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2 parallel one way systems (Magdalen and Spicer Roads) does not make sense. It would be better for the traffic to flow in the other direction on Magdalen Road. Better still to make it flow both ways, as before. The new cycle way makes cyclists feel less safe, not more, as they face traffic head on. Denmark Road is experiencing more traffic, more noise, more pollution-this is unfair on residents and also increases the danger of vehicle accidents with the schoolchildren at Maynard School.
A cycle track along the short section in front of the shops is not necessary. The diversion traffic going up the road has to make is an irritation out of all proportion to any advantage to anyone. I have heard many complaints about the adverse effect on the shops.
All the roads in Exeter that have been cut off should be returned to normal. It's causing unnecessary chaos for so many.
All the traffic is being diverted into the neighbourhood including Denmark Road and Spicer Road. As well as causing congestion and air pollution in the residential areas, traffic is on a lengthy diversion past school, care homes and the pool. Drivers are nipping down the one-way section of Spicer Road where I have witnessed a very near miss. The no entry signs are either ignored, or seeing as they are in such bad condition, aren't noticed
All you have achieved with these restrictions is cause bottle necks and pinch points in other nearby locations. Traffic use has not decreased. These restrictions punish user of low emission and electric vehicles as much as petrol and diesel vehicles. So this does not help incentivise people to switch to cleaner vehicles. Also, much much more needs to be provided as a realistically viable alternative to cars. Public transport in Exeter is just about the worst provision in any city I've visited. Service is poor, cost is high and convenience is non existent. Before any measures are even remotely considered, this MUST be improved first, so that there is a better alternative. Not everyone can walk or cycle everywhere. When the bad winter weather comes, the use of cars will increase as walking and cycling will not be popular in such conditions.
Also re open Bovemoor Lane, Wonford Road and the lane joining Digby and Rifford Road. These restrictions are literally nothing to do with Covid and everything to do with a lobby which isn't the local people and businesses but affects their everyday lives adversely. Now there is more traffic in unregulated areas which is bad for residents of those roads eg Barrack Road.
Although I say I shop weekly I haven't been recently as I would normally shop on my way home from work, but as the road is closed from the direction I'm coming in from, I haven't been as it adds minutes to my journey.
Although I support the good intentions here, this is primarily a shopping street and relies on easy access for essential customers to survive.
Although I walk to Magdalen Road, the businesses need customers to be able to park and the new layout makes it difficult. If you pedestrianise the road they may lose more customers than they gain
Although it has been helpful to have a slightly wider pavement on occasion, the impact of increased and faster traffic on other local roads has been negative.
Although there are clearly far too many cars driving through town and causing bad air quality, I wonder which other roads would take the brunt of the traffic that would normally use Magdalen Road. Heavitree Road is more than busy enough already as are Wonford Road, Barrack Road, Topsham Road and Western Way. The traffic situation will soon become even worse once the new housing is built where the school for the Deaf used to be. If Magdalen Road were to be pedestrianised, pretty as it the suggestion looks on paper, it could well become more difficult to keep a suitable distance from others and if it became too crowded I certainly would no longer use the shops there. I don't use the cafes anyway.
An hour's free parking in the Magdalen Road car park to encourage shoppers back to the village
Another badly thought road scheme in Exeter no consideration for business or residential properties in vicinity.
As a disabled person I appreciated being able to park close to the shops in Magdalen Road. If the parking bays were to be removed and the area pedestrianised I would no longer be able to shop in the area as alternative parking places are few and too far away for my limited walking ability.
As a disabled person I need some access to the shops. Current arrangement very good but would not want complete closure.
As a frequent cyclist and car user of Magdalen Road, everyone was courteous and there was never a problem.
As a regular visitor to St Leonards I have always cherished the atmosphere of this area with its great variety of outlets. It caters for passing traffic as well as local residents. To change the road layout would alter the character of the street. There is no convenient parking nearby for the quick shopper on which the traders rely thus putting their businesses at risk
As you can see from the majority of the feedback this was a silly idea and the business owners were not consulted. It doesn't matter what the outcome of the poll is, the council will make the final decision even if it's not the right choice. I no longer use Magdalen Road shops because of the lack of access and parking.
Both the Magdalen road and wonford road one way systems have directed more traffic past schools! I don't pull up and use Magdalen road shops like I used to because it's not as easy to now, especially with children. I now favour going to a supermarket as a 'one stop' shop that is easier to get to with my two young children
Business needs to survive, pedestrianisation would nor encourage
By closing these roads (and around heavitree) you have pushed all the traffic into one area. Until the council provide decent public transport, which is fairly priced, people will use cars. I also think it's important to listen to the shop owners, they are there everyday and have clearly found an impact on their businesses. These road closures were all put in almost overnight without consultation as far as I can see and whilst cause relief for a handful of people, it just pushed the problem onto others.
By closing this road you are congesting further other main roads in the area
By putting in all these "making safer for cyclists" is having a massive input on businesses and the environment as cars have to go around longer routes which uses more petrol/diesel. It also puts local businesses at risk of closure.
Can we stop the cyclists going through the red lights?
Cars just travel further distances, as is now with the Wonford Road closure, so that new rat runs develop; it is also tough for the shops.
Causing Too Much Traffic down Denmark Road
Changes have slowed traffic in surrounding streets leading to more pollution and congestion. Changes made without consultation

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changing Magdalen road in one way had put heavier traffic to surrounding residential quiet road and disturbance. More traffic and pollution are affected all neighborhood. We would like to temporary change can be removed back to normal after the pandemic.

City centre dieing - don't kill Magdalen Road off too

Coming from outside Exeter, I would not shop at Magdalen Road if cars were totally prohibited.

Covid-19 has been made an excuse for the present, so called temporary arrangements, by those wishing to rid the Magdalen Road shopping area of traffic.

Cyclists can detour , as someone who drives for a living and used to use the road to stop for coffee and food , I now don't bother as Toi tricky if coming wrong wAy .

Devon High ways have destroyed the working environment for all the businesses in Magdalen Road . The scheme was ill thought out , no consultation with the businesses prior to implementing. Sadly no thought to how the businesses were going to survive long term after the financial losses incurred during lockdown.

