

SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL
(BANCOMBE ROAD AND NORTHFIELD, SOMERTON)
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) ORDER 2016

SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL in exercise of its powers under Section 84 (1) and (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act of 1984, hereby makes the following Order:-

1. SAVE AS IN Article 2 of this Order, no person shall cause any vehicle to enter, proceed or wait on the lengths of road in Bancombe Road and Northfield, Somerton as shown in the Schedule below.

2. NOTHING in Article 1 of this Order shall apply so as to:

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b) the vehicle, if it cannot conveniently be used for such purpose in any other road to be used in the service of a local authority, the Environment Agency, a water undertaker or sewerage undertaker in pursuance of certain statutory powers or duties.

3. The prohibitions and restrictions imposed by the Order shall be in addition to and not in derogation from any restriction or requirement imposed by any regulation made or having effect as if made under the Act of 1984 or by or under any other enactment.

4. This Order shall come into force on the 12th day of July 2018 and may be cited as the "Somerset County Council (Bancombe Road and Northfield, Somerton) (Prohibition of Driving) Order 2016".

SCHEDULE
Prohibition of Driving

Bancombe Road, Somerton See drawing number B647/2

Northfield, Somerton See drawing number B347/3

GIVEN under the Common Seal of the Council this 6th day of July 2018

THE COMMON SEAL of the)
COUNTY COUNCIL of SOMERSET)
was hereunto affixed)
in the presence of)

