residents.</p> |
| <p>I wish to strongly reject your plans to block off Devizes Road and turn it into a no through road. I use this route to travel to work everyday and take my children to college. The road is not abused or overused by through traffic, as most people who are not residents of our area, use the fast road. I do not see the point in changing anything. It will just be forcing local people to waste time and money by taking a 1.5 mile detour.</p> | <p>Data collected in October 2021 recorded approximately 2,000 vehicle movements per day on Devizes Road. The data suggests that up to 1,500 vehicle movements per day may be classified as through movement.</p> <p>85th percentile traffic speeds were recorded at 26mph, which within the 20mph speed limit, exceeds the threshold for enforcement action.</p> <p>Removal of through traffic would ensure this route is lightly trafficked, improving the environment for cyclists and pedestrians and encouraging greater uptake of sustainable modes of travel. This in turn has a wider benefit on public health and the environment.</p> <p>As an example of alternative transport modes, and using Wiltshire College as an example, the X34 offers a regular bus service between Hilperton and Wiltshire College with students with valid student ID able to travel for child fare prices.</p> |

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| | <p>The 'Connecting Wiltshire' website provides a useful tool for identifying walking and cycling routes with timings for how long the journey will take. The route from Devizes Road to Wiltshire College by cycle uses dedicated cycle facilities and lightly trafficked routes and is estimated to take 17minutes.</p> |
| <p>I wish to raise my concerns regarding the proposed alteration of Devizes Road into a one-way route, specifically in relation to the proposal to install bollards that would only permit right-turn access from Stourton Park.</p> <p>After reviewing the proposal documents, I am troubled by the claim made by Hilperton Parish Council that they have consulted with Hilperton residents. As a resident myself, I can affirm that I have not been consulted. No prior notification was issued to inform us of these discussions, and my awareness of this proposal is purely coincidental. The small signage placed on a lamppost near a roundabout is inadequate and easily overlooked, particularly by residents who do not frequent that specific route or who might be driving. To ensure a comprehensive and inclusive consultation process, it is imperative to engage directly with residents significantly impacted by this proposal or, at the very least, extend the effort to contact residents directly.</p> <p>My primary objections to this proposal are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed restrictions at this point would effectively isolate us from Hilperton Village, which is our community. We strongly desire to remain an integral part of this village and maintain our access to our homes. • The proposed restrictions would require us to turn right and navigate the roundabout to access A361, which is already a heavily congested road. With the planned construction of new houses, traffic on A361 is expected to increase further. The current difficulties in exiting onto A361 are compounded by the continuous flow of traffic in both directions at high speeds. This alteration would heighten the risk of accidents, increase vehicular emissions and pollution, and significantly extend the time required for essential journeys. • Implementation of this proposal would also impact essential services such as waste disposal and postal services. They would either need to alter their routes or travel longer distances, contributing to increased pollution and inefficiency. • If the goal is genuinely to reduce traffic, it would be more sensible to establish the cutoff point near the top of Devizes Road, close to the cycle crossing. This way, all residents of Devizes Road, including those in Stourton Park, can conveniently access Hilperton and the town center. This is particularly pertinent given the planned housing developments along A361. • Devizes Road is not a heavily congested thoroughfare. I frequently walk my dog on Devizes Road at different times of the day. While I understand the desire to discourage the use of this road as a bypass to A361, I believe that few drivers actually utilize it for this purpose. Alternative, less intrusive measures, such as additional or larger speed bumps, could be explored to address this concern without penalizing local <p>In conclusion, I kindly request that further consideration be given to these objections and concerns in the decision-making process. A more comprehensive and consultative approach is necessary to address the</p> | <p>The queries relating to the consultation by Hilperton Parish Council in 2019 can only be addressed by the Parish Council.</p> <p>The proposals were advertised from the 11 August to the 11 September, allowing an additional week for consultation due to the summer holiday period. School summer holidays in Wiltshire ended on the 31 August.</p> <p>In addition to notices posted on site, the consultation notices were published in the local press, on the Wiltshire Council website and in the local library.</p> <p>Whilst the proposed closure point would restrict vehicle movements along Devizes Road, residents of Stourton Park and those to the east of the roundabout will be able to access facilities within the village by other means such as walking, cycling or wheeling without any detour. 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Vehicles are required to give-way to the right when using the roundabout, therefore allowing opportunity for safe access to and egress from Devizes Road.</p> <p>Data collected in October 2021 recorded approximately 2,000 vehicle movements per day on Devizes Road. The data suggests that up to 1,500 vehicle movements per day may be classified as through movement.</p> |

