

Dear Councillor Gant,

First of all, I would like to thank you and your team for all the work that has been put into this proposal, especially Mr Platter, Mr Mauz, Mrs Coyne and Mr Ahier have been very proactive and responsive throughout the whole formal and informal consultation processes taking all our concerns into considerations in much detail.

The report and the recommended approval leave me with not much more to add other than to once more voice my strong support and highlight the importance of its approval. We are one of the only two families living on this stretch of road and it is greatly affecting us on both from a safety and social aspect.

The closure of this road cannot come soon enough. We are very sorry for those who tragically lost their lives at our doorstep as well as their families. We had highlighted the danger over the last years as well as pointed out some ongoing issues in the area linked to this road. Ahead of the meeting I provided what I hope is plenty and clear evidence in support of the proposal including pictures, videos and email correspondences with Thames Valley Police and South Oxfordshire Council highlighting the danger of speeding both on the A4074 as well as on the road in front of our house, dangerous manoeuvres, a variety of antisocial behaviour, littering, fly tipping, drug dealing and even physical intimidation attempts towards myself when addressing some issues.

Looking at the responses it is clear that this proposal has strong support not just from my family, but also from our only neighbours on this road. I was happy to see that also other local residents echoed our concerns and Thames Valley Police confirmed that the proposal would lead to more safety but also to less anti-social behaviour and pollution. Looking at the very few oppositions it seems evident that they are not local and either not familiar with the road layout or aware of the problems that we are facing as local residents. The road is absolutely obsolete given that the main A4074 road is running in parallel and well connected to the B4015. I can assure you that a closure does not affect any commuting and travel time, if anything the opposite would be the case as it sometimes is taken by mistake leading dangerous U-turns or drivers getting lost by taking a wrong turn. It also does not lead to more pollution, in contrast a closure would evidently reduce it significantly given the amount of littering, fly tipping and idling vehicles. These few points of concern were also clearly disproved in the officer's response, again thank you for your thorough assessment.

I very much hope for the proposal to be approved for everyone's safety. For me especially as a father of soon two small children I cannot express enough how important it is to make sure they are safe and not living on an evidently dangerous, polluted and on top of it obsolete through road which is the only access to our home.

Thank you.
Valentin Heinrichs