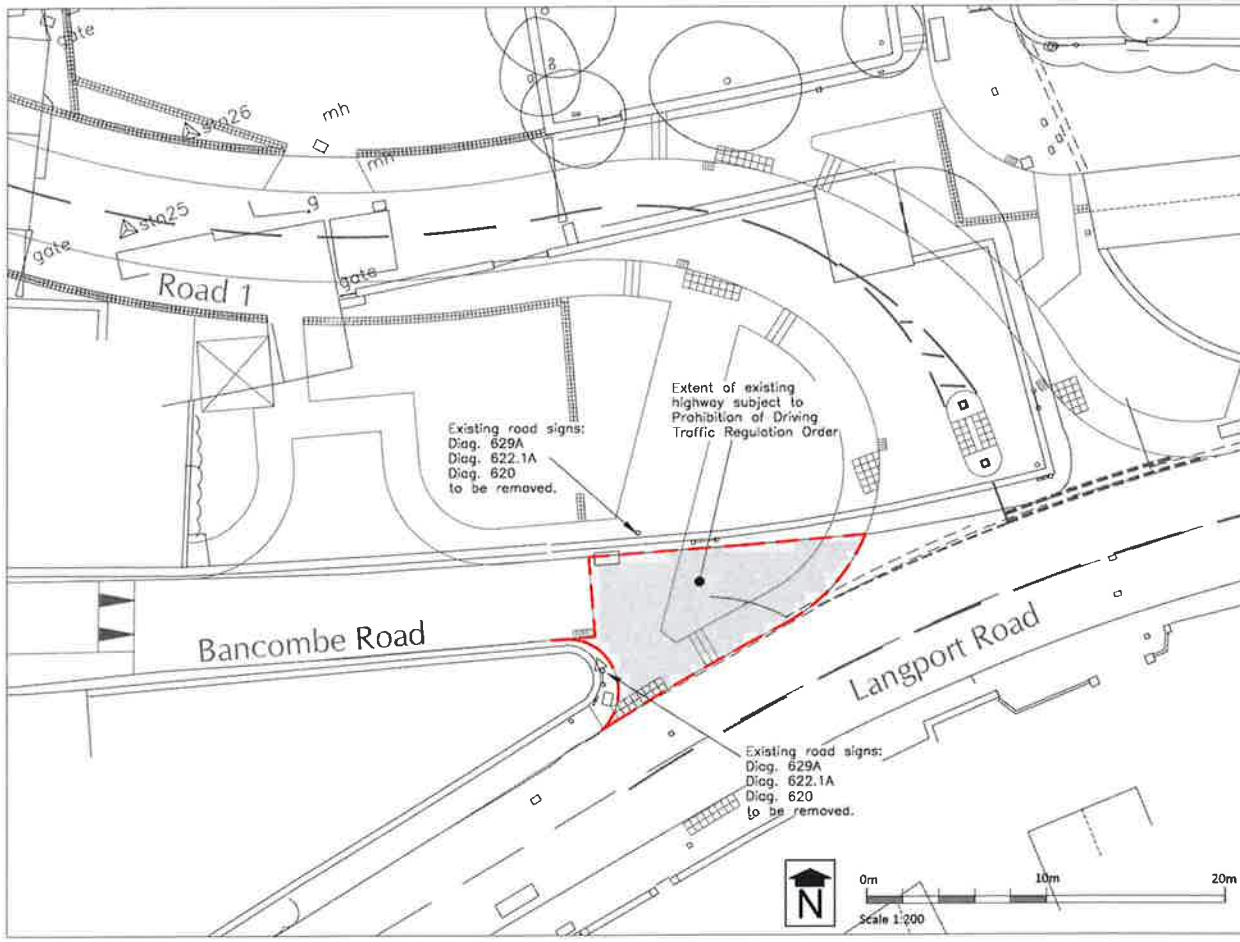



Authorised Officer

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STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR PROPOSING TO MAKE THE ORDER