Don't kill Magdalen Road, like you have done to the City Centre

Due to the lack of through traffic and the fact that the flow of the traffic is the wrong way for the parking spaces to be parked in easily, this has reduced the amount of people using the shops, I have no doubt. It has put me off using or attending the shops as often due to Inability to park easily but I also used to use this road daily and by driving through it I was sometimes reminded of things I needed to buy so I would stop and buy. It's sad that the traders, having been consulted 10 years ago and not wanted this, have been forced to deal with it. One bespoke shop has gone and this should not be allowed to continue. The few residents that like it won't have any shops left to use just because they enjoy the so called peace and its certainly not a positive step for St Leonard's.

Due to the lack of traffic, the local shops aren't getting their customers and has been very quiet, which is not good for any of the trades along that particular road

Due to the temporary one way system in place, it has caused problems in Western Way as well as Denmark Road. Last week there was a police incident in Western Way which created a tailbacks of cars. Many drivers managed to turn around. If I did that i would have had to take an extra mile or two round trip to get home. Luckily it was possible for a few cars at a time to go around the incident and head for Heavitree Road as normal this time. As a car driver, having taken my son to work on the old Tedburn Road, It is getting more difficult to get anywhere in Exeter without having to drive extra miles and creating more traffic congestions elsewhere.

Eliminating traffic from this road and the Wonford Road has forced me to drive along many roads in the city which are small, bus routes and have parked cars (sometimes on both sides). The roads I now travel on are much more congested and not designed to be used like this. The surfaces are rough and having a detrimental effect on my vehicle. The time to vacate the city at the end of the working day has doubled and this is with the reduced level of traffic due to COVID. When normal levels resume the whole city will become gridlocked. Please, please, please return these major streets back to their normal state.

For many it is a drive through place to just stop for a quick shop, coffee or lunch. Not an end destination for shopping.

For the sake of the livelihood of traders and amenities of residents and the wider users of the facilities on Magdalen Road, remove the temporary restrictions and return it to what it was before March 2020.

Go back to how it was

I also use the rest of the city and the impact all these small road changes are having on the traffic congestion and pollution all over the city are more important than this issue.

I am a blue badge holder. I feel that Exeter's road changes have discriminated against car users, and as someone who relies on a car life is more difficult. If Magdalen road was completely pedestrianised then walking disabled and elderly would find it harder to visit the area and shops. Exeter is becoming obsessed with providing for cycling, however many residents are elderly or disabled and these changes are making me feel unwanted in the area. I have received some foul comments from People online because I cannot cycle due to disability. This should not be acceptable. Disabled blue badge holders should be able to go in areas where buses or taxis are allowed. Maybe a camera and number plate recognition could be used? Or regular spot checks.

I am so grateful t have shops round the corner. I'm not sure the shopkeepers like the new arrangement as they think traffic, therefore customers are being signposted away. I would be backing their wishes all the way.

I avoid the shops now as it's too difficult to park and I can only approach from one direction... I did used to stop off regularly, especially on way home from town. I now generally avoid the city centre now too because of how difficult it is to navigate all the Covid closures. It's bad for business.

I come from out of town in for school collections and used to visit the shops before and after. I don't anymore as it makes the journey too difficult.

I don't think the shopping area should be solely for pedestrians. Although it looks very nice this would not be ideal for elderly or disabled drivers.

I don't go there as much now I can't park in the 30min spaces. With two small children, popping into the shops isn't as easy now. Also I feel shutting that road redirects local traffic to other routes and is causing an increase in congestion. No one uses the new pedestrianised section on the road and they just wait for each other to pass in normal pavement , as people just assume it's a cycling lane. All in all makes life more difficult for local users and business

I feel for the local businesses on this street. The one way system has had a negative impact on the. I think it should be returned back to a two way system

I feel sorry for the traders in the fact that most of the trade now comes from local people and not passing trade too, already shops are disappearing

I feel the one way system is unnecessary and having a negative impact on the trade of the shops. It's a shame as is putting people off.

I ha e noticed that the street is much quieter since these changes came in. I have very rarely seen a cyclist actually use the cycle lane. I own a business on the street and talking to other traders they say they have seen a fall in foot fall. As a car driver I found parking in the spaces almost impossible and ended up giving up and parking elsewhere. If I were a customer I would have gone somewhere easier like Waitrose

I have children at Exeter school. The road changes have also created dangerous carnage on the roads around the schools. I used to shop 2-3 times on magdalen rd and use the cafe daily and now I avoid it as unable to park and I find it inaccessible . I am not alone in this.

I have used the shops in magdalen Road much less since the change in the road layout. It makes it so much more difficult to get to. I feel sorry for the traders and hope they can survive.

I have used the shops much less due to the change to road lay out & I'm very concerned at the impact on struggling businesses. Making the road pedestrianised would surely mean very little passing trade.

I haven't been able to visit any of the regular shops I normally do due to these restrictions and the ability to be able to park anywhere nearby. I have knee problems so having a hole to get there has meant I have had to go elsewhere

I like to be able to park near and I Magdalen Road and is a nightmare as it is not being a through road

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I like to idea of traffic reducing measures, but Magdalen Rod is a main arterial route into and out of Exeter. If traffic flow is restricted in either direction (such as it is at the moment), traffic leaving town is forced to go elsewhere, often into purely residential areas (in this instance, down Denmark and/or Spicer Road).

I live in Denmark Road and the increase in heavy traffic and parking makes life difficult for the residents. A lot of elderly residents live in Denmark Road. The car parking should be resident permit holders only, as people use it as a car park for Magdalene road. I live in Crossley House, a 17 flat complex, with off road parking for five vehicles. So we are reliant on street parking, we have permits. Yet very often myself and other residents can not find a space. Residents only parking would go a long way to solving this issue.

I live in Denmark Road. This has become a 'rat run' for all traffic. Cars and lorries now park in Denmark Road to access Magdalene rd. This causes problems for residents of Denmark Road who pay for parking permits. Often people will park on double yellow lines, close to the junction, to 'pop' into the shops. This causes chaos and is dangerous. The extra traffic along Denmark Road is detrimental to residents. Not only that we have a school (which itself increases traffic and parking difficulties) a health assessment centre (whose clients often use our private car park next door) and several houses of multiple occupation. So parking is already at a premium. It should be noted our street parking is often used as a cheaper alternative to local car parks by those wishing to shop in town. Cyclists use our road, and it can be difficult to negotiate parking whilst trying to see round lorries ect. Whilst reducing traffic in Magdalene road it has increased it in Denmark Road.

