

PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION POST ENGAGEMENT FINAL DECISION



Report subject	Whitecliff Road ETRO
Decision maker	Councillor Mike Greene – Portfolio Holder for Transport and Sustainability
Proposed decision	To revoke the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) to remove the EATF (Emergency Active Travel Fund) Tranche 1 point road closure from Whitecliff Road at Keyhole Bridge.
Proposed decision publication date	15 January 2021
Engagement period	Following the publication of the proposed decision, interested parties were invited to comment on the proposal for a period of five-clear days from 15 January 2021 to 22 January 2021 inclusive.
Comments received	A total of 423 responses were received to the proposed decision via the online representations form and a further 15 responses via email to the service unit. All responses were provided to the Portfolio Holder for consideration before reaching this final decision. A full schedule of all responses received is appended to this decision record.
Decision taken	The Portfolio Holder for Transport and Sustainability has considered the representations received and determined to confirm the decision outlined above without modification.
Date of final decision	27 January 2021
Portfolio Holder Notes	In coming to my decision, I have read and thoroughly considered all the papers provided by officers and all the submissions and emails received during both the full consultation period and the additional period of a week following publication of my draft decision on 15 January 2021. I can confirm that although a large number of representations were received during the week 15-22 January, I do not believe any of them contained significant arguments or points that had not already been made during the main consultation period and had not therefore already been considered in coming to the draft decision. The representations received during this week did, however, highlight some misunderstanding and confusion about the purpose of the consultation and the process. As the officer report noted, there was a very significant increase in responses received after I had indicated on 6 October 2020 that I favoured removing the restriction. This was due to the “pro-closure” side of the debate actively campaigning to encourage responses of support for the closure. Although this adds substantial weight to the argument that

the proportion of responses received in favour or against the proposal was not representative of overall opinion, I have given all responses equal weight, regardless of whether they were received before or after 6 October. Equally it is important to recognise that a consultation is not a referendum, so whether the number of responses is representative is not really relevant. Both sides believe passionately that the other is the “vocal minority”. The true purpose of the consultation is to hear all the points made in the responses and understand the arguments put forward by all respondents. This has been done.

In choosing which ward councillors to engage with and listen to, arguments have been put forward that the closure lies entirely within Parkstone Ward. This is because motorised vehicles approach Keyhole Bridge either from Poole Park on the south-east bound lane, which lies in Parkstone Ward, or from the Sandbanks Road side where the entire carriageway lies in Parkstone Ward. Additionally, all properties near the bridge lie in Parkstone Ward. However, the bridge lies on the boundary with Poole Town Ward and the route is used as a foot- and cycle-route by many Poole Town Ward residents as well as by those from further afield.

I have chosen to treat this as though it lies in both Parkstone and Poole Town wards and have consulted with both Parkstone and Poole Town ward councillors. Officers and I have also spoken with both.

The Parkstone Ward councillors are very strongly opposed to the closure and in favour of re-opening the route to motorized traffic.

Among the Poole Town Ward councillors, two were strongly supportive of the closure throughout and there was some confusion over the position of the third. However, that councillor has since let it be known that they are now definitely supportive of the closure, so I have treated the view of the Poole Town Ward Members as unanimously in support of retaining the closure.

In reaching my decision I particularly considered the following points and arguments which were brought up by consultation respondents, ward councillors, officers and others.

The Park Experience

It is clear that a large number of people who enjoy Poole Park on foot or cycle believe their experience has been enhanced by not having motorized traffic passing through this section of the park. Previously there were around 290 vehicles per hour using Keyhole Bridge, rising to around 510 during the 5pm to 6pm key commuter hour. Park users have enjoyed both the quiet and a feeling of decreased danger, particularly those with young children.

Against this there is a much smaller cohort of older and less mobile people who used to enjoy a drive through the park and this opportunity is no longer available to them. However, there is still the opportunity for those people to enter and leave the park by car.

For the majority, it is clear that the park experience has been improved by the closure.

Air Quality

A number of consultation respondents said they felt the air quality has improved in the park during the closure. However, this effect is likely to be relatively minor given that traffic volumes have always been relatively low and the space is very open.

Against this, increased volumes and congestion on Sandbanks Road and Parkstone Road, which have to carry more traffic with the closure in place, will worsen air quality on roads that are built up on both sides and on one side respectively. This is likely to outweigh air quality improvements in the Park itself.

Road Safety

Many consultation respondents have stated that the bridge was unsafe for pedestrians and cyclist while motor vehicles were permitted. However, the recorded accident and casualty statistics do not support this, with no car/pedestrian or car/cyclist accidents since 2013. Nevertheless, there is certainly a perception of increased safety which can be valuable in itself.

Since the closure there has been increased conflict reported between cyclists and pedestrians. Parkstone Ward councillors have received direct reports of this from those involved. These are very credible as the speed of some cyclists entering the Park via Keyhole Bridge has noticeably increased. However, this could be addressed though introducing other physical measures to force cyclists to dismount or slow down.

Increased Use By Pedestrians And Cyclists

Although many consultation responses cited an increase in pedestrians and cyclists using the bridge since the closure was introduced, there were virtually none which evidenced the assumption that this increase was actually due to the closure. In almost every supportive case the respondent said that the closure had enhanced their walking or cycling trip rather than that the respondent had switched to walking or cycling rather than driving. The visible increase is much more likely to be a result of the pandemic which has seen a large increase in walking, cycling and the use of open public spaces such as Poole Park.

In the long run, the introduction of a series of local measures such as the closure of Whitecliff Road could well lead to the modal shift at which this closure was aimed. But there is no evidence that this has occurred to date.

Increased Congestion and Journey Times

A significant number of respondents suggested that the closure would cause congestion on Parkstone Road and elsewhere on the road network. There have been no studies carried out during the trial period, which is appropriate as the COVID pandemic has led to traffic levels across the network well below normal for most of the year.

However, a study was carried out in 2016 which provided clear, unambiguous evidence that closure of the Park to through-traffic caused additional congestion on Parkstone Road (and to a lesser extent elsewhere).

Some respondents supporting the closure have pointed to the fact that the additional journey time was only 3 minutes and 22 seconds on average. However, this argument fails to take into account that this journey delay is experienced by thousands of vehicles each school day.

In total, the study demonstrated that closure of the park from 4pm to 6pm on schooldays alone – the peak evening commuter period – would result in an additional 23,000 hours per annum of car time on Parkstone Road. The calculation is detailed below. When we note that there will be other (though lesser) delays during the other hours of the day and on weekends and school holiday, the true delay figure is probably a lot higher than 23,000 hours per annum.

The Department for Transport produces Transport Analysis Guidance which provides “Value of Time” figures to use in assessing schemes which alter journey times. Using these figures and reasonable assumptions, this equates to an economic cost to the area of around £220,000 per year. Again the calculations are detailed below.

An argument could be made that the COVID pandemic will lead to a sustained systemic reduction in car traffic. However, the only available evidence unfortunately points the other way, with traffic just before the current Christmas and Lockdown period at close to pre-COVID levels.

By not taking this effect or the evidence from the 2016 study into account, I believe the Decision Impact Assessment classification of the effect on the Economy as “Amber” is incorrect. I believe it should be “Green”. Conversely, had the decision to implement the closure originally been through a rigorous assessment, I believe this evidence would have meant a “Red” classification for Economy.

Effect on Climate Change

While there may be minor benefits from some of the factors listed above, I do not believe that in total they will come close to the disbenefits to the climate of the additional 23,000 hours of car journeys the closure would cause in a non-COVID year. Had this been considered, I believe the DIA assessment of the decision to revoke the closure should have been “Green” rather than “Amber”.

Equalities Issues

The Equalities Impact Assessment produced in January 2021 provides a good analysis of the consultation responses. It notes that respondents with disabilities are notably less supportive of the aims of the closure. Against this, the EQIA points out that sustainable travel is more inclusive. The EQIA notes that less pollution and better air quality especially benefits those with respiratory conditions. However, it was written without the benefit of the above analysis which shows that this particular Active Travel measure is actually likely to lead to increased pollution and poorer air quality.

Conclusion

In light of all the above, I believe the disbenefits of maintaining the closure of Whitecliff Road outweigh the benefits and so confirm my draft decision to revoke the closure.

It would not normally be necessary to include an explanation such as this alongside a Portfolio Holder decision. However, I hope that in doing so on this highly controversial issue I have demonstrated how I have carefully considered all the responses received to the consultation and how I have analysed all the aspects brought up.

Calculations

The 2016 Survey of Journey Times on Parkstone Road recorded the number of car journeys and the time taken for each journey during periods when Poole Park was closed to through-traffic. It compared these figures with the same information gathered when the Park was open. Both open and closed states were analysed for weekdays during school term times and during school holidays.

The results suggested that significant changes in journey time only occurred during school term dates. Similar analysis was carried out on Longfleet Road, which is likely to have carried some traffic seeking to avoid the congestion on Parkstone Road. The results there were similar but less severe.

Number of vehicles traveling Away From Poole between 16.00 and 18.00 per school day = 1708

Number of School Days in Year = 195

Average Additional Delay when Poole Park closed = 3 min 22 seconds = 202 seconds

Total additional journey delays per year = $1708 \times 195 \times 202 / 3,600$ hours = 18,688 hours.

Number of vehicles traveling Towards Poole between 16.00 and 18.00 per school day = 2,150

Number of School Days in Year = 195

Average Additional Delay when Poole Park closed = 38 seconds

Total additional journey delays per year = $2150 \times 195 \times 38 / 3,600$ hours = 4,425 hours.

Total Additional Journey Times on Parkstone Road during the period 1600-1800 across all school term weekdays in the year = $18,688 + 4,425 = 23,113$ hours.

DfT Transport Analysis Guidance Value of Time (all values based on 2010 prices):

Working time: £19.27/hr

Commuting time: £9.95/hr

Other time: £4.45/hr

Assumed Mix for Parkstone Road 1600-1800 weekdays:

Working time: 0.0%

Commuting time: 50%

	<p>Other time: 50%</p> <p>Weighted Average Value of Time (2010 values) = 50% x £9.95 + 50% x £4.45 = £7.20 / hour</p> <p>Inflate by RPI change 2010 to 2020: Weighted Value of Time = £7.20 x 1.32 = £9.504 / hour</p> <p>Economic Value of Time lost due to increased journey times = £9.504 x 23,113 = £219,666</p>
Call-in and urgency:	<p>Subject to any urgency provisions which shall be identified, this decision will not come into force, and may not be implemented, until the expiry of 5 clear working days after the decision was made, recorded and published.</p>

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SCHEDULE OF REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED VIA ONLINE FORM

(Text is displayed as entered by the respondent and may include grammatical or typographical errors)

No	Name	Your Postcode	Organisation (if applicable)	Your comments
1	M Lohez	BH122AU		Keep etro on white cliff road and keyhole bridge filter to the park
2	Bethany Pearson	BH14 8DY		It would be a travesty to reopen the bridge to road traffic. Too many drivers approach at too high a speed, are intimidating towards pedestrians walking through and it generally a dangerous point. I'm thoroughly against it being reopened.
3	Michelle Woodrough	BH151YE		It has been much more user friendly for walking and cycling with it closed to motor vehicles and has stopped cars using it as a short cut
4	Alison Lord	BH14 8NA		Please dont reopen the bridge. With it closed, it's been so much safer and more pleasant walking and cycling along Whitecliff road and into or through the park, which I do at least once a week. When I first moved to Poole 3 years ago, I was shocked that traffic was allowed through the bridge at all as it is so narrow, and that cars were allowed to drive through the park as if it was a normal road, making the park less like a park and more like a wider than usual grass verge alongside a main road. Now, with the bridge closed and through traffic not allowed, it actually feels like a proper park where I can go to enjoy the greenery, the water, the space and the relative peace.
5	Mike Oates	BH15 2EN		I understand that the bridge closure to traffic at Whitecliff is to be reversed . I would like to record my opposition to this as the closure has enabled a more secure flow of pedestrians and cyclists increasing the link between Poole Park and Baiter . This also gives tangible evidence to visitors and residents alike that traffic reduction and enhancement of carbon use free areas is a priority to BPC
6	Ann Edwards	BH15 2LA		I believe the bridge should remain closed to vehicles. I walk in the park daily bike pedestrian and passage through the bridge has been much safer and without vehicles makes it possible for people to maintain social distancing.
7	Abigail Banfield	BH15 2QW		Please can I support this Etro. I was surprised to see that this was to be removed- as having the keyhole bridge closed to vehicular traffic has been brilliant for residents like myself. The BCP have improved the paths in white cliff park, and the through ways in pole park. I am now able to cycle with my three children all over- and there is easy passage under the bridge. Before- I had to run

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				ahead to check I could bring my three small children through. There is no need for through traffic there as the surrounding roads are adequate. This Etro compliments the amazing work being done in Poole Park to make it even more pedestrian friendly. Best wishes
8	Mandy Burt	BH15 2QL		<p>Your reports conclude that the overall result of removing the keyhole bridge/Whitecliff Road ETRO is negative therefore it should remain closed to motor traffic.</p> <p>The online consultations were supposed to be a democratic representation of individual views and the overwhelming numbers show support for this ETRO. To remove it would be a flagrant abuse of power and would go against your promises and assurances.</p>
9	Sara Johnson	BH15 2NZ		Please leave keyhole bridge as pedestrian only. It makes so much sense and has made the whole area so much safer and user friendly since closing it. I have 3 young children and we regularly use the route. It brings great peace of mind knowing we are not going to be met by vehicular traffic coming the other way. I also use it for running and it is so much safer now. I really hope you consider ALL the families, walkers, exercisers and cyclists when making your decision. Thanks
10	Robb Tooley	BH15 2LH		I strongly support keeping Keyhole Bridge closed to motor traffic. I live near the park and use it for recreation with my family. I also use the route through the park and then Keyhole Bridge when cycling with my family. It's been so much more pleasant cycling towards and through Keyhole without the fear me and my children might be met by oncoming motor traffic which takes up the entire carriageway. Also I think anything which mitigates the amount of through motor traffic using the park is a good thing, as I feel the park is a place for residents to relax away from the noise and stress associated with passing motor vehicles.
11	Juliet Laurie	BH15 2QS		I think that the Whitecliff - Keyhole bridge ETRO should remain in place because it has made the route safer for pedestrians and cyclists, before it was used as a short cut and traffic often failed to give way to pedestrians despite the signs. It has also reduced traffic using the park as a short cut, which is was also safety issue. Many more residents feel safer using the route from Poole Park to Whitecliff including elderly people with walking frames, families with pushchairs, cyclists and dog walkers.
12	Gordon Laurie	BH15 2QS		There is no need to open this right of way. There are more appropriate routes. When using the bridge I have been subject on numerous occasions to verbal abuse from drivers who refuse to give way to pedestrians despite signs on both sides of the bridge. The speed at which drivers drove along this stretch was a danger to both cyclists and pedestrians and it is clear that the majority of drivers take no notice of speed restrictions or notices to give way.

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13	Ted Payne	BH15 2QN	NA	I think that having the Keyhole bridge closed to traffic is brilliant. The road is less congested and it is so much easier to walk and cycle through than it was when you had to dodge cars. It is perfect in these troubling times for people to walk or cycle through while engaging in their daily exercise. I can see no reason that cars would need to drive through the bridge. This change should be made permanent
14	Carolyn Brooke	BH152QL	NA	<p>Key hole bridge ETRO scheme has meant that the safety of so many road users has improved- cyclists, walkers, young mums with prams , joggers etc By opening it for car users again would be such a backward step and decrease road safety plus increase pollution and COVID safety.</p> <p>I am a new cyclist encouraged to get a bike to help during these difficult times. I breathe a sigh of relief when I enter the 'closed to traffic roads' as I know at this point I am safe and do not have to battle with cars to get through keyhole bridge on my way to Whitecliff.</p> <p>The recent survey has revealed many more people are in favour of keeping this ETRO closed to cars than against. This is such a positive response and one that I sincerely hope is listened too when a final decision is made.</p>
15	Jason Falconer	BH14 8AQ	BHAT	<p>This second Consultation seems unnecessary given the evidence of the first however here is a submission.</p> <p>Of all the info and appendixes, I cannot see any reason to remove this measure,</p> <p>Overwhelmingly BH14 residents have greatly enjoyed this intervention, removing it for the convenience of a few, over the benefits to many shows extremely limited consideration of the bigger picture, additionally keeping will greatly enhance the upcoming Tranche 2 ATF Whitecliff scheme</p> <p>Details from the first set of consultations:-</p> <p>Appendix C shows that accessibility issues would be greatly impacted, there isnt even a footway wide enough for a wheelchair there. Which effectively prohibits all disabled users NOT in a car.</p> <p>"The decision to remove the closure has both negative and positive impacts on different user types. However the decision may be regarded as negative overall"</p> <p>Appendix D, Decision Impact shows all negative or minimal effects and no green benefits.</p> <p>Of the formal ETRO responses (223) only 35 were objections 128 in support (57%)</p>

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				<p>Opening this has linked Poole Park and Whitecliff in a time when public health and well being is under spotlight even more and given a much improved park.</p> <p>Having incremental reduction in motor traffic is part of the BCP longer term aims through the Eco strategy- and not only BCP- an integral element of the Conservative Gvt 'Gear Change' agenda.</p> <p>Mr Greene- BCP are making great strides on elements of transport governance, ref Parking policy, continue this leadership with leaving this measure in place, an urban parkland is not a through route of convenience, its a destination place for all of our well being. Residents of the future will thank you for listening.</p> <p>Jason Falconer, 4a Sandbanks Road, Poole</p>
16	Mrs Sue Mogg	BH14 8AH		<p>As a resident in Orchard Ave since 1991 I plead for the bridge to be reopened. I am a daily user of the park and bridge either cycling, walking or running.</p> <p>The immediate impact was the increased volume of cars, many who obviously didn't know the area as they stopped on the bend outside my house unsure if to turn left or right. I reported my concerns to Mr Curruthers of BCP Transportation of the observed near misses immediately on 31st August 2020.</p> <p>Other cars come round the bend far too fast. My neighbour had her cat run over outside her house when cars should be slowing down for the next bend.</p> <p>We observed an increase in cars coming through Orchard Ave rather than continuing through the bridge. Many of these drivers appear lost and have been turning down the cul de sac near footpath 40 and turning in my neighbour's driveway (reported to Mr Curruthers).</p> <p>I do not see how this change has improved access to NCR 25 which runs along Parkstone Bay at Baiter. There has always been a safe and direct access via the tunnel at the end of the Park Lake Road which is far more direct and safe for access to Poole Town and the hospital. There has also been direct access at the end of Sherwood Ave by the play park.</p> <p>The narrowness of the bridge naturally means drivers must slow down to negotiate it. There is a narrow pathway which supports social distancing to walk in single file.</p> <p>I would suggest the pedestrian priority signs are placed on the entrance walls of the bridge so can not be missed.</p>
17	David Fevyer	BH2 6PY		<p>I would like to state my opinion on the proposal to remove the ETRO on Keyhole Bridge. In my view the ETRO has been essential to enabling safe and usable access between Poole Park and Whitecliff Park for people on foot, using wheelchairs, on bikes, and those with small children.</p>

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				Removing this ETRO and returning access to motor traffic would negatively impact people of all ages - including those without access to cars - and in particular restrict their ability to exercise safely at a time when safe outdoor exercise is at a premium. I can see no benefit to removing the ETRO given that access to both parks by motor vehicles remains entirely possible and safe via other routes at no additional cost, inconvenience, or safety risk. The ETRO itself is inline with both long term government policy on enabling more walking and cycling, and short/medium term policy on enabling safe access to the outdoors during the current pandemic. As a local resident who has visited both parks since childhood I only wish that the current ETRO had been put in place decades ago. I therefore oppose the removal of the ETRO and support it's continuation and eventual permanence.
18	Mr Peter Mogg	BH14 8AH		<p>Please re open the bridge.</p> <p>I have lived in Orchard Ave for 30 years and cycle and walk in Poole Park, Whitecliff/Baiter areas on a daily basis, using Keyhole Bridge thousands of times. I am also a motorist, but as it happens rarely drive through the bridge.</p> <p>However, I cannot see the need to close the bridge to traffic. The narrowness and bend on the Whitecliff side dictate that traffic has to slow to a walking pace to access the bridge.</p> <p>Quite honestly if cyclists cannot negotiate the bridge and interact with pedestrians (allowing the priority as the road signs state) and vehicles they probably shouldn't be cycling – not on roads or shared pathways.</p> <p>When the bridge was closed last August there was a huge increase in traffic through Orchard Ave and Twemlow Ave. The junction at Sandbanks Road/Orchard Ave was noticeably busier and I would say more dangerous than Keyhole Bridge.</p> <p>In the spring and summer and after lockdown traffic levels will increase again and the closure of Keyhole Bridge will exacerbate the situation.</p> <p>Please re - open the bridge to all traffic but, may I suggest BCP could improve the signage and perhaps put road humps both sides of the bridge and possibly road markings to clearly show it as a cycle route with pedestrian priority.</p>
19	John Hambly	BH15 2QS		I strongly support the making of this measure permanent. It has made living with the Covid pandemic much easier, encouraged me to engage in 'Active Travel' more often and has made my exercise activities safer and more pleasant
20	Jon Dance	BH14 7PP		I use the underpass regular with my children when cycling to access poole park from WhiteCliff.

