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Dear Sarah and Tim,

Thank you for the copy of the Copper Consultancy report and your covering letter.

At our meeting on Tuesday, you took me through the priorities that had emerged from the survey, and we began to explore what next steps might look like. I stressed at our meeting that I am not prepared to assume sole responsibility for determining what they might be. I am looking for Bradford on Avon Town Council to provide me with its recommendations of what the council would like to see as a solution.

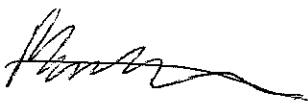
I had always thought that the purpose of the survey was to give the Town Council a basis upon which to affirm their support (or not) for what might in principle be a locally supported intervention. Bradford on Avon Town Council's first-hand experience of the social distancing 'trial' scheme has also been especially valuable in that regard.

Having regard to the above, I interpreted your position as being inclined to support a proposition that involved the use of traffic management. More specifically, achieved by a redistribution of movement within the town with changes that remove vehicular traffic from the more constrained parts of the network (ie Market Street/Masons Lane) onto those roads with fewer constraints (ie New Road/Springfield). This is likely to involve the use of one way working on parts of the network currently subject to two way working. It is also recognised that additional measures will need to be identified to help mitigate those roads likely to be subject to increases in vehicular traffic.

Before proceeding any further I would be grateful if the Town Council could formally confirm that they support in principle a general solution as set out above.

On the basis that Town Council support is indeed forthcoming I would then look to allocate officer time to further develop potential solutions to allow a further round of consultation to take place. It may also be necessary to discuss the potential for a local financial contribution towards that work. However, I am not prepared to authorise further work on a solution in the absence of a clear steer from the elected representatives of the town.

Yours sincerely



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