All this is extra pressure on Denmark Road . In addition, in my experience, cyclists need to learn and use the highway code. Wear clothing that makes them visible and try to understand the issues drivers have.

I live in St Leonards - Magdalen Rd is my local shopping street. I am devastated to see it so empty of people, so deserted. It is no wonder - people now avoid the area as the traffic measures are so frustrating!!! There are no signs telling irritated drivers that the measures are temporary so they don't know to return soon. And now that the one way system has destroyed the heart if our village, there's no need for thr damn covid measures because there are too few people to have to worry about enforcing social distancing. There are now 3 empty units in what was once a bustling, vibrant street. Please let's save this wonderful local resource that is at the heart of the community. Reintroduce normal road traffic and separately open a consultation about thr future - don't use these bullying and non representative tactics to make unpopular changes.

I live just off Magdalen road and on a one way road - closing off the main road would stop access to wonford road, and my road. The changes are already causing extra traffic down small streets. The shops need the parking spaces along the road and access for deliveries. These shops are perfect for the community and visitors. People are not going to park in town to walk here - it is not that special and it is ridiculous to think the making the road pedestrianised would bring more footfall. The roads around are being over used and made unsafe by the current set up. People can pass each other with a mask on, just like they would along any pathway.

I live on Denmark road and all the outgoing traffic from Magdalen road now comes up Denmark road and sits waiting for the traffic lights changing a quit residential street into a main road leaving the city . The air pollution is really gone up - when I open my front door from 1600 onwards the fumes are suffocating. I am not against pedestrianised Magdalen road as long as The traffic could be rerouted away from Denmark road.

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I live on Denmark Road. The changes to Magdalen Road have resulted in greatly increased traffic on Denmark Road. The junction with Heavitree Road has greater queues and tailbacks as a result, and the increase in traffic is dangerous with the schools and for residents. It has also resulted in higher exhaust fumes. This is before the Pyramids has re-opened, which will lead to even more traffic on this already busy stretch. Local residents were not consulted about the changes, and it is essentoal we are listened to now and Magdalen Road be returned to two-way.

I love shopping independently, but the road closure is mad. It prevents me from going there.

I love the charm of a street where you can park for free for a few minutes... pop into a couple of shops and go again. It's convenient!

I love the way it's always been - there was nothing wrong with it x

I no longer shop in Magdalen road. I find it very frustrating that I'm not able to drive through as that was why I used to shop there in the first place. I would not park somewhere and walk to Magdalen road to shop.

I now avoid this area of Exeter due to the traffic diversions and no longer shop here. I used to cycle this route without any problems daily. The road closures would not make a difference to my route as I would simply choose the most direct route. The road closures in Exeter just seem to cause more congestion/bottlenecks! I would never cycle the lane at Ludwell and will stick to road with street lights and smooth surfaces. That one is the most ridiculous one and right on my doorstep!

I now can not visit the shops I used to as there is no nearby parking.

I now completely by pass the whole area, where as before I drove into the parking spaces approaching from the lower end.

Businesses will fail.

I now have to travel a long way round to park ,which directs me to Waitrose !!Magdalen Road was perfect for visiting with no obstacles ,cyclists are irate if you have to go into the cycle lane to park ,and the shops are complaining that they are too quiet and may close

I now shop far less in Magdalen Road because of the changes. If it was pedestrianised I would not shop here at all I have use my car to get here

I regularly visit a flat near Wonford Road and I now have to drive much further, sitting in traffic, to get there. I think the changes are making it harder to access the area, threatening the businesses.

I shop less on Magdalen Road now it's one way

I think all the temporary closures and changes such as the Magdalen Road one-way routing have been rushed into place and as such poorly planned. Whilst traffic reduction is desirable in order to reduce pollution then there are other roads that should be considered as a priority as well as encouraging other control methods such as electric vehicles.

I think it will be bad for the main shops, who will lose passing traffic. I think it will increase congestion elsewhere if the road is made one-way. Very very against this proposal

I think one way with a clear cycle route is a good compromise. Without easy parking near the shops the area would suffer hugely. As a cyclist I welcome all the cycle routes being developed and they have increased my cycling in the city.

I think Pedestrianised looks attractive and for those passing through on foot it would be great. But it ceases to be easily accessible for others and that in turn runs businesses into the ground. It's a dangerous move for the existing businesses.