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				<p>Following the successful trial I think it should remain closed to cars as in the 2021 it makes no sense to accessible to cars due to be too narrow for many modern vehicles also visibility is very poor when coming from poole park. I have experienced a number of near misses myself over the year. As there are existing exits from the park via other routes there is no reason to maintain vehicular access via this route.</p> <p>Also the benefits of route being purely for pedestrians and cyclists are huge as connects two areas that are heavily used by families together safely. This an opportunity that should not be missed, given that the impact of not doing are negligible to car users. Whilst the safety, community and environmental benefits are huge.</p> <p>Seems to be a bit of no brainer and demand for doing banning cars will only grow louder.</p>
21	Avril Hambly	BH15 2QS	NA	I strongly support the making of this measure permanent. It has made living with the Covid pandemic much easier, encouraged me to engage in 'Active Travel' more often and has made my exercise activities safer and more pleasant
22	C. Roberts	BH15 2NX	Poole Living Streets	<p>Living Streets is the UK charity for everyday walking, and I am writing to represent the Poole branch.</p> <p>We strongly believe that Keyhole Bridge should remain closed to motor vehicles. This is because the bridge is not suitable for the safe passage of people walking, and to a lesser extent, cycling through the bridge. We refer to "walking" to include people in wheelchairs, on mobility scooters, or using other mobility aids. Living Streets aims to foster independence for the young, elderly and disabled by making our streets accessible to all, not just those who are lucky enough to have access to a car.</p> <p>Keyhole Bridge does not even have a proper pavement. A blind person, a child, or someone who is a little slow or unsteady on their feet could not be expected to walk through there alone, and that is not acceptable. Those people have every right to be there and to feel safe and welcome. The bridge links two parks, two of our town's greatest assets, and outdoor exercise has never been more important than it is right now.</p> <p>One of Living Streets' main policies is to enable more kids to walk to school. The Government aims to get 55% (currently 48%, down from 70% a generation ago) of primary children walking (or scooting/cycling) to school by 2025, as they recognise the immense benefit that this has on children's health and learning. We know that Keyhole Bridge is used by children on their way to school. The closure to motor vehicles, in combination with the other measures at Birds Hill and Tatnam Road, creates a quieter, safer route for children walking or cycling to Poole High, Longfleet and Oakdale schools. In '20-'21, a number of BCP schools are participating in our WOW walk to</p>

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				<p>school challenge, so it seems inconsistent for the Council to remove measures which help keep the children safe.</p> <p>A road through a park should never be used as a thoroughfare or a way to avoid traffic on the main roads. A pleasant view for drivers to enjoy on their way back from town should not be deemed more important than the safety of the most vulnerable road users of all.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
23	Jenni Bowman	BH15 2DR		I find this underpass treacherous to use. Runners and cyclists use it as well as cars. It's a completely blind corner and I fear it is an accident waiting to happen.
24	M Lohez	BH12		100% in favour of this scheme also following the council report and initial consultation findings. This is especially true since the reduced speed humps in Poole Park will no doubt increase traffic speeds. I do feel it could be made better, for example by either widening/removing the pavement to separate traffic.
25	Geoff Mills Bowers	BH179EP		Very pleased to see the road reopened but would like to see an integrated transport plan for the area that incorporates all means of sustainable travel rather than ill-conceived and rushed schemes.
26	Mrs Marion Lohez	BH148BJ		I urge Councillor Greene to observe the rule of democracy and common sense and KEEP this closure and make it permanent. The people I meet on my regular walks have all been happy to be able to use this safe route into the park from Whitecliffe.
27	Carol Baker	BH14 0RW		The closure of the bridge has been such a success . I would like this to become permanent . It makes it safe to walk , run or cycle under the bridge ... as no cars allowed ...
28	Richard Davey	BH15 1EU		Having this small tunnel closed has made a huge difference to the feeling of safety of walkers and runners in the park. It has seemed to reduce traffic flow and the pollution from cars over that side of the park. I go through here most days and have lost count of the times I've early been hit by a car speeding through the park. Everyone I've spoken to has commented on how much nicer the park is without cars coming through here. Also it surely fits in with the Climate Emergency and anyone backtracking on this would be seen by a very poor move and definitely lose votes.
29	Karen Herndon	BH140QG		I have much enjoyed the improved safety that this road closure brings to Poole park. As a resident who is within walking and cycling distance of the park it encourages me to do so rather than use my car. It is much safer for my child. I run walk and cycle under here.

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30	Suzy Hill	BH9 3NZ		I use this route daily to cycle to work. Since changing the access to no cars, it has been safer and more pleasant in the park. I am a driver and a cyclist and as a driver I am quite happy to drive around the park, I have no need to drive through it. Cycling needs more encouragement, it would be a shame to undo this.
31	Sharon	BH15 3BL		Never been a problem and no more dangerous than driving along a road with a lot of parked cars and vans on both sides. The cars are always careful Open it up again. It doesn't stop cars driving through the park they just use Twemlow Avenue instead
32	Andrew Eydmann			This has proved to be a success and I see from the last consultation, very favourable. The bridge is a danger when open to traffic. Please keep it closed and give us our roads back for our children's sake.
33	Carol Hill	BH14 8DY		Please keep the bridge closed for everyone's safety and enjoyment
34	Darren Elbrow	BH122HU		I'm in favour of the Keyhole Bridge at Whitecliff staying closed to vehicular traffic
35	Tim Flynn	BH15 1YE		Hi, I'd like to support keeping the active travel scheme at keyhole bridge. As a regular with a double buggy, it makes the area so much safer! The park is so much more tranquil not having to dodge those taking two minutes off their commute.
36	Angela Pooley	BH8 9HW		The current restrictions should be made permanent. Failure to do this would go against the BCP's alleged commitment to make the conurbation safer for pedestrians and cyclists encouraging more sustainable travel in line with the BCP's Climate Emergency declaration
37	Trevor & Lorraine Muddimer	BH14 8SJ		We support the closure to vehicles. We cycle (on our tandem) that route and it's much safer for pedestrians, disabled and cyclists alike. Please maintain the closure.
38	Simon			Although I understand that there might be a desire to reopen the keyhole bridge and one of BCP's reasons is to reduce congestion surely there is an equal reason to ensure that we maintain a pedestrian and cyclist friendly environment. The best compromise would be to install automatic barriers (timed both in the day and different days of the week) so that these could be operated to suit the environment at any specific time at the bridge. This is used in other towns to control town centre traffic and works very effectively.

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39	Derek Heritage	BH7 6QN		Closing motor vehicle access to and from Poole park via keyhole bridge is one of the best and most progressive things to happen in our BCP area for quite some time. We will look back in a few years time and it will be hard to believe we were stupid enough to allow this small space to shared with vehicles and walkers/cyclists.
40	Elizabeth Watts	BH148AH		I strongly object to the proposal to reopen the railway bridge on whitecliff Road to cars. There is no footpath wide enough for a pram or wheelchair making it incredibly dangerous for pedestrians to use when vehicles are on the road. Since the closure I have been able to safely walk my baby to whitecliff Park and I would like to continue to have safe access to this park. I believe the feedback on the first consultation was to keep the road closed so I am dismayed to see that another consultation has been opened when the public have already made their views very clear. The road should remain closed to vehicles.
41	Sue			Poole Park is not a means of alleviating traffic congestion in other places it is a public open space gifted to the people of Poole for their quiet and healthy enjoyment. Government policy is to reduce dependence on cars not to encourage it. The people of Poole appear to be mainly supportive of the closure. Please support your constituents and recommend the continuing closure of the Keyhole bridge
42	Helen Parsonage	BH14 8AL	n/a	I would support retaining the closure of the keyhole bridge at Whitecliff. An alternative would be to create a pelican crossing traffic light system so that pedestrians and cyclists could press the button and lights would show red to cars whilst the tunnel is traversed.
43	Judy Windwood	BH21 1SN	Dorset Cyclists Network	On behalf of all the members of this organisation, living in the area, ranging from older people to families with small children, please, for their safety and enjoyment of the park, Baiter and Whitecliff, please keep the bridge closed. This provides a safe route through for recreation and utility purposes. Those who are not able to drive can access the area more safely. Some of our older members can no longer drive for various reasons, but they can cycle. Some members do not own cars. We even have members who wish use mobility scooters and they feel we can help them access areas. This is not about those people who ride fast. This is about everyone. Do not dismiss us.
44	Agnes Medrycka	BH151XY		Please keep the bridge closed for traffic. Its much safer in the park. Allows us to cycle with children and being safer on the road.
45	Pete	BH15 4AT		I think the access through keyhole bridge should be returned to all traffic

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46	Mike Dale	BH14 8HY		Keyhole bridge should remain closed to motor vehicles in order to provide a safe route for pedestrians and cyclists as well as contributing to the recreational value of Poole Park by eliminating this rat run and reducing traffic
47	Zeena Bonds	BH9 2QJ	N/a	I think the road closure at Keyhole Bridge is a really positive move. It allows pedestrians to have priority and allow families to access the area safely in foot and by bike. I do hope you will reconsider and maintain this road closure.
48	Poppet Dale	BH14 8HY		It should never have been allowed to be a rat run. With it closed to traffic it is the only route that I can safely use on my bike into Poole
49	Stephen Baker	BH15 1SB	B/A	I'm not understanding why there is a second consultation but think that the filters should stay in place on Whitecliff Road. Having read through the information and appendices I am in favour of the keyhole bridge remaining closed and any related measures to reduce car and lorry transport, including tranche two ATF scheme.
50	Paul Windwood	BH21 1SN		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Poole Park is a primarily a park, not a traffic cut through. Any further motor use through the bridge undermines it original function. 2. The bridge is really too narrow for sensibly driving through. Any motor vehicle using it endangers any other user. 3. Central government has requested this review, and the time scale for completing this is not yet reached. 4. Local people and the local authority's specialist officers overwhelmingly support this closure. 5. How does this premature decision work within our democratic process?
51	Stewart Baynham	BH12 1PY		I support the closure if this entrance to the park for motor vehicles. The park should not be a through route for cars. The closure is beneficial for pedestrians cyclists and non car users. It improves the park on the other side from cars and makes for a much better environ
52	Sarah Browne	BH148DH		<p>We are strongly against the tunnel at the bottom of Sherwood Avenue being reopened. As a family we have loved having the road closed, we are no longer in fear of fast cars using the park as a rat run. Sherwood Avenue has been significantly calmer and the park has been a joy. Please do take in to account that non of the locals want it to be reopened. Please listen to your community.</p> <p>Kind regards</p>

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53	Connor	BH12 1PR		The bridge should remain closed to vehicles, very dangerous to cyclists and pedestrians if reopened
54	Gavin	BH152AZ		Open the road. Its a vital route
55	Ross Hodder	BH14 8QL		I am strongly opposed to the decision to end the Whitecliff Road ETRO early. Keyhole bridge has proven to be popular and well used as a pedestrian and cycle only route as evidenced by the overwhelmingly supportive results of the formal and informal consultation process. It has the effect of encouraging active travel, reducing car use and making Poole Park a more pleasant environment. I fully support this measure becoming permanent.
56	Jeanette Hancock	BH13 6BW		<p>The initial consultation result was overwhelmingly in favour of retaining the closure measures, so why the further debate?</p> <p>The closure to motor vehicles must remain, for the safety of pedestrians, cyclists and local residents.</p>
57	Kevin Pritchard	SO420KD		I travel to Poole from Lymington to work. During the pandemic I have driven to Bournemouth and then cycled the rest of the way. I therefore regularly travel Whitecliff Road. It has become so much safer in recent months. Having for years driven regularly through the park and through the narrow railway bridge, it's hard thinking back that that could have been allowed. It's dangerous for cars and on the few occasions I have had to drive all the way, it is actually easier to drive on the main road than trying to navigate the narrow road/park. I therefore strongly believe that the bridge should remain car free and that it would be a backward step to change it back. Thank you.
58	Lucie Allen	BH13 7PP		I am extremely disappointed that the Portfolio Holder Mike Greene is in favour of revoking this ETRO. The consultation period has resulted in the majority of respondents in favour of keeping the route closed to traffic. In addition, your own DIA report shows that re-opening it would have MAJOR negative outcomes on Transport&Accessibility, Health and Well-being and Natural Environment. In addition the Equalities summary says there would 'negative impact overall'. This link is really not suitable for motor traffic. There is no pavement to speak of, meaning walkers, runners, cyclists and mobility scooter users have to enter a road with very little vision. The route is a link between two green spaces - Whitecliff Park and Poole Park and has provided a safe and pleasant passage between the two. Re-opening it to through traffic goes against all your own mission statements and pledges with regards to Active Travel, Climate Change etc. Despite the report from the consultation being in favour of the closure, the PH has proper it is reopened to traffic but the section of the report for Reasons for Decision doesn't state any reasons. I am

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				emailing all the councillors at BCP with a PDF file of photos showing locals using the LTN which I hope illustrates to some of the councillors who are not local how much this link is being used. It is worth in particular noting the blind lady with her assistance dog who is recorded as saying she was never able to walk through here before.
59	Simon Ible	BH2 6AB		I am very disappointed at this proposal to remove the filter at Keyhole Bridge. We should be encouraging people to walk and cycle, particularly during the current pandemic, which this filter does. The consultation report shows positive effects, and negative effects from removal. Whilst consultation should not be a referendum it seems staggering that following a overall positive public response, that it should be removed.
60	Martin Jolly	BH149JT	N/A	This bridge is completely unsuitable for through traffic to the park, by reopening this you will be sending completely the wrong message as a Council. This is a really well used access by walkers, cyclists, school children, disabled people and runners. We need to be improving areas for families and people and doing something to tackle the dreadful air quality, I am not sure how letting the range rovers through here again and blocking it up are improving local people's lives. What is the point of a consultation if you ignore the results?
61	Kate Tunks	BH14 8DH		I support the continued closure of Keyhole Bridge to motorised vehicles and urge the council to make the current Whitecliff Road ETRO permanent. It is now much safer for pedestrians and cyclists to use this route to enter and leave the park and travel around the area. The reintroduction of motor vehicles would create an unsafe situation for these vulnerable road users. I regularly use this route and have seen that the ETRO has encouraged more walking and cycling throughout the area by people of all ages and abilities. I know that improving health, fitness and air quality are specific aims of the council through it's TCF, LTP programmes and climate emergency declaration and this scheme helps achieve all these benefits.
62	Katie Robson	BH15 2LL		Please keep the keyhole bridge closed to cars. Our ability to use Poole Park and Whitecliff with a young family without the need to get in our car has greatly increased since the closure. It has made Poole Park a much more enjoyable place to be. It has always baffled me why anyone should be allowed to cut through the park - so many drivers are inconsiderate to people using the park as well as the geese when they cross the road in a long line when they use the park as a cut through. Those who need to access the park for parking still can. Please do not open up the keyhole bridge to cars.
63	Tracy	BH14 8AN		The closure of the keyhole bridge between whitecliff & Poole Park has been a resounding success. I live in Twemlow Ave & by lucky to be able to walk to the park. I don't miss using the

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				keyhole bridge at all as a short cut & it seems many 9f my neighbours feel exactly the same . The traffic down our road has barely increased. The best bit about the bridge being closed to traffic is seeing more people being able to safely negotiate through from Whitecliffe to the park without waiting for traffic. There has definitely been an increase in people enjoying the area, cycling, walking, running etc. Please do not go back to having it as a through road, in my opinion the would be a retrograde decision.
64	John Wesley	BH123BQ		Opening this to traffic again is ludicrous. It's far too narrow for anything but pedestrians and cyclists!
65	Tracy Blake	BH4 8HE	University Hospitals Dorset	I absolutely do not want the road opened to cars/motorised traffic. This scheme has enabled me & others to cycle safely to work at Poole Hospital, keeping cars off the road & in the best possible circumstances to comply with social distancing measures. The reduced traffic in the park has also meant a quieter, cleaner environment in which to rest & recover from all that has occurred over the last year. It is scientifically proven that air pollution contributes to worsened covid-19 infections, strokes, heart attacks, depression & miscarriages. I implore BCP council to do everything it can to ensure that the local population isn't further struck with these travesties as we recover from the pandemic.
66	Tony Harris	BH149LR		Please keep the Keyhole Bridge shut to vehicles. More than ever we need more space for people not cars. Less people need to commute by car and sustainable transport is the future.
67	Rebecca Ellis			Please keep all the ETROs. They make a huge difference to me as a cyclist and walker. I am also a driver.
68	Julie Rolston	BH153LA		I think the keyhole bridge should stay closed to motor vehicles, the beautiful regeneration of the park is spoilt with so much engine noise .
69	Andy Sheppard	BH229PL		Fully Supprt this road closure, it's simply not fit for purpose for normal road traffic. This has made immeasurable difference to cycling and safe transport for families to getting to/from white cliff park. Please don't bow to pressure from the few to remove the low traffic benefit for the many!!
70	Wendy Tarpley-Naylor	BH15 1QR		The closure is brilliant and makes walking and cycling, especially with children, much easier and safer. I am in favour of keeping this closure.
71	Stewart Remington	BH178SB	Pondtek.	Keep the current road closure safety systems in place. Provides suitable measures for walkers and cyclists.

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72	Angela Penwarden	BH12 1JG		Please keep this closed, much safer for our family walks
73	Adam Ford	BH12		I am in favour of the road closure remaining in place and against the removal of this measure. Particularly given the result of the first consultation.
74	Gergely Kormany	BH12 1AP		I'm in favour of this road closures which makes cycling safer in the area. More of these closures are needed, a lot more...
75	Jon Brittain	BH23 2ST		Why has this gone to a second consultation that is not being particularly well publicised? And why is this even a proposal when your own evidence shows that the removal of this measure will be detrimental to many and 'negative overall' (Appendix C)? The majority of consultees responded favourably to this measure, it is inclusive for all NMUs, in particular disabled who cannot use this unless they are in a car. BCP day they are investing in sustainable travel and encouraging more use of sustainable means but then appear to be prioritising the car with such a proposal to remove this. It has opened up an otherwise dangerous route for all NMUs, with young children being able to enjoy safe access that was not possible before. Why would you want to remove this? Stop prioritising the car and practice what you preach.
76	Terence St.John	BH14 8BB		I'm appalled that vehicular traffic will be allowed through keyhole bridge again. Combined with the opening of the new motorway through the park it will destroy what has become a wonderful destination for so many pedestrians for last few months. Just to satisfy road hogging motorists taking a short cut from Poole town centre to shore road.
77	Tom Kelly	BH10 7JS	Poole Hospital bike users group	Why on earth would you re-open these roads and remove measures to encourage active lifestyles? Madness
78	Niall Adamson	BH148NZ		In favour of the closure. Far safer for cyclists and pedestrians
79	Susan Stockwell	BH14 8AZ	Not applicable	I am dismayed at the prospect of this bridge reopening to motor traffic. It has been an absolute delight to see so many people taking advantage of the opportunity to use this route on foot and by bike. I live on Ashley Cross and used to drive through here but much prefer to give up driving here for the huge benefit of a safe walking and cycling space. Linking Whitecliff and Poole Park safely by such a now peaceful section of infrastructure must be a major benefit to people's mental health, especially the many NHS staff who can currently reach Poole Hospital by this route safely from Lilliput, Whitecliff and beyond without risking a car coming through or having to get round the civic

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				<p>centre roundabout with it's lethal lane that is frequently blocked or driven through by vehicles. Poole is desperately short of cycling infrastructure for commuting and this is ideal for reaching the centre of Poole directly from the seafront route in from Sandbanks and from everywhere inbetween, including Canford Cliffs. It has also been heavily used by school children at Poole High and students at the college, as I have seen with my own eyes on many occasions. As a rare and valuable piece of heavily used cycling infrastructure it should be retained as part of BCP's duty to manage cycling traffic as part of the legal network management duty to keep traffic, including cycling traffic moving. Although cycle routes are in place in Poole these are geared to leisure, whereas this serves both commuting and leisure. The needs of those whose disabilities prevent them from driving but allow cycling or walking, particularly sight impaired should be considered as this has provided them with access to Poole Park. The recent grant to renovate Poole Park requires accessibility and this is the only accessible route for people whose disabilities prevent driving. All others cater for people whose disabilities allow driving but nowhere else is safe for those unable to drive through disability or are non drivers through choice or economic circumstance. The DVLA list of notifiable conditions for driving is extremely lengthy, many such as diabetes are very common, and all have potential to prevent driving. The ongoing problem of the drainage for this bridge being blocked since the autumn has given an artificially skewed view of how well used the bridge is as the consequent, avoidable flooding has blocked access to cyclists and pedestrians on many occasions. If the drain is cleared the bridge will be more accessible to non motorised traffic. A constant stream of non motorised traffic is of benefit to the safety of children at Whitecliff play area compared to cars that used to whizz by. I take exception to any suggestion that my perception of this is wrong, based as it is on many years of taking children to this play area, usually by car because Sandbanks Road and Whitecliff Road had cars driving so quickly and constantly as to be dangerous to cross with small children. Whitecliff Road is also safer for cats which are tempted by the fenced trees on the other side of the road. Burglars are deterred by people passing by on foot or by bike as motorists cannot spot suspicious activity from their cars. In addition, improvements to cycling and walking facilities always give an uplift to property values, which will stimulate interest by property developers in this area, who are of course major contributors to the local economy.</p>
80	Martin Howes	BH12 4EP		Don't re-open the bridge to car traffic. Its dangerous enough going through Poole park without having an Audi steaming through without slowing down.
81	Peter Morgan	BH21 1XW		I believe it would be wise to leave the closure of the entrance to Poole Park from Whitecliff closed off as it is presently working well for pedestrians and cyclists. The road is far too narrow under the bridge for vehicular access to be re-allowed along this stretch of road and for road users needing