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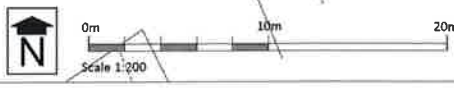
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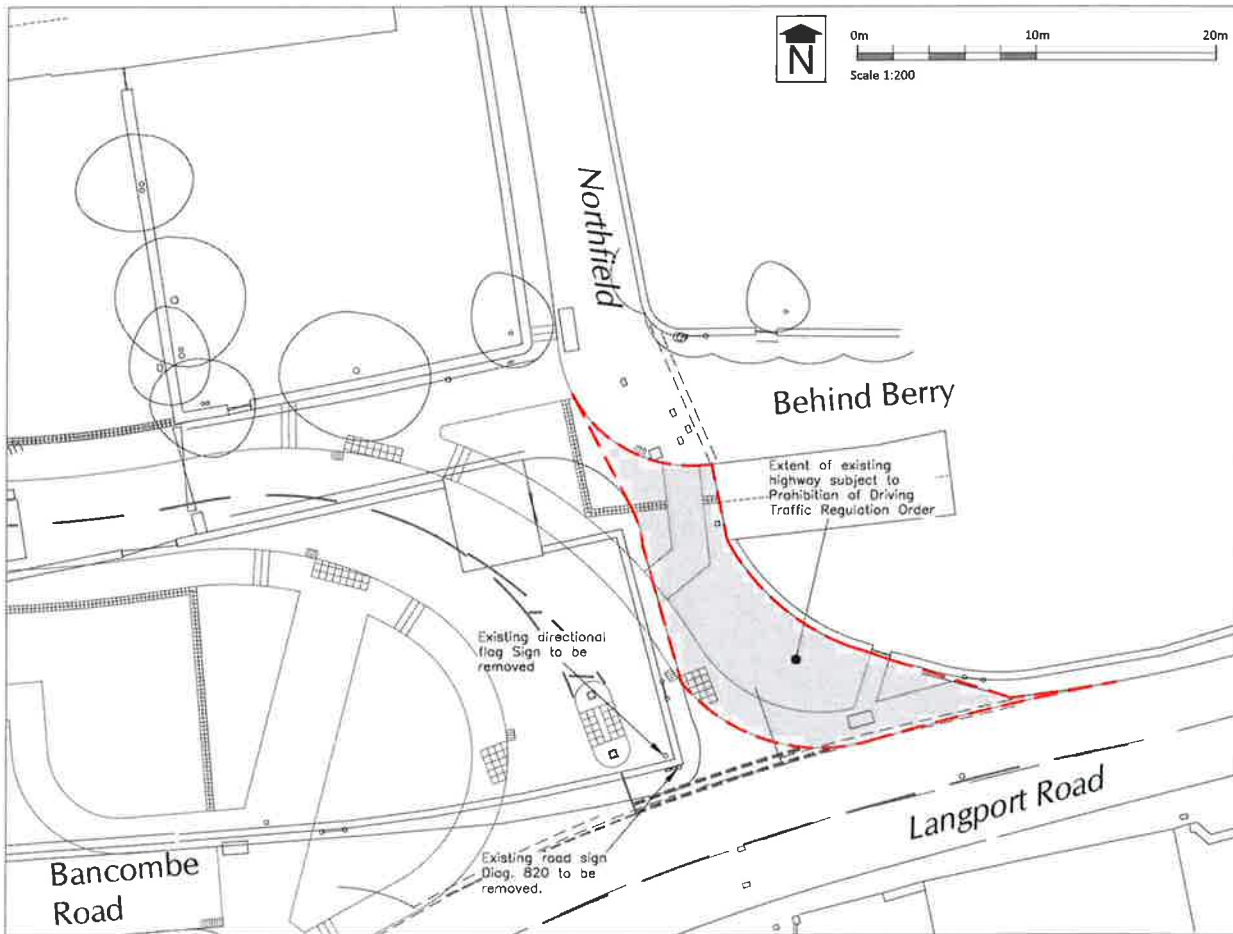