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| <p>needs and perspectives of the residents directly affected by these proposed changes.</p> | <p>85th percentile traffic speeds were recorded at 26mph, which within the 20mph speed limit, exceeds the threshold for enforcement action.</p> <p>Removal of through traffic would ensure this route is lightly trafficked, improving the environment for cyclists and pedestrians and encouraging greater uptake of sustainable modes of travel. This in turn has a wider benefit on public health and the environment.</p> |
| <p>I object to the road closing at Stourton Pk as it will isolates us, some of the houses in Devizes Rd who have been there for many years and houses built when Blue Hills was demolished from being part of the village community. I send a lot of time in the village and will have to drive further and use a dangerous road which doesn't do much for the Environment. The properties mentioned will no longer feel part of Hilperton but will be closer to Semington. Community bodies will also be doing extra miles, again bad for the environment.</p> <p>The Paxcroft roundabout and traffic on the A361 will be more congested and busier, especially if McDonald is allowed to be to be built and the proposed new estate.</p> <p>At least two new housing estates have been built since the original proposal was discussed and voted for.</p> | <p>Whilst the proposed closure point would restrict vehicle movements along Devizes Road, residents of Stourton Park and those to the east of the roundabout will be able to access facilities within the village by other means such as walking, cycling or wheeling without any detour. The distance when travelling by car from the Stourton Park mini-roundabout to the village hall on Whaddon Lane, as an example, would increase by approximately 1.1miles when using the A361, Trowbridge Road and Church Street as opposed to the current route using Devizes Road and Church Street to access Whaddon Lane.</p> <p>In terms of walking routes, again using Stourton Park to the village hall as an example, the route along Devizes Road, Church Street and Whaddon Lane is approximately 0.7miles. A shorter route using HILP29 footpath is also available. This links Devizes Road and Whaddon Lane directly, with the distance from Stourton Park mini-roundabout to the village hall being approximately 0.4miles using this route.</p> <p>It is acknowledged that not everyone will be able to take up alternative means of travel; however, for those who are able, these routes will be more attractive for walking, cycling and wheeling as a result of reduced traffic volumes.</p> <p>The planning application submitted by McDonalds for a fast-food restaurant alongside the A361 has been refused by Wiltshire Council.</p> |
| <p>I object to Devizes Road Hilperton being closed because it is an exit out of Hilperton toward Melksham & Devizes should there be a major incident/road closure on any of the other routes out of Hilperton. I am against any roads being closed</p> | <p>The proposed modal filter would include physical changes as well as signing that will prevent through movement by vehicles; however, this will be constructed in a manner that will allow removal for emergency access if required.</p> |
| <p>This will increase traffic on the A361 by the Rugby Club, access which is already difficult each morning at peak times. Increase in risk of accidents as people push out onto the A361. This will reduce access to Hilperton Village/ Village Hall Residents will be inconvenienced severely and isolated from our community in Hilperton village. Access to Woolley, Holt, Bradford on Avon and Bath via Staverton severely impacted.</p> <p>The road already has calming humps thereby reducing through traffic. What is to be gained by this?</p> | <p>Whilst the proposed closure point would restrict vehicle movements along Devizes Road, residents of Stourton Park and those to the east of the roundabout will be able to access facilities within the village by other means such as walking, cycling or wheeling without any detour. The distance when travelling by car from the Stourton Park mini-roundabout to the village hall on Whaddon Lane, as an example, would increase by approximately 1.1miles when using the A361, Trowbridge Road and Church Street as opposed to the current route using Devizes Road and Church Street to access Whaddon Lane.</p> <p>In terms of walking routes, again using Stourton Park to the village hall as an example, the route along Devizes Road, Church Street and Whaddon Lane is approximately 0.7miles. A shorter route using HILP29 footpath is also available. This links Devizes Road and Whaddon Lane directly, with the distance from Stourton Park mini-roundabout to the village hall being approximately 0.4miles using this route.</p> <p>It is acknowledged that not everyone will be able to take up alternative means of travel; however, for those who are able, these routes will be more attractive for walking, cycling and wheeling as a result of reduced traffic volumes.</p> <p>Any operational changes to roads that impact vehicular movement have an impact on drivers; however, the public highway is not solely for the benefit of motorised users.</p> <p>Devizes Road meets the A361 at a large roundabout. Vehicles are required to give-way to the right when using the roundabout, therefore allowing opportunity for safe access to and egress from Devizes Road. There has been one reported injury collision at the A361 roundabout in the 3 years preceding this report, resulting in slight injury to one motorist.</p> |

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| | <p>Data collected in October 2021 recorded approximately 2,000 vehicle movements per day on Devizes Road. The data suggests that up to 1,500 vehicle movements per day may be classified as through movement.</p> <p>85th percentile traffic speeds were recorded at 26mph, which within the 20mph speed limit, exceeds the threshold for enforcement action.</p> <p>Removal of through traffic would ensure this route is lightly trafficked, improving the environment for cyclists and pedestrians and encouraging greater uptake of sustainable modes of travel. This in turn has a wider benefit on public health and the environment.</p> |
| <p>We live on Stourton Park which is part of Hilperton village and use the village hall on a regular basis. If the road closure were to go ahead, it would mean that we would have to turn right out of Stourton Park and join the already busy A361, drive along the Hilperton bypass, negotiate another three roundabouts before arriving in the village. What is normally a quick drive down the road would therefore take longer and in effect isolate us from Hilperton village which our community. The existing route into the village centre is a quiet whilst the new route would expose us to an increased accident risk. We are unable to see any benefit from closing the road at the suggested point.</p> | <p>Whilst the proposed closure point would restrict vehicle movements along Devizes Road, residents of Stourton Park and those to the east of the roundabout will be able to access facilities within the village by other means such as walking, cycling or wheeling without any detour. The distance when travelling by car from the Stourton Park mini-roundabout to the village hall on Whaddon Lane, as an example, would increase by approximately 1.1miles when using the A361, Trowbridge Road and Church Street as opposed to the current route using Devizes Road and Church Street to access Whaddon Lane.</p> <p>In terms of walking routes, again using Stourton Park to the village hall as an example, the route along Devizes Road, Church Street and Whaddon Lane is approximately 0.7miles. A shorter route using HILP29 footpath is also available. This links Devizes Road and Whaddon Lane directly, with the distance from Stourton Park mini-roundabout to the village hall being approximately 0.4miles using this route.</p> <p>It is acknowledged that not everyone will be able to take up alternative means of travel; however, for those who are able, these routes will be more attractive for walking, cycling and wheeling as a result of reduced traffic volumes.</p> <p>Any operational changes to roads that impact vehicular movement have an impact on drivers; however, the public highway is not solely for the benefit of motorised users.</p> <p>Data collected in October 2021 recorded approximately 2,000 vehicle movements per day on Devizes Road. The data suggests that up to 1,500 vehicle movements per day may be classified as through movement.</p> <p>85th percentile traffic speeds were recorded at 26mph, which within the 20mph speed limit, exceeds the threshold for enforcement action.</p> <p>Removal of through traffic would ensure this route is lightly trafficked, improving the environment for cyclists and pedestrians and encouraging greater uptake of sustainable modes of travel. This in turn has a wider benefit on public health and the environment.</p> |
| <p>I would like to raise an objection to the proposal to make Devizes Road one way, but particularly the proposal to put bollards so you are only able to turn right out of Stourton park.</p> <p>Having read the documents I am concerned that Hilperton Parish Council have said they have consulted with Hilperton residents. As one of those residents I have not been consulted with, no notification was given to us to say it was being discussed and it is only by luck that I saw the proposal. A few small signs on a lamp post by a roundabout is not accessible and can easily be missed. Not all residents walk that way and you would miss it if you were driving. If it's possible (it's needed), a more detailed consultation needs to happen with those residents directly and significantly impacted by this proposal, or at least an extension to allow for residents to be directly contacted.</p> <p>My main reasons for objecting to this proposal are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is not a busy road (as I said I back on to it and frequently cycle on it with my young children). Whilst I get the wish to deter drivers using this as a bypass to A361 I don't think many do, but there | <p>The queries relating to the consultation by Hilperton Parish Council in 2019 can only be addressed by the Parish Council.</p> <p>The proposals were advertised from the 11 August to the 11 September, allowing an additional week for consultation due to the summer holiday period. School summer holidays in Wiltshire ended on the 31 August.</p> <p>In addition to notices posted on site, the consultation notices were published in the local press, on the Wiltshire Council website and in the local library.</p> <p>Whilst the proposed closure point would restrict vehicle movements along Devizes Road, residents of Stourton Park and those to the east of the roundabout will be able to access facilities within the village by other means such as walking, cycling or wheeling without any detour. The distance when travelling by car from the Stourton Park mini-roundabout to the village hall on Whaddon Lane, as an example, would increase by approximately 1.1miles when using the A361, Trowbridge Road and Church Street as opposed to the current route using Devizes Road and Church Street to access Whaddon Lane.</p> |