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				to gain access to the park they are still able to do so using the side roads. The safety of pedestrians and cyclists should be the ultimate consideration
82	Ian Clarke	BH140QS	Nil	The Keyhole bridge should be re-opened, as I had never witnessed any problem there in 40 years usage, as a pedestrian, a cyclist, a car driver, and a motorcyclist. All users have been considerate and reasonable in the use of this shared space.
83	Kate Mitchell	BH13 6DE		I was very surprised to hear that the Portfolio Holder is considering removing the scheme at keyhole bridge. As a Poole resident since birth I have used the path under the bridge countless times, however it is only since it has been closed to motor vehicles that I have felt safe doing so. Now I have young children I am much happier to use the route, where as before I may have avoided it as it was very difficult to traverse with a pushchair. Regardless of my personal circumstances and views, surely removing the feature would go against the Council's own policies (sustainability, active travel, climate change) as we as against the majority of views from the previous consultations. There is no need for motor vehicles to use this route, it is easy enough to drive around (as I have done myself). Please retain this closure and make it permanent.
84	Michael Headon	BH1 1JE		I strongly believe keyhole tunnel should remain closed to cars. I am someone who has regularly used this route by bike and car. The benefits far outweigh the negatives. I trust you have considered all submissions.
85	Richard Wintrip	BH8 8QD		Keep the ETRO closure in place of key hole bridge.
86	Katie Cousins	BH14 9LW		I have enjoyed walking and cycling through whitecliffe and Poole park using keyhole bridge since the closure. It is far safer for me and my young family, as previously we had experienced many dangerous and irresponsible actions by car drivers not taking seriously the risks of children and animals using the parks whilst they are using it as a cut through. There seems no valid reason to keep this area open to traffic, when the environmental impact of it's closure is so positive. Lets get people out of their cars and make safe spaces for families using alternative travel.
87	Paul Slade			It beggars belief that following a full consultation period of 6 months in which this scheme is overwhelmingly supported, an Equalities Impact Assessment which concludes that a decision to remove this measure would be negative, a Decision Impact Assessment that says there would be multiple major and minor negative impacts relating to various corporate priorities and with the supposed commitment to a Climate Emergency that the portfolio holder would even consider not

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				maintaining this improvement and moving to make it permanent. Please do not remove this and set a strong example of listening to people
88	Mandy Lagan	BH152QL		The park is much safer for children, cyclists, runners and dogs with no through traffic. Also seeing much more wild. Life such as kingfishers.
89	Lorette Sanders	BH15 1UN		Please do not reopen ...listen to the majority of local people who said this already. We need it to be safe there
90	Mark Sanders	BH15 1UN		Please keep the keyhole bridge closed to traffic - other than walkers and people on bikes. It is SO much better without cars.
91	Tim Meachin	BH154PP		The ETRO has provided a safe route for pedestrians & cyclists encouraging exercise while reducing risk. It has reduced traffic on the approach (park side). Removing this ETRO appears to be reacting to the feelings of the few rather than acting for the good of many.
92	Mary Came	BH14 8RZ		I think making keyhole bridge blocked to cars has made it (and the roads in Poole Park) much safer for people & bikes. I often walk that way, but in the past it always scared me, especially when pushing a pushchair, as I'd have to push it into to road where the path narrows, into the path of potential oncoming traffic on a blind corner. It feels so much safer now & I see many families walking & riding their bikes through there. I really hope they keep keyhole bridge closed to cars.
93	Paul Fox	BH15 1UX		<p>I thought there was already a consultation with overwhelming support to keep the keyhole bridge closed to motorised traffic ??</p> <p>It was a dangerous 'rat run' when it was open and now SO much better. We and many others local to Whitecliff / Baiter have enjoyed walking this route. PLEASE KEEP IT CLOSED TO TRAFFIC. I am a car driver and have used this, but it's dangerous as so narrow. Also I thought the government was promoting more walking, cycling and quiet neighbourhoods ????</p>
94	Melissa Carrington	BH232NG		<p>I'm not sure why a second consultation is necessary given that one has already been carried out which found that of the 223 formal ETRO responses only 35 were objections and 128 were in support (57%).</p> <p>I would like to once again express my support for this measure, which has been enjoyed by many residents and visitors alike. It provides a much needed safe cycle and walking link between Whitecliff and Poole Park encouraging greater enjoyment of the greatly improved park.</p>

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				The enjoyment of many should not be sacrificed for the convenience of the few.
95	Rebecca Rogers	BH14 8AJ		Please retain the planters blocking the road under the railway line, it has reduced traffic flow through the park enabling a safer environment for children using the area, especially when on bikes and enabled safe access (esp. with children) under the bridge without running the gauntlet with traffic.
96	Jason Sanderson	BH17 9AE	None	The current scheme and restrictions should be kept in place. Stopping motor traffic going through the keyhole bridge has made the whole area safer for cyclists and pedestrians alike, and has stopped the "rat run" cars that continue to use Poole Park as a short cut.
97	Kate Salter	BH15 2QN		<p>Can you please explain how the decision to reopen keyhole (remove the ETRO) can be justified when the councils own direct impact assessment report shows the removal will only have negative impacts (3 major and 3 minor).</p> <p>Why are there no remedial/mitigation actions proposed to counter the negative impacts (as required by the direct impact assessment)?</p> <p>In addition, surely on the risk assessment the perceived risk of 'increased risk of harm from cyclists vs pedestrians' could easily be mitigated by widening the pavement through the bridge to segregate cyclists and pedestrians? Reintroducing vehicles surely poses a far greater safety risk to all vulnerable users ?</p> <p>If the future aim of the council is to encourage sustainable travel shouldn't the closure be retained? The 'portfolio holder decision record' itself states 'the installation of the measure aligns with national and local Transport Policy by creating a more attractive sustainable travel route although if removed, the route will still be available to sustainable modes'. Isn't 'more attractive' better than 'available' if a true desire for more sustainable transport exists?</p> <p>With reference to the comment 'The Council is under a statutory duty under the Traffic Management Act to ensure the efficient use of its road network. Removing the traffic route through the park permanently and diverting traffic around it is likely to make the road network less efficient and will increase journey times in the vicinity'. By identifying the fact that retaining the closure makes the road network less efficient, it implies that the road through Poole park is a necessary through route and part of the road network. Is it not the case that the road through poole park is actually a private road and not part of the public highway?</p> <p>As an aside (which I will also refer to democratic services), it is highly frustrating as a member of the public to have to respond to consultation after consultation on effectively the same issue.</p>

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				Council protocol won't allow a petition on the same subject to be submitted within 6 months. Why therefore is this additional consultation allowed?
98	Douglas Mccauley	BH2 5JT		Keep the underpass/tunnel closed. Much more pleasant for walking and cycling with the current bollards in place.
99	Antoinette Mcaulay	BH148AN		Please continue to ban cars passing through the keyhole bridge. It is quieter, feels safer as a pedestrian and cyclist and has not resulted in more traffic up Twemlow Avenue.
100	Emma Waters	BH18 9QZ		Please keep the keyhole bridge closed to traffic. Much safer.
101	Christine Ratcliffe	BH23 1RA	None	<p>I feel totally at a loss as to why I am once again writing my views on this scheme. I have read your report and seen that the majority of respondents to the previous consultation are in favour of the closure to motor vehicles through the Keyhole Bridge</p> <p>I ride a bike regularly to Poole and beyond through Keyhole Bridge and it is wonderful to be able to use it without having to stop for cars. Whilst cars are supposed to give pedestrians priority I am not sure that they actually do.</p> <p>It seems that this is a perfect way to encourage more people of all ages to walk and cycle with improved safety and less noise and less pollution but the council are now changing the rules of consultation and deciding in favour of less road usage on the alternative routes. Surely this is madness? Surely what is needed is a gradual and consistent plan to reduce traffic on all the roads - a coherent policy to enable walking, running, cycling, e-cycling, backed up with electric powered public transport. E-cars will still produce toxic emissions and whilst the engines are not as noisy, the noise of tyres on tarmac is certainly no less.</p> <p>I really am aghast that a consultation that has taken place is now shelved with a hurried further consultation taking place to get through this decision. It smacks of third world democracy and it leaves a very bad taste. I am and never have been an activist but this sort of thing is how people do become so!</p> <p>To reiterate, Keyhole Bridge should remain closed and a full detailed evaluation be undertaken at the end of the original period of the trial.</p>
102	George Farquhar	BH2 6EB	BCP Council	I am aware of a number of residents in the area that are disappointed that their engagement with the original consultation appears to be disregarded. This seems strange to me since it was following the consultative process and timeframe recommended by Central Government.

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				On a personal note I am aware of some very similar arguments offered to why Kings Park should not be closed to through motor traffic. These concerns have not come to pass and instead the route is used by active travellers to school and participating in leisure amenities in the park without fear of traffic.
103	Clare Furze	BH13 7BN		As a cyclist the closure has meant more pedestrians walk in the road making it unsafe on the roads. Also access for events including park runs and parking options for visitors to the park become more limited which is not in the spirit of sharing recreational facilities. The negatives appear or outweighs the benefits.
104	Claire	BH14 8ES		As an NHS worker walking to the hospital daily. I have enjoyed being safe and being able to social distance and walk in the road to remain 2meters from other park users. This tunnel was a rat run in rush hour and a number of times I have had wing mirrors clip me due to impatient drivers. Keep the tunnel closed.
105	Charmaine Parkinson	BH15 1YA		<p>I support keeping the ETRO at Whitecliff Road & Keyhole bridge in place permanently.</p> <p>It provides a much valued link between Whitecliff & Baiter and Poole Park - currently the only direct link between these areas suitable & safe for pedestrians.</p> <p>The air is much fresher here and pollution much reduced. This supports BCPs environmental goals.</p> <p>To reopen this to traffic offers no material benefit to anyone. Cars can access the park via other routes at little inconvenience whereas this current safe pedestrian access will be lost.</p> <p>Wheelchair and disabled scooters alongside families with buggies and young children benefit hugely from this too.</p> <p>In the many times I have walked this route with my dog I have not experienced any conflict with cyclists.</p> <p>I also note the officer report states this decision will be detrimental with 3 major & 3 minor reasons. It is also clear that a significant number of respondents to the first consultation are in favour of this remaining in place - if you count all respnses. To that end I do not see the need for this second consultation however since it has been deemed necessary I have responded to it.</p>
106	M Bayne	BH15 3RT		The keyhole bridge should remain closed as it provides a safe passage for pedestrians and bike users. It has also stopped car speeding along the roads leading up to the bridge from both sides. Please make the decision to stop vehicular traffic permanent.

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107	Lewis Reade-Blake	BH15 1XS		I fully support the closure of Key hole bridge and would be against the reopening.
108	Nick Stebbing	BH18 9DE		<p>This second Consultation seems unnecessary given the evidence of the first however here is a submission.</p> <p>Of all the info and appendixes, I cannot see any reason to remove this measure,</p> <p>Overwhelmingly BH14 residents have greatly enjoyed this intervention, removing it for the convenience of a few, over the benefits to many shows extremely limited consideration of the bigger picture, additionally keeping will greatly enhance the upcoming Tranche 2 ATF Whitecliff scheme</p> <p>Details from the first set of consultations:-</p> <p>Appendix C shows that accessibility issues would be greatly impacted, there isn't even a footway wide enough for a wheelchair there. Which effectively prohibits all disabled users NOT in a car.</p> <p>"The decision to remove the closure has both negative and positive impacts on different user types. However the decision may be regarded as negative overall"</p> <p>Appendix D, Decision Impact shows all negative or minimal effects and no green benefits.</p> <p>Of the formal ETRO responses (223) only 35 were objections 128 in support (57%)</p> <p>Opening this has linked Poole Park and Whitecliff in a time when public health and well being is under spotlight even more and given a much improved park.</p> <p>Having incremental reduction in motor traffic is part of the BCP longer term aims through the Eco strategy- and not only BCP- an integral element of the Conservative Gvt 'Gear Change' agenda.</p>
109	Edward Long	BH14 0LY		Please leave the traffic control in place on white cliff road, it is brilliant for young people in our community for example my 4 year old son who can safely cycle all around Poole park and white cliff park. Whoever put it in. Thank-you.
110	Paul Draper	BH189DY		<p>Dear sir,</p> <p>The closure of the tunnel between whitecliff and poole park should remain.</p> <p>Firstly it makes getting through the tunnel safe for pedestrians, cyclists and disability scooters.</p>

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				<p>Secondly it reduces traffic in Poole park, making it safer and more pleasant for everyone.</p> <p>Thirdly it reduces pollution in both poole park and whitecliff park.</p> <p>Removing it would be a big step backwards in my opinion.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Paul Draper</p>
111	Millie Earl	BH12 2LH		<p>Having been a resident of Poole all my life, I'm very surprised that this measure has taken so long to be put in place.</p> <p>Like many, I absolutely love Poole Park - I cycle and walk there, play tennis there, exercise and have many fond memories from my childhood there. But one thing I have never understood is why we allow drivers to use our park as a through route from Lilliput, Canford Cliffs and Sandbanks to and from Poole.</p> <p>Parks and green spaces ought to be a place where we can breath fresh air, relax, exercise and enjoy the outdoors. With dwindling gardens due to infill, upward development and air pollution we ought to protect these precious spaces and keep them from harm. Cars cause harm - to our airways, our wildlife and our climate.</p> <p>The ETROs were always going to be controversial since our country is still struggling to embrace active travel, despite the cost to the environment and our health. However, many people have rediscovered the outdoors recently and are cycling, walking, scooting and running more than ever for both travel and recreation, and any measure to encourage active travel - making active travel more convenient, safe and enjoyable - is only going to encourage more of it.</p> <p>But we need to look at this ETRO objectively. I personally don't think blind bend arguments and flooding are relevant. What's important is the 'why' and, Cllr Greene, you and I both know that opening that bridge enables drivers to use the route to cut out the Civic Centre roundabout.</p> <p>Last year was strange for many reasons, but this ETRO along with the park improvement works limiting traffic, changed the feel of the park completely - for the better and it thrived with visitors using it for what it is - a park.</p> <p>Ultimately, we shouldn't be enabling drivers to use a public park as a cut through - it goes against our climate emergency declaration, and our shared vision for a greener conurbation. And, to be honest, the sooner we can move towards stopping all through traffic through the park, the better.</p>
112	Jenny Levings	BH18 8NE		I agree that keyhole bridge should be closed to traffic and only open to pedestrians and cyclists

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113	Dan	BH12 3DU		<p>Please keep the keyhole bridge closed to cars. It is a much more pleasant area to visit, especially in the current climate of encouraging people to use the outdoors carefully.</p> <p>They bridge is horrible to negotiate when there are cars speeding dangerously on that road.</p>
114	Stephen Heir	BH151ZA		Please do NOT open the keyhole bridge entrance to Poole Park to motor vehicles.
115	Nick Fulker	BH140LY		Myself and my family would like to keep the area for pedestrians only and no vehicles. This is for safety, pollution and general atmosphere in the park.
116	Bev Miller	BH231JA		This MUST stay closed to motor traffic. BCP, I hope, are encouraging walking and cycling.....this bridge/tunnel has been invaluable to both these groups during lockdown...and beyond. There is absolutely no need for motor traffic to go along this stretch.
117	Katrina Day	BH7 7BT		This closure should remain! Not only because that is what the local residents prefer but also the first consultation resulted in favour of the closure.
118	Katie Hunter	BH152LT		<p>Please do not reopen the keyrole bridge to traffic. The reduction in traffic has made me and my yiund family (1yr old and 4 year old) feel a lot safer. I also work 13hr shifts in the NHS and find the park my only relief for my mental health, whether running or walking, I have really notice the better air quality in the park since the keyhole bridge route has been closed and can easily social distance with other pedestrians and cyclists without having to navigate an increased traffic flow which will inevitably mean its more difficult to socially distance as pavement become more full of people and roads fill with unnecessary cars.</p>
119	Zoe Mowlem	BH15 2JQ		<p>We love on Fernside Rd, During the first lockdown and the whole summer I visited Poole Park with my daughters (11&7) everyday for a daily walk. In winter we have gone every Saturday and Sunday (we go in the evenings on weekdays in the summer and don't do that during the winter due to the light).</p> <p>Having less traffic in the parks is wonderful, having the bridge closed makes it so much safer for us as a family as we usually enter from the civic centre round about, walk around the cricket pitch, up to the boating lake, through the bridge, along the waterside and then past the skate park and back into the park. When we head back we walk the back path as we call it, by the bowls club. We actively try to avoid the areas next to roads.</p>

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				<p>In the summer I asked my 11 year old to list the good things through lockdown and number one on her list was no cars in Poole Park (I appreciate part of this was the timing of the works to the park meaning no traffic).</p> <p>I therefore do not want the bridge re-opened.</p>
120	Joanna Keates	BH15 2DR		<p>I am a local resident to Poole park and use it with my young family on a very regular basis. I can honestly say that not having traffic allowed through this very popular park has been amazing and has made us feel very safe and much more free to be able to walk/jog/play/scoot/cycle around the park. There is no noise or air pollution from the cars and all in all makes for a very pleasant and safe environment for all. Please don't reopen it to traffic through the main area. If you need car parks to allow for further afield visitors then please use your wealth of expertise to plan for this around the outer areas. Many thanks</p>
121	Camilla Andrews	BH15 2LA		<p>I regularly run through the park and under keyhole bridge and have really enjoyed being able to do this more freely without the worry of cars. I also walk my children and dog through the park and I would like it to remain as it currently is. This is the same for birds hill and tatnam road closures.</p>
122	Kerry Friend	BH189NR		<p>Please leave barriers between whitecliff and Poole park , makes for a safer route for people enjoying the park</p>
123	Dr Chris Davies	BH14 8QS	I work at Poole Hospital	<p>I use this route to walk and cycle to work everyday and the reduction in cars using the bridge is significantly safer for pedestrians and cyclists. It is a dangerous route for people to use as a cut through in vehicles, barely wide enough for big cars, which was happening before.</p> <p>This is a time to increase people's physical activity and the measures put in place have helped with this by improving safety, and should be maintained regardless of Covid</p>
124	Theresa Mcmanus	BH10 5AT		<p>We can no longer continue to sacrifice the future of all for the convenience of a few. Low carbon active travel must become the primary mode of transport/travel around our conurbation in order to effectively combat climate change and reduce our dire air pollution.</p>
125	Rebecca Cooper	BH15 2LS	Teacher	<p>I walk my dog herald bring my children to this park and the number of near misses by traffic, I have seen, are countless. It became a cut through and people drove thoughtlessly and quickly on their dash home. I cannot see any possible benefit of reopening this entrance and I fully believe the park should be fully pedestrianised.</p>

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126	Tom Espley	BH151JP		Delighted with the closure of keyhole bridge to vehicles. It is so much safer and more pleasant for pedestrians and cyclists
127	Hayley	BH12 2BA		Keep it closed. You're a council who prioritises cars and it is truly terrible, this is one of the good active travel measures to promote walking. Do more like this! Stop inviting driving by making it easy for cars, start inviting active travel by making it easier to cycle and walk instead. Make it more difficult for people to drive and they will stop!
128	Toby Reeves	BH24 1AR		There is no need for cars to have access at the pedestrian and cyclists expense. Having just pedestrian access will reduce traffic to those that live in the surrounding areas and for those accessing the parks surrounding the area making it a safer and more enjoyable place to be.
129	Andrew Woods	BH16 6DP		Please keep this road closed to motor vehicles. It is much safer, and therefore more pleasant, to cycle in this part of the park without cars going through the arch.
130	Alan Card	BH148PG		I am a regular commuter and leisure cyclist who uses this route often. I have noticed the benefits of closing this bridge to motor vehicles. The first impression is that pedestrians and cyclists are more relaxed and enjoying the environment without having to worry about motor vehicles. I personally benefit from this and also have noticed more families with young children taking their children out on bikes. I see this as a real benefit for the future. I applaud the efforts the council are making to support getting people out of cars. Let's not lose the gains that have been made.
131	Nick Johnson	BH15 1BQ		I prefer that the narrow railway tunnel should be kept as a pedestrian access - if it is decided to reopen it to vehicles, some kind of traffic light control should be installed to protect people on foot
132	Mike Chalkley	BH9 2UJ		Please don't remove this, it's vital to reducing traffic.
133	Peter Short	DT11 9FN		Keep the pedestrianisation please
134	Ros Woollin	BH14 9NL		It is so much safer to walk with no cars under key hole bridge. It is especially relevant now with so many more people walking and needing to stay at distance. We need to encourage more people to take exercise not make the experience difficult. We also need to reduce the number of cars trying to take short cuts into Poole.
135	Denise Hill	BH18 9NF		Unnecessary expense