Northfield Farm
 Somerton

**Bancombe Road TRO
 Prohibition of Driving**

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TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER
DETERMINATION REPORT

(BANCOMBE ROAD AND NORTHFIELD, SOMERTON)
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) ORDER 2016

Executive Portfolio Holder: John Woodman, Cabinet Member-Highways

Division and Local Members: Councillor Dean Ruddle - Somerton

Lead Officer: Dan Mawer – Principal Development Infrastructure Officer

Author: Jeff Bunting - Senior Traffic Engineer

Contact Details: trafficmanagement@somerset.gov.uk

1 Summary

- 1.1 The proposal is to introduce a Prohibition of Driving Traffic Regulation Order (TRO), which will result in the removal of vehicular rights on Bancombe Road and Northfield at the junction with Langport Road.
- 1.2 The Prohibition of Driving Order is as a result of the planning consent granted via Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to the planning application 10/03704/FUL where the planning authority (South Somerset District Council) approved the application and proposed layout.
- 1.3 The TRO was advertised in the Western Gazette on 28th July 2016. The proposed TRO/public notice, draft TRO and plan are shown in **Appendix 1** and **Appendix 1a**.
- 1.4 Following advertisement of the TRO one objection was received, two concerns, one support and one support with comment. The objector and reasons for objecting to the proposal are shown in **Appendix 2**.
- 1.5 The police, emergency services, local members and other statutory consultees did not object to the proposal.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the **(BANCOMBE ROAD AND NORTHFIELD, SOMERTON) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) ORDER 2016** be approved.

3 Objections

3.1 1 objection to the advertised TRO was received and is shown in **Appendix 2**. Individual letters/emails of objection and responses are available for inspection at the authors Department.

3.2 Summary of objection reasons:

"SCC Highways intends to close the eastern end of Bancombe Road without specifying which alternative road it is providing for many existing users.

For residents of the 125 existing dwellings in Bancombe Road, Parklands Way and Orchard Road there is only one alternative route via Cartway Lane.

Any future diverted route through the Bovis Homes housing development will be inadequate to cope with the existing volume of traffic on Bancombe Road.

Emergency vehicles will take longer to reach the Business Park, Bancombe Road, Parklands Way, Orchard Road and Northfield as a direct result of the prohibition of driving order.


3.2. The TRO is essential to enable the implementation of the planning consent and highway works required through the consent. The highway works will provide a safer junction for all new and existing residents of the development, Bancombe Road and Northfield.

3.3 After considering the objection, it is recommended that the proposal for the Prohibition of Driving, Bancombe Road and Northfield, Somerton be introduced.

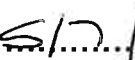
Decision record

The objection received during the consultation period has been given due consideration and I hereby confirm that the TRO (**BANCOMBE ROAD AND NORTHFIELD, SOMERTON) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) ORDER 2016** be approved

I authorise the sealing of this Traffic Regulation Order

Signed... 