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- I think the area worked perfectly prior to the new restrictions being put in. I don't think the new system really benefits anyone and has a detrimental affect on the businesses in the area. I imagine they are going to struggle more with the effects of covid and some of them may have to close which would be awful for them. I'm surprised the council are making it harder for them
- I think the shopkeepers are the people to ask what works for them best.
- I think you need to consider the impact on the businesses, some people may be reminded to shop there when they pass by in their car and if this stops completely it is less likely that people will make the effort to find parking and walk to the shops. It would be such a shame to lose the independent businesses and the community it creates. Times are hard with restrictions but this doesn't give shop owners any hope that things will improve in the future, if anything they will only get worse with the threat of closure.
- I used to go to Magdalen Road at least 3 times per week. Now I don't bother. The restrictions in Wonford Street and in Magdalen Road add time to my journey. Coming from town I'm directed to pass within spitting difference of Waitrose which supplies all that Magdalen Road has to offer. If I want local shops, Topsham offers that. On street free parking for an hour means enough time to meet and get some supplies. Coming from Heavitree it's harder to reverse in, especially when someone stops behind you. It's a mess. Topsham shops are thriving. Magdalen Road shops seem to be closing.
- I used to shop more on Magdalen road but with the present restrictions I shop less. I find I am using Heavitree more
- I used to use the road weekly travelling from St Thomas to Heavitree - travelling around the job centre roundabout has added more time, mileage and stress to my ride and I resented the change big time. Reading about the impact the change had on businesses and people I strongly advocate reverting to previous state.
- I work at Maynard School and this current traffic system causes huge congestion in Denmark and Spicer Road making it dangerous for our young pupils.
- I work in the vicinity and have noticed more traffic on Spicer Road/Denmark Road
- I would like to know when the hospice road will be re-opened causing a huge inconvenience driving around. Dryden Road is not a suitable cut through due to buses using that road cars are having to reverse to allow room for buses and it's also encouraging cars to cut through the Hosiptal.
- I've used the shops far less since the one way measure was implemented. I understand it is preferable for those who live within walking distance, but as a convenient area to drop in on the way home from work (i.e. by car) I now don't use them. Shame.
- I would support more supported parking (20 mins free, then cash for more time) - the Exminster Tesco Metro location is a good example of a good solution.
- If it has to be a one way street, I think the present direction should be reversed. ie away from town towards Heavitree
- IF the activists and/or relevant Government bodies get to change the (previous) layout and traffic, I would say that there would only be two appropriate measures, which are car-free (which I do not think is logical or a good idea) or COMPLETELY pedestrianised - ie, NO other transport, including buses, bikes, scooters, electric vehicles, motor bikes/mopeds.
- If the road became pedestrian only, on a permanent basis, it would prove difficult for people coming from a reasonable distance, especially older people, to find somewhere to park to visit the shops.
- If this were to be made permanent it would direct traffic past schools. I would no longer use the shops as it would be it would be inconvenient to park elsewhere
- If you were to pedestrianize Magdalen road, as the previous image shows, where do you suggest the potential customers for the shops would park? Parking for residents is already at a premium. NON- local passing trade would be lost. Locals with mobility problems would be unable to stop to shop. Traffic would be increased on both main arteries in and out of the city, causing longer tailbacks/constant 'rush hour' traffic, increased pollution as well as making it more difficult for locals to reach their homes, both in St Leonards as well as Newtown area.
Perhaps when the lease for the Automatic Car sales expires, that could be earmarked for al fresco dining - without doing away with this important and useful link road to the RD&E Hospital, Heavitree and the city.
- In our view some ability for traffic and car parking is important. Ultimate we feel any changes or proposals should be led by the retailers as they provide a community service and we need their businesses to be a success!
- Independent trade is being adversely affected and people's businesses should be a priority
- It is all very well but elderly people may not be able to walk to the shops. Pedestrians and cyclists are on average young people
- It is currently too difficult to get to the shops in Magdalen Road, so unable to use them
- It is important to keep the flow of one way traffic In its current direction to stop the potential for car rat runs being developed - going down the one way rd behind the pub and then past a school.
- It should never be closed
- It used to be very easy to negotiate the traffic system and park...now it is tiresome if you are coming from the Exeter end.
- It's about what works for the businesses here, if it's not working now then there will be no businesses left at all!!
- It's increased congestion on neighbouring roads
- It's ridiculous that residents can't turn into wonford road from Magdalen road when they come from town. Having to go the long way round to get from home to work due to this new system is adding to the traffic and for another 30 metres is totally mad. Exeter traffic was bad and unless you build a ring road to stop people having to cross the city it won't get any better . Magdalen road becoming pedestrianised in this way is pointless. It's all well to say you can cycle but really in the pouring rain with a three year old trying to get all the school kit and work bags on a bike it's just Not possible. It would be better to look at how to help people coming into town rather than penalising local residents
- Keep traffic going through
- Let magdalen road thrive. Changing the road layout & making it pedestrianised will kill the ease of using these shops & cafes, especially due to disability access. Why can't things just be left alone,
- Like myself living not in st Leonards, stopping traffic will stop me as it had visiting!!!
- Living on Magdalen Road, I find the one way system limits direct driving access to my home - meaning I drive around longer on other residential roads. Seems wasteful.

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Magdalen rd was fine as it was. There was seldom traffic and it was always easy to park. I have never seen any problems with pedestrians or cyclists. People could come from any direction and park and pop into shops as necessary but now avoid the area and this has has a devastating effect on some of the shops and the vibrant community that Magdalen Rd was prior to these changes. All these road closures are creating havoc with the traffic in general and for what... a very small handful of cyclists? Things were fine as they were and although there was traffic in Exeter, it was manageable as opposed to what it has become, and this is only with half the number cars back on the road. Please return things to the way they were and find a smarter way to make things safer for cyclists than arbitrary closing down of roads.

Magdalen Road has always been a lovely place to shop/eat and it saddens me to hear that the new restrictions are adversely affecting businesses.

Magdalen Road is a well known shopping street which is popular both in the locality and in the wider Exeter area. I can't help but feel the traders will suffer if there are limits put on traffic for any length of time. The idea of a more pedestrianised area is attractive but I don't think it is possible without making, what is essentially, a shopping street, less viable.

Magdalen Road is busy because of the traffic going through and the short free parking. Make it traffic free, it would have to compete against (and fail) the town centre. It would have to compete against the large supermarkets and their free parking, and it would fail. The random road closures are causing traffic queues and congestion (already - even while so many are working from home) on the other roads. I am not seeing any more cyclists. Traffic is being pushed onto roads less suitable for it - often even more residential than the closed ones. A very poorly thought out 'plan'. Invest in better public transport.

Magdalen Road looks so desperately sad now, it's difficult to access now and opportunistic drop ins have become zero for us. Such a shame so many shops now closed

Magdalen Road offers an amazing, eclectic shopping/dining experience.

Magdalen Road relies on car traffic and parking for a large proportion of its business. By making it difficult to enter Magdalen Road we cut that traffic. This may have short term benefits for cyclists who have been given a lane for themselves but I have yet to encounter any benefits for pedestrians like myself or for the businesses along the road.

Magdalen Road shops have thrived over recent years, you can tell this with how successful the xmas market is each year. To take away passing trade when businesses are already established is like breaking a contract. That location was chosen I suspect because of the constant through traffic, a very wide audience for their business, which is needed to succeed.

Magdalen Road Temporary Traffic Regulation Order

I am a member of the Magdalen Road community who lives just off the parade of shops at 18 Wonford Road. I understand that a meeting will be held on the 13th October to review the above Order and its consequences and would like to offer one or two comments.

I'd like to begin by recognizing the very good intentions behind the current changes. To encourage cycling and to provide extra space for pedestrians are important and praiseworthy aims for any local authority and I cannot imagine anyone objecting to the goals which were driving these changes.

I think it is possible to object to what seemed to be a lack of consultation with shopkeepers and local residents. It may be that some were contacted, and their opinions sought, but that did not extend to those who live in the part of Wonford Road most immediately affected by the introduction of the one-way system. I understand that the current pandemic made the need to consider pedestrian space more urgent, but a greater sense of community compliance would have been welcome.