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136	Laura	BH15 1LS		The bridge should remain closed. Traffic shouldn't be encouraged to use Poole park as a cut through. The bridge isn't really suitable for modern cars to pass through nor is there adequate safe provision for pedestrians
137	S P Haines	BH16 6DA	N/A	This is not an essential route for vehicles, there are good alternatives. It is however a good route for pedestrians, cyclists and the disabled, but if open to vehicles difficult to negotiate safely. In my view this closure should be retained and certainly not prematurely aborted before the full trial period.
138	K. Moore	BH15 2AH		The closure of this road has made it safe for walkers, cyclists and wheel chair users. I fail to understand why it is necessary to reopen it. It is far too narrow for cars nowadays, causes congestion and puts pedestrians at risk
139	Alex King	BH14 0QD		<p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>This second Consultation seems unnecessary given the evidence of the first however here is a submission.</p> <p>Of all the info and appendixes, I cannot see any reason to remove this measure.</p> <p>Overwhelmingly BH14 residents have greatly enjoyed this intervention, removing it for the convenience of a few, over the benefits to many shows extremely limited consideration of the bigger picture, additionally keeping will greatly enhance the upcoming Tranche 2 ATF Whitecliff scheme. Details from the first set of consultations:- Appendix C shows that accessibility issues would be greatly impacted, there isn't even a footway wide enough for a wheelchair there. Which effectively prohibits all disabled users NOT in a car. "The decision to remove the closure has both negative and positive impacts on different user types. However the decision may be regarded as negative overall"</p> <p>Appendix D, Decision Impact shows all negative or minimal effects and no green benefits.</p> <p>Of the formal ETRO responses (223) only 35 were objections 128 in support (57%)</p> <p>Opening this has linked Poole Park and Whitecliff in a time when public health and well being is under spotlight even more and given a much improved park.</p> <p>Having incremental reduction in motor traffic is part of the BCP longer term aims through the Eco strategy- and not only BCP- an integral element of the Conservative Gvt 'Gear Change' agenda.</p> <p>Mr Greene- BCP are making great strides on elements of transport governance, ref Parking policy, continue this leadership with leaving this measure in place, an urban parkland is not a through</p>

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				<p>route of convenience, its a destination place for all of our well being. Residents of the future will thank you for listening.</p> <p>Regards, Alex King</p>
140	Amir Sadeh			<p>The principle of the Bournemouth Parks is the right one - no through traffic. Poole Park should not be denied the same protections.</p> <p>This narrow access is barely suitable for cars. As a learner driver many years ago I was taken here once and instructed to sound my horn to alert any oncoming vehicles - hardly desirable in a park and residential area.</p> <p>There are perfectly suitable main roads which can be used by motor vehicles, opening this access up just provides a short cut for the impatient with no benefit to the wider community.</p> <p>Please respect the original formal consultation that met the relevant statutory tests and reinstate this ETRO.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
141	Don Nutt	BH13 7PG		<p>This scheme has been running now for just a few months and has already shown how valuable (and essential) such changes are in this conurbation if the powers that be are to have any chance whatsoever of controlling the traffic problems of the area.</p> <p>Not only that but the beneficial change for pedestrians and cyclists has attracted an extraordinary increase in use- exactly as the Government, the NHS, and dare I say it, all local political parties wish to see.</p> <p>While you are at it please also stop through traffic in Poole Park.</p>
142	Andy Hannaford	BH14 0HJ	N/A	<p>I strongly believe that the current trial of pedestrianizing the road under Keyhole Bridge in Poole Park should be made permanent for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This road is an obvious danger spot for drivers as only one car can pass through at a time without any visibility of any other traffic coming from the opposite direction • This road is often significantly flooded during wet periods to such an extent that for very small vehicles it can be impassable • The pathway through for pedestrians is extremely narrow, and therefore dangerous, when cars are permitted to use this road at the same time. (I have personally experienced some nerve-

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				<p>wracking moments single-handedly attempting to negotiate this route on foot with my three daughters when walking from Whitecliff Park to Poole Park- a popular walking route for us)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The closure of this route to cars would reduce minimise the use of Poole Park as a thoroughfare for commuters which can only improve Poole Park socially and environmentally.
143	Colin Byrne	BH15 3SH		<p>Keep keyhole bridge closed to motor traffic. A park should not be a through route or a short cut for cars or vans.</p> <p>It's seems strange to have a 2nd consultation, at short notice.</p>
144	Paul M Turner	BH13 6AR		<p>I used the Keyholes Bridge yesterday. I cycled to Poole hospital from Branksome Park yesterday. I try to cycle everywhere if possible, Westbourne, Bournemouth, Merrick Park, Boscombe, and Hengistbury head.</p> <p>Walking and cycling are friendly activities rather than the polluting cars and trucks There were a lot of walkers some cyclists and lots of children with scooters and buggies yesterday. I know that the residents at BH14 are pleased to have the freedom of no car no cars going through this bridge. The residents are please do use this bridge so we do not need another consultation.(I am a resident of Lindsay Road, BH13 6AR, I am disabled and over 70). It is a green solution to close the bridge and have walking and cycling only.</p> <p>BCP have plans reducing the traffic and lorries two main routes rather than this bridge. The government are committed to walking and cycling rather than use motor vehicles. Why change it to BCP local agenda particularly because local people are for it?</p> <p>As it resident in BCP I want to keep the Keyholes Bridge closed to stop Motor vehicles using it.</p>
145	Emma Fairhall	BH12 3DH		<p>My husband and I regularly walk in Whitecliff and Poole Park with our dog. We have previously struggled due to having a pushchair, as cars always come hurtling towards us under the bridge when we are walking, with many of them having to reverse. We felt extremely vulnerable when walking through the bridge with the cars, but more recently, it has been a delight and much more leisurely walk. It has also been much easier for social distancing, including when we have walked on both the Whitecliff and Poole Park side of the bridge, as we could quickly walk onto the road due to no/limited traffic, so we could social distance from other people.</p> <p>After visiting my friend in Bath 1.5 years ago and visiting their main park, I was amazed at how busy, family friendly it was with people walking, cycling and children playing safely. Many of the people were able to walk on the road as part of this park was closed to through traffic. We have realised the benefit of having a No Through road at Poole Park-Whitecliff, to stop people from</p>

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				using it as a rat run and instead utilising the parks for what they are for - leisure, relaxation and exercise. Whereby, you can still access the park through a number of entrances, but not use it as a road as part of your journey.
146	Chris Dolan	BH14 8JQ		Opening up the road would be an appalling regressive action. I have lived in Lilliput for nearly 50 years and the pedestrianisation of the tunnel was a godsend. Please do not kill, injure or frighten people but opening it up. It damage vehicles - which was common in the past as it is horrible to use as a vehicular thoroughfare. Thank you
147	Luigi Manzo	BH152QL		Please keep the bridge close for cars. Cars represent a danger for people and kids using the park to play, cycle and other things that parks are really for!
148	David Bruce	BH6 3HL		This closure is on the route I cycle to work from Southbourne to Poole hospital. As a doctor I often work long stressful tiring days. Anything that makes the bike journey safer is really important to me. I hope this closure stays in place and more measures are put in place across BCP so that I'm not limited to the seafront as a safe commuting route, with all its seasonal limitations.
149	Karl	BH11QZ		I believe this entrance should remain closed to motorised vehicles and be a safe entrance to Poole park for walkers, families and cyclists.
150	Melanie Cooke	BH15 3PX		Far prefer the closure. Poole park is a safer environment for people and animals alike. The only purpose or reason people would want this reopened is for a cut through. The other entrances cater for all other requirements (parking, The Kitchen, The Ark etc.).
151	Gabrielle Naish	BH15 1HS		I would like to see Keyhole bridge reopened to vehicles. There is no valid reason to keep it closed. It has always been a shared space, car drivers have to approach it slowly and give way to pedestrians and cyclists which is the best way forward. I find that at the moment, cyclists go tearing through with little regard for others. Please reopen it.
152	Sarah	BH21 5BS		The change has made it so much safer for riding, walking and dogs. Please maintain the pass as pedestrians only

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153	Tom Kelly	BH10 7JS	Poole Hospital bike users group	<p>It is mentioned that this short term consultation is needed because the scheme "installed at pace with limited consultation". Well surely you are trying to remove the scheme under exactly the same conditions!!</p> <p>This is a scheme that has encouraged a huge amount of people to get off the sofa and get active. Safely riding around Baiter to Poole park is invaluable for young people and those perhaps a bit wary of local roads. And to state that the road will become more dangerous due to cyclists using it is absurd. Do the right thing and, not only keep the scheme in place, but extend it. Leave your cars at home!</p>
154	Joe O'keefe	BH21 3LB	LV GI	Please leave this as pedestrianised
155	Ken Robins	BH15 1TR		I would like no vehicle access but modification to slow cyclists.
156	Keithmason	BH153RF	The people	Why must we shut roads down and grid lock main roads, Where is BCP common sence.
157	W Richard Jones	BH15 1TP		The survey showed a huge majority in favour of keeping the bridge closed. If the decision is to open the bridge what was the point of the survey? On what basis is this decision made? The council cannot ignore the views of the public.
158	Robin Rennison	BH148HD		<p>Closing this road does little to stop through traffic in Poole Park, as traffic will still exit the park near the model boat pool and travel along Twemlow Avenue to Sandbanks Road, where they encounter a dangerous exit onto this road. Sadly, not everyone is fit enough to walk, cycle, scoot or skateboard to their Park. As to the spurious safety arguments for closure, I have heard of no serious accident at that bridge in the 65 years I have lived in the area. If any traffic control is needed at this point, I would suggest a traffic light restriction system would solve any alleged problem. In my opinion a more necessary safety measure required in the area of this bridge would be to further restrict parking on Whitecliff Road.</p> <p>I am strongly in favour of reopening the Keyhole Bridge to car traffic with a possible width restriction.</p>
159	Michele Beesley	BH14 8DU	Whitecliff Harbourside Volunteers	<p>Over the weekend I learnt via social media that you are considering opening keyhole bridge on Whitecliff Rd, despite overwhelming public support to keep it closed.</p> <p>I live nearby and also started and manage Whitecliff Harbourside Volunteers, we litter pick and try to keep the park tide. Since the closure there has been a marked increase in pedestrian/cyclist traffic between the two parks (Whitecliff and Poole) this is exactly what the etro was designed to</p>

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				<p>do. The bridge is very narrow and there is no disability access via the pavement so on every level it would make sense keeping it closed. It's better for health fitness and the environment as shown in the uplift of use</p> <p>Like many others I see no justification for it to be opened again and would appreciate this being kept closed</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Michele Beesley</p>
160	Thea Downey	BH14 9QG		I would prefer the keyhole bridge to remain closed to traffic
161	William Lane	BH151QX	Wessex Newfoundland Society	Keep the Keyhole for cyclists and pedestrians. Speed limit for road users in Poole Park should also be reduced to 5 mph or 10 mph giving a safer play area for children
162	Harriet Stewart-Jones	BH12 2JQ		I've enjoyed being able to walk and cycle freely through the keyhole bridge without having to wait for cars to pass. Also enjoyed fewer cars in the Park in general
163	Carolyn Fulker	BH140LY		I would like the bridge to stay closed as it is so much safer for our children when walking or riding their bikes and reduce dangerous traffic going through the park.
164	Leo Fung	BH2 5LJ		Keeping the park safe for children from unnesscary traffic.
165	Barbara Leonard	BH14 9ET		Stopping cars going through the keyhole bridge improves things for pedestrians and cyclists. I have had a couple of narrow misses as a pedestrian and limited vision makes it dangerous as a car driver too. The barrier should remain.
166	Andy Storey	BH14 9HP	Prendas Ciclismo	<p>I am in the park daily, and this new measure has been a dramatic improvement in terms of safety for ALL users of the park. With motorised traffic often spilling into the park when local roads were busy, especially when road maintenance is underway, this created a safer environment either on foot or on a bicycle.</p> <p>I live in Broadstone and work in Parkstone and commute to work every day (inc. during the pandemic) either via bicycle or running. Whilst my route in the mornings always includes Poole Park, in the evenings, I often tended to avoid it as it was busy with motor traffic of non-park users.</p>

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				<p>The other added advantage is by using the park, it reduces the pressure on the shared path along Whitecliff, which can get very congested which often leads to conflict.</p> <p>I am aware that this measure comes at some inconvenience to some residents of surrounding roads, but surely there comes a point when the safety of all BCP residents/visitors is of greater priority to the convenience of a few. I am also aware that this is something of a political hot potato, but keeping this measure in place could be a real step-change for the park.</p> <p>Regarding the antinodal evidence of speeding cyclists, there are a number of engineering solutions to potentially slow cyclists down after the hill, just like there are some employed within the park to slow motor vehicles, but if the closure goes ahead these cannot be attempted.</p> <p>Another reason for the removal was the mention of motorcyclists taking advantage of the closure, but they were doing so illegally, so that is a matter for the Police to investigate if the registration plate numbers are available.</p> <p>Additionally, the bridge is often flooded in the Winter and during high-tides, which prevents on user's ability to access the park, if closed permanently the height of the road could be increased to allow dry passage.</p> <p>I do feel strongly that anything we can do to help enable people (that are able) to be less reliant on cars can only be a good thing for our generation, but more importantly, for future generations to come.</p>
167	Jennifer Rocha	BH15 2QN		I strongly oppose the removal of the temporary closure. I use this daily for my exercise routine and the closure allows safer passage due to covid. If it were opened, cars would be using it forcing people to congregate either side waiting to get through, these people include runners, walkers, cyclists and dog walkers. The passage is meant to give pedestrians and cyclists priority, however this is never the case when cars use it.
168	Chrissie Lefkon	BH14 0LQ		The park is so much more useable and safer without / or less traffic. Social distancing is vertically impossible with the roads open too. Please shut as many roads at possible in the park.
169	Michael Cure	BH15 2LN	N/a	I am in favour of the road closure staying in place and would be in support of further traffic restrictions in the public park, The intended purpose of which, isn't to give relief for busy roads.

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170	John Stagg	BH16 5RA	Retired Engineer	I strongly support the retention of the barriers that prevent the vehicular access through the narrow railway tunnel in Whitecliff Road. The rat run through the Park should be prevented and consideration given to restrictions in nearby residential roads the provide an alternative to the tunnel route such as a point closure at the junction of Whitecliff Road / Twemlow Av.
171	Robert Carr			Should remain car free. I have had too many near misses with cars as a pedestrian and a cyclist
172	Harry Mcaulay	BH148AN	NA	I wish the key hole bridge to remain closed to traffic apart from cyclists and pedestrians
173	Jason	BH14 0NA		<p>I believe the bridge is better closed and the need to keep it so will intensify. There is a significant amount of residential development around the perimeter of the park designed for young people, key workers and single households. These people need safe and healthy green space for recreation. The stress of traffic in the park has been alleviated by the closure of the bridge and people have adapted to this as an improvement and an added space. People have spread out and made to naturally accommodate each other, there is more room for families, runners and cyclists with the bridge closed.</p> <p>Much study and monitoring has been done regarding the main lagoon in the park, it is becoming increasingly important for birds, as a fish nursery and important asset to the nature of Poole Harbour. Bournemouth University have done great work in deepening the understanding of the value of the park to the wider harbour in terms of nature. Vehicular stress has an impact on this, the less cars the better in this regard.</p> <p>Given BCP has made a number of commitments to low carbon, Poole Park should evolve as a place that showcases and supports this commitment and supports the residents in providing safe active travel routes and places of refuge from the congestion of our roads. Please leave the bridge closed to cars and support positive change.</p>
174	Sophia Singleton	BH14 8DD		Please don't re-open this road. It has always been incredibly dangerous for walkers/cyclists/runners, finally we've changed that, let's not go backwards.
175	Howard Brierley	BH14 8EJ	N/A	I am very local to the keyhole bridge and use it regularly. There is limited inconvenience for car drivers but this is hugely outweighed by the increased safety for pedestrians/runners/cyclists. This has also undoubtedly increased the number of people of all ages using the Whitecliff and Poole Park area. This should be a primary objective going forward for a forward thinking local authority.

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176	James Skipworth	BH151QG		The road closure needs to stay. It is much safer for pedestrians, children and the mobility impaired to cross between white cliff and Poole park. Maybe splitting the lane with cyclists on one side and pedestrians on the other. Access for vehicles to the park through orchard avenue is safer as the roads are wider. Please keep the keyhole bridge closure for the good of all residents.
177	Susan Gilbert	BH14 8AN		I think the Whitecliff bridge should remain closed as it is safer for pedestrians and seems to discourage traffic from the park which is better for all park users. Cyclists should be asked to dismount as there is limited visibility and some go through at quite a speed. I have seen quite a few inconsiderate cyclists and near misses.
178	Martin Barker	BH15 3QJ		I am amazed that anyone is thinking of re-opening Keyhole bridge to cars. As a walker I often go that way and have noticed a huge increase in the number of people using it. Only yesterday I saw two Families with pushchairs, dog walkers, a gentleman on a mobility scooter and several cyclists just in the short time it took me to go through. Surely this is a better use than that of a rat run for impatient drivers
179	Bella Weedon	BH15 2LL	NHS	This road should never be reopened. It is lovely being able to go for safe bike rides with my family and walking through the park with less cars around. My son has learned to ride his bike here and about road safety which has been possible with less traffic. There are far more people on foot now therefore no need to reopen and encourages more people to be stay on foot.
180	Babs Plumbridge	BH14 8EJ		Cars should be allowed to use this entrance to Poole Park. In my 74 years I have never heard of an accident with a car. BUT cyclists now spread down the hill on Whitecliff Road and walkers have to jump out of the way !!!! . No problems with cars, we were all polite and careful
181	Alex Sketcher	BH12 1PZ		It seems ludicrous to reopen, it's a rat run! So much safer for walkers/families etc
182	Lee Atkins	BH152HQ		This bridge needs to be open to all traffic, it's always been open and should continue to be open to all. A lot of elderly and disabled use this entrance to the park.
183	David Stock	BH12 2BB		It's always been mad to allow vehicular traffic through that bridge - we finally get to a place where we've removed that danger to pedestrians and other users, and now you want to re-open it? The

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				<p>bridge is barely wide enough for modern vehicles, which often pass through at too high a speed and with wing mirrors overhanging the footway, for example.</p> <p>The bridge is a valuable link between two green spaces and there are other options for routes for motor vehicles. We should be doing as much as possible to implement central Govt policies including around active travel, and this decision would fly in the face of that imperative, all for a very small benefit for a small number of residents.</p>
184	Peter Steer	BH148DU		If the bridge is to be closed to traffic then the floor level should be raised to allow access at all tide/weatyherr times and stagger railings should be erected at each side of the bridge to prevent cyclists or scooters driving straight through.
185	Carole Norman Andrews	BH15 2ED		<p>Absolutely delighted with the decision</p> <p>The right thing to do .</p> <p>Fair access for all</p> <p>Thank you</p>
186	Gerald Andrews	BH15 2ED		This bridge needs to be kept open to help improve road use efficiency. Also it allows a more direct route for us who cannot cycle and have difficulty walking, in that I no longer inconvenience other residents by having to drive through a convoluted system adding to their noise and pollution. Some traffic lights with a pedestrian only timer could help. Cyclists need to dismount as they are currently going through with disregard for each other or pedestrians. Thankyou.
187	Kathryn Lambert	BH15 2ED		Closing Keyhole Bridge/Whitecliffe Road causes more traffic on Twemlow Avenue and surrounding roads. This will especially be the case once the tourist season starts. This appears to be the the problem with many other road closures - just moving traffic to/through other areas - Tatnum Road being a good example. However, some closures work very well.
188	Ruth Wharton	BH14 8SF		Please keep this route blocked to road vehicles. I regularly run, walk and cycle through here and it's a joy to have this safe route available for exercise. It's really well used and I always see people using it. With increased numbers of people using our parks and open spaces without this closure it would make access to Poole Park for leisure and exercise more difficult. It also links Poole Park with Whitecliff for a circular route.
189	Marion Burton	BH21 1 RW		The closure of this bridge to traffic has had a significant impact on Poole Park. I really appreciate the increased calm brought about by the reduction in traffic and how much safer it is not to be

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				worrying about motorists who were blatantly using the road through the park and under the railway bridge as a rat run. The reopening of this route to cars will detract from our beautiful public open space and once again endanger people on foot and bicycles.
190	Francesca	BH15 2ED		I believe the decision to reopen Key Hole Bridge is a sensible one. I think this because it reduces traffic on the B3369 road which at peak times exerts extreme pressures on the local residents. In addition, it is to my knowledge that the bridge was originally closed to encourage cycling, however the correlation is unclear. I don't believe that road closures that have been implemented in Poole at present have had any effect on encouraging greater cycling rates. Rather it moves the issue to another location, causing new levels of noise pollution and disharmony for the local population. Furthermore, a large proportion of cyclists are beginning to pose as a hazard with clear disregard for rules of the road and consciousness of pedestrians. Therefore an accident waiting to happen. At the moment they appear lawless creating further conflict.
191	Laura Phelps	BH12 4PN		I object to the closure. Prior to closure, as a care company we used this route to take our elderly clients for outings during their two hour sit. Since the closure we longer can take them to their usual routes and locations.
192	Iain Murray	BH15 1RF		The ETRO at Keyhole Bridge has to be considered a complete success. I don't know if there has been any assessment of traffic, but I've personally witnessed more people using it during the trial period than I can remember at any other time. Prior to lockdown I drove through most days on my commute. I also dog walk through there most days. While it is arguably a mild inconvenience, (i.e. no longer having the option to drive through) being able to walk through safely with my dogs is fantastic. My son is disabled with limited mobility and is blind. He would refuse to walk through previously as he was terrified of it, mainly due to the number of times I've had to hurry him along because a car was coming. He is now able to access this route. I can't tell you the number of times I've had to take evasive action to avoid being hit, or witnessed a car driving through recklessly, making me think how lucky it was that there weren't any pedestrians at that time. This route was clearly not designed for cars, so for the safety of everyone and to improve transport links, it makes absolute sense to keep Keyhole Bridge closed to traffic.