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| <p>are other deterrents that could be used that would not penalise local residents eg. more/larger speed bumps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restricting our access at the point suggested effectively cuts us off from Hilperton village which is our village. We wish to remain part of this village and to have access to where we live. Restricting our access at the point requires us to turn right and use the roundabout to go onto the A361 which is an extremely busy road and will become more so with the new houses being built. Access is already extremely challenging given the constant stream of traffic both ways on the A361 and at fast speeds. It is difficult to get out and therefore will increase risks of accidents, increased car fumes/pollution and add significant time for essential car journeys. This will have an impact on services such as waste services, royal mail who will have to either change their routes and/or have longer delivery routes, adding to pollution. <p>Where it is proposed to put the bollards makes no sense to me or others I have spoken to. If this really is necessary to reduce traffic then it would make more sense to have the cut-off point at the top of Devizes road, near the cycle crossing so all residents of Devizes road (including Stourton park) can easily access Hilperton and the town centre. Even more so with all the planned developments for housing happening along the A361.</p> | <p>In terms of walking routes, again using Stourton Park to the village hall as an example, the route along Devizes Road, Church Street and Whaddon Lane is approximately 0.7miles. A shorter route using HILP29 footpath is also available. This links Devizes Road and Whaddon Lane directly, with the distance from Stourton Park mini-roundabout to the village hall being approximately 0.4miles using this route.</p> <p>It is acknowledged that not everyone will be able to take up alternative means of travel; however, for those who are able, these routes will be more attractive for walking, cycling and wheeling as a result of reduced traffic volumes.</p> <p>Any operational changes to roads that impact vehicular movement have an impact on drivers; however, the public highway is not solely for the benefit of motorised users.</p> <p>With regard to the operational aspects of the proposed modal filter, signing will be provided at each end of Devizes Road to advise drivers that this is no longer a through road. For vehicles who attempt to travel the length of the road despite this signing, those entering from the A361 may use the mini-roundabout to complete a turning movement. For those entering from Trowbridge Road, a turning area will be provided at the closure point to facilitate turning movements. These may also be used by the refuse vehicle etc if required.</p> <p>In light of comments received as part of this consultation process, the provision of an alternative modal filter location at the eastern end of Devizes Road at its junction with the A361 has been considered and opinions sought from the local elected Wiltshire Councillor and Parish Council.</p> <p>The Parish Council expressed no preference, although supported the proposal to which this report relates, and it was highlighted by the local Member that the proposed location has been put forward based on feedback from previous consultation with residents.</p> <p>Devizes Road meets the A361 at a large roundabout. Vehicles are required to give-way to the right when using the roundabout, therefore allowing opportunity for safe access to and egress from Devizes Road.</p> <p>Data collected in October 2021 recorded approximately 2,000 vehicle movements per day on Devizes Road. The data suggests that up to 1,500 vehicle movements per day may be classified as through movement.</p> <p>85th percentile traffic speeds were recorded at 26mph, which within the 20mph speed limit, exceeds the threshold for enforcement action.</p> <p>Removal of through traffic would ensure this route is lightly trafficked, improving the environment for cyclists and pedestrians and encouraging greater uptake of sustainable modes of travel. This in turn has a wider benefit on public health and the environment.</p> |
| <p>Please accept this email as a formal objection to Wiltshire Councils proposal to block access to Hilperton Village via Devizes Road i.e blocking vehicle traffic at the Stourton Park mini roundabout.</p> | <p>The objection is noted.</p> |
| <p>I would like to raise my objection on the Dividing of Devizes Road, Trowbridge. At the Stourton Park Roundabout.</p> <p>This is an insensitive decision as you would be Isolating those that Live in Stourton Park, Hanewell Rise, Norris Road and the houses that are located after the Stourton Park Roundabout.</p> <p>Many of us have lived here for 20 or more years and pride ourselves being part of Village Life. By Closing the roundabout here would cause separation from the Village and being part of the community and would be extremely unfair to those residents.</p> | <p>Whilst the proposed closure point would restrict vehicle movements along Devizes Road, residents of Stourton Park and those to the east of the roundabout will be able to access facilities within the village by other means such as walking, cycling or wheeling without any detour. The distance when travelling by car from the Stourton Park mini-roundabout to the village hall on Whaddon Lane, as an example, would increase by approximately 1.1miles when using the A361, Trowbridge Road and Church Street as opposed to the current route using Devizes Road and Church Street to access Whaddon Lane.</p> <p>In terms of walking routes, again using Stourton Park to the village hall as an example, the route along Devizes Road, Church Street and Whaddon Lane is approximately 0.7miles. A shorter route using HILP29 footpath is also available. This links Devizes Road and Whaddon Lane directly, with the distance from</p> |

