

SUPPORT OF CIRCUS AND LOWER LANSDOWN EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS

GOOD EVENING AND THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SAY A FEW WORDS

I AM HERE TONIGHT AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH GROUP FOCUSSED ON CAVENDISH ROAD AND THE SURROUNDING AREA AND WANT TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR THE LOWER LANSDOWN EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS

I JOINED THE SPEED WATCH GROUP FOR A SIMPLE REASON :

THE VOLUME OF TRAFFIC FROM THE MARLBOROUGH TAVERN JUNCTION THROUGH CAVENDISH ROAD AND INTO WINIFRED'S LANE / LANSDOWN CRESCENT PARTICULARLY HAD SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED IN RECENT YEARS AND THE SPEED OF SOME VEHICLES WAS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE. (AS CONFIRMED BY THE SPEED WATCH DATA AND THE ABUSE WE RECEIVED !)

THE AREA HAD OBVIOUSLY BECOME A RAT RUN AS CARS SEEK TO TAKE A SHORT CUT FROM THE A4 TO THE A46 AND M4 ...EFFECTIVELY WE ARE A THROUGH ROUTE TO THE MOTORWAY AND BEING TREATED AS A MAIN ROAD

THE RESIDENTIAL ROADS AND NARROW LANES WERE NEVER INTENDED TO BE USED IN THIS WAY

THE E.T.R.O. IN THE CIRCUS AND LOWER LANSDOWN IS AN EXCELLENT INITIATIVE BY THE COUNCIL (AS ARE THE INCREASED NUMBER OF CROSSINGS) AND HOPEFULLY THE PROPOSED TRIAL WILL SEE BOTH THE VOLUME AND SPEEDS REDUCED SIGNIFICANTLY THROUGH THE AREA

SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONETHE MAJORITY OF LOCAL RESIDENTS ARE FED UP WITH THE RAT RUNNING AND THE IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT

I BELIEVE THAT BY RESTRICTING THE ROUTE AT THE TOP OF CAVENDISH ROAD IT WILL DISSUADE DRIVERS FROM LEAVING THE A4.

AT THE CO DESIGN WORKSHOP THE WHOLE ROOM EXPRESSED THE NEED TO LOOK AT CAVENDISH ROAD AND THE IMPACT ON CONNECTING ROADS

BUT I ALSO ACCEPT THAT THIS IS A TRIAL AND PART OF THE EXTENSIVE CONSULTATION PROCESS.

THERE MAY BE A NEED TO REFINE THE TRIAL IF TRAFFIC USES ALTERNATIVE RESIDENTIAL ROUTES AND MORE SPEED REDUCTION MEASURES MAY ALSO BE NEEDED IF BEHAVIOUR DOES NOT CHANGE.

I KNOW THE LIVEABLE NEIGHBOURS TEAM WILL BE FULLY BEHIND THE CONCEPT OF TRIALLING AND USING THE EXPERIENCE TO ENABLE THE SCHEME TO WORK AS INTENDED AND NOT PRESENT LOCAL PEOPLE WITH A SIMPLE CHOICE AT THE END OF THE TRIAL.....RETAIN OR REMOVE.

THE VOICE OF LOCAL PEOPLE IS VITALNOT ONLY THOSE WHO MERELY DRIVE THROUGH.

AT THIS STAGE THE SCHEME IS PROVISIONAL ALLOWING THE FINAL SCHEME TO BENEFIT FROM REAL LIFE DATA WHICH CAN BE USED TO INFORM THE ULTIMATE DESIGN.THE TRIAL ALSO ALLOWS EVERYONE TO FULLY UNDERSTAND THE SCHEME DESIGN AND WILL STOP NEGATIVE MIS INFORMATION

BY USING THE TRIAL AND TAKING CONSIDERED FEEDBACK I BELIEVE THE COUNCIL WILL BE ABLE TO BRING THOSE PEOPLE ON BOARD WHO MAY HAVE RESERVATIONS AT THIS STAGE AND WE CAN ALL FULLY UNDERSTAND THE IMPACTS OF THE TRIAL

FINALLY

AS I SAID EARLIERSOMETHING NEEDS TO HAPPEN TO TRULY CREATE A LIVEABLE NEIGHBOURHOODI LOOK FORWARD TO THE TRIAL AND BELIEVE THIS IS A VERY SIGNIFICANT AND POSITIVE STEP.

THANK YOU