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193	Diane Brierley	BH14 8EJ	N/A	<p>As a local resident who walks, runs and cycles around Whitecliff Rec and Poole Park on almost a daily basis I have really enjoyed going through the Keyhole bridge feeling safe from cars and vans. Many went through too quickly putting other users at risk and at times there was a queue of cars waiting to drive through, many deciding they had priority to go through first.</p> <p>This is a very popular pedestrian route and in use constantly throughout the day by a wide range of people including dog walkers, people going to and from work and many for leisure purposes. I appreciate that people in vehicles have to find another route but I have not noticed more traffic on Sandbanks Road or queues as a result of the Keyhole bridge being blocked off. I have also driven from Poole in the early evening and the traffic is not any busier than usual.</p> <p>By reducing traffic flow through the Keyhole bridge has also reduced traffic through Poole Park, which is also much better and safer for families and other users.</p> <p>I have noticed an increase in people using this area since last year's first lockdown so it is important to encourage people to continue to enjoy this beautiful area. Reduced traffic means less pollution which also has to be an advantage for all users.</p> <p>i would urge you to keep the current pedestrian / cycle access only arrangement.</p>
194	John Grantham	BH23 3HW		<p>If people can cycle safely they will leave their cars at home and take less space on the road helping to ease congestion. We would all benefit if people drove less and walked or cycled more. Please make it safer so people have a real choice.</p> <p>https://www.cyclinguk.org/article/six-reasons-build-cycle-lanes</p>
195	Paul Bradbury	BH15 1QH		<p>The closure of the keyhole bridge to traffic has been a great experiment and should continue. This a busy thoroughfare between Whitecliff/Baiter and Poole Park for runners, walkers, cyclists, dogs. We have to start making choices in priority of these modes of life, and over and against cars for environmental reasons and for the wellbeing of residents. In this case the argument for maintaining car access is slim, there are plenty of available routes and the closure prevents the park being used as a rat run between Old Town and the Sandbanks Rd.</p>
196	Gill Clarke	BH140QS	none	<p>I strongly feel that the keyhole bridge should be reopened to traffic. It was closed for 'Covid Social distancing' purposes according to a large red road sign, but it did not achieve that aim at all. I had never known any problems there, with pedestrians, cyclists and cars, over 50 years.</p>
197	Adrian Parr	BH14 9EP	n/a	<p>Poole Park has been so much more enjoyable with the reduced traffic due to the closure of the road through the keyhole bridge. Please don't reopen it to traffic.</p>

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198	James Killick	BH15 1DA		I am in favour of the closure at keyhole bridge.
199	Michelle Collier	BH15 1NB		It is so much safer and more pleasurable using keyhole bridge with out traffic that use it as a rat run. There are plenty of places for cars not enough for pedestrians. Keep it closed to traffic reduce danger pollution. Look after the environment.
200	Peter Andrews	BH151UN		PLEASE dont open this narrow bridge to cars - the portfolio holder needs to live up to his name, do the right (non-political) thing, and not pamper, Trump like, to the many lazy car drivers. C'mon man have a spine, show some leadership !!!!
201	Pam Jones	BH151TP		I think it is wrong that the majority decision against reopening keyhole bridge from the online survey appears to be ignored in the delegated decision. Poole Park has been enhanced by the closing of keyhole bridge to vehicles and I strongly support the continuation of that policy.
202	Pete Godding	BH148AW		Keeping the keyhole bridge closed prevents Poole park from becoming a rat run. If an alternative scheme could prevent a rat run then my opinion could change.
203	Paul Maclester	BH151TP		<p>Poole park was SO much better in lockdown 1 without ANY cars. Opening the link to Whitecliff just gives a 'rat-route' for lazy car drivers to take through the park. (Thankfully its not wide enough for SUV's) . Keep it closed traffic. I live opposite and locals are not effected, as there is plenty of alternative access to surrounding roads. I mostly see visitors blindly following their sat-navs getting lost!</p> <p>While you are at it PLEASE prioritise pedestrian crossings as THE rights of way, even though I drive its crazy that in the park (and in urban areas) as cars always have 'right of way'. Many more zebra crossings all over BCP would help.</p> <p>Thanks</p> <p>Paul Maclester</p> <p>Kingland Road</p>
204	Kevin Eaton	BH15 2DT	N/A	I do not agree with the temporary closure of the Whitecliff Road ETRO bridge between the Boating lake and Whitecliff. It serves no practical purpose, only to hinder traffic flow. I have never seen or heard of any accidents in my 45 years of driving, apart from a vehicle getting flooded when trying to negotiate this bridge when there was a high tide. I believe that the courteous nature shown between the pedestrians and car drivers results in a harmonious flow. This ETRO and the others in the Poole town area should never have been implemented, and subsequent articles on the

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				national press indicate that the government are also not happy with the blatant disregard with which councils are abusing their powers. This introduction has nothing to do with the Covid crisis and will not affect the way in which the normal resident commutes around the BCP area for either work, shopping or recreational activities. These roads are thoroughfares and provide access from one area to another. Whilst we all agree that some roads on the Poole area require introduction of traffic calming, blocking off roads is not the answer. As this just pushes the problem somewhere else with increased pressure on these roads. You cannot take the unilateral decision to stop people from using their vehicles under the guise of trying to make them use cycles. We all know that we need to reduce our carbon emissions and the introduction of electric vehicles will help with this.
205	Justine He	BH14 0QH		Although we have used keyhole Bridge with car, it's much safer for the park users if it remains close. I therefore request it stays closed permanently.
206	Teresa Brown	BH15 1RE		I find it difficult to believe that BCP Intend to re open keyhole bridge to traffic. This is a notoriously dangerous stretch of road ... any accidents being avoided by complete luck. It has been really wonderful to use this route without anxiety for adults with their children , dog walkers etc. As a very local resident I absolutely implore you to keep this route free from motor traffic so that we can still enjoy our wonderful walking opportunities here.
207	Richard Popper	BH148DU		Closure was been a great step forward for walkers, cyclists , park users & residents,
208	Chris Smith	BH189NX		Since the keyhole bridge has been shut at I have seen the benefits to those using and living nearby. I like in Broadstone but both cycle and run alongside Parkstone Bay and Whitecliff. This change in the bridge allows for safer use of the paths, avoids cars using it as a rat run and was the best closure BCP made under the Covid changes. The area has become nice to use and more relaxing. I would ask that it remains as I have not seen any subsequent rise in the diverted traffic along Sandbanks Road.
209	Carolyn Reece	BH14 8EF		Although I used to drive through the park a lot, I believe it should not be a road, and it was much better with no cars. The closure of the bridge reduces traffic using it as a way to get from a to b, as

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				i used to do. Due to the bridge closure I tend to cycle rather than drive, and the park is much safer for children, cyclists, older people wheelchair users etc. Please keep it shut
210	Jonathan Terry	BH17 8BX		Please do not remove as it makes it safer to use the park for me and my children
211	Caroline Sims	BH123BS		This road should be kept open for all including cars. The link between the 2 parks must be accessible to everyone.
212	Mary Scott	BH 15 1YE		The closure of the bridge has resulted in traffic forced onto other roads causing hold ups and traffic jams and quiet roads having excess usage. Cyclists have been using the road coming down into the bridge as a race track far more dangerous than cars to pedestrians as they have to travel slowly due to the width.
213	A.J.Richardson	BH15 4DP		The keyhole bridge tunnel at Whitecliff should definitely remain closed to vehicular traffic, for which it is totally unsuitable.
214	Bob Salter	BH152QN	N/a	I use this route regularly, both walking and cycling, with my children, or on my own. I strongly support the existing measures to close the road to vehicular traffic. My reasoning is that having traffic restricted through the bridge makes it a much safer and more pleasant environment. My pushchair has been clipped by a passing car's wing mirror once when I was walking beneath the bridge, and my children have been intimidated by oncoming cars when they have been cycling through the bridge. I thank the council for the measures they have put in place - it would be a regressive step to remove them.
215	Susie Grainger	BH52BT		This bridge should be permanently closed to all vehicles. It's narrow pathways are a serious danger to pedestrians especially those with small children going to visit the helicopter play park
216	John Grainger	BH52BT		Please don't reopen the bridge. I have three small grandchildren that I take to the playground but have to go under the bridge. The footpath is totally inadequate so that makes our walk under the bridge dangerous
217	Susie Grainger	BH52BT		Walking under the bridge with small grandchildren is extremely dangerous with traffic driving through at the same time. Please keep it closed for traffic

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218	Julia Taylor	BH15 2QL		<p>I am in support of the continued closure of keyhole bridge to traffic.</p> <p>I believe the benefits out way any negatives.</p> <p>Safety is increased for walkers, families and the disabled.</p> <p>Any improvements to infrastructure that helps with reduction in car car usage should be encouraged. Reduction in pollution levels in our lovely park are a huge positive.</p> <p>We will need to continue with social distancing for the foreseeable future and enabling free movement of pedestrians, cyclists is important and the closure of the bridge facilitates this.</p> <p>Wellness and fitness is so important and closure of the bridge encourages us all to have access to the park and it's facilities. I have witnessed great community spirit by the many people that use this access.</p> <p>Please keep it closed to motor traffic.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
219	Debbie Beamish	BH14 8RJ		<p>Having the bridge blocked off from vehicles has been so pleasant for so many. Keeping it that way just inconveniences a few who are just trying to beat the traffic along sandbanks road. Please keep bridge closed off to vehicles.</p>
220	Graham Small	BH14 8RJ		<p>I live in the close vicinity - removing vehicle access has created a safe pedestrian connection between the park and Whitecliff. I don't know any locals who have said this was a bad idea and it does not make sense to return to allowing vehicle access going against the green credentials of the park area.</p>
221	Amy Lewis	BH12 4LE		<p>I am in favour of keeping this as a pedestrianised pathway. Safety is key. Residents are encouraged to use this area with young children and dogs with no right of way or substantial footpath. So the less that cars squeeze through, or use it as a wacky races short cut would be beneficial and in the long term, the most sensible decision.</p>
222	David Law	BH12 2AG		<p>Taking into account the opinions expressed in the consultations and the fact that the majority are in favour of preventing cars from accessing whitecliffe road from the railway bridge I support that majority decision</p>

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223	Gareth Llewellyn	BH9 2JZ		I fully support the ETRO and closure of the keyhole bridge to motorised traffic. As a parent of 3 children, I am a frequent user of both Poole Park and Whitecliff Park, and having a safe route between the two for pedestrians and cyclists has been great. When not in lockdown we have elderly family members visit who like to use both parks, but have never felt comfortable walking through the bridge as they simply can't get out of the way of cars quickly. The route is not suitable for cars and simply makes the road unsafe for all other users.
224	Susan Payne	BH15 2QN		I am in support of the keyhole bridge remaining closed to cars. It is much safer now to go under the bridge as a pedestrian or cyclist and the part of the park by the boating lake is much quieter, safer and pleasanter. If the bridge is opened again it will make social distancing much more difficult in that area for pedestrians.
225	Lauren Bishop	BH14 9AQ		I'm wondering if I may have read this wrong, as it appears that the decision is being taken to REMOVE the scheme, which can't possibly be the case based on the evidence published? I hope I have indeed misunderstood. If I haven't, this is utterly ridiculous. All the evidence presented suggests keeping the scheme in place would be the best course of action and that it would be utterly against the desired, wishes and best interests of the local residents (let alone the environment etc) to remove it. Surely the council should be embarrassed to be publishing a decision to remove alongside all such evidence? It makes me embarrassed to live in the area frankly. If the council wants the public to be able to place any respect or trust whatsoever in it, you NEED to do the right thing. Listen to us, look at all the impacts, and act accordingly. It'll be nothing but a disgrace if you don't. Regards, Lauren Bishop, 4a Sandbanks Road
226	Richard Douglas	BH12 2BE		I want the bridge to stay closed and the kerb to be dropped on the south side. We have an 8 month old in a pram and want to be able to use Poole and Whitecliff Parks and have enjoyed doing so this year, but wouldn't consider using the keyhole if it was opened to traffic again. People were always using it as a rat run and shooting through when we were just the two of us. I've also enjoyed running through the parks in the summer, but wouldn't go as far Whitecliff when having to dodge traffic as well. We also took my gran out in a wheelchair on Xmas Day and did a circuit around Poole Park and under the subway and back through the keyhole. She wouldn't have been able to do the route back without it.

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227	Caro	BH149HG		<p>Always easy to cycle or walk through, I've done for over 30 yrs. Just take turns with cars. Be reasonable and keep it open.</p> <p>So walk , scoot, cycle, run or drive. Keep open and keep accessible for all</p>
228	Sarah Murray	BH15 1RF		<p>Since Keyhole bridge has been closed, I have thoroughly enjoyed walking with my dogs and my children knowing that we will be safe. The visibility for cars driving through is horrendous, and people drive through much too fast. I cannot imagine why it would make sense to open it to traffic again!</p>
229	Christine Smith	BH153RZ		<p>I strongly disagree with the removal of the bollards. The access for both pedestrians; those with limited mobility and the safe travel for cyclist via this route outways any removal of the bollards. The route has been much busier now that pedestrians and cyclist know it's a safe route to access both Poole Park and Whitecliff Park without motor cars.</p>
230	Karen Hancock	BH15 2ED		<p>Do not agree with the closure. Rad traffic and foot users have used this area for over 40 years without issue. They provide access to local areas by local residents without increased traffic on main roads. Feel this is another way of the council imposing it's views and by using covid 19 rules ignoring the public</p>
231	Sarah Wilkinson	BH14 0LY	I also work for Bcp	<p>Well. What can I say. This is totally ridiculous and I'm assuming the person making this decision either lives on the only road with initial additional traffic or is taking some kind of "benefit " for such a sudden change. I run every morning and walk every lunch time through the park. It's as busy but with the traffic making it a safe place to enjoy. I can NOT believe that you'd reverse such a benefit as you'll gain no financial benefit. I'd really like to understand the rationale behind the decision as I can't see it. Aren't we suppose to be working to support the environment?? Leave as is as it's working !!</p>
232	Alix Digby-West	BH15 4RB		<p>I actually can't believe that despite a 6 month consultation which has brought support of this closure, that that is being disregarded, and a new survey done, in what looks like an act to try to overturn that survey. How is this right?</p> <p>I have heard more comments of support about how this closure has enabled access for people who would not normally be able to.</p> <p>When I first heard about this closure, I was personally disappointed, as I have valued driving through Poole Park enjoying the view. But I would rather have a view to enjoy thanks to the reduction of emissions. All traffic calming measures need to be implemented alongside improved</p>

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				public transport, but what are we going to do? Wait for that investment and continue polluting our beautiful place?
233	Valerie Nelson	BH14 8AN		I really welcome the closure. The roads are quieter and safer. Better for our health. Encourages more walking and cycling in a car dominated town. Important to take all steps we can to tackle climate change. Also more and more likely to flood in future anyway.
234	Nicola Collins	BH152QU		We have 2 young children and use this road nearly every day to take them out for exercise on their bikes/ walk. Since this road has been closed we have found it so much safer, our youngest only being 3. The blind spots and difficulty seeing what is coming in the past has made us not be able to use it. Now that it is closed we enjoy using it safely, gives social distancing and so much better environment around the area. Please keep it closed. It's used as a short cut, just use the direct route instead.
235	Hannah Tooley	BH152LH		Please don't open the keyhole bridge again. It has been SO lovely having the park for us, for our children to ride their bikes and run free. It is so important for us to have space to just be without the worry of traffic. The world needs this too, We must not let cars dominate. Lets use then as a tool but lets enjoy were we live. DON' T REOPEN THE BRIDGE. DO LET US HAVE A BEAUTIFUL CAR FREE PARK.
236	Chris Stevens	BH6 3JW		My grandchildren live on Whitecliff road. I use the route regularly when taking them to Poole Park. When open the route is "an accident waiting to happen". When open for cars, it presents a serious hazard for both pedestrians and cyclists and I personally have had some near misses. In addition, I have also seen "road rage" between car drivers, when priority is disputed. I hope other respondent recognise the problems with this route and you have sufficient evidence to make an informed decision.
237	Casey Fudge	BH148SF		I don't think its a good idea to reopen the road as it's safer for pedestrians to exercise and enjoy walking through Poole park. Me and my girlfriend use it a lot for cycling, walking and running and find it safer the road being closed than when it was open.
238	Helen Craig	BH15 4DW		I support the road closure at Whitecliff, there's other routes for cars and this is much safer and reduces traffic. Since the closure we use this route with our children as a through road for cycling, we didn't do this before the closure.

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239	Elizabeth Longshaw	BH14 8BN		It has been a joy to walk from Whitecliff through to Poole Park without the risk of being killed by idiot drivers who used to race through the narrow road under the railway bridge. Walking has really helped during lockdown, especially mental health. Please leave it closed to traffic.
240	Cllr. Mark Howell	BH15 1NF	BCP Council	The proposed decision is not justified by any evidence produced by officers or from the consultation. Over 60% of respondents strongly want the measures to stay. Consultations should really be designed to elicit unforeseen concerns but 60% is a high figure. The EIA is negative and the DIA is damning with major negative impacts identified in three areas and no positive only impacts. The report justifies the decision by saying that officers have recently been alerted to concerns regarding "speeding cyclists" and near misses with pedestrians as a result of the closure to vehicular traffic as part of the experiment, but there is no evidence that these concerns are valid. Indeed, it goes on to say "no conflict has been observed in practice and it is apparent that most cyclists are approaching via the Harbourside Park and the access gate and in negotiating the gate they have naturally had to dismount or slow down." Mitigation measures are also identified. The scheme should be allowed to run its course over the next 12 months.
241	Francesca Hall	BH8 8NB		<p>This second Consultation seems unnecessary given the evidence of the first however here is a submission.</p> <p>Of all the info and appendixes, I cannot see any reason to remove this measure,</p> <p>Overwhelmingly BH14 residents have greatly enjoyed this intervention, removing it for the convenience of a few, over the benefits to many shows extremely limited consideration of the bigger picture, additionally keeping will greatly enhance the upcoming Tranche 2 ATF Whitecliff scheme</p> <p>Details from the first set of consultations:-</p> <p>Appendix C shows that accessibility issues would be greatly impacted, there isnt even a footway wide enough for a wheelchair there. Which effectively prohibits all disabled users NOT in a car.</p> <p>"The decision to remove the closure has both negative and positive impacts on different user types. However the decision may be regarded as negative overall"</p> <p>Appendix D, Decision Impact shows all negative or minimal effects and no green benefits.</p> <p>Of the formal ETRO responses (223) only 35 were objections 128 in support (57%)</p>

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				<p>Opening this has linked Poole Park and Whitecliff in a time when public health and well being is under spotlight even more and given a much improved park.</p> <p>Having incremental reduction in motor traffic is part of the BCP longer term aims through the Eco strategy- and not only BCP- an integral element of the Conservative Gvt 'Gear Change' agenda.</p> <p>Mr Greene- BCP are making great strides on elements of transport governance, ref Parking policy, continue this leadership with leaving this measure in place, an urban parkland is not a through route of convenience, its a destination place for all of our well being. Residents of the future will thank you for listening.</p>
242	Peter Moore	BH18 9HR	NA	<p>Although I have enjoyed driving through the park when wanting to get from Poole town end through towards the beaches or vice-versa I recognise the value of reducing the amount of traffic taking this route. The inconvenience will be minor compared to the advantages of making the route much more pleasant and safer for pedestrians and cyclists. I fully support leaving the traffic restrictions in place on a permanent basis.</p>
243	David Reed	BH15 4JS	None	<p>I've lived in Poole all my life, and have never understood why this bridge was open to car traffic. Whitecliff and Poole Park are recreational spaces, and lots of pedestrians and cyclists use this route to navigate between the two. It's not safe for cars to be trying to get through here at the same time given how narrow it is. Poole Park has good traffic routes through its other entrances. Let this be a pedestrian and cyclist route!!! Keep it closed to cars.</p>
244	Elizabeth Manetta	BH15 3SD		<p>Please, please, please don't reopen Keyhole Bridge to motor vehicles. It is pure joy to walk in the park, around the lake, across Whitecliff and Baiter without traffic fumes and the constant noise and nuisance of cars.</p> <p>I've often noticed parks in other towns and cities don't have through roads, short cuts/rat runs dissecting their parks, why should we?</p> <p>Poole Park is a haven for wild fowl, the perfect place for children to explore so what on earth can anyone think is gained by having cars driving through? There is Parkstone Road and Sandbanks Road, both fairly main roads to service the traffic.</p> <p>I have often suggested on forums to have car parks at either end of the park, with no through traffic. I experienced the peace of this last year with daily walks from my home to the park, around Whitecliff, under the bridge and even through to Poole Quay. Poole is blessed with a wonderful natural resource so let's keep the motor vehicles out and we can all benefit from a safe, clean environment.</p>