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| <p>The round closure should be at the end of Devizes Road at the larger roundabout near to the new housing development and the Proposed Macdonald site. This would help in the decrease of cars joining the round about and congestion created by any extra junctions in the future.</p> <p>I understand that the road is being closed for various reasons, especially for the cars using it as a cut through to reach the A361, however, it makes more sense to close at the end than split the road in the middle.</p> | <p>Stourton Park mini-roundabout to the village hall being approximately 0.4miles using this route.</p> <p>It is acknowledged that not everyone will be able to take up alternative means of travel; however, for those who are able, these routes will be more attractive for walking, cycling and wheeling as a result of reduced traffic volumes.</p> <p>Any operational changes to roads that impact vehicular movement have an impact on drivers; however, the public highway is not solely for the benefit of motorised users.</p> <p>With regard to the operational aspects of the proposed modal filter, signing will be provided at each end of Devizes Road to advise drivers that this is no longer a through road. For vehicles who attempt to travel the length of the road despite this signing, those entering from the A361 may use the mini-roundabout to complete a turning movement. For those entering from Trowbridge Road, a turning area will be provided at the closure point to facilitate turning movements. These may also be used by the refuse vehicle etc if required.</p> <p>In light of comments received as part of this consultation process, the provision of an alternative modal filter location at the eastern end of Devizes Road at its junction with the A361 has been considered and opinions sought from the local elected Wiltshire Councillor and Parish Council.</p> <p>The Parish Council expressed no preference, although supported the proposal to which this report relates, and it was highlighted by the local Member that the proposed location has been put forward based on feedback from previous consultation with residents.</p> <p>In terms of the current proposal, more comments have been received in support than in objection to the proposed closure and only five respondents requested consideration be given to relocating the modal filter.</p> |
| <p>I hereby register my objection to Wiltshire Council's proposal to block Devizes Road to traffic at the Stourton Park mini roundabout. If this goes ahead, it will make Stourton Park an isolated standalone housing estate, separate from the Village of Hilperton and its amenity.</p> <p>As residents, we wish to remain part of Hilperton and not be cut off from it.</p> <p>Please reconsider your proposal and instead consider blocking access from entering Devizes Road at the main A361 Roundabout (where Devizes Road meets Hilperton Drive).</p> | <p>Whilst the proposed closure point would restrict vehicle movements along Devizes Road, residents of Stourton Park and those to the east of the roundabout will be able to access facilities within the village by other means such as walking, cycling or wheeling without any detour. The distance when travelling by car from the Stourton Park mini-roundabout to the village hall on Whaddon Lane, as an example, would increase by approximately 1.1miles when using the A361, Trowbridge Road and Church Street as opposed to the current route using Devizes Road and Church Street to access Whaddon Lane.</p> <p>In terms of walking routes, again using Stourton Park to the village hall as an example, the route along Devizes Road, Church Street and Whaddon Lane is approximately 0.7miles. A shorter route using HILP29 footpath is also available. This links Devizes Road and Whaddon Lane directly, with the distance from Stourton Park mini-roundabout to the village hall being approximately 0.4miles using this route.</p> <p>It is acknowledged that not everyone will be able to take up alternative means of travel; however, for those who are able, these routes will be more attractive for walking, cycling and wheeling as a result of reduced traffic volumes.</p> <p>Any operational changes to roads that impact vehicular movement have an impact on drivers; however, the public highway is not solely for the benefit of motorised users.</p> <p>With regard to the operational aspects of the proposed modal filter, signing will be provided at each end of Devizes Road to advise drivers that this is no longer a through road. For vehicles who attempt to travel the length of the road despite this signing, those entering from the A361 may use the mini-roundabout to complete a turning movement. For those entering from Trowbridge Road, a turning area will be provided at the closure point to facilitate turning movements. These may also be used by the refuse vehicle etc if required.</p> <p>In light of comments received as part of this consultation process, the provision of an alternative modal filter location at the eastern end of Devizes Road at its junction with the A361 has been considered and opinions sought from the local elected Wiltshire Councillor and Parish Council.</p> |

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| | <p>The Parish Council expressed no preference, although supported the proposal to which this report relates, and it was highlighted by the local Member that the proposed location has been put forward based on feedback from previous consultation with residents.</p> |
| <p>We write with regard to the above road closure to voice our objections to where the road is to be closed. The application shows this as being before the mini roundabout at Stourton Park. This will mean the entire cul-de-sac, which has been built up over a number of years will need to turn right out of the estate and feed on to the busy bypass to travel to Hilperton or Trowbridge.</p> <p>All of our addresses are of “Hilperton” and we are going to be cut off from Hilperton village and become part of the wider development. We would have thought the sensible option would have been to have the cut-off point at the top of the road, near the cycle crossing, so all residents on the Devizes Road (including Stourton Park) can easily feed back into Hilperton village and the town centre. With all the potential development due to take place over the next few years, this will make entering the roundabout at Paxcroft Farm even harder. Even now at peak times, there is a huge volume of traffic on the roundabout from Trowbridge to Melksham and it is already not easy to filter into the traffic stream.</p> <p>We feel this also makes no sense from a practice point of view for say the refuse collection, where your employees will presumably only be able to get so far and then have to go right the way round the bypass to complete their usual bins collections. Similarly, other services like the post delivery would have the same problem along with any other deliveries.</p> <p>Some time ago we were asked for our opinion on where any road closure should take place and from speaking to neighbours at the time, we cannot recall any suggesting half way up the lane as this just doesn't seem to make any sense for the reasons above. No feedback or information was sent to us following that “consultation”. Could you let us know what the outcome of that was please?</p> | <p>Whilst the proposed closure point would restrict vehicle movements along Devizes Road, residents of Stourton Park and those to the east of the roundabout will be able to access facilities within the village by other means such as walking, cycling or wheeling without any detour. The distance when travelling by car from the Stourton Park mini-roundabout to the village hall on Whaddon Lane, as an example, would increase by approximately 1.1miles when using the A361, Trowbridge Road and Church Street as opposed to the current route using Devizes Road and Church Street to access Whaddon Lane.</p> <p>In terms of walking routes, again using Stourton Park to the village hall as an example, the route along Devizes Road, Church Street and Whaddon Lane is approximately 0.7miles. A shorter route using HILP29 footpath is also available. This links Devizes Road and Whaddon Lane directly, with the distance from Stourton Park mini-roundabout to the village hall being approximately 0.4miles using this route.</p> <p>It is acknowledged that not everyone will be able to take up alternative means of travel; however, for those who are able, these routes will be more attractive for walking, cycling and wheeling as a result of reduced traffic volumes.</p> <p>Any operational changes to roads that impact vehicular movement have an impact on drivers; however, the public highway is not solely for the benefit of motorised users.</p> <p>With regard to the operational aspects of the proposed modal filter, signing will be provided at each end of Devizes Road to advise drivers that this is no longer a through road. For vehicles who attempt to travel the length of the road despite this signing, those entering from the A361 may use the mini-roundabout to complete a turning movement. For those entering from Trowbridge Road, a turning area will be provided at the closure point to facilitate turning movements. These may also be used by the refuse vehicle etc if required.</p> <p>In light of comments received as part of this consultation process, the provision of an alternative modal filter location at the eastern end of Devizes Road at its junction with the A361 has been considered and opinions sought from the local elected Wiltshire Councillor and Parish Council.</p> <p>The Parish Council expressed no preference, although supported the proposal to which this report relates, and it was highlighted by the local Member that the proposed location has been put forward based on feedback from previous consultation with residents.</p> |
| <p>I firmly reject this proposal. We live in Stourton Park which is part of Hilperton.</p> <p>Severing us from the community</p> <p>This blockage cuts us off from that community. We regularly take part in local events in the village including at the village hall. It will now take a huge roundabout route on the bypass road to get to our community centre.</p> <p>Unnecessary increase in commute time and time to travel to allotment.</p> <p>It will make every journey to our allotment a huge undertaking. Since we both work to the north west of Hilperton, we will now incur a significant addition journey every single day as our normal route takes us across the Staverton bridge. This extra stress and cost is not going to repaid.</p> <p>Value of property</p> | <p>Whilst the proposed closure point would restrict vehicle movements along Devizes Road, residents of Stourton Park and those to the east of the roundabout will be able to access facilities within the village by other means such as walking, cycling or wheeling without any detour. The distance when travelling by car from the Stourton Park mini-roundabout to the village hall on Whaddon Lane, as an example, would increase by approximately 1.1miles when using the A361, Trowbridge Road and Church Street as opposed to the current route using Devizes Road and Church Street to access Whaddon Lane.</p> <p>In terms of walking routes, again using Stourton Park to the village hall as an example, the route along Devizes Road, Church Street and Whaddon Lane is approximately 0.7miles. A shorter route using HILP29 footpath is also available. This links Devizes Road and Whaddon Lane directly, with the distance from Stourton Park mini-roundabout to the village hall being approximately 0.4miles using this route.</p> <p>It is acknowledged that not everyone will be able to take up alternative means of travel; however, for those who are able, these routes will be more attractive for walking, cycling and wheeling as a result of reduced traffic volumes.</p> |

