

Summary of comments from Public Consultation

No. of Comments	Comments	Officer Comments
15	<p>i. The percentage in support of Option A does not add up to 100%.</p> <p>ii. 50% support is not a majority.</p> <p>iii. Option B (closure at Mandarin Drive) seemed to confuse residents and is biased towards the bollards being put back in its original position.</p>	<p>i. These comments relate to the results of the informal consultation when a letter stated that of the 154 responses;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% supported option A (introduce measures to make the existing closure permanent), • 29% preferred Option B (introduce an alternative permanent physical closure on Mandarin Drive at its junction with Lamtarra Way), • 31% preferred Option C (no road closure). <p>Unfortunately there was an error in the formula for the percentages and the correct percentages are 50% supported option A, 23% supported option B and 27% supported option C. The correct percentages were displayed on the council's website.</p> <p>ii. With 3 options a response of more than 34% is a majority. Therefore 50% of respondents whom preferred Option A are a majority.</p> <p>iii. It is not considered that Option B confused residents and I was certainly not biased towards the bollards being reinstalled as Option C was to remove the closure altogether.</p>
14	Concerned about the effect a permanent restriction would have on the emergency services.	The emergency services are consulted on all draft Traffic Regulation Orders. The Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service have responded stating that they have no objections.
13	The alignment and parked cars on Mandarin Drive make passing difficult especially for large vehicles. Whereas New Road is straight and has few parked cars.	Mandarin Drive was designed to reduce traffic speeds and any parked vehicles will have a traffic calming effect. However should a vehicle be parked in such a way that it is causing an obstruction then it is a matter for the Police.
12	Have brought a property in a cul de sac and since the bollard has been removed traffic speeds have increased.	It is appreciated that residents have purchased a property with a closure and with the removal of the bollard New Road has been opened up to traffic. It is expected that traffic speeds will have increased as there is nothing to prevent traffic from using the road.

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11	The alignment of Mandarin Drive makes it difficult use in snowy conditions.	This is no different from many other residential roads which can be difficult to use in snowy conditions.
10	The closure will increase the distance residents have to travel. This increases the amount of fuel being used and hence pollution.	<p>From the closure residents having to use Mandarin Drive will travel approximately 200 metres further to reach the junction of New Road and Mandarin Drive.</p> <p>Comments were also made about residents travelling in the Tesco direction having to double back on New Road to access Lingfield Road, which increases the distance they have to travel. From the closure the distance to the junction of Lingfield Road and Westwood Road via New Road is approximately 440 metres, whereas via Mandarin Drive and Westwood Road the distance is approximately 1165 metres.</p> <p>Whilst this is an increase in the distance residents have to travel many brought their properties with the bollards in place knowing that they had to use Mandarin Drive.</p>
7	The additional traffic that would use New Road is minimal.	There are potentially over 50 properties that are likely to use New Road on a regular basis should the closure not be installed.
7	The vandals that damaged the bollard will be rewarded if the bollard is permanently removed.	Comment noted.
6	There is a children's play area half way along Mandarin Drive and the increase in vehicular traffic will put children at risk.	There is no increase in traffic compared to that using Mandarin Drive prior to the bollard being removed.
5	Residents moved in to the properties knowing of the closure restriction.	Comment noted.
2	The bollards needs to be the knock down type.	The previous bollards, which were the rebound type, were damaged as there were regularly being driven over by local residents. When the bollard was replaced it was vandalised.

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2	The reason why the pro bollard group want the bollards back is "due to speeding traffic".	The bollard / closure was part of the design for the residential estate.
3	Satellite Navigation systems direct drivers straight up New Road when trying to access Lamtarra Way.	Comment noted.
2	A closure / bollard will increase house prices on New Road and devalue those on the other side of the closure.	A bollard to close the road had been in place since February 2007 and has not effected property prices on either side of the bollard.
2	Waste of money	Comment noted.
3	The access and egress when the golf course and driving range are relocated will be via Mandarin Drive. This will result in an increase in traffic related issues	Traffic issues relating to the Racecourse development were considered as part of the planning process at the time when the bollard was in place at Lamtarra Way. Therefore this would have very little effect on the proposed closure.