Having seen the effects of the new scheme over a period of several weeks now I think that it has done more damage than good. What we have is neither fish nor fowl. For obvious reasons it has not introduced the benefits of a pedestrianised area, though as I will point out later, in this context pedestrianisation is likely to do more harm than good in the long run. There is still traffic, but now the area has been disfigured. I am sure that the ugly red barriers would be replaced with something more attractive if the scheme ever became permanent, and the introduction of the pots of flowers is an improvement. But the carving up of the area into three strips, one for cars, one for bicycles and one for pedestrians disfigures the environment and makes a formerly attractive area unattractive. The area has lost its character and the consequence will be fewer people being attracted to the shops. I know that we cannot attribute the recent closure of a number of these shops to this traffic change alone, as the pandemic regulations have had a much greater effect on retail businesses and food and drink providers, but if the current road scheme continues I cannot see the Magdalen Road shops seeing a return to the footfall that they enjoyed before Covid took its toll. My concern is that the current scheme will prevent a return to the state of affairs in which a small community of shops was defying the national decline in shopping, not least because it was felt to be a very special local community. The two way traffic and the relatively narrow pavements did not deter people from visiting and I sincerely believe that Magdalen Road's best chance of survival as a distinct collection of local shops, cafes and restaurants is if there is a restoration of the previous imperfect, but tolerable busy combination of people, cycles and traffic. If the situation is not reversed, there is a real danger that Exeter will lose one of its most distinctive and interesting row of shops, and that with hindsight the decision to introduce a system without really appreciating the context will in the future be seen as the action which finally killed off the area known affectionately as 'the village'.

Unlike the riverside and Cathedral Green, Magdalen Road has never been, even at the recent peak of its success, a place where people have sought to linger. They have come in to use the excellent shops, and/or make use of a café, restaurant, or pub for refreshment. A few might sit outside on seats on the pavement while they have their coffee. But although people like to refer to it as the 'village' that is a misleadingly romantic term. This stretch of road is not, and never will be, a restful place and it is a day dream [with potentially harmful consequences] to imagine that it could one day have the inviting charm of the riverside or Cathedral Green [or a nineteenth century village street]. Even if there was something to look at [which there is not] there will always be some measure of nearby traffic [assuming that Wonford Road is not to be turned into some kind of Oxbow lake] and this is no bad thing. The combined bustle of people and transport can help an area like Magdalen Road, not hinder it. There is evidence, for example, that people, particularly women, feel safer at night in areas where there is regular traffic.

It is essential that we aim to create something that will preserve the best of what is, and not run the risk of destroying Magdalen Road by visualising it as something it is not. The disastrous consequences of the unthought-through effects of getting rid of traffic in parts of Norwich and Soho, which led to the demise of the small retailer and the spread of fast-food chains which could afford the rent, should be a warning to us all.

I have every hope that all these points will be weighed up, and that a wise decision will be reached.

Magdalen Road was a fab place to either pop by or to stay a while for a meal. Without any parking the short stay visitors will cease....

Making magdalen rd one way has turned Denmark Rd into a rat run. I would support the pedestrianisation of magdalen road only if access to denmark rd is for residents only.

Making the area pedestrian friendly would mean I wouldn't go to the street to shop. You can't pop in and too far away from city center to make a trip on foot.

Making the one-way system permanent would be great. Completely closing the road to traffic as suggested in the photo would damage businesses. Lots of drivers stop off there to quickly pick up a few things and without the option to park directly opposite the shops, they would just go to Waitrose.

Many drivers are disobeying the one way system anyway... It is causing heavier traffic on Topsham Road

More free parking spaces in Magdalen Road, Denmark Road and all around the area.

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Much though I like the concept of reducing traffic, the effect of restricting traffic past Magdalen shops is to funnel it down Heavitree and Topsham roads, with additional time and fuel burnt. This is neither practical or fair to dwellers on these roads or people trying to navigate Exeter.

My visits have reduced from weekly to monthly.

Named as one of the coolest shopping streets in the WORLD..... but now you're ruining something special. You risk losing this wonderful & unique road, full of individual businesses. As for Christmas, Magdalen is certainly the place to be. A massive hit for so many people. 200% better than Exeter's Christmas market.

No

No

No

no

No

No. Present arrangements are fine. If to be permanent quality of structures needs upgrading.

Not used the shops since the changes. It needs to go back to how it was for the businesses to function properly.

Now not shopping in Mag Rd as its awful,poor excess,terrible layout,miss my shopping trips,lets rtn to old rd plz

Open the other roads that were closed.

Parking around the area is difficult, and expensive. The spaces opposite the shops, that could be accessed from both ends of the road, worked really well.

Parking in this area is too expensive. There is too few free short stay parking spots around.

parking is needed.taking it away would impact on shops trading quite a lot

Pedestrianisation or one way traffic causes heavy traffic going too fast on Denmark Road and this should be taken into consideration.

Pedestrianisation will kill the road, it was the convenience of nipping in to park and buy fish or go to the farm shop. I've not been to any of the shops since the changes and probably won't unless it reverts back

People shopped more before all the changes to the lay out.

Now with this new lay which is absolutely stupid people don't go as often and it makes traffic worse so it definitely puts people off driving that way.

We need to save these little shops that provide people with jobs and income as their business, life is hard enough at the moment don't make it any harder for them Devon country council.

Please change all the roads back to normal in Exeter. The closures are so unhelpful and they are not being used by cyclists at all.

Please return it to the previous state.

Preferred it before the changes.

Put it back as it was. More parking is needed for when visiting the shops there.

Removal of traffic is a nice idea. However, I do not live in walking distance of St Leonard's and have to use my car to get to the shops and schools. I love to support local business. However, due to all the road closures in favour of bikes and pedestrians in the surrounding area, with no apparent consideration given to suitable, accessible alternative parking options for cars, I completely avoid the entire area. I'm saddened to hear local businesses have suffered but the closures of roads combined with the covid regulations making it so inaccessible.

Return the road to its former state. This fanciful idea of turning Magdalen Road into a Continental style pedestrian area (Tony Greig's past plan) does not take into account the need for shoppers' parking or the vagaries of English weather or the long cold dark Winter months. Time to stop wasting time & money & allow the street to operate as it has for decades. Two years ago lauded as one of the best shopping streets in the UK & even the World ---not any more. Allow the shops to trade & locals to shop.