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| <p>This blockage will materially affect the value of our houses. Our little portion of the Hilperton village will be separated from the whole, devaluing our property.</p> <p>The Devizes is currently used as rat run to avoid the bypass but this is an incredibly unintelligent way of dealing with the issue. It effects the lives of us living in Stourton Park. It would make significantly more sense to slow the passage of vehicles rather than blocking them entirely. Restricting the width of Devizes Road as various points would be far more cost effective (no bollards which will doubtless need to be automated for the emergency services) without penalises residents.</p> <p>This scheme should be rejected.</p> | <p>Any operational changes to roads that impact vehicular movement have an impact on drivers; however, the public highway is not solely for the benefit of motorised users.</p> <p>Evidence from Waltham Forest, London, has found that house prices have increased on streets where modal filters (such as the proposed modal filter) have been introduced in comparison to neighbouring streets where no such measures are in place.</p> |
| <p>We strongly object to this proposal on the following grounds :-</p> <p>1) It will cut off about 85 houses from our community of Hilperton.</p> <p>2) It will force all the residents who use Stourton Park (Stourton Park, Hanewell Rise, Norris Road), which is about 85 houses, to use Hilperton Drive for access to our village instead. I consider this road to be significantly more dangerous than the Devizes Road as it has multiple roundabouts and is much faster. The approach to the Elizabeth Way roundabout when turning into the village where it has 3 lanes, is particularly bad in my opinion.</p> <p>3) Postal, parcel, refuse and recycling services will all be adversely affected.</p> <p>4) There could be delays to emergency services using the Devizes Road with serious consequences.</p> <p>5) This increased use of Hilperton Drive is bad for the environment as it is a longer higher speed route.</p> <p>6) It seems completely unfair that that existing long term residents of Hilperton will be denied convenient access to the village centre when residents of recent developments along Devizes Road will not.</p> | <p>Whilst the proposed closure point would restrict vehicle movements along Devizes Road, residents of Stourton Park and those to the east of the roundabout will be able to access facilities within the village by other means such as walking, cycling or wheeling without any detour. The distance when travelling by car from the Stourton Park mini-roundabout to the village hall on Whaddon Lane, as an example, would increase by approximately 1.1miles when using the A361, Trowbridge Road and Church Street as opposed to the current route using Devizes Road and Church Street to access Whaddon Lane.</p> <p>In terms of walking routes, again using Stourton Park to the village hall as an example, the route along Devizes Road, Church Street and Whaddon Lane is approximately 0.7miles. A shorter route using HILP29 footpath is also available. This links Devizes Road and Whaddon Lane directly, with the distance from Stourton Park mini-roundabout to the village hall being approximately 0.4miles using this route.</p> <p>It is acknowledged that not everyone will be able to take up alternative means of travel; however, for those who are able, these routes will be more attractive for walking, cycling and wheeling as a result of reduced traffic volumes.</p> <p>Any operational changes to roads that impact vehicular movement have an impact on drivers; however, the public highway is not solely for the benefit of motorised users.</p> <p>With regard to the operational aspects of the proposed modal filter, signing will be provided at each end of Devizes Road to advise drivers that this is no longer a through road. For vehicles who attempt to travel the length of the road despite this signing, those entering from the A361 may use the mini-roundabout to complete a turning movement. For those entering from Trowbridge Road, a turning area will be provided at the closure point to facilitate turning movements. These may also be used by the refuse vehicle etc if required.</p> <p>The physical changes forming part of the modal filter will include removable infrastructure should there be a large emergency event.</p> <p>The emergency services are a statutory consultee and have been consulted on this proposal. No comments have been received from any of the emergency services in relation to this.</p> |
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| <p>I would like to express my approval for the proposed changes to Devizes Road as detailed on your notices. For the following reasons.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To reduce the chance of danger to persons using the Devizes Road cycle route. • To complete the works to provide a safe cycle route from Trowbridge to Melksham via Semmington therefore obtaining maximum value. • Reducing the traffic going through the village of Hilperton, providing a cleaner and safer environment for all. • Prevent traffic from future developments using Devizes Road as a short cut. • Stop speeding. | <p>Your comments of support are noted.</p> |