Bev Norman
Strategic Manager- Traffic Management and Road Safety, Somerset County Council

Date:  / 2018

SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL
(BANCOMBE ROAD AND NORTHFIELD, SOMERTON)
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) ORDER 2016

NOTICE is hereby given that Somerset County Council proposes to make the above Order in pursuance of the provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle proceeding on the lengths of road specified on Drawing Numbers B647/2 and B647/3 forming part of this Order.

A copy of the draft order, the plans showing the lengths of road affected and the Statement of Reasons for proposing to make the order may be inspected at (i) South Somerset Area Highways Office, Mead Avenue, Yeovil, BA22 8RT or (ii) Somerset County Council, B Block Reception, County Hall, Taunton, or (iii) online at www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-transport/road-works/tro

Any person wishing to object to the proposed Order may do so in writing, quoting reference number MH14072016 and specifying the grounds on which it is made to Somerset County Council, Traffic Management, County Hall, Taunton TA1 4DY. To be received no later than the 18th August 2016.

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Northfield, Somerton	See drawing number B347/3

(Drawings can be viewed online at www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-transport/road-works/tro)

PATRICK FLAHERTY
Chief Executive
Dated: 28 July 2016

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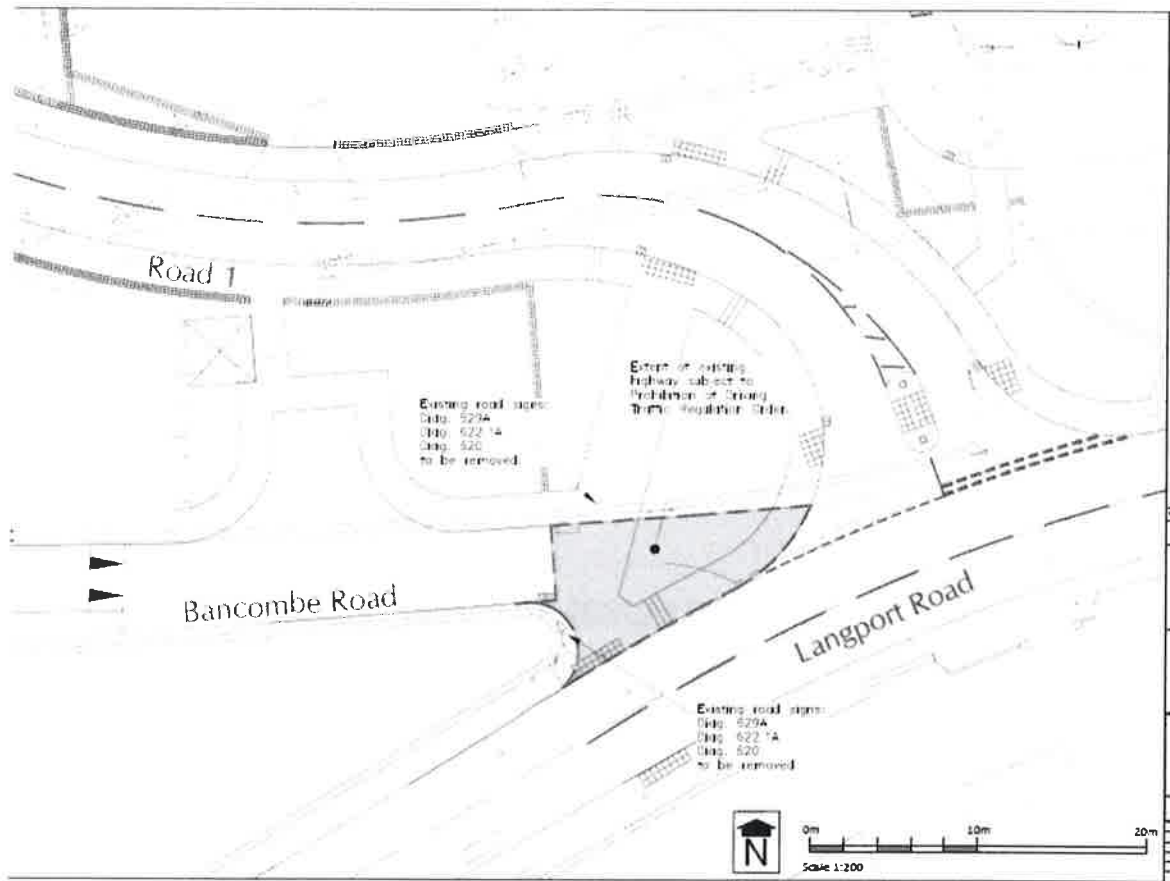
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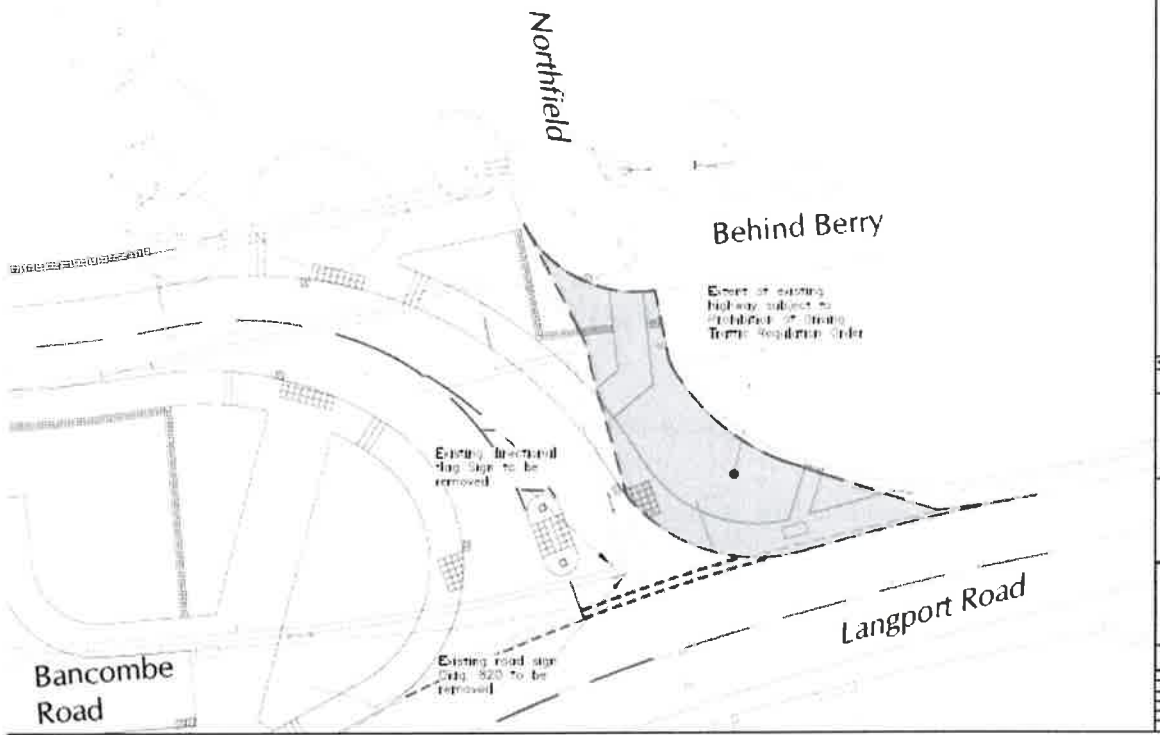
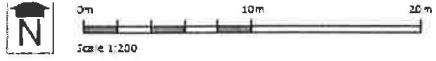
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9 Orchard Road
Somerton
TA11 6JQ

2nd August 2016

Somerset County Council
Traffic Management
County Hall
TAUNTON TA1 4DY

Ref: MH14072016 Objection to Prohibition of Driving Order

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am objecting to the prohibition of driving order on Bancombe Road, Somerton on the following grounds:

