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Dear Mr Ramshaw

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 – SECTION 247
STOPPING UP OF HIGHWAY AT WESTERN AVENUE, ANDOVER, HAMPSHIRE
SP10 1BS
OS GRID REFERENCE: E:436224, N:145647**

FINAL STAGE NOTIFICATION

Following our previous correspondence with you regarding these stopping up proposals, I am now pleased to enclose a copy of the decision letter, inspectors report, final Order, plan and public notice, which confirm that the stopping up Order has now been made.

We have notified our consultees of the decision to make this Order and we have also arranged for the final documents to be displayed at Test Valley Borough Council, for members of the public to view. In addition, we have arranged for the public notice to be published in both the London Gazette and the Andover Advertiser on **25 September 2026**. This is the date the Order will take effect and you have the authority to stop up the highway.

ACTIONS FOR YOU

There are a number of actions we require you to take to ensure the legislation is followed correctly. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in a successful High Court challenge about the validity of your Order.

- Please print sufficient copies of the enclosed **Public Notice** and display in a prominent position at each end of the highway to be stopped up. It is essential that the notices are on site by **25 September 2026** and remain in place for the 6-week High Court challenge period.
- Please advise us as soon as possible if you find that the public notice failed to publish in the **Andover Advertiser**.
- It is recommended that you contact Test Valley Borough Council to confirm the final documents are available for public viewing.

We accept all correspondence either by email or hard copy to the above addresses.

ADVISORY

Please be aware that the Order takes effect from the date it is first published and you have the authority to stop up the highway from this date. However, once published, the Order is subject to a 6 week High Court challenge period, during which time any person may refer to the High Court to challenge the validity of the Order (as set out in the final paragraph of the enclosed public notice). It is therefore strongly recommended that no work is carried out on the highway within these first 6 weeks, unless at your own risk and cost.

Should any challenges be received, these will likely come directly to yourself and not via this team. **Therefore we will not provide any further documents or confirmation that the stopping up Order can be implemented.**

It is recommended that you contact your local Highway Authority, [HIGHWAY AUTHORITY], once works have begun on the above highway, to ensure their records can be appropriately updated once they no longer consider the land to be public highway.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Graeme Stickings".

GRAEME STICKINGS
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