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| <p>I am writing to support the closure of Devizes Road at the Stourton Park roundabout. I am a resident of Centenary Close off Devizes Road.</p> <p>We have noticed a huge increase in the volume of traffic using the Devizes Road as a “short cut” from the A361 roundabout through to the Church Street roundabout. We have a lot of large, heavy lorries and contractor’s vans using the road for access. With the speed humps and the weight of the vehicles it is very noisy now. They also seem to completely disregard the speed limit of 20mph and are travelling pretty fast along the road. When I moved into my house I could walk along the Devizes Road and hardly see a car! Now it’s a completely different story!</p> <p>Devizes Road would be perfect for cyclists to access the new cycle path at the A361 but it is currently very busy and I’m fearful of an accident due to happen. Closing the “rat run” to allow access for residents only would be a great relief to us all (and a whole lot safer for the cyclists).</p> | <p>Your comments of support are noted.</p> |
| <p>I note from the traffic order posters I have seen in the road that you are intending to close off through traffic on Devizes Road at the Lion and Fiddle through Hilperton to the Rugby Club.</p> <p>I welcome this long overdue decision to reduce the near incidents and close shaves I have had over the years, with the passing traffic outside my house as it exits onto a very narrow pavement at the narrowest point of the road near to Ashton Road. Having lived here for over 17 years I have witnessed a chronic deterioration in safety for pedestrians and cyclists, and an increase in speeding vehicular traffic and this decision can only improve the highway safety for all users.</p> <p>I welcome too, the decision to place parking restrictions, either side of the gated closure, to discourage parking of patrons to the rugby club.</p> <p>This will have a noticeable improvement in a number of other areas, specifically reducing the use of the road as a ‘rat run’ instead of utilising the bypass to the south. It also will have the beneficial effect of reducing pollution and quieting the neighbourhood, improving the safety too, of cyclists on the newly created cycle path between Trowbridge and Semington.</p> <p>However I am acutely aware that residents on the Stourton Park estate could feel effectively separated from their Hilperton village community if the decision is taken to site the closure at a point where they will be forced to circuit the southern side of Paxcroft Mead for any Hilperton community events, particularly at the village hall. This will encourage use of the car for any events that finish into the evening.</p> <p>I hope serious consideration will be given to effects of siting of the closure point and possibly the removal of the worst of the traffic calming ramps, some of which show signs of considerable wear and tear after 20 years, but in general I really welcome this decision and hope there is no delay in bringing it about.</p> | <p>Your comments of support are noted.</p> <p>Whilst the proposed closure point would restrict vehicle movements along Devizes Road, residents of Stourton Park and those to the east of the roundabout will be able to access facilities within the village by other means such as walking, cycling or wheeling without any detour. The distance when travelling by car from the Stourton Park mini-roundabout to the village hall on Whaddon Lane, as an example, would increase by approximately 1.1miles when using the A361, Trowbridge Road and Church Street as opposed to the current route using Devizes Road and Church Street to access Whaddon Lane.</p> <p>In terms of walking routes, again using Stourton Park to the village hall as an example, the route along Devizes Road, Church Street and Whaddon Lane is approximately 0.7miles. A shorter route using HILP29 footpath is also available. This links Devizes Road and Whaddon Lane directly, with the distance from Stourton Park mini-roundabout to the village hall being approximately 0.4miles using this route.</p> <p>It is acknowledged that not everyone will be able to take up alternative means of travel; however, for those who are able, these routes will be more attractive for walking, cycling and wheeling as a result of reduced traffic volumes.</p> <p>In light of comments received as part of this consultation process, the provision of an alternative modal filter location at the eastern end of Devizes Road at its junction with the A361 has been considered and opinions sought from the local elected Wiltshire Councillor and Parish Council.</p> <p>The Parish Council expressed no preference, although supported the proposal to which this report relates, and it was highlighted by the local Member that the proposed location has been put forward based on feedback from previous consultation with residents.</p> |
| <p>I am writing to offer my full support in relation to the planned No Waiting at any time and Prohibition of Motor Vehicles on Devizes Road, Hilperton. REF LJB/TRO/HILP.</p> <p>My reasons for supporting are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is a perfectly adequate bypass in place which means drivers are only very moderately inconvenienced. 2. Devizes Road will act as a safe continuation of the cycle scheme providing a link between Trowbridge Road planned cycle path and the already constructed cycle path at the end of Devizes Road by the Rugby club. 3. It will encourage people out of cars and onto cycles. This will improve health through exercise and reduce the carbon emissions due to less car travel. 4. It’s a bold statement of intent by the Council to promote cycling and one which I think is important as it demonstrates the Councils commitment to green initiatives. 5. By preventing cars using Devizes Road as a through route, It will also promote greater use of the | <p>Your comments of support are noted.</p> <p>The planning application submitted by McDonalds for a fast-food restaurant alongside the A361 has been refused by Wiltshire Council.</p> |

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| <p>B3105 which connects directly to the A361. This creates a safer road for the residents and users of Church Street due to a significant decrease in motorised traffic.</p> <p>6. It's a big if, but if McDonald's is given permission to locate in Hilperton, this Devizes Road cycle route will provide a viable safe alternative to having to drive there. This will reduce the impact of traffic using McDonald's and potentially clogging up the A361. Many of McDonald's users will be younger persons and this will allow a safe means of getting themselves to the restaurant without relaying on adults for transportation.</p> | |
| <p>I would like to register in favour of closing the Devizes Road to through traffic</p> | <p>Your comments of support are noted.</p> |
| <p>I'm for the closure of Devizes Road</p> | <p>Your comments of support are noted.</p> |
| <p>I support this scheme due to the positive impact that it will have on cycling and walking in this area. We live on Devizes Road (Centenary Close) and I currently do not feel like I can let my children ride their bikes down this road due to the traffic level. Linking the cycleway from Semington/Melksham to Trowbridge will make cycling safer and will hopefully encourage healthy and environmentally friendly habits for all.</p> <p>Additionally, this will decrease the through traffic on the road including the anti-social drivers that speed down the road dangerously.</p> <p>I appreciate that this will mean that a small minority living on the road may feel irritated that they have to travel further to get around the road block, but as someone who works in Chippenham and lives on the "wrong" side of where the road block would be, I feel like it will add a negligible amount of time to my journey.</p> <p>Overall, I am very supportive of this proposal and hope for its rapid implementation.</p> | <p>Your comments of support are noted.</p> |
| <p>I am a big supporter of the cycling schemes planned in Wiltshire. The recent improvement to the byway between Hilperton and semington gives a low traffic route all the way to melksham and this proposal along with the changes to Hilperton road will complete the link to Trowbridge itself. I regularly use the cycling routes around Trowbridge and beyond with my children as it provides a safe route for us to travel between locations or just for a bike ride. Please complete this proposal and continue to expand the network as it really improves the area as a place to live.</p> | <p>Your comments of support are noted.</p> |
| <p>I would like to register my support for the proposed Devizes Road, Hilperton - No Waiting at any time and Prohibition of Motor Vehicles (LJB/TRO/HILP).</p> <p>I like to cycle but have very little confidence on the roads around here. We moved to Hiperton from London over 13 years ago - the roads felt much safer to cycle on there. I believe traffic cutting through Hilperton and Trowbridge Road will discourage cyclists and pedestrians on Devizes Road. It will also prevent sat-navs from rerouting traffic through Hilperton at the first sign of any traffic build up on Elizabeth Way.</p> <p>If money is to be spent on the cycle route, we need to encourage as many people as we can to use it. We need to do everything we can to encourage Active Travel and reduce emissions.</p> | <p>Your comments of support are noted. Wiltshire Council promotes the uptake of active travel and is committed to continuing this, with some specific promotion for this active travel route once completed.</p> |
| <p>I have just seen the notice concerning the proposed closure of Devizes Road and strongly support its early implementation.</p> | <p>Your comments of support are noted.</p> |
| <p>I fully support this proposal which is long overdue. Hilperton Road has long been used as a "rat run" and this has substantial increased over the last few months. Even the numerous "bumps" do not seem to be a deterrent and theses do produce unnecessary noise. The installation of bollards will solve the problem.</p> | <p>Your comments of support are noted.</p> |
| <p>Please see below an email sent in October 2019 voicing my opinion on the above proposal. My opinion remains the same and I strongly believe that my preference would benefit the majority of Devizes Road. Please close the Road West of Stourton Park.</p> | <p>Your comments of support are noted.</p> <p>The planning application submitted by McDonalds for a fast-food restaurant alongside the A361 has been refused by Wiltshire Council.</p> |