Return this once lovely road to its original state. There were never any issues with cars and pedestrians.

Return to original layout

Return Wonford Road and Dryden Road to back to normal 2 way usage.

Sadly the changes have caused unacceptable traffic and congestion in Denmark and spicer roads

Shops are dying

shutting magdalen Road is causing a higher level of traffic pollution, what used to take me 25 minutes to drive, now takes upwards of 35, depending on traffic levels. Also I know many businesses are struggling as there is a severe case of passing trade.

since the road restrictions I have found it so hard to park and do my shopping

Stop making Exeter inaccessible to cars, it puts so many people off visiting

Such a shame in such hard times, just needs to return to the way it was so the roads businesses can have a chance to start to thrive again.

surrounding car parks too expensive. Current one way system is not good for businesses

The bicycle riders have no respect for pedestrians. If the current state is made permanent, bicycles should be one way only.

The businesses will lose a huge amount of trade if it was to become pedestrianised.

The change in the road has meant I rarely go there anymore the traffic alterations in the St Leonard's area generally have made life difficult and the casual shopping non existent. To be able to park briefly in Magdalen Road was sufficient to use the shops . Social distancing has been used as an excuse there are plenary of areas where the same measures could have been taken if this was a real concern but haven't

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The changes are terrible. Poor signage about what's happening (then blaming drivers who end up on a one way street and have to try and find a way out) and the road and really unsafe. I no longer shop here due to the changes. You've asked about pedestrian only area in the future - I've had to say no to this as you would only do it badly. The only way this would work would be to have good accessible parking on either end of the street AND all cyclists dismount through the area, as a pedestrian I'm fed up of cycles & scooters making the pavements and roads unsafe. Since there isn't any space for this parking and you are gung-ho on cyclists wizzing everywhere now and making it unsafe for pedestrians I just think it would go back to the way it was

The changes have already impacted in the amount of trade in the street and caused more congestion in other residential areas, pushing the traffic flow near the local school my daughter attends. I have actively been trying to support local businesses, especially those in Magdalene Road but the current road system makes it near impossible to be actively intent on visiting, so I can only imagine at the loss in passing trade experienced by those who are already struggling to survive.

The city road infrastructure cannot support the complete closure of Magdalen Rd, unless other surrounding roads are expanded for traffic.

The covid restrictions and current traffic system are detrimentally affecting the shops, which we greatly value.

The current arrangement has increased the traffic around the school and residential home on Spicer Road. This is now a dangerous area for children to cross the road to school.

The current arrangement is putting many of the local shopkeepers under pressure and a number have already closed. Although locals of course use Magdalen Road, the shops are very much reliant on passing trade. I have spoken to lots of the shopkeepers and they are really concerned. It is also not very eco friendly, as cars are being diverted now into residential roads and have to make a much larger detour instead of driving up Magdalen Road. What is the point of having a paved area, if there are no shops? For many years, the Magdalen Road shops have served a purpose beyond just shopping for supplies. The shops are a central part of the St Leonards community and provide a key role in maintaining neighbourly relationships and support. This should surely be the key motivation for the St Leonards Neighbourhood Association ie for the furtherance of that community. It is very important that you listen to the traders. In summary I am concerned about the viability of the shops should the current measures be continued, the consequent impact on the local community and the broader traffic implications.

The current one way system makes it impossible to exit the Maynard School safely.

The current restrictions are dreadful and make it challenging to access the shops in a car.

The current system is a disgrace and businesses being severely affected. It was fine before.

The economy desperately needs these independent businesses to be successful and remain open they are not only a lifeline for local residents but unique and a wonderful shopping area for people all over the Exeter area. Whatever the "ideal" world is for everyone walking/cycling it is not practical in reality so free 2 hour parking in Magdalen Road lay-by and surrounding streets would be a boon to the Magdalen Road shops and I for one would use the shops more regularly if I could park easily and cheaply and not have to use the over priced Exeter City Council car parks nearby

The effect on the businesses in the street would be catastrophic if it was pedestrianised.

The experiment has disrupted traffic use of Magdalen Road and has caused difficulties for pedestrians and shoppers in the street around the shops.

The idea of pedestrianisation is great but the car park to the bottom of the road is always very full so the only customers these shops will have are those who are able to walk to them and they already do so. Custom from further afield will be lost.

The impact of the closures make it increasingly difficult to gain access to the area, but also move the traffic out to other roads which cause more gridlock and chaos, more frustration for drivers, more pollution because cars seem to be sat in long queues with engines running making my walk through the area less pleasant, as well as having a negative impact on the environment rather than the clearly intended positive one

The knock on effect on other roads needs to be sorted. Just because Magdalen Road wants an eco coffee culture it may not be suited as with that and other road changes e.g wonford Road, it is causing more traffic on the other routes ie Topsham Road, causing more congestion and pollution.

The knock on impact on both the appeal of magdalen Rd as a destination and on surrounding traffic is totally disproportionate to the benefits of making it one way, let alone closing to traffic altogether.

The Magdalen Road shops are a wonderful resource for the local community but I really think that the present restrictions will have reduced their trade considerably

I feel that we might be in danger of losing our shops if shoppers- other than locals- cannot get to them.

The move to make this a one way street has put enormous pressure on other roads and were not even running at normal capacity, Exeter is fast becoming so gridlocked that people from areas just outside are starting to go to other places to shop. When I drive around Exeter I spend so much time in traffic jams because of traffic lights, two lanes going to one lane at roundabout's and one way systems. There must be a rethink in Exeter's infrastructure and fast as we will start losing visitors.

the pavement being wider would be good. taking away the car park spaces would be detrimental - and impact on trade. diverting the traffic to other roads around takes cars, vans etc through more residential streets and does. not make any sense

The pedestrianisation wouldn't work as many shoppers on Magdalen road come by car and stop there briefly in the half hour parking spaces. There isn't sufficient parking space nearby to accommodate this (the car park at the bottom of the road is nearly always full with commuters, and the few available spaces are usually full too), so many shoppers just wouldn't come and go somewhere more convenient instead. The atmosphere of Magdalen Road and the products available (butchers, bakery, organic food, zero waste products, cafes, clothing & gift shop) is all available somewhere such as Darts Farm which has ample parking. The clientele of Magdalen Road would be more than happy to drive to Darts farm for the same experience.