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				<p>Now is the time for the Council to be courageous and stand up to the militant car lobby groups for the sake of all our children, and lead by example to encourage a healthier lifestyle for all.</p> <p>Keeping Poole Park free from through traffic will certainly make this Poole resident so happy, and I'm sure I won't be alone.</p>
245	Marie Pandolfo	BH152JE		<p>I am a young mum living near Poole park. I walk from my place to Whitecliff (via Poole park) very regularly. Most of the time I carry my one year old in a pushchair. With the pushchair, I always end up on the road under the bridge, as the pavement is too narrow for families. I find it very dangerous, and fear that the worst can happen if a car doesn't see us on time.</p> <p>The road closure at the bridge has been a huge relief for me and my family. We don't want it to be open to cars anymore.</p>
246	Lucy	BH1 4ER		<p>Please leave this road closed. It makes it safer for cycling and pedestrians. As a car driver also I'm happy for this road to be closed as it is used as a rat run and creates bad habits in drivers. It is too small a road to be used for the greater size and quantity of cars in the 21st century.</p>
247	Mike Hampton	BH14 8DL		<p>The closure of keyhole bridge has been a good action by BCP and should therefore remain closed</p>
248	Charlotte Peckham	BH14 8QA		<p>The bridge should be kept open to cars. It is more dangerous now with cyclists flying down the hill through the tunnels with pedestrians coming the other way than it ever was when cars were not restricted.</p>
249	Emma Jackson	BH140PF		<p>I think the keyhole bridge should remain pedestrianised permanently.</p>
250	Andrew Beesley	BH14 8DU		<p>There can be no justification for reopening this bridge to cars. Since it's closure the pedestrian and bicycle use have increased and it's much more environmentally friendly which is exactly the purpose of ETRO. There is no safe disabled access through this bridge when open to all traffic. I feel strongly it should remain closed</p>
251	Sarah	BH14		<p>Keep the bridge closed to traffic. Its far safer for people walking and is too narrow to be safe for cars.</p>
252	Judith	BH122BX		<p>Keep it closed for cars. Since blocking it off, the feel of the park has changed. It is important to make of a public space a calm and safe area. If this road previously was used as a cut through to</p>

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				Poole, it would have been a very slow one, so not very beneficial. I can see it might be an issue for people living on Twemlow Avenue, but that is all.
253	Diana Crisp	BH165RW		No, do not close it. It adds to more removing of old Poole...making it far too modern for the sake of it. Been there for years, doesn't cause traffic problems....and again, council making irrational decisions. Historic poole will not exist for future generations to enjoy.
254	Alison Cox	BH15 3JX		Please keep keyhole Bridge closes. So much nicer and safer for pedestrians and cyclists
255	Gerald	BH15 2ED		<p>MAIL SENT in case it was not recorded. (This is slightly modified text.)</p> <p>By reopening this road will allow me to take a nice tour through one of my favourite roads without having to drive through a convoluted system increasing their noise and pollution from my vehicle (I cannot Cycle)</p> <p>I drive slowly and have never , ever had any incident in 55 years of driving through this bridge.</p> <p>Everyone has always been courteous going through, except for some cyclists who seem to think that cars and pedestrians should not be on the road. and sped though the bridge without any consideration.</p> <p>Reopening should now make them slow down.</p> <p>However, traffic lights could be an answer to those who are nervous.</p>
256	Daveena Tweed	BH188LH		The park is a far happier and safer place with this area closed !! It was purely a short cut through to town !!!
257	Kirsty Cooper	BH11 9RJ		Disagree with the proposed reopening of this road. It is far too narrow and blind to be safely open for both pedestrians/cyclists and vehicles. Simply encourages drivers to use the park as a cut through to avoid the civic centre gyratory system. Please keep it closed to cars.
258	Karina Maclachlan	BH14 9PR		Please close permanently the Rd permanently. Government green plan encouraging bike/ pedestrian access. Minister for health encouraging daily exercise. This will encourage non vehicles commute for town and healthcare workers.
259	Lesley Moore	BH179BP		I am against the key hole bridge being reopened to cars. It is used as a rat run from the dolphin centre to white cliff to cut off Civic Centre. Go there at rush hour and there are cars speeding through the park which endangers park users and is not in the spirit of the purpose of the park.

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				There is a perfectly good main road to be used. Please do not reopen the bridge to vehicles and leave it for pedestrians, bikes and buggies
260	Lesley Alexander	BH15 2FP		The closure of the keyhole bridge has resulted in a peaceful approach to Whitecliff Park for all. Particularly at risk from traffic under the bridge are those with small children and the elderly. Both of the groups are less agile and vulnerable to aggressive and impatient car drivers.
261	Sarah Durley-White	BH10 5BT		The idea to reopen this is very short sighted. The park is a cut through for traffic with this open. A park should not be a place for traffic. A park is a place for people to relax in peace with their children/dogs/family, not have to worry that they may step out in front of a car going via the park. Also this route links the park and Baiter, a regular walking route that everyone needs right now
262	T Jones		none	PLease keep the road closed to motor traffic. Pedestrians and cyclists need all the help they can get to combat obesity, air pollution and climate change. You can increase active travel if you let people have access to lovely quiet streets, aids quality of life so much.
263	Mrs C Dance	BH137PP		Please keep the keyhole bridge closed it has been much safer in the park for walkers and cyclists.
264	Jack Dwyer	BH188AN		Please keep all of these in place, they make green spaces more accessible for pedestrians and cyclists and help reduce carbon footprint locally.
265	Claire Stonier	BH12 3AQ	n/a	Please retain the traffic control measures in place. Vehicles can get around quite easily. This is a hugely valuable area for the quiet enjoyment in a safe place. Walking under the bridge with traffic passing is dangerous. Please do not remove the traffic control measures and allow people to enjoy the area safely using sustainable transport methods. Thank you.
266	Andrea Arnott	BH14 8BW		I would recommend that it stays closed during this further lockdown but if opened becomes one way traffic only.
267	George Rashbrook	BH20 4DF		Please keep it, the bridge is only a rat run for car drivers .
268	David Ross	BH152NY		Great idea to keep it closed! Fabulous addition to poole park, white cliff and baiter!
269	Rob Forster	BH18 9ND		This road should NOT be reopened to traffic. Visibility is poor when engaging in the tunnel.

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270	Michelle Fisher	BH14 8DL		I'm local and have used the road to drive to work every day. Now don't get me wrong I love this journey for the peace it brings me at the end of the day with sunset and wildlife but many speed through as a cut through. But the main thing as a resident at the end of this road, I have noticed mainly the impact on Whitecliff Road for the positive and this needs to be taken into consideration. The road has become safer without the traffic cutting through the park as this traffic is now non-existent. The road can't cope with parking and with fast flowing two way traffic. It is safer for the families using the park and play facilities that park in Whitecliff Road.
271	Daniel Moors	BH153DS		Keep Poole Park, as free of traffic as possible. Car use should be reduced wherever possible. Commuters should try to cycle, walk and run whenever possible.
272	Richard Weston	BH14 8EG		I have used the keyhole bridge walking, cycling and in my car on a very regular basis. With all three forms of transport I have had absolutely no problems accessing the bridge. With a little bit of common sense and courtesy there is no problem.
273	Colin Wheeler	BH15 2DP	NA	The closure of the bridge has much enhanced the experience in Poole Park and Baitor. It is essential to preserve more areas of beauty for foot traffic and not vehicles which in such places are dangerous and polluting. The roadway floods and as traffic has to jostle to get through such a narrow gap it is essentially a rat run that spoils the two adjoining areas. The closure has made it a more peaceful and safe place and allowing a rat run through would further spoil the Park which overtime must be made a more vehicle free zone. Allowing for those who really need transport to enjoy it. Poole (BCP Council) has a unique position to uphold with respect to the environment as it is blessed with the stewardship of one of the finest harbours and coastlines in the world. This closure has been an outstanding success and why it should be overturned defies logic; unless purely for political reasons.
274	Claire Newton	BH12 5HG		I think the bridge should be reopened to traffic. The town is already carrying far more traffic than it can easily accommodate, and every route closure only forces more traffic onto the alternative routes. Also, as someone who has a disabled mother, who thoroughly enjoys taking drives through the park, I appreciate that not everyone is able to enjoy the outdoor space in the same way. Perhaps there could be a compromise position where it is open during peak times and closed on summer evenings and weekends?
275	Natasha Skinner	BH15 2ET		Keep it shut

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276	Rex Bale	BH15 2QS		The keyhole bridge needs to be kept free of vehicular traffic. From my observations it has not led to a significant increase in the traffic through the narrow bridge on Sandbanks Road as one might have expected since the closure of the keyhole bridge.
277	John Allistone	BH15 1EP		The Keyhole Bridge should remain closed to cars. Only pedestrians and cyclists should be allowed.
278	Stuart Alexander	BH15 2FP		<p>Keyhole Bridge, and its connection with the Harbour side walk and the Poole Park Lake has become a place a solace for many during this tough year. I myself have walked through this route in the park more or less daily for a year now.</p> <p>My previous experience was to always avoid this spot, the cars would come fast, you have to wait, there isn't any politeness or calm the space, the cars always without a doubt - rush. This is unfortunately just a symptom of the spatial design and human interaction with the space.</p> <p>During the last year, a lot of things have been very different for us all, many of these are bad. But the pedestrianisation of that small route has meant a world of difference to the hundreds of people (possibly thousands on the weekend) who walk through it everyday. They walk through with calmness, courtesy and in many occasions, a nod of acceptance and gratitude as we pass each other around this space. Something that many of us feel is missing from society at a whole these days.</p> <p>This is small intervention has opened up an exceptional circular route form the park to the lake and back around, something which should be complimented and held with high regard!</p> <p>If cars are re-introduced, regardless of the fact 'you can still walk through this space', it will detract and be a detriment to the outside world connecting to very important places of nature to the locals. This is possibly one of the most simple and important things we all need at the moment, a connection to natural spaces, and a calm interaction with the people we co-exist with.</p> <p>Therefore, regardless of who's idea it was in the first place and the frankly petty party politics, please can someone stand up and do a really positive and forward thinking thing for Poole Park and Harbour connections.</p> <p>I mean, you have just introduced all these other improvements to the park and space, new paving, road calming measure, even amazing new lighting! The park has never looked better, and is fantastically easy to use. I honestly want to thank Martin Whitchurch and Toni Powell for a fantastic project which has been delivered! Why back down from the concepts they've introduced which are improving the life of thousands of residents?!</p>

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				<p>This intervention benefits a vast number of people unconsciously, subconsciously and people who are choosing to use the space everyday - like myself and many people I see there walking through!</p> <p>A vast number of people who are most probably far too busy worrying about their lives, work and family than they are about being able to drive under a small bridge. But that walk really enhances their ability to process and fundamentally enjoy the amazing natural spaces that Poole Park and Harbour have to offer.</p> <p>Regardless of the 'you can still walk through it' here are my closing experiences recently within the park which may help reinforce why many people feel very strongly to keep this arrangement, and if possible improve it!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Disability access to the Harbour. I've seen on two occasions wheelchair users with support parking by the lake, have the ability to leave their car with support and access the harbour with only a small bump by the gate on the far side. The land is flat on this side, so they can get in their wheelchair with ease, and the access is now superb. Also parking is plentiful and the space is calm on the Lake side of Keyhole bridge. - Cyclists have slowed down to go through Keyhole Bridge for and around me. We share the space. This is frankly unbelievable in contrast to elsewhere in Poole and 1000 times better than before this change. - The space is calm. I've seen people with kids on scooters going through, the kids are so happy there - this is nothing to be taken lightly, this is the kind of interaction and happiness we need our public spaces to allow to happen! - The drive through the Park to Twemlow Avenue. I see people driving at 20-35mph+ here every day, without fail. Increase in car numbers and speed will come.
279	Marian Hallett	BH15 1RA		I believe the closure of the keyhole bridge to cars & motorcycles to be advantageous to the people choosing to exercise on foot or cycle during the ongoing pandemic, of which there is currently no sign of an imminent end. The traffic restrictions should remain in place until complete removal of all COVID restrictions are possible.
280	Carolyn Lassiter	BH15 1ZB		I vote for Keyhole Bridge to reopen to traffic it's never been a problem in the past and the council's policy on bikes is absolutely ridiculous especially on West Street, the High Street and the Quay need to be reopened ASAP as your policies are killing local businesses
281	Nikki Horobin	BH15 1YD		I believe keyhole bridge at Whitecliff should remain closed to cars. It feels much safer walking under this bridge when out with family on walks. I personally believe lots of people used this route

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				as a cut through to avoid the traffic at the civic centre and people really wanting to use the park and park their cars within can use the other entrances. I feel the park is a better place without the constant cars going through especially at rush hour.
282	Paul Alexander	BH15 2FP		Closing the bridge to traffic has been transformational. No longer do we have to peep round the corner to see if a car is coming through or worrying about whether the car will stop before one gets through the bridge. Many cars are oblivious to the "give way to pedestrians" sign. On the Poole Park side of the bridge, the road surface is poor with large puddles forming after it has rained. We no longer fear a drenching from cars going through these puddles. Please keep this bridge closed to traffic. I am a pensioner and going through this bridge is part of my daily walking route. I am much happier now that I do not have to compete with cars on this part of my walk.
283	Francis Walters	BH15 2DR		I think that it is a great shame that the Council is proposing to re-open keyhole bridge to traffic. I use the route regularly as a pedestrian/cycling link between the park and Baiter and have found it much safer to use without the traffic. The bridge is very narrow and does not have a walk way. This used to cause constant conflict between pedestrians and vehicles. It also encouraged the use of the park by vehicles as a short cut between the town centre the Lilliput area and the constant flow of traffic, particularly at peak times, distracts from the enjoyment of park. This is a particular pity in view of the amount of time and expenses that has gone into the improvements and renovation of the park to create a more pleasant environment.
284	Maggie Murray	BH15 2QP		Its really important to keep this closure as its been a great deterrent to use as a rat run and it has been much safer for children, walking and cycling.
285	Suebellamy	BH15 1JN		I support the continued closure. Over the last restricted months very many young families have benefitted from this pedestrian access. The closure has opened up the development of new walking trails, using the park as a central feature.
286	Ian Bridges	BH154QQ		I would wish for the keyhole arch access to Poole Park remain closed to vehicular traffic. I have used this route on my frequent bike rides taken as permitted exercise during the covid restrictions. I have found it far safer for use by both pedestrian and bike user. I do not see this is a necessary route for cars. I would appreciate hearing the views of those who wish to see it reopened, as in all honesty, I can't understand why. Thank you.

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287	Tripp Gillian	BH15 1NA		Much improved without traffic, very safe for families to walk or cycle, encouraging healthy living.
288	Jackie Warren	BH17 8QT		We regularly use this road under the bridge to walk from Poole Park To Whitecliff. We have found many times that the train underpass at Baiter is flooded, so there is no other way to go. Cars do not wait for you to walk through, so you are trying to walk along the narrow footpath, with cars and vans passing very close. If the road is flooded you also get extremely wet from the splash back from cars and vans. It is also dangerous for cars as the visibility of approaching traffic is not clear. Out of all the roads closed this one is the only one that made any sense.
289	Martin Price	BH12 2JS		I believe that it is essential, as part of the Council's efforts to encourage Active Travel, (in line with Government Policy), that efforts are made to reduce vehicular traffic, and encourage people to switch to walking and cycling. The bridge at Whitecliff was built before motor traffic was introduced, and was intended for pedestrian and cycle access to Poole Park. As part of the Council's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, it should remain closed to vehicles.
290	Gordon Knox	BH148RP		<p>I support the reopening of the Keyhole Bridge. As a retiree and regular visitor to Poole Park, my nearest and most convenient access is via the Keyhole Bridge. Depending on the weather and my inclination, I previously used this access either on foot, by bicycle or in my car. Prior to the Bridge's closure to vehicular traffic, I never once experienced or witnessed any problems with the sharing of this access.</p> <p>I believe the closure of the Bridge was unilaterally imposed by a (vociferous) minority over a (oft silent) majority.</p>
291	Jon Bish	BH15 2LA		The closure of keyhole bridge has greatly improved the experience of this important recreational area for walkers and cyclists without significantly inconveniencing motorists. I speak from personal experience as someone who has walked this area on an almost daily basis during the pandemic. It is exactly the sort of simple but effective solution to current circumstances which Poole needs and will continue to be of benefit as we strive to be a happier, healthier and more sustainable community in the future. Reversing the closure now would be an act of political vandalism.
292	Bronwen Thomas	BH15 2LA		access to Whitecliff for pedestrians from Poole Park is much improved following the closure. As a resident who takes most of my exercise during the pandemic walking this route I am disappointed about the decision to reopen it to traffic and so would urge you to rethink.
293	Derek Orchard	BH15 2LJ		I don't agree with the reopening of Keyhole Bridge to traffic which I believe to be dangerous to motor vehicles and pedestrians. It would also encourage more motorists to use Poole Park as a rat

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				run. If you are determined to reopen this bridge I think some sort of traffic control would need to be installed for the safety of pedestrians, cyclist, and motorist. I make these comments as a motorist and walker.
294	Christopher Allenby	BH15 1LD		The Keyhole bridge is a prime location to encourage safety for pedestrians and cycles. The roads around the park more than adequate of coping with the traffic, why does there have to be a rat run route. Motorists have to be educated that they must allow more time for their journey rather put at risk any individual that does not have the protection of a 1 ton battering ram.
295	Heather Bale	BH152BA		Poole Park is a hugely popular place for local residents, particularly under the new restrictions due to Covid 19 and I think it is absolutely vital that the link from the Park into the Harbour side at Whitecliff / Baiter is kept traffic free at the keyhole bridge under the railway line. Safety to the public should take priority over traffic needs. There is no actual need for cars to drive into the park at this point, there are other more accessible and safer ways for drivers to use. In the past this way through has just been an excuse for car drivers to take a cut through the park and into Sandbanks Road. The area can often become flooded near to the model boat shed and also swans often come up out of the water here adding to the general unsuitability for traffic.
296	Jane Foot	BH14 8AH		The Bridge should stay close and not used as a cut through to make it a safe passage for children and adults walking or cycling.
297	Clare Hadley	BH15 3BB		<p>I'm appalled that despite public support for the temporary closure of keyhole bridge to traffic, it is likely to re-open.</p> <p>The use of this route as a rat run does little to help traffic congestion on the main routes, but has a major effect on cyclists, pedestrians and mobility scooter users. In the past few months keyhole bridge has been well used by these users, and has provided a safe and pleasant route between Poole park and Whitecliff. I can't see that the limited benefits for a few motorists using a road unsuitable for motor traffic should outweigh this.</p>
298	Michael Tarrant	BH14 9PJ		<p>The closure of Keyhole Bridge to motor traffic has been hugely positive for pedestrians and cyclists alike. I have used it frequently as both. It has opened up that area of Poole Park to so many people who would have otherwise been too daunted to enter via the bridge previously.</p> <p>The renovation work in Poole Park has been excellent. Opening the bridge again to motor traffic would once again create a "Rat Run" to avoid the Civic Centre Gyrotory System. This would render all the work to create a non threatening and calm environment in the Park, redundant.</p>

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299	Eric Gilbert	BH14 8AN		Please keep the tunnel closed. It is much safer for pedestrians, folk on mobility scooters and cyclists.
300	Graham Gale	BH15 4PL		Do not reopen Whitecliff Road ETRO unless the bridge is straightened and aligned with the road.
301	Gillian Ingram	BH12 2BW		This closure and placing a raised flower bed should have been carried out years ago. So good to have the park back to a much safer place to enjoy by all ages, children, youth and the elderly. Not to mention a much greener, healthy space.
302	Ronan Fox	BH14 8UN		Please do not reopen
303	Sarah Pitt	BH122NQ		I really enjoy the park with less traffic in it. We regularly run through the bridge with a pushchair and it feels so much safer blocked off. It feels quieter and more park like rather than a cut through. Im not sure on the need to reopen this as you can access that part of the park via Twemlow Avenue if you wish to.
304	Clive Wilding	BH152NB	N/a	Keep it closed. It makes a nice circular walk feel much safer!
305	Mark Kimber	BH17 9AT		Please do not reopen. Much more pleasant with less traffic. Really don't need the rat run to return. And, positively, there is still plenty of opportunity for those with accessibility issues to get round to the car parks.
306	Mr. R. Stephens			The ban on vehicle access through the bridge was the best thing that could have happened. Previously, it was a dangerous place to get through. The only improvement to the existing closure would be to perhaps have a more defined chicane in order to slow down cyclists. I do hope the council retain the closure.
307	David Tabb	BH14 8DX		In favour of keeping the keyhole bridge CLOSED. Safety of pedestrians. Serious flooding occurs under the bridge making it unsafe for vehicles. Wet brakes etc causing hazard to pedestrians. Also the corner up the road from the bridge is blind and vehicles approaching from the bridge at speed create a significant danger to both pedestrians and any oncoming cars however slow they may be going. Parking on the western side of the road exacerbates this. On numerous occasions i

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				<p>have seen cars mount the pavement to avoid oncoming vehicles. The bridge is far to dangerous to be aloud to pen.</p> <p>I would suggest that if the bridge opens against these health and safety arguments then the Councillors themselves will become liable under health and safety law for ignoring this warning should someone be hurt which im afraid is inevitable.</p>
308	Jane Jeffs	BH148BN		At first I was annoyed at the closing the bridge to cars felt it a hindrance. Now, it works! Is effective and safer for walkers and cyclists, reduces the car Rat Run through the park and as a local motorist I have not suffered. Keep the bridge closed to cars
309	Fiona Macdonald	BH13 6BG		When open to cars this section under the bridge was a hazard to pedestrians and cyclists. It is now a safe area to walk and cycle making such an improvement
310	Anita Cole	BH15 4DJ		Keyhole Bridge is dangerous for both pedestrians, cyclists and traffic and is better left closed. there are other options for vehicles to access the park, this one is not essential. I thought BCP wanted to promote cycling and walking and this closure achieves that.
311	Sylvia Fox	BH14 8AN		Keep the Keyhole Bridge Shut.
312	Laura Ktisti	BH8 9NS		The bridge should stay closed to motorised vehicles
313	Paul Bannard	BH14 0DG		This closure, amongst others, was brought about by over-zealous councillors, with no regard whatsoever to public consultation. As no mention of accidents has arisen, then safety is not a factor....the bridge has been there since the 19th Century after all. Reinstatement should happen and a feasibility study carried out to cut a pedestrian / cyclist tunnel in the embankment next to the present bridge. Money has already been given to Poole Park for improvements, perhaps this could be funded by this Government Grant.
314	Richard Smith	BH14 0PN		Why spend money in the first place to block road off to remove it again, now I know where my council tax is going
315	Janna Bloice	BH140DQ		I would love this bridge to stay closed to motor traffic. My mum is at Wedgwood drive so I have often used this short cut, but can sacrifice this convenience to encourage more cycling and make it better and safer for walkers and those with disabilities.

