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Executive Director, Graham Hughes

To whom it may concern

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Dear Sir/Madam

Proposed – (Hogsden leys, St Neots) (Prohibition of Driving) Experimental Order 2017.

Cambridgeshire County Council have made the above order for reasons of avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road and preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising.

The northern access is restricted to buses and cycles through the use of a 'bus gate' which incorporates rising bollards, in addition, although not designed as an emergency access, emergency vehicles can gain access through the bus gate if they are fitted with a transponder. However we have been advised by them that it is considered impractical to attempt to fit and maintain transponders in all emergency vehicles and they would not use this route in an emergency.

Since its installation there have been numerous requests to permanently open the northern access to general traffic. It is the Council's opinion that if Hogsden Leys were open for all to use it would increase the potential for collisions between vehicles and vulnerable road users.

The bridge deck is not wide enough for two-way traffic plus footway and the use of signalised traffic control was discounted due to possible stacking back onto Priory Hill Road/Hawkesden Road.

The bus gate forms part of the planning permission that was granted and is the reason that there are two junctions onto Cambridge Road which were created as part of the planned access strategy for Love's Farm

The rising bollards in Cambridge are being phased out as the technology is ageing and they are becoming increasingly expensive to maintain. Therefore, given that Local bus services do not use the bus gate into Loves Farm, we are seeking to permanently close the route, except for pedestrians and cyclists.

Any objections to the making permanent of the Experimental Order, together with the grounds on which they are made or any additional comments must be sent in writing to the undersigned or be email to policyandregulation@cambridgeshire.gov.uk by 26th January 2018 quoting reference PR0342.

If you require any further information regarding this proposal please contact the Policy and Regulation Team (0345 0455212).

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Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sharon Piper', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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