The problem is that lorries delivering essential goods to the shops will not be able to do so. At the present moment some lorries have real problems due to road narrowing for Covid. This could kill off the shops and reduce what is a lovely area for individual shops to nothing. At the present moment chaos is caused by lorries delivering and cars cannot get past due to one way. And narrowing of roads. The car park at the end of the road gets full on a daily basis, so where would the extra parking take place?

The restrictions are a pain for the vast majority of the people I know. I have lived in at Leonard's for all of my 31 years and it needs to be reverted. Also the other changes in ex2 are silly . V poor decision from the council.

The road closures are creating a greater hindrance and I would assume increased pollution given the slow moving and idling traffic everywhere else

The road infrastructure is not able to cope with the required diverting of traffic pedestrianising this street would cause. You won't be reducing traffic, just displacing it into roads unsuitable for heavy use and upping pollution in purely residential streets.

The road is fine as it is no need to change things.

The road needs to be reopened both ways ,as I don't live in exete,and I now have to make sure I "do" Magdalen Road on my way in,as doing on my way out now is a nightmare and I haven't actually bothered

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Have you any other comments you would like to make?

The road network has been under-capacity for over 15 years now, we need more roads. There will never be a reduction in cars until everyone works within a mile of their house, which isn't possible with how Exeter is distributed commercially

The road should be returned to its previous state but with traffic calming to slow down traffic with cyclists and cars sharing and to enforce speed limits vigorously. If you remove vehicles from the road no customers will use the shops as you can go to any large supermarket and buy anything you want under one roof with free parking. I am a St Leonard's resident since 1968.

The shopping culture is often for a particular purchase given some of the unique outlets. Reducing the access would deter me from visiting, given the expensive parking in near by car parks

The shops are no longer being used as they were before what is the point of having this fantastic range of shops if you can't get to them except on foot or cycle, not everyone can do this.

The shops need the road to be open in order to survive... they have no rear access so need deliveries at the front. Wider pavements and one way road will achieve that.

If totally pedestrian (as in the picture) the shops will probably go bust within a year at and we will be left with a " ghost village"

The shops on Magdalen Road are closing because cars can only access them in one direction. This is having a huge effect on small local business. Traffic is being pushed elsewhere, this road closure is not achieving any real benefit. I used to use the road at least 4 times a day on my school runs and would often stop at the shops but this is not viable now as traffic is being pushed further away, causing more traffic in small residential streets which are only wide enough for one car as there are cars parked on both sides of the road. Topsham Road which was busy before is now even busier and can be queued the entire length from Countess Wear roundabout all the way to the top of Western Way. The new development on Topsham Road will only cause more traffic problems. I rarely see bikes using Magdalen Road, certainly not enough to warrant a one way system. The local businesses are not in support of these measures, please change them back for the sack of these people's livelihoods. The other road closures are equally as pointless and the roads aren't being used now, causing congestion elsewhere! Wonford road is a prime example.

The strangulation of a once vibrant city continues with crazy council decisions.

The street closure is not essential at all. It will kill the business completely. This street is also very important for traffic. Traffic in Exeter is horrible and any street closure will cause more issues. There is no common sense doing this at all.

The street is a lot quieter and the shops are suffering

The temporary road layouts all across Exeter have caused chaos with traffic on other streets! I have only used Magdalen road shops once since the restrictions have been put in place, it took me 45 minutes to get home, usual time was 10 minutes.

The temporary traffic scheme diverts traffic into nearby residential roads and makes them into rat runs.

The traders must be suffering from not only Covid restrictions but also the current one way system. There are a number of vacant shops and this will continue until the two way system is restored.

The traffic situation with the local school makes any changes unbearable to local residents and users of the shops. Arrangements are disastrous and should be changed back.

The use of the COVID 19 requirements is not required in my opinion because it is in the open air & the pavements are wide enough to allow pedestrians to pass safely & the cyclist go any way they want. Also the shops are losing revenue.

The whole road closure systems in Exeter have not been thought out very well.

There are people living in the flats opposite the shops that need to be able to park outside. The shops need to be able to have deliveries, and the surrounding residential roads are not suitable for lorries, when they have had to take alternative routes to avoid the one way system.

There is limited parking there already. Make it pedestrian only and only the people who live there can visit the shops so you will kill trade

There is no social distancing going on anyway. It is pure folly to have created a one way street because of a virus. Return it (and other roads) back to their previous state.

These and any future changes are likely to affect the atmosphere of this widely (nationally) praised street and whilst I have said no to future changes, some finer tuning to be democratically discussed could be beneficial. At the moment the street has been detrimentally changed and traffic flows made to use the most unenvironmentally circuitous alternative routes and the speed of traffic I have seen on each visit has reached borderline dangerous. Such ill thought changes. All the traders I have spoken to are opposed as indeed are all of my neighbours.

These changes have been snuck in under the radar. Surround long areas are suffering, you have reduced traffic you have just made it go somewhere else. Bad democracy

These individual shops are used by many elderly people and others who find shopping in supermarkets stressful- we need to support local businesses

These temporary measures already forcing the shops to close as not enough traffic passing through. And it's absolute nightmare to get to the nearby schools as you have to make a huge loop in the car if you are coming against one way system. Making that road pedestrian will make matters even worse. The same goes to the nearby roads: one way system on them makes traffic on the nearby streets even worse! I've experienced all the nearby roads closures and it's an absolute nightmare! Most parents and teachers in the area agree that it should go back to how it was before! Thank you.

Think they are only for a minority of people who don't work and have time to walk and cycle every where

This has a massive impact on my commute

This has made congestion in Exeter even worse. The number of car drivers that are being inconvenienced compared to the tiny numbers of cyclists that use the lane is huge. At the moment very few cyclists are using the lane and in winter when it's cold and raining there will be even fewer. The lane also looks awful. I usually park in the car park at the end of Magdalen Road and now can't drive back up Magdalen Road to get home so have a large detour. This is yet another example of a badly thought out and executed idea intended to make the council forward thinking rather than considering how practical it is.

This is ruining trade for already stretched businesses. Please reverse. Thank you

This is selfish unselfishness...you are shifting and spreading the problem to every other road close by. You will be lucky if you got 15 cyclists a day going up that road...less in the winter. If you eradicated the problem it would be great but all you are doing is moving it round the corner to Denmark and Spicer roads...with a school right in the middle of it. So its they win we lose...must be a better solution to this

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This street and many others needs to be returned to its original state. Happy customers and traders.