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316	Lea Lohk	BH14 8DL	I very much agree that Poole Park is a park and not a car main road or car park.	This much loved Pool park is not only a driveway for cars but it is used as a car park. I don't understand is it a park or a car park? or instead the main road where cars drive.
317	Alan Pickering	BH15 2LT		I wish to add my name to those who think it is a backward step to reopen the Keyhole Bridge to motorists. I use the park regularly for walking, running and cycling, and it is so much safer with no vehicles coming under the bridge. I see the vast majority of residents who responded to the survey are against the reopening; surely the point of public consultation is to hear and, as elected members, to respond wherever possible to the commonly held view
318	Anna Manning	BH15 2NB		I believe the road should stay closed as the park has enough vehicle access already. The bridge is not suitable for the volume of traffic that will be using it. Shouldn't we be encouraging people to walk or cycle in a safe environment.
319	Elizabeth Raybould	BH148AH		we support the continued closure of the key hole bridge at Whitecliff Road. it was such a rat run of cars before, and pedestrians feel intimidated trying to walk through with cars behind them. Many more people are walking around safely now in this area.
320	Dr Rebecca Carron	BH14 8BT		Use this bridge regularly and my daughter And friends use it to cycle to school everyday when school opens I use to short cut through park when it was open by car but this is NOT what a park needs . Having it closed has educated folk and it is always in use by walkers / cyclists and disabled folk ... please keep it closed to cars ...
321	Jack Galloway	BH14		I feel it is essential that the Whitecliff Road tunnel remains closed to cars. It has made a huge difference for pedestrians not only in Covid times but in general. It was always dangerous and difficult for pedestrians with cars driving through especially during rush hour. The park should not be able to be used as a rat run.
322	Bob Whitcombe	BH14 9EN		Keep it closed. Great for cycling. Stops a dangerous rat run.

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323	Sarah Swify	BH179JS	Personal & running community	The restriction to vehicles should remain in place. The park is much nicer, more appealing and most importantly a safer place now. The vehicles have a perfectly adequate alternative route. Thank you
324	Jeneta Bird	BH123AL		The closure of this rd and other roads in Poole have led to the feeling of it being a ghost town. My husband and I used to really enjoy driving through White Cliff rd and under the bridge to get to the park. Sadly it's become more and more difficult to drive into Poole. It's detrimental to shops , cafes , Restaurant's ect if people can't drive there easily.
325	Graham Filmer	BH15 3DD		Please do not reopen the keyhole bridge. The park is a beautiful space to walk and cycle. Allowing cars through is not great for the environment and dangerous for small children playing in the park. Not sure why you would want to create a shortcut through the park, unless you live in Parkstone Rd.
326	Timothy John	BH178PL		The closure of the Keyhole bridge transforms people's experience of beautiful Poole Park. It makes it safe for pedestrians to pass from the park to Whitecliff (many times, I've been passed through the tunnel with my elderly parents into the face of oncoming traffic, or with vehicles approaching from behind). Further, it prevents the daily 4.30pm to 5.30pm traffic curse as motorists turn Poole Park into a car park to shave two minutes from their commute. The closure promotes safety, pleasure and a vision for a cleaner, brighter, less congested Poole. To remove it would be madness. The Park is a credit to the town and the council. It must be protected.
327	Yvette Bessant	BH14 9AU		I am against reopening keyhole bridge to traffic. It has been such a joy to be able to enjoy our beautiful park with less traffic. It is not convenient for me as a commuter to have it closed but I do feel that it is the right decision for the wider community. At the very least it should be closed for a much longer period at least 2 years to properly assess immediate and wider impacts
328	Graham Sutherland	BH14 8SE		The rat-run through the park and under the bridge is completely unnecessary. This area should be free for the geese and the swans and the public to enjoy
329	John Biggs	BH3 7LZ		Keyhole Bridge should remain open for pedestrians only and closed to vehicles except bikes. Access for pedestrians between the two important open spaces is limited and vehicles make this

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				route hazardous. Vehicles can get to Poole Park but this access makes it too easy for cars to attempt a short cut through the Park to the detriment of all users.
330	Lorna Cooper	BH148AH	Private citizen	Closing key hole bridge to cars and motorcycles has given a great sense of safety and tranquility back to this area. Pedestrian use has increased dramatically in all forms- being running, walking ,safety for children as has the wildlife. With having a park open to through traffic and a large lake there is significantly less space for pedestrian park users. The ability to space out has been a godsend in covid times when social distance keeps us safe. This has been a wonderful few months without cars - more of this please.
331	Mrs Cooper	BH14 8AH	None	Why is democracy being circumvented here? Originally there was an 18 month trial to see if new ways of transport network could be improved for local people. Then a 6 month consultation was added for completion in February 2021 and now there is this quasi consultation with end date 22 January 2021. So a mere 48 hours to complete it after information via Daily Echo article yesterday. I subscribe to council missives so why have I not heard through the BCP Council? There is no online petition and I have seen no other petition concerning this. Why all the secrecy and lack of publicity and lack of debate? Why has the DEFRA policy been abandoned with no notice?
332	Martin Porter	BH153LA		Keep this road closed. No reason to open it again .
333	Heather Hanney	BH6 3QD	N/A	We need this road kept open
334	Stuart Alexander	BH15 2FP		<p>Hi there, thanks again, I just wanted to add a few points from todays visit through Keyhole Bridge at 10.30am. It was quite an insight and I thought it'd be very useful to share!</p> <p>I was only there to walk through at 10.30-10.31 - I did not sit and wait and count, and although I'm passionate about this subject, I also have things to do and work!</p> <p>7 buggies - Mums walking side by side.</p> <p>Mum and Scooter gliding through, the kid fell off but was quickly picked up from the carriageway and was smiling once again.</p> <p>Multiple set of pedestrians.</p> <p>It's not just disabled people parking by the Model Boat Lake, its Mum's with buggies, a lot of them! I'm glad they've got great access to public green space and the harbour after the year they've had. There was one getting out where I walk past, and 3/4 others visable as I approached.</p>

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				<p>Please see attached photoset from Dropbox or Google or WeTransfer, if you require these another way due to permissions, contact me and I'll get them to you as soon as possible.</p> <p>https://www.dropbox.com/sh/gxwndh81hzsmdv8/AAAfV1UYGVS6rGe4Qiv4pJMha?dl=0</p> <p>or</p> <p>https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uMsEdHVbnJ_UwTldVx5XGCllE0CgjSmp/view?usp=sharing</p> <p>or</p> <p>https://wetransfer.com/downloads/1ff8febd3ffec31701a209b5ae61098920210121114428/5292576c2ed60660db27aa69c051de0920210121114923/621f53</p> <p>Traffic is much so better around all roads of the park since Covid and the Roadworks finished on Sandbanks Road, I've never had to wait getting anywhere, including 8-9am and 5-6pm (which was gridlocked before). So the use of Keyhole bridge as a rat run is more or less pointless.</p> <p>Equally BCP Council itself has posted a video to Social Media (Facebook) about Transforming Travel.</p> <p>I list the points that BCP itself is projecting out on Social Media, as policy I would imagine, and ask which is not a contradiction to the current use, and re-opening of Keyhole Bridge?</p> <p>Transforming Travel (BCP Council 21st January 2021)</p> <p>To make a better future...</p> <p>Tackling congestion hotspots...</p> <p>Easing traffic flow...</p> <p>Making air quality improvements...</p> <p>Bringing improved health and wellbeing...</p> <p>With cleaner air and improved mental health benefits...</p> <p>Great travel choices...</p> <p>78km of new active travel routes...</p> <p>Connecting people from their homes to work AND lesiure...</p> <p>Creating new cycleways for a more enjoyable and safer experience..</p> <p>Better pavement access for people with mobility needs...</p>

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				<p>You've succeeded on pretty much all of the above on this date with Keyhole Bridge.</p> <p>When the block is removed, you will have failed on your own points. How is that making a better future?</p> <p>Equally I'm curious to know what the British Standards are for pedestrian routes alongside carriageways. After working myself on public realm projects, locally and nationally, it amazes me that without major improvements to Keyhole Bridge that this would even reach a current guideline or standard for use in 2021 for shared carriageway and pedestrian use. Happy to be proven wrong though, as I'm not a highway engineer. But I'd imagine common sense would be that it must be wide enough for a double buggy. No fixed standard, 2m perhaps. 3m if shared with cyclists?</p> <p>I hope my feedback is useful in supporting the decision process and hearing the views of local people keen to continue using such a wonderful addition to glorious Poole Park and Harbour.</p> <p>Many Thanks</p>
335	D Milne	BH14 8BN		<p>Having the road closed to cars has made such a positive difference. Less dangerous to cross road, less dangerous for those parking to visit white cliff play park as less cars and they aren't speeding through a 'rat run'. Please keep current restrictions on place</p>
336	Mrs Sue Mogg	BH14 8AH		<p>I am sending a photo of the sign (to the ETRO email) that has been added today, 21st Jan to the planter blocking the bridge which once again is not signed and could be seen as misleading information.</p> <p>I want the bridge reopened please.</p>
337	Rohan Byles	BH14 8AN		<p>As a resident in the adjacent street, we have enjoyed the quieter roads as would prefer the road closure to remain in place. We would also like to see traffic calming measures in place in Twemlow avenue as cars leaving the park can speed up quite quickly on the straight</p>
338	Jane Porter	BH153LA		<p>Please do not reopen this to cars.Its so nice to be able to walk between Poole Park and Whitecliff without cars pushing through this choke point.</p>
339	Marina Baker	BH14 8AJ		<p>Please reconsider and reopen the keyhole bridge to cars. For residents in Orchard & Twemlow Aves it makes a big difference. Pedestrians must be kept safe and have priority. To reopen it, it needs very clear signage to drivers and cyclists to give absolute priority to pedestrians by painting big pictures on the road and the bridge itself of pedestrians to highlight this as well as really clear signage.. Thank you.</p>

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340	Dr Andrew Green	BH15 1LF		<p>I fully support the closure of the Keyhole Bridge to vehicle traffic. There can be no justification for its reversion to the previous status, allowing motor vehicles to use it. This is not an essential link route and serves only as a short cut for non-local vehicles to avoid congestion on main roads. For access to areas such as Poole Park (which itself is not a through route for motor vehicles during busy times), access from the Whitecliffe area can be easily be made using Orchard Avenue/Twemlow Avenue and Whitecliffe Road/Sherwood Avenue.</p> <p>I doubt that many locals are affected directly by this closure, and it merely serves as an irritant to people not from teh local area wishing to use a short cut to avoud traffic eslewhere.</p>
341	Tom Lintern-Mole	BH152LS		I support the reopening of this road. Thank you very much portfolio holder!
342	Katherine Forni	BH14 8HH		Return Whitecliff road to car traffic
343	Erica Gilbert	BH14 8AN		I think keeping this tunnel pedestrianised is a great initiative- makes it more pedestrian friendly and better for families who want to enjoy the area. I feel that this will facilitate exercise and increase safety.
344	Bryan Dion	BH14 8HH		Keep Whitecliff road open to car traffic
345	Michelle Keohan	BH15 2QT		I think that the park is a much nicer place to be for all users that I meet but also for me personally as I use the route most days when walking the dogs from my home to the sea. I work in a local school and am primary career for our school dog who benefits greatly from a daily swim, due to the vets recommendation to ease the joints, and didn't realise how congested and stressful it was getting through the key hole bridge by foot was until the peacefulness was created when the road was closed. I think it would be a real shame to open the road to traffic after it has been such a success.
346	Vanessa Hughes	BH14 8SG		I think the keyhole bridge should remain closed to cars.
347	Garry Moors	BH152JW		The bridge closure to traffic should not be removed as the bridge is far safer for pedestrians as they no longer clash with cars . The increase in pedestrians and cyclists in that area of the park has increased since the closure 🙏

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348	Ray Hince	BH15 1UW		Please do not open keyhole bridge again to motor vehicles. Poole Park will again become a rat-run during the rush hour for cars trying to avoid traffic on major routes. That narrow bridge is not suitable for motor vehicles and they present an unnecessary danger to pedestrians & cyclists. The restricting of keyhole bridge to pedestrians & cyclists has significantly enhanced the safety of walkers and cyclists whilst also creating a far more pleasant environment for the wonderful Poole Park. I certainly appreciate it because I live in Baiter and daily either walk or cycle via that route.
349	Jonathan Ginn	BH11 8AF		<p>The closure of Keyhole Bridge to motor traffic is such a sensible idea. It allows pedestrians and cyclists to easily access one of our lovely parks in a safe way. I cannot see any benefit to cars or pedestrians by allowing cars to enter Poole Park from this direction. It's far too small and dangerous for cars.</p> <p>This ETRO should NOT be revoked. At the very least, allow it to continue for the whole period as designed, then make an informed decision.</p>
350	Geoffrey Farrant	BH14 8JB		Keep the keyhole bridge closed to motor traffic.
351	Ian Fisher	BH15 2QN		I walk through here up to four times a day every day, since pedestrianisation I feel much safer, I've had numerous near misses especially heading into the park with very unforgiving car's coming towards white cliff. I understand that there is a very large majority in favour of maintaining the closure yet you seem to want to ignore the views of the majority why is this? Out of all of the opportunistic road closures that were undertaken in 2020 this was the only one which truly made sense. Based on the majority view and my own please leave this closure in place.
352	Dave Hulbert	BH14 9EL		<p>Please keep the road closed to motor vehicles at Keyhole Bridge.</p> <p>Since closing I've walked and cycled under the bridge and around the bridge area. I wouldn't have attempted this before, due to safety.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
353	Helen Hunter	BH14 8DW		As a local to Poole Park, my closest access is through Keyhole bridge. Since the closure it has been and felt safer to walk through the park. There is still access to the park for cars via Poole Park road and Kingland road which are closer to designated parking, so there is no real argument of lack of access to vehicles disability or otherwise. A park should be somewhere for people to enjoy open space and wildlife safely not to be used as a rat run which is the only real reason for

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				Keyhole bridge being opened up to more traffic again. If there is an issue with heavy traffic along Sandbanks road to Poole Town, then look at the existing roads not park space.
354	Dale Inglis	BH14 0QE		<p>I'm in support of the restrictions remaining in place on Whitecliffe Road for the following reasons.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - pedestrian safety due to cars not historically always give way. This ends up with people being "squeezed" into a very narrow path whilst the cars drive through at the same time. Drivers do not understand that they have to give way which creates the high risk of injury to both the pedestrians and/or any pets. - since the barriers have been put in place the amount of cars using the park has dramatically reduced which implies that the access through the Whitecliffe Road creates a short cut to and from Poole via the park. This reduction has dramatically improved the atmosphere of the park as only people who want to visit it by car are now doing so. This has also dramatically reduced the late night high speed driving that historically occurred. This was obviously a danger to anyone or animals in the park. <p>Anyone that needs to access either side of the Whitecliffe Road can still do so via Twemlow Avenue with only a slight deviation.</p> <p>Regards Dale Inglis</p>
355	Jonathan Cooper	BH14 8AH	Resident of poole	<p>I am in favour of closing the keyhole bridge permanently. It is much safer for users of Poole park and baiter park because it stops all the traffic which uses it as a rat run. This is safer for children and dogs and other wildlife. It makes the park much more pleasant with less car noise and less pollution from cars. It makes it safer for cyclists using the cycle path network. It makes it healthier for all the runners who use Poole park and baiter park. It is much better for dog walkers who can give their dogs more freedom by being off the leash. Before the keyhole bridge was closed there was endless traffic especially in the early evening when people drove through Poole park to avoid the civic centre roundabout. These drivers often exceeded the speed limit because they were hurrying home and I have seen drivers over take other cars which were obeying the speed limit. Poole park should not be considered as part of the road network. If there are traffic flow issues along park stone road and the civic centre roundabout then the solution should be road based for those roads. Please don't ruin the park because the roads are too crowded. The park should be a place where people go with their families, with their children, with their friends to enjoy the open space and peacefulness. Opening the keyhole bridge will allow traffic to flow through the park more quickly using it as a rat run. Please keep the keyhole bridge shut.</p>

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356	Steve Robinson	BH165DQ		I object to the re opening of the access point. This is because increasing the amount of road traffic through the bridge will increase the risks of injury or serious harm to pedestrians. I am particularly concerned about the increased risk to older people and those with disabilities who would lose the benefit of having an area just made safer for them, removed and made more dangerous. Although this has not been a historically high incident area this does not mean it should not be made even safer.
357	Kate Phillips	BH148TW		I would prefer to see the vehicular access restriction maintained. With the additional amount of people walking and cycling it has been a godsend to be able to progress under the bridge without road traffic. It would be impossible to maintain pedestrian social distancing if cars etc were to return to this route. Please do not open this route back up to road traffic.
358	Mark Jamieson	BH15 2QL		ETRO 2, the closing of Key Hole Bridge at the end of Whitecliff Road is fundamental in preventing access by motorized traffic into Poole Park by those using the park road as a short cut/rat run. The park is bounded by two major roads so there is absolutely no argument for this usage. Also this traffic adds to congestion and pollution in an area which should be a pleasure to enjoy for recreational purposes. The road through the park was never designed for heavy vehicle usage. The bridge is a squeeze point for traffic and hence if opened to motorized vehicles becomes extremely dangerous to more vulnerable users such as pedestrians and cyclists. I SUPPORT ETRO 2. The on line survey results also overwhelmingly support ETRO 2 and the closure of Key Hole Bridge so it appears to an outsider that if the Portfolio Holder's decision is to reopen the bridge he/she has gone against a democratic consultation process and one that suggests own interest.
359	Wookey	BH21 3LR		This is marvellous. Reducing motor traffic is absolutely necessary, especially in parks and residential areas. Please make it permanent.
360	Dr Luke Turley	BH15 1QS		Why are you reopening keyhole bridge before the end of the public consultation. Traffic should not be using the park as a short cut putting safety of pedestrians at risk. You are putting convenience over safety! Not acceptable

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361	B M Beech	BH15 2HA		<p>I (a driver) think the road should remain closed to cars it is unsuitable for motor vehicles. As a short-cut to Whitecliff it saves very little time whereas for pedestrians it is a useful cut-through between The Park and the Whitcliffe walks.</p> <p>However the ugly planter and bollards should be removed (quite unsuitable for the park environment) normal signs suffice. The installation of two half gates would slow cyclists (or force a dismount) I have seen speeding cyclists and video presented (on social media) as evidence of the benefit of closure showed schoolchildren cycling through with 'no hands'.</p>
362	Dan	BH14 8AH		<p>The road should remain shut, as it makes the park a more pleasant space to be generally with less cars. I enjoy the freedom of being able to walk along that short piece of road and be able to social distance by walking on the road through to White cliff</p>
363	Anthony O'neill	BH15 9EG		<p>The ETRO has not reduced traffic but consolidated it elsewhere to the detriment of road users, households and cyclists using affected routes.</p>
364	Sarah Lowe	BH14 8HF		<p>As a local constituent I would like to voice my concern about the proposed re-opening of the Keyhole Bridge at Whitecliffe. The Bridge should remain closed to ensure the safety of those entering Poole Park by foot or bike. There is no need for vehicles to use this entrance which had become a rat run for cars attempting to avoid the traffic. The bridge size is also unsuitable for modern day car sizes.</p>
365	Gay O'connor	BH153QD		<p>It is much safer to walk and cycle from Poole Park to Whitecliffe with key hole bridge closed to vehicles. The tunnel is very narrow and the pavement very narrow and not suitable for prams and pushchairs. There has been reduced traffic through Poole Park since the closure of key hole bridge to vehicles.</p>
366	Julia Card	BH14 8PG		<p>I fully support the measures in place currently to keep the keyhole bridge for pedestrians and cyclists only.</p> <p>The psychological and physical health benefits of walking and cycling far outweigh any other considerations for car drivers having a slightly longer journey. In fact, this scheme could encourage less car use and so reduce the number of cars on the nearby roads. We should keep the amount of cars allowed into the park to the minimum. Disabled drivers now have priority parking near the Kingland Road entrance thus enabling them to visit the park and exit via this entrance.</p>

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367	Judith Garrity	BH149LS		<p>The keyhole bridge should remain closed to vehicles. It should be open as a route for cyclist and pedestrians only. The reasons for this are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is a narrow bridge with poor visibility and a narrow pavement on one side. This means cars coming through the bridge one way only and have poor visibility of pedestrians, cyclists, disabled or those with pushchairs who need to walk in the road. This is not safe and as they are not given priority. 2. The retention of the vehicular route encourages cars to cut through Poole Park partic during rush hour which diminishes the character and quality of the environment of the park as a historic garden as well as affecting pedestrians safety and air quality. 3. The closure of the bridge to cars enables the walking and cycling route from Whitecliff to the Park and town to be more effectively linked encouraging alternative sustainable modes of transport. This is of benefit to well being and climate change. 4. The road often floods under the bridge at it is at a low level. <p>This is an oppportunity to improve the environment of the Park which is for all residents and visitors, with benefits to pedestrian safety partic of children and would encourage walking and cycling and greater use of sustainable modes of transport.</p>
368	Gabi Salvi	BH15 1QN		I'm old lady on bike and walking. I like it shut. No cars is more safety.
369	Serena O'connor	BH15 3QD		<p>As someone who uses both Poole Park and Whitecliff Park regularly for exercise, including walking and cycling, the closing of Keyhole Bridge to traffic has greatly improved safety when using these areas. I feel much more comfortable using this route when it is closed to traffic and would be very disappointed if cars are allowed to use this route again.</p> <p>The very narrow walkway under the bridge also makes this route incredibly dangerous and even inaccessible for elderly or disabled people, or people with prams or young children. I believe this is unacceptable, as the primary use of the park should be for leisure, not as a through route for traffic.</p>
370	D Smith	BH15 3QB		How can you say letting 1 tonne plus metal boxes back under bridge is ok, if you say it's bad that a person on a bike might hit someone??? Makes no sense. Keep it shut. It's about keeping us people safe not keeping your Tory mates happy.
371	Michael Garrity	BH14 9LS		I support the Whitecliff Road tunnel closure to vehicular traffic. The park is a great asset to Poole bit through-traffic had been a long standing detraction from the tranquility and safe, healthy environment that a park should offer. My children have grown up using the park but too much of

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				the park is affected by the road serving as a congestion-avoiding cut through. This is an opportunity to focus on the park's primary purpose.
372	Jennie Jamieson	BH15 2QL	N/A	<p>I support ETRO 2. My husband and I only have one email address so this is my opinion.</p> <p>My reasons for support are firstly that Keyhole Bridge is extremely narrow for vehicle use and coming from the Lilliput end has a right turn restricting visibility which endangers pedestrians and cyclists coming the other way. Having used this road way for some 40 years I am well aware many vehicle drivers are using the Keyhole bridge road as a "quick" short cut from Lilliput towards the Civic Centre and in their hurry do not look out for the other road users. More accidents will happen! It has been said that speeding cyclists can cause accidents here but I'm sure some way can be devised to slow them down. If it comes to it, however, I would rather be hit by a cyclist than a car!</p> <p>Secondly, this area is very much to do with family recreation and allowing vehicular access again through the bridge will cause more air pollution. Whilst the bridge has been closed I have enjoyed clean air on my walks and cycles here. I do not want to breath in these additional fumes or have my grand children do so. One grand child already suffers from asthma. Don't make it worse.</p>
373	Alan Pounds	BH21 2NH	Dorset Cyclists Network	<p>I think that it should stay as a safe route for both cycling and pedestrians.</p> <p>It is far too narrow for safe passage of cars as well.</p> <p>Perhaps traffic lights could be installed as a help to all types of traffic.</p>
374	Kathleen Eyre	BH14 8BP		<p>Closure of the road through the keyhole bridge is the only closure I agree with. It benefits everybody, not just those living in the road. There are lots of walkers, dog walkers, families and cyclists who go under the bridge. It is much safer without the cars. The road is effectively part of the park and should be without traffic. We do not live on the roads affected by the closure (so have no bias). We live on Sandbanks road</p>
375	Rachel Palmer	BH14 8RF		<p>I fully support the keyhole bridge to remain open. Please do not reintroduce cars into Poole Park via this bridge. People cycling and walking are now much safer and happier with a lovely 'hello' shared as you pass rather than running through it between cars risking your life!</p>
376	Matt Palmer	BH14 8RF		<p>Please keep the bridge open as it allows people to exercise especially children & disabled without fear of traffic coming through the traffic. I've seen many cars driving through at high speed with little consideration on what's through the other side!</p>
377	Sophie Armes	BH14 8DL		<p>Much better with the road blacked off</p>

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378	Marie Cleary	BH15 2QP		<p>I live near the park and we use the park most days.</p> <p>Closure of the bridge means that we are and feel safer in the park when walking or cycling under the bridge on our way to and from Baiter and beyond.</p> <p>Cars were known to come through at a speed higher than that expected and electric cars can be almost silent - both bringing risks.</p> <p>I have a 90 year old mother in law living close to the park and I would wish to keep her safe also when using the park for fresh air and exercise.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention in this matter.</p>
379	Simon O'connor	BH153QD		<p>Please keep the Whitecliff Rd ETRO in place!!</p> <p>I am shocked and outraged to hear that you are proposing to remove the Whitecliff Rd ETRO thereby re-opening this road and Poole park to again be used as a rat run! Myself and my family live near the area and most days we walk through Poole park and Whitecliff park for exercise and have felt much safer due to less traffic since the ETRO went in. As indicated in your own assessment, our safety and that of all vulnerable park users will be compromised with your plan just to enable some motorists to save, at most, a few minutes off their journeys! We have witnessed some cars travelling at excessive speeds due to improved road surfacing in Poole park. Removing the ETRO would incentivise more speeding motor vehicles through the park, going as quick as they can, to try to save more time. Also, as there are now more private car journeys due to avoidance of public transport and a continuation of growth in car ownership, then the volume of rat run traffic is likely to be significantly greater than pre-ETRO.</p> <p>In your 'Summary of risk assessment', it follows that removing the ETRO will increase park traffic and therefore increase risk to the large numbers of vulnerable park users – cars vs people. This increased risk considerably outweighs the possible 'safety disbenefits' of motor vehicles continuing to use routes around the park which have so few pedestrians and so the risk is cars vs cars.</p> <p>With regard to the comments in 'Consultation undertaken', those discounted messages, that were received since 15th October, are now surely relevant as they are in response to a proposed re-opening of Keyhole bridge to through traffic which is your current intent. Hence, those messages should be considered in the Consultation review.</p> <p>With regard to 'Summary of public health implications', I don't see how you can state this is 'Broadly neutral' when, as you state, there will be additional safety risks to vulnerable Poole park</p>

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				users. Also, the health risks of more pollution, eg exhaust fumes and carcinogenic brake dust from extra vehicular traffic. With all the above in mind, please do not remove the Whitecliff Rd ETRO.
380	Nichola Saxon	BH14 8HB		Please can you keep the pedestrians and cyclists safe by keeping the bridge entrance to Poole Park closed. Previously it was used as a cut through for traffic between Poole and Whitecliff and this hasn't been an issue in recent months. I use the route at least twice a week so I'm affected by any changes. I can't understand why you would consider reopening this route which would impact both the environmental and safety of local residents.
381	Paul Kelly	BH151UZ		I strongly support the closure of keyhole bridge to traffic for two reasons: A) The very narrow access is a danger to pedestrians if motor vehicles are using it too ; B) Allowing through-traffic in the park significantly undermines it's primary purpose as a peaceful and safe place to enjoy nature, especially during rush hours when it becomes a congested and polluting "rat-run".
382	K Haslam	BH15 4FF		I am a driver, but I do not think the bridge in Poole Park should be re-opened to traffic. I think it's much better for the park to be kept for young families to enjoy. Cars can go on the main road not through the park.
383	Jennifer Walker	BH15 4HJ		Open the key hole tunnel for all to use as intended and prevent traffic using other routes
384	John Fisher	BH12 3LF	none	Since Keyhole Bridge was closed to vehicles it has become one of our favourite walks going from the Park, under the railway bridge, across Whitecliff and back through Keyhole Bridge. As older residents of Poole, we always found it too 'scary' to consider walking through Keyhole Bridge when cars and vans rushed through. Please keep it closed to vehicles.
385	Louise Trew	BH153QA		Stops the rat run of cars going too fast into the park
386	Chris Goulding	BH148AW		I would the keyhole bridge to remain closed my 3 children have all commented how much safer they feel cycling to whitecliffe park since it's been closed. Thank you Family Goulding

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387	Susan Dicker	BH17 8AN		Re open
388	Paul Voisey	BH12 4JP		The Keyhole Bridge should revert to full access to all vehicles and cyclists and pedestrians as it always has been. There have never been any safety issues or serious conflict between users. The pressure groups advocating its closure are a minority but very vocal and with personal vested interests. If something isn't broken don't try to fix it. This is a quirky and iconic feature affording a nice access into the park.
389	Paul Trayler	BH140QL		<p>Dear BCP,</p> <p>I have lived in Poole for my whole life and regularly use the Park for both walks and whenever possible running, I was delighted to find that Keyhole Bridge was finally closed to motorised traffic. The bridge clearly isn't compatible for both pedestrians and motor vehicles. I have had many scary moments when I was half way under the bridge leaving the Park, to be confronted by a car coming the other way.</p> <p>I trust that you will accept the will of the people of Poole, whatever that may be, and honour their views.</p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>Paul</p>
390	Philip Lawrence	BH14 8RZ		I have a daily 5Km walk with my wife the loop takes us along the harbour path and back through Poole Park vis the Keyhole Bridge. The walk is at the moment safe from cars and vans as the bridge is currently closed and is now well used by walkers. As you are aware the route under the Bridge is narrow and unsafe for vehicles and pedestrians at the same time. This route is used by vehicles as a rat-run to avoid the busy Civic Centre roundabout and the Sandbanks Road bottleneck bridge so as such the drivers are more concerned with faster travel than the safety of others. I would be more apprehensive about walking this route if vehicles were allowed once again to have free access to this bridge. Safety First please keep the Keyhole Bridge closed to vehicles.
391	Mark	BH14 8DU	none	Please reopen the keyhole bridge, although Whitecliff Road is much quieter the chaos on Sandbanks Road is never worth it. Traffic on Sandbanks Road on busy 'beach' days has been back to Lilliput due to drivers inability to pass through bridge 2 at a time. In addition, many people from this area are no longer using the facilities of the park due to the restrictions as it means driving round Civic Centre to access. These people are generally older 65+ and enjoy a short walk, and a coffee when facilities are open.

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392	Lyn	BH14 8DU	none	It is essential to get the keyhole bridge back open to enable local residents to use the park more readily. I have arthritis and cannot walk long distances but like to take the grandchildren to the park weekly. This has happened since its been closed and using Whitecliff facilities is not the same. The very bad traffic congestion on Sandbanks Road will also be helped when the bridge is opened.
393	John	BH152QN		As a resident of Poole for over 25 years I regularly walk through this bridge. Since this bridge has been closed to cars it has massively improved safety for pedestrians, as well as allowing improved social distancing in the current Covid situation. There is no need to have this route open to cars and I would strongly argue that it should remain CLOSED to traffic.
394	J Martin	BH14 0EH		The road is safe as it is. Ordinarily you have to stand and wait ages to walk through the tunnel because you have to wait for cars. It's barely a short cut for people so it's easy enough to go around. Please leave it closed.
395	Rebecca	BH140DX		please DO NOT OPEN THE ROAD
396	Andy Waters	BH166EB	NA	I think keeping the bridge shut can only bring about positives for everyone that uses the park and whitecliffe. The bridge is often flooded and causes congestion as cars often use it as a short cut. It is much safer for cyclists and pedestrians alike to keep it shut to cars.
397	Sylvia Haddrell	BH166JD		It has been so much cleaner and more peaceful since the bridge was closed and it should be kept that way. There is no need for fume-belching cars to be using it again. Reopening it contravenes government policy and will be detrimental to local people's health. We are trying to make the air cleaner! Please keep it closed. Thank you.
398	Lesley Johnson			The reopening of Keyhole Bridge, linking Poole Park with Whitecliff Park, would have a net negative impact on the environment, and yet plans announced this week that the intention is to reopen it to car traffic goes against the current 'climate emergency'.
399	Simon Wyatt	BH14 9LR		As a cyclist I have found the park a real pleasure to travel through during the closure of the bridge. It has been lovely to see a large number of people in the park and for them to have priority when crossing the road. I cycled through the park regularly before the closure and it was far more challenging and unpleasant when used as a rat run, particularly on dark winter's evenings when speed bumps cause car headlights to be blinding. I really do think that reopening the bridge will be

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				a retrograde step and result in emissions and vehicles to once again take priority over those who use the park for recreation and open space, surely its primary function?
400	Adam Tettenborn	BH18 8ED		I think blocking the underpass in poole park was a great idea, the park should be enjoyed by pedestrian and cyclists in safety, the reason to reopen seems to be to encourage rat runs. Having this access as a safe path for cyclists means that they can avoid the main road past the civic centre and avoid going under the narrow bridge at Sandbanks Road . Lets make the park an enjoyable safe space not a rat run.
401	Andy Vipond	BH6 3JL	Lytchett Minster School	Please do not open Keyhole Bridge. Thank you!
402	Joe Brake	DT28UL		I feel the idea of reopening the bridge is a backward step: we are in a climate emergency and should be reducing traffic.
403	James Stockley	BH14 0DT		Keep it closed to traffic. With the work that has been completed in the park the traffic calming measures have been reduced which will lead to cars going quicker. the park is much nicer with fewer cars in it and people not using it as a cut through. much safer for cyclists and pedestrians with that bridge closed.
404	Helen	BH211SQ		I completely agree that we should not encourage traffic to cut through Poole Park. The park needs to be used as a relaxing green space. Increasing traffic speed is not safe and after the pandemic, calming outside space is all-the-more important.
405	Sue Davie	BH15 3QD		As a regular user of Poole park I have noticed significant less cars using the park as a cut through due to the access being denied at keyhole bridge. The reduction in cars using the park is a good thing for all park users and so I object to the reopening of the bridge. With less cars the park is a much safer place and I believe better for all users.
406	Lucian Drane	DT11 7JP		Please consider how these decisions are helping to promote sustainable non polluting travel
407	Kate Stewart	BH140DT		As a regular pedestrian, cyclist and car user in Poole park I think you should keep this road closed to car traffic. This is safest for all park goers.
408	David Mann	BH14 8DJ	Local resident	Please leave the ETRO in place, it has massively improved the safety of the surrounding area and stopped this being used as a rat run with cars through Poole Park. Please also consider closing Poole Park to through traffic

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410	Seren Creed	BH14 8DJ		Please leave the ETRO in place, it has massively improved the safety of the surrounding area and stopped this being used as a rat run with cars through Poole Park. Please also consider closing Poole Park to through traffic
411	Edwin Creed	BH14 8DJ		Please leave the ETRO in place, it has massively improved the safety of the surrounding area and stopped this being used as a rat run with cars through Poole Park. Please also consider closing Poole Park to through traffic
412	Celyn Creed	BH14 8DJ		Please leave the ETRO in place, it has massively improved the safety of the surrounding area and stopped this being used as a rat run with cars through Poole Park. Please also consider closing Poole Park to through traffic
413	Alef Creed	BH14 8DJ		Please leave the ETRO in place, it has massively improved the safety of the surrounding area and stopped this being used as a rat run with cars through Poole Park. Please also consider closing Poole Park to through traffic
414	Jule Creed	BH14 8DJ		Please leave the ETRO in place, it has massively improved the safety of the surrounding area and stopped this being used as a rat run with cars through Poole Park. Please also consider closing Poole Park to through traffic
415	Robert Mann	BH2 5LD		Please leave the ETRO in place, it has massively improved the safety of the surrounding area and stopped this being used as a rat run with cars through Poole Park. I am elderly and regularly walk through here. Please also consider closing Poole Park to through traffic
416	Jane Mann	BH2 5LD		Please leave the ETRO in place, it has massively improved the safety of the surrounding area and stopped this being used as a rat run with cars through Poole Park. I am elderly and regularly walk through here. Please also consider closing Poole Park to through traffic
417	David Breakwell	BH23 2EY		Please keep Keyhole bridge closed to vehicles. It can be equally argued reducing the number of vehicles on roads by active travel is making more efficient use of the Road network. The more vehicles on the road the slower traffic becomes. Does the Council have an obligation to reduce Carbon foot i9n line with National Government policy?

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418	Mr Andrew Gower	BH211QQ		I am against the reopening of Whitcliff Road to traffic following its temporary closure. In my view the reopening of this road to vehicles goes entirely against central government and BCP council policy to address the climate emergency and I understand this is supported by local opinion survey. Please reconsider.
419	Tom Old	BH14 8BJ		Dear Mr. Greene, please keep the Keyhole bridge on the edge of Poole Park closed. There is a constant flow of walkers using the bridge and taking advantage of the quieter roads. Keeping it closed benefits local residents as well as supports the climate goals of Bournemouth and the UK. I see no credible reason why it should reopen.
420	Councillor Andy Hadley	BH15 3BB	Ward Councillor Poole Town Ward	<p>I think that the report summarises well the benefits for walking and cycling, and equalities improvements for improving the wellbeing of our population during the Pandemic restrictions, but also beyond to supporting Active Travel to the Town Centre area, and importantly between Poole, Whitecliff and Baiter Parks.</p> <p>I find the draft decision to be entirely at odds with the expert advice you have from officers, the corporate objectives of BCP council, and the balance of feedback received.</p> <p>We know that changes to the road layout will always be controversial, but to remove the measure would fly in the face of the majority Ward Councillor opinion (3 Poole Town Councillors as against 2 Parkstone), and the impact assessments you have before you.</p>
421	Elizabeth Lewis	BH7 7EF		I think the road should be closed to motor vehicles. Give the cyclists a chance.
422	Gordon Lowe	BH17 8UA	Poole ac	Leave this tunnel closed to traffic. It's a deathtrap waiting to harm pedestrians and cyclists.
423	George Farquhar	BH2 6DY	BCP Council	<p>I am in support of this ETRO remaining closed.</p> <p>I have used this route on occasion and in the same way as the closure of through traffic has benefited Kings Park the initial consultation indicates results strongly indicate the same.</p> <p>However my concern relates to the amount of confusion and animosity that this move to a 5 day consultation has created on social media groups.</p> <p>Once more it has ignited a controversial situation within and without the communities and demographics directly or indirectly effected.</p>

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				<p>I have screen shots of some of these exchanges which I am willing to share with the PH as they have an influence on the consultation and the decision.</p> <p>I have had residents who happen to be Labour supporters and members living within the area confused and concerned that their initial representations in the first 5months of consultation are being discarded in favour of this latest 5day consultation.</p> <p>I have raised this concern with Daniel Parsons who's workload has increased by having to redirect those members of the public latest batch of public representations to this new channel. Also the fact some of those representations will be lost due to this new route superceding the other channel that is open until to the 14th of February. A consultation that was laid out by government proscribed process to my understanding.</p> <p>My concern is two fold</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The risk of public representation over 5months experience of the closure being disregarded. 2. This shortened 5 day consultation has caused confusion and obstruction to what was laid out to the public 5months ago and the danger of the information being skewed by this confusion and lack of a reasonable timeframe for it to take precedence in the PH decision making process. This may well leave the Local Authority open to claims of not operating in an open and transparent way and allowing time for a meaningful consultation based on empirical evidence rather than heightened emotion.

PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION - WHITECLIFF ROAD ETRO