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| <p>Since 2019, I have seen/heard an increase in Traffic using the Road, including speeding Police Cars using the Village as a "Rat Run". I am extremely concerned that the threat of the McDonalds Restaurant will only increase this further and lead to potential road traffic collisions. Please do this to keep our neighbourhood "mostly traffic free" and an ideal walking and Cycle route, lets regain our "lightly trafficked and quiet road" as described by WC in March 2022.</p> | |
| <p>Hilperton Parish Council has discussed the above and supports the Traffic Regulation Order.</p> | <p>Your comments of support are noted.</p> |
| <p>I support this proposal. I have lived on Stourton Park for 22 years and despite the 20 mph limit and speed humps, the volume of traffic using the Devizes Road as a cut through has increased significantly.</p> <p>Many vehicles do not comply with the 20 mph limit. The closure of the Devizes Road to the west of the Stourton Park roundabout will stop once and for all the traffic who are solely using this road as a cut through.</p> <p>In my view this closure will also have the beneficial effect of reducing the volume of traffic travelling through the village as it will only be residents who will be coming to the Lion and Fiddle roundabout from the Devizes Road.</p> <p>With McDonald's having submitted a planning application for an outlet next to the roundabout at the eastern end of the Devizes Road, the need to close the Devizes Road to cut through traffic is now even more pressing. The proposal has my full support.</p> | <p>Your comments of support are noted.</p> <p>The planning application submitted by McDonalds for a fast-food restaurant alongside the A361 has been refused by Wiltshire Council.</p> |
| <p>I am writing to inform you that I SUPPORT the proposal to close Devizes Road to 'through' traffic.</p> <p>In my opinion Devizes Road is being used as a "rat run" by motorists who refuse to use the A361 from the Roundabout at the Elizabeth Way junction and the Roundabout near the Trowbridge Rugby Ground. Many speed along Devizes Road well in excess of the 20mph limit, bouncing over the traffic calming obstacles causing undue noise disturbance and dangers to others. There seems to have been an increase in such traffic recently.</p> <p>Closing the road will stop such nuisance and I am in favour of the proposal even though I personally will have further to travel to go from or return to my home in Stourton Park.</p> | <p>Your comments of support are noted.</p> |
| <p>I SUPPORT the proposal to close Devizes Road to 'through' traffic and hope that my views will be taken into consideration.</p> <p>I live in Stourton Park and although I will have further to travel getting to and from here, I have been very concerned about so many motorists who use Devizes Road to avoid using the A361 between the Roundabout at the Elizabeth Way junction and the Roundabout near the Trowbridge Rugby Club Ground. The noise of their vehicles bouncing over the road calming obstacles causes real nuisance and danger, particularly as so many of those motorists travel at speeds greatly in excess of the 20 mph limit.</p> <p>Furthermore, if Devizes Road is to be part of the Trowbridge / Melksham Cycle path then, in my opinion, everything must be done to reduce the number of vehicles using Devizes Road or mayhem will result.</p> | <p>Your comments of support are noted.</p> |
| <p>As a resident of Devizes Road, Hilperton I wish to say that I fully support the closing of Devizes Road to through traffic.</p> <p>Devizes Road already suffers badly from speeding traffic especially during the hours of approx. 6.30am and 8.30am and return journeys from 17.30. As this road is only a 20mph zone apparently 20mph cannot be policed. I think the closure of the road is even more important for the following 2 reasons:</p> | <p>Your comments of support are noted.</p> <p>The planning application submitted by McDonalds for a fast-food restaurant alongside the A361 has been refused by Wiltshire Council</p> |

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| <p>1. If the proposed application by MacDonalds is allowed to proceed the road will be used as a run through from Trowbridge direction up to the rugby club roundabout enabling MacDonalds' customers to then be on the right side of the carriageway to enter MacDonalds.</p> <p>2. Narrowing of Trowbridge Road past the Lion and Fiddle pub up to the Elizabeth Way roundabout and the 20mph speed limit for the cycle way. Some local traffic aiming to go in the Melksham direction will still come through the old part of Hilperton (Hill Street, Church Street) from Staverton direction and will then turn left at the Lion and Fiddle and use Devizes Road as a rat run as this will be easier than the narrowed road leading to the Elizabeth Way roundabout. This will lead to more traffic cutting up through Devizes Road especially as it is a 20mph zone rather than 20mph speed limit.</p> <p>Please take these points into consideration. I wish to comment regards LJB/TRO/HILP I am a resident of Devizes Road. And fully support the closing of Devizes Road to through traffic.</p> <p>The road suffers badly from speeding traffic and is used as a convenient rat run to avoid Hilperton Drive. The current 20mph limit is apparently unenforceable by the police. Devizes Road may have to suffer the unpleasant effects of a recently proposed 24 hour Mc Donald's site, at the roundabout where Devizes road re-joins Hilperton Drive roundabout.</p> <p>Either way, the closure of Devizes Road at Stourton park roundabout, would seem a fair compromise. To enable local traffic movement to be shared each side of the closure, this will make for a far more safe & pleasant environment for walkers & cyclists to enjoy their journeys. This would be seen as a positive benefit to the area.</p> | |
| <p>I would like to give my full support of this proposal as a resident of Stourton Park.</p> <p>Fed up with Devizes Road getting used as short cut and think this proposal is the best solution.</p> | <p>Your comments of support are noted.</p> |
| <p>I hear by give my full support for the proposed prohibition of motor vehicles (ref LJB/TRO/HILP) along Devizes Road Hilperton. Devizes road is used as a short cut often at high speed, the road in my opinion should have closed when the bypass was built around the Paxcroft mead estate years ago so this is long overdue.</p> | <p>Your comments of support are noted.</p> |
| <p>We want to say that we totally agree with this road being closed off, we have lived here for 4 years and have noticed a massive increase in speeding cars, motorbikes speeding over the ramps and use as a rat run at busy times.</p> <p>We believe that there will always be people who live and work by going left or right out of their houses on to Devizes Rd, we ourselves will have to go all around via the Lion and Fiddle and ring road to travel to Semington daily.</p> <p>Even so, we would like the road closure to go ahead as it will make it quieter and safer for everyone including people walking, children cycling etc.</p> <p>NOTE We notice from the picture that is circled on the lamp posts the the circle is in the wrong place. We understand that the closure will be to the EAST, the Trowbridge side of the Stourton Park roundabout. Is this correct?</p> | <p>Your comments of support are noted. Please accept confirmation that the proposal is to implement a modal filter to the west of Stourton Park, which is the Trowbridge side of the roundabout.</p> |
| <p>We support the part-closure of Devizes Road as this will reduce through-traffic along Church Street, Hill Street and Marsh Road which currently see a lot of cars using the village to get to Staverton/Bath instead of the new Elizabeth Way. Also, if the McDonalds does get permission to build its proposed outlet,</p> | <p>Your comments of support are noted. The planning application submitted by McDonalds for a fast-food restaurant alongside the A361 has been</p> |