1. SCC Highways intends to close the eastern end of Bancombe Road without specifying which alternative road it is providing for the many existing users.
2. For residents of the 125 existing dwellings in Bancombe Road, Parklands Way and Orchard Road there is only one alternative route via Cartway Lane. In my case this will increase my driving distance from home to Somerton town centre from the current 0.9 miles to 1.6 miles. It is unreasonable and morally unjust to impose this additional distance and cost on existing residents on a permanent basis, unless compensation is offered.
3. Somerton's main centre of employment is Bancombe Road Business Park which employs somewhere in the region of 800 people. The majority use the eastern access to Bancombe Road to get to work. In addition there is a significant volume of car and light commercial traffic using Bancombe Road during the working day to and from the business park. I understand from a SSDC planning officer that he expects them to use Cartway Lane, adding 0.6 miles each way to their journey.
4. Cartway Lane is the only HGV route for the Business Park. It is also used by Westcombe Waste skip lorries with many vehicle movements per working day. To add the current Bancombe Road volume of traffic to this lane will cause congestion and hazard. With proposed housing development and the probable site for a new school on Cartway Lane the pressure will increase further. The northern end of Cartway Lane is below the standard Highways width. Is SCC Highways planning to widen this stretch to cope with the increased volume of traffic?
5. Any future diverted route through the Bovis Homes housing development will be inadequate to cope with the existing volume of traffic on Bancombe Road. With residential parking on the road and several bends this would be an inappropriate through route. Many vehicles will still try to use this road, creating an increased risk of accidents and injury to motorists and the residents and children of the new dwellings.
6. Emergency vehicles will take longer to reach the Business Park, Bancombe Road, Parklands Way, Orchard Road and Northfield as a direct result of the prohibition of driving order.
7. The stopping up and diversion of Bancombe Road does not comply with section 116 of the Highways Act. This requires the diverted route to be "nearer and more commodious" which will not be the case via either Cartway Lane or the Northfield Farm road.
8. It is noted that SCC Highways has not applied for a stopping up order. I will be asking the Magistrates' Court whether SCC should be doing so, given the circumstances.

9 Orchard Road
Somerton
TA11 6JQ

22nd July 2017

Somerset County Council
Traffic Management
County Hall
TAUNTON TA1 4DY

Dear Sir or Madam,

Ref: MH14072016 Objection to Prohibition of Driving Order

You may recall the attached letter sent to you by email and by post in August last year, to which I received neither acknowledgement nor reply. I am now sending you that letter again and the questions below by both post and email.

I am aware that Bovis Homes is now working on the road junctions connecting with Langport Road in Somerton. I require definitive answers to the following questions relating to the road closures:

When the eastern end of Bancombe Road and the southern end of Northfield are closed to through traffic as proposed by SCC Highways, what is the official SCC Highways' recommended alternative route? It is essential that local residents and road users know.

Can you please explain how the current volume of traffic using Bancombe Road will be accommodated? Bancombe Road provides access to some 120+ dwellings and to Somerton's main employment centre. The current volume of traffic cannot be carried via the narrow, twisting route through the Northfield housing development, so SCC Highways must have planned an alternative route. I have visited the development to view the road as completed so far. It is of limited width and there is a 90 degree bend with drivers' vision obstructed by the dwellings on that bend. Together with residents' parked vehicles this will make a dangerous through route to the existing homes on Bancombe Road and Parklands Way and to Somerton Business Park. It will also be dangerous for the new residents.

Can you please confirm that SCC Highways (or Bovis Homes) has applied to the Magistrates' Court for permission to stop up Bancombe Road and Northfield? I will contact the Clerk of the Court to check on this.

Will the stopping up of Bancombe Road and Northfield and the alternative route meet the requirements of section 116 of the 1980 Highways Act? I do not believe it can as proposed.

Thank you

Yours faithfully

Timothy Bown (local resident and town councillor)

9. Somerton Town Council has expressed its concern to both SSDC on 27th April and I attach STC's statement made on 27th April. This was copied to Gary Parsons on 21st May.
10. In 2011 I was in communication with your Highways Engineer, Carl Brinkman, making a lot of these points. His feedback indicated that SCC Highways' only concern was to create an improved junction with Lanport Road. Traffic volume and suitability / increased distance of alternative routes were not a concern of his and questions I asked relating to this were not responded to by Mr Brinkman. It was clear that the stopping up of the 2 roads was to the benefit of the developer and to the detriment of existing residents and Bancombe Road Business Park.

It may be that you can assure me that SCC Highways will address the current Highways needs in this corner of Somerton, but as this was not forthcoming 5 years ago I am not expecting SCC to do so now. Equally I would not expect SCC to deny access to such an important through route without provision of an adequate alternative route which does not disadvantage existing residents and road users.

Yours faithfully

Timothy Bown