This temporary arrangement has made surrounding roads busier and dangerous

this whole change is bad it was well before, to introduce changes such as bicycle paths you need to have infrastructure and there is no one in Exeter. Roads are too narrow and parking spaces in the wrong place. Continuous traffic jams are caused mostly by poorly placed parking spaces by the road. Narrow passages under railway bridges. All of Europe, the whole world is renovating roads widely and helping pedestrians, cyclists and drivers, but not England. Nothing makes sense but the narrow streets get even more blocked. Or maybe the city will buy electric or hydrogen buses to be ecological and not come up with some nonsense.

Time and time again thriving streets have been decimated by one way systems and pedestrian schemes. People drive past, like the shops but have no where to stop. It is entirely different to apply a pedestrian scheme to Exeter high street (where buses stop all the way down) to a small independent row of shops. Covid nearly killed them and now you are putting the final nail in the coffin. I have observed the cycle lane, hardly anyone uses it! Please don't blindly follow central government guidance without really understanding local usage and impact! Having lived in the area for 20 years I can see the decline in footfall. Please, have some common sense and put it back to what it was, livelihoods are at stake. Diverting traffic from this area only creates problems elsewhere in residential streets.

To use these shops I have to use a car. You are going to leave ALL these independent businesses with no trade and force them to close. This is already happening in the high street. Dont let it happen here.

Too many road closures in exeter

Trade and footfall seems to be directly linked to the amount of traffic through the road. A reduction in traffic seems to have resulted in a reduction of trade for the shops and cafes

Traders on the street report that the traffic changes have had a negative impact on their business. If these traders go out of business then the traffic measures will have had the complete opposite effect from the intention to support the reopening of said businesses. Decisions made by the council need to have the full support of all the businesses that operate on Magdalen Road.

Traffic along Denmark Road and along Spicer road has increased, making it increasingly unsafe for children leaving The Maynard School. Also the road signs also block some junctions and their location needs to be considered.

Traffic congestion is already bad in Exeter.. Closing Magdalen Road would make things worse.

Traffic congestion is worse now on Topsham and Heavitree Roads at peak times. St Leonards to LIDLs a popular journey for many, used to be a straight, short journey. It's now quite tortuous, involving a longer, more circuitous route, many more miles, cars on the road longer, greater petrol use and more congestion in Rifford Road. Wonford residents don't need that!

Traffic flow is compromised causing too much additional idling traffic to be thrown on to adjoining roads which were not meant for volume traffic. Residents have to travel far further causing unnecessary excess pollution in more residential areas.

Traffic is pushed into residential roads nearby making it more dangerous for children walking or cycling to school

Turning this bustling street in to a pedestrian only street is an absolute joke, there are people that live on this road that Rely on the parking spaces, customers for the amazing shops rely on parking spaces, do you really think that people will park at the bottom of the hill and walk up when they could just walk or park in town for the same price and have a wider variety of shops, if Magdalen road is pedestrianised it will be the death of the street it's as simple as that

Until July I lived nearby and spoke to local traders who were upset about the changes. I was using the shops on a daily basis

When I come down to Exeter I like to come and do some shopping because of the independent traders and I think the lay out at the moment is absolutely killing the street , please put it back to how it was .

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Whilst, in some ways, it would be nice if Magdalen Road WAS pedestrianised at some point, (similar to the artists impression), BUT, with a 2nd-hand car business and access to Wonford Road required, I don't see how pedestrianisation would be practical.

Also, I believe that the existing businesses would suffer if pedestrianisation was allowed to go ahead anytime in the future, as they rely, to a large extent, on passing trade and the ability for that trade to park in Magdalen Road itself. There is no other very close local parking for people to use as it is pretty much all Residents ONLY parking in every nearby street.

I acknowledge, of course, that there is the Magdalen Road Car Park at the bottom of the hill, but neither passing trade, locals (who need to park very close by due to having small children with them), nor the elderly and those with disabilities, they aren't going to find it convenient to park in that car park, pay for the privilege of said parking, and then get up the hill to the shops and back again.

Currently, there are about 8-10 FREE parking bays, opposite the shops, that people can park their cars in for up to 30 minutes at a time. If they were to be removed, along with the passing trade, etc., customers, both current and potential, would need to go either a long way around to get to the car park or having a big diversion to continue their journey home, and that could force some people to decide that it would just be far easier to go via a different route in the first place, by-passing Magdalen Road completely in the process, and find somewhere else to shop that is more convenient for them whilst possibly putting the viability of some business in Magdalen Road in jeopardy because of it.

On top of all that, you have the need for deliveries to the Magdalen Road businesses, which can't always be done say between 7am and 10am, they need access throughout the day. There is the Pillarbox that Royal Mail need access to and there are frequently people who need to drive to take their washing to and from the Laundrette.

Then there are also people who live in the residential flats and they need access for lots of reasons including moving in/out, deliveries for things like furniture, flat-packed or otherwise, plus other heavy/large items.

We don't have an accident problem in the area as there are two places where Magdalen Road can be safely crossed, one by the traffic lights at the crossroad junction with Collage Road and St. Leonard's Road, PLUS the Zebra Crossing almost opposite Budgens (formally SPAR), roughly halfway between the aforementioned traffic lights and the junction with Denmark Road.

By and large, except for a few idiots who, unfortunately, live amongst us all no matter where we reside in the country, or, indeed, the world, the overwhelming majority do abide by the 20 MPH speed limit in force in the area.

After taking ALL of the above in to consideration, it is my firm belief, (when we've got much greater control over Covid-19 and social distancing is no longer necessary outdoors), that for the benefit of all those who live and work in Magdalen Road, live nearby or otherwise use it and frequent the businesses within, that Magdalen Road should be RETURNED to the pre- Covid-19 layout with 2-way traffic restored.

IF, in an emergency, the current one-way system needed to be re-instigated, well, that can easily be done as and when, but hopefully never required. SO for me, as soon as it is safe and OK to do so, get Magdalen Road back to it's normal configuration as soon as it is practical to do so.

With shops you need to be able to park

Yes the other side roads of Mag road have become rat runs

You are destroying local businesses by not listening to what they want and need.

You should consider putting a bag over the no entry sign as cars are ignoring the sign several times a day in spicer road