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Dear Mr Edmond

PROPOSED REVERSAL OF ONE-WAY SYSTEM, LYON STREET

Thank you for your recent comments regarding the proposed reversal of the one-way system in Lyon Street, Southampton.

The proposed scheme was requested by residents of Lyon Street, who are concerned about the level of through traffic, and the noise and damage it creates. Although the Police enforce the Prohibition of Driving Order from time to time, there are still large numbers of drivers who ignore the restriction. The proposed reversal of the one-way flow would have the effect of greatly reducing the number of vehicles using Lyon Street, since it would no longer be attractive as a short cut. The residents who requested the scheme are prepared for the inconvenience of using Charlotte Place, if it results in an effective prohibition of through traffic.

The visibility for exiting Lyon Street onto Dorset Street is more than 60 metres, which is considered ample for the speeds of vehicles on Dorset Street. The turn from Onslow Road into Lyon Street is not dissimilar to many other urban junctions, and is not likely to be any more hazardous. I have established that the swept paths for traffic turning into Lyon Street are adequate for vehicles which would need to use it. The refuse collection route would be amended to take the new arrangements into account.

There is no reason to prohibit the left turn from Onslow Road since there will be very few vehicles using Lyon Street, and most of them will be private cars. The proposed new arrangements could be seen as more attractive than the existing because traffic will have more direct access from both north and south.

CCTV cameras are expensive to install and maintain, and would be unlikely to act as a deterrent. Average speed cameras will not work in this location.

I regret I am unable to uphold your objection and I would advise you that the Council intends to proceed with the one way system in Lyon Street as advertised on 7 December 2009. I hope that you will find this decision acceptable. However, if for any reason you do not, you have a right of appeal against it, provided that you do so in writing and make sure that your letter reaches me no later than 12 March 2010. The matter would then be placed before elected members of the Council for further consideration and decision. Please note that in the event you wish to make an objection and request that it be considered by the Council's Cabinet body, any future correspondence may be included within a Cabinet report accessible by the public or be subject to disclosure under Freedom of Information legislation.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Yours sincerely

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