

1. I am Judith Entwisle of Ash Tree Rd, Andover.

I am disabled and cannot walk or stand and have used a wheelchair for over 70 years. I also use a mobility scooter and therefore am regarded as pedestrian when I am out and about.

2. I am a retired teacher and worked at an Andover junior school for 23 years .

I was Secretary to Andover Action Committee for Disabled People for 30 years.

I was Vice Chair (Management) to Andover Shopmobility for 10 years, from it's opening.

My objections fall into 3 main things.

a) The fact that large numbers of people, many students, are crossing West Street twice from the college to the bus station side and Chantry Centre and back. It is likely that it has the highest footfall crossing in both directions of any road in Andover on such a short road and is fairly continuous during the day. I encounter this when I am crossing myself. Those with mobility problems will always be moving at a slower pace and may also be using mobility aids and having to negotiate 2 way traffic will make even more difficult and potentially dangerous.

I come into town every week and even with 1 way traffic in West Street it can take a while to cross the road. And it has to be taken into account that it is often 2 crossings.

b)



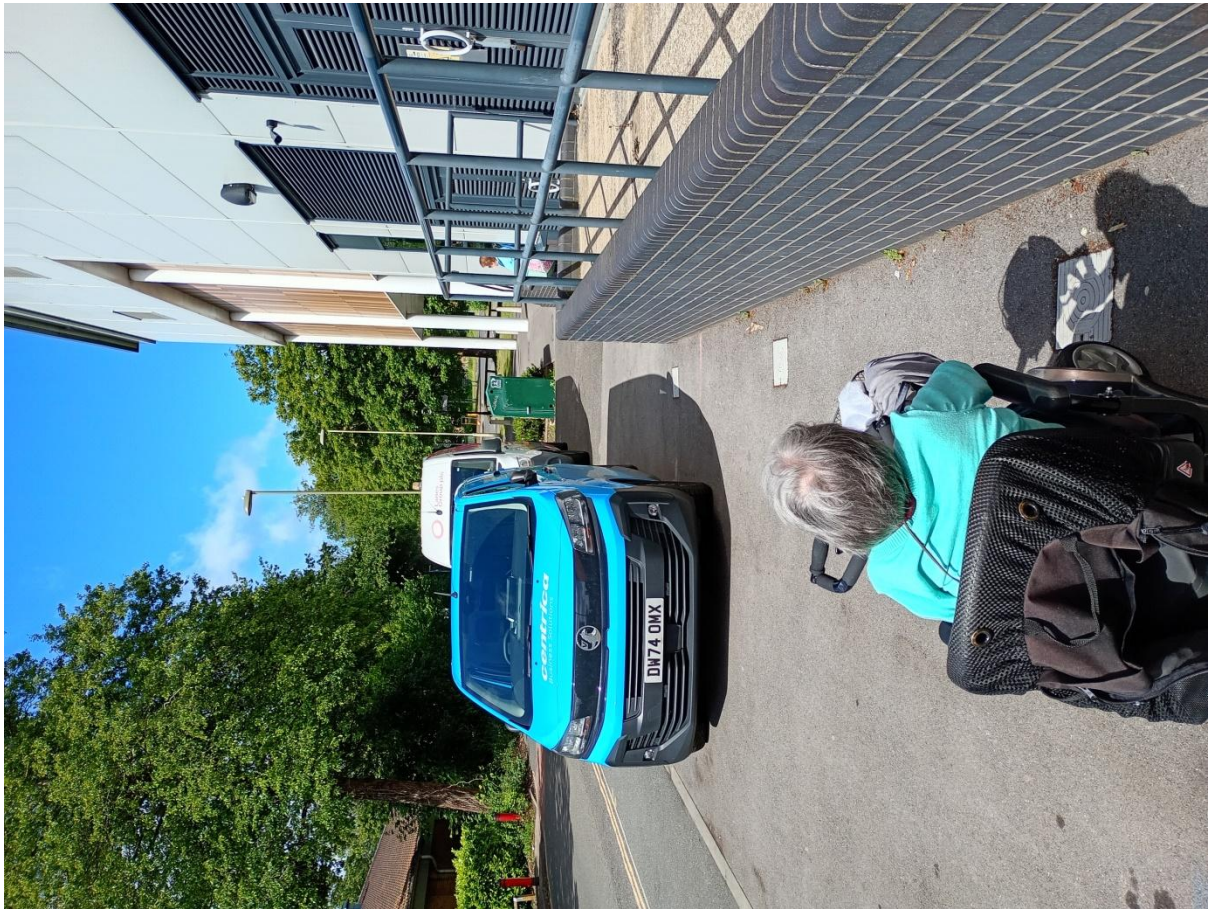
I attach 3 photographs of first 2 with 1 van parked and the last one with 2 vehicles parked, as I understand, legitimately, by the side of the sports centre.



As I understand it, the road would be narrowed to the right hand side of the van.

This shows that the pavement to the left of the van becomes very narrow and certainly not wide enough for a scooter/wheelchair/ double buggy in opposite directions.

Next we ended up with 2 parked vans and I understand there could be a lorry parked at times.



c) With regard to the proposal to move the taxi rank from it's present position is detrimental to those with mobility problems. Anyone wanting a taxi after getting off the bus would then have to make their way to Waterloo Court to find a taxi, which is a long distance down a steep slope if you have mobility problems especially if you are carrying bags or even have luggage. The needs of disabled people should be considered and the taxi rank should be retained in its present position. Equally, at present there is a parking place behind the taxi rank and anyone can use it as a drop off and pick up, again, those with mobility problems do not have far to walk. If someone is dropped off near to the multi storey carpark. In the new proposals, then a steep slope has to be negotiated.