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| customers will have to use the A361 rather than driving through Hilperton. | refused by Wiltshire Council |
| <p>I would like to take this opportunity to fully support the proposal to prohibit vehicles from using Devizes Road, Hilperton as a thoroughfare.</p> <p>I am a resident of Stourton Park (number 7) and so will be inconvenienced by this but the benefits outweigh this downside. The road is consistently used as a perceived shortcut with vehicles significantly exceeding the speed limit to try and get ahead of vehicles going round Paxcroft Mead.</p> | Your comments of support are noted. |
| I support this proposal. Both cars and HGV's use Devizes Road as a rat run to avoid using Hilperton Drive. The 20mph speed limit is widely ignored making this a very dangerous road for pedestrians and cyclists. Closing this road will greatly enhance the safety of walkers and cyclists and will encourage more people to leave their car at home and get out in the fresh air. | Your comments of support are noted. |
| <p>I fully support this proposal, it will make Devizes Road much safer for walkers and cyclists.</p> <p>At the start and end of the working day this road is very busy with people using it as a cut through to avoid using Hilperton Drive. They regularly drive well above the 20mph speed limit, the road humps don't deter them. At least two or three times a week I see vehicles coming from the rugby club end completely ignore the Stourton Park roundabout and drive on the wrong side of the road to avoid having to slow down for it.</p> <p>The result of the Parish Council survey was overwhelmingly in favour of closing Devizes Road at this point, please respond to this outcome and close the road.</p> <p>Also, if the proposed McDonalds is built Devizes Road would become part of a circuit for the boy racers, closing it will prevent them doing so.</p> | <p>Your comments of support are noted.</p> <p>The planning application submitted by McDonalds for a fast-food restaurant alongside the A361 has been refused by Wiltshire Council.</p> |
| <p>I am writing to you today to express my support for the proposed closure of Devizes Road (Ref LJB/TRO/HILP) to through traffic. I believe that this closure would have several positive benefits for our community, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved safety for pedestrians and cyclists. Currently, Devizes Road is a rat run for motorists who are trying to avoid traffic on the Hilperton Bypass road. This leads to high speeds and dangerous driving conditions for pedestrians and cyclists. Closing the road to through traffic would help to slow down traffic and make it safer for people to walk and cycle. • Increased connectivity for cyclists. The closure of Devizes Road would allow us to create a more continuous and connected cycle network in our community. This would make it easier and safer for people to cycle, which would help to reduce traffic congestion and improve our overall health and well-being. It would further protect cyclists in the Trowbridge to Melksham cycle route from fast and dangerous traffic. • Stopping the possibility of the longer-term use of the road to boy racers, Delivery Drivers etc if the proposed McDonalds is constructed. <p>I understand that some residents may be concerned about the impact of the closure on their ability to access their homes. However, I believe that the benefits of the closure outweigh the inconvenience. There are routes out of Devizes Road for people even if it is closed as proposed that would only add a minute or two to people's journeys. The closure would impact myself and my family in a negative way as we would be to the West of the proposed closure when we travel for school / friends in Melksham and Devizes, but I would be happy to add the extra few minutes into my journey to reap the other benefits.</p> <p>I urge you to support the proposed closure of Devizes Road. I believe that it is a positive step for Hilperton and would make our streets safer, healthier, and more livable.</p> | <p>Your comments of support are noted.</p> <p>The planning application submitted by McDonalds for a fast-food restaurant alongside the A361 has been refused by Wiltshire Council.</p> |
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This TRO is being promoted as part of the Trowbridge - Melksham cycle scheme and, taken in isolation, this would seem to be a good idea to encourage use of the cycle route. It utilises the 'preferred' closure point in the parish council survey some four (?) years ago. As to whether this is now the 'correct' closure point I'm not sure.

However, there are other considerations both 'pro' and 'con'.

PRO. It will make Devizes Road (DR) safer for cyclists (see above). It will obviously stop DR being used as a rat-run to avoid queues etc. on the A361. It will stop DR being used as a rat-run by Staverton - Semington (and vice versa) traffic hopefully ensuring that such traffic uses Hammond Way/Elizabeth Way/Hilperton Drive. If 'rat-running' is stopped this would reduce traffic along Marsh Road/Hill Street/Church Street to the benefit of the residents.

CON. The planned closure point might find residents of the 'Stourton Park estate' (SPE) (about 80 houses) feeling cut-off from Hilperton as they will have no direct access by car. The road east of the closure would have to be used by all SPE traffic for access and egress, but traffic volume for this would probably be less than the 'through traffic' which would be 'lost'. The closure could see an increase in the number of vehicles using Horse Road as drivers access Elizabeth Way from that direction. Trowbridge Road (another part of the cycle scheme and scheduled for a new 20mph speed limit) could see an increase in traffic as vehicles unable to turn left from Church Street into Devizes Road, turn right instead into Trowbridge Road.

This scheme has caused considerable 'interest' locally both for and against the scheme. The 'obvious' answer would seem to be to confirm the TRO; however, the TRO would undoubtedly have repercussions on other parts of the village.

I am sure that WC highways, along with the cabinet member, will give careful consideration to all aspects of this scheme before reaching a decision.

It is possible that some surrounding roads may see a small increase in vehicle movements; however, the highway network has a number of alternative routes to Devizes Road for motorists travelling east to west and vice versa and so the diverted vehicles are likely to be spread over a number of routes, all of which are more suited to through use than Devizes Road.

Whilst the proposed closure point would restrict vehicle movements along Devizes Road, residents of Stourton Park and those to the east of the roundabout will be able to access facilities within the village by other means such as walking, cycling or wheeling without any detour. The distance when travelling by car from the Stourton Park mini-roundabout to the village hall on Whaddon Lane, as an example, would increase by approximately 1.1miles when using the A361, Trowbridge Road and Church Street as opposed to the current route using Devizes Road and Church Street to access Whaddon Lane.

In terms of walking routes, again using Stourton Park to the village hall as an example, the route along Devizes Road, Church Street and Whaddon Lane is approximately 0.7miles. A shorter route using HILP29 footpath is also available. This links Devizes Road and Whaddon Lane directly, with the distance from Stourton Park mini-roundabout to the village hall being approximately 0.4miles using this route.

It is acknowledged that not everyone will be able to take up alternative means of travel; however, for those who are able, these routes will be more attractive for walking, cycling and wheeling as a result of reduced traffic volumes.