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Following the Government's announcement of a £250 million emergency active travel fund, a series of temporary measures to support public safety are being explored by Devon County Council. The press release published on 13/05/2020 outlines the County's immediate priorities for supporting social distancing on key travel to work routes, city and neighbourhood shopping centres. (<https://www.devonnewscentre.info/devon-exploring-temporary-measures-for-walkers-and-cyclists/>)

To provide a safer environment for the public and support the re-opening of businesses on Magdalen Road we would like to put forward a temporary traffic order to make Magdalen Road one-way and reduce traffic to a single lane. This highway space would then be reallocated to widen footpaths, enabling more space for social distancing and additional space for customers to queue once businesses are open.

Through feedback as part of the Magdalen Road Wellfest engagement in 2019, the following features will be retained in any proposal:

- Car park spaces
- Designated space for deliveries / loading
- Improved space for pedestrians
- Improved support for cyclists

We would suggest a one-way westbound system, allowing vehicular access for west bound (towards city centre) traffic only from St Leonards Road to Denmark Road. Therefore, removing any vehicular queuing from the traffic signals by Mount Radford, would be the direction that also provides the greatest benefit to the local environment.

These measures will be temporary for a period up to 18 months, providing an opportunity for the St Leonards community to re-image Magdalen Road. Should there be support by traders / residents and funding be available we could look to make permanent.

There is a need to take decisive action to support a safe and responsible recovery to the pandemic. We are currently drawing up initial options and would welcome input from traders and the local community for how we could best improve the safety and environment of Magdalen Road.

Yours sincerely,

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