

Paper Petition Details

Petition Against Plan of New Bus Lane on Farnham Road

We are a business based on Farnham Road.

We protest to a new bus lane being authorised on the Farnham Road. This will greatly affect our business as our customers will have nowhere to park. We and our customers are already struggling with parking on and near the Farnham Road and this will discourage customers to come to Farnham Road to do their shopping.

The layby parking outside the shops is all we have. Covid 19 has already done enough damage to businesses and still doing it. Businesses are already struggling to pay hefty rents rates and extortionate council taxes. We really can't afford to lose customers.

We need MORE parking so that we can provide a hassle free shopping experience to our customers NOT taking away what little parking options we have.

Kindly consider all the facts and revoke this decision ASAP – Thank you.

This petition was received on 20th September, 2022.

This petition was passed to the Team Leader, Parking Services on 20th September, 2022.

This petition was responded to by the Transport Lead on 4th October, 2022.

Final Results

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| Number of Signatures | 39 |
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Council Response

Thank you for your petition about our proposed Destination Farnham Road scheme, and I am sorry to hear about the distress that this matter has caused to people in the area.

I assume that you are responding in relation to the [consultation](#) we ran in June this year, that was designed to help us to prepare a bid to Round 2 of the UK Government's Levelling Up Fund (LUF2) to obtain funds for this proposed scheme. We believe that:

A capital investment in this area would help to refresh dated public realm and reallocate road space to reinforce this area's identity as a key destination, improve connectivity to and around the district centre by sustainable modes of transport, and improve road safety outcomes. By revitalising this area, we would help Farnham Road to become a vibrant, cohesive space for recreation, business and social opportunity.

We consulted residents, commuters, businesses and stakeholders to give them an opportunity for them to have their say on the vision for the proposed scheme and provide some general feedback. Our consultation included personal visits to many businesses along Farnham Road where we asked their views on the existing environment in the area. However, we have not yet prepared any detailed designs, and there are no firm proposals at this stage.

In particular, we do not propose at this stage to introduce additional stretches of bus lane on Farnham Road but we may be able to amend the existing stretches if we are awarded funding. At this stage, we have not yet had any confirmation or communication from the Government to advise of an award and so, are not yet able to move forward with a scheme.

Should we be successful in our funding bid we will engage and consult further with business owners and local residents to help shape the scheme and prepare detailed designs. We are aware of the strength of feeling regarding car parking in the area, and we are sorry to have caused distress. We would do our best to find the best solution for users of all modes of transport, while encouraging a shift to sustainable modes for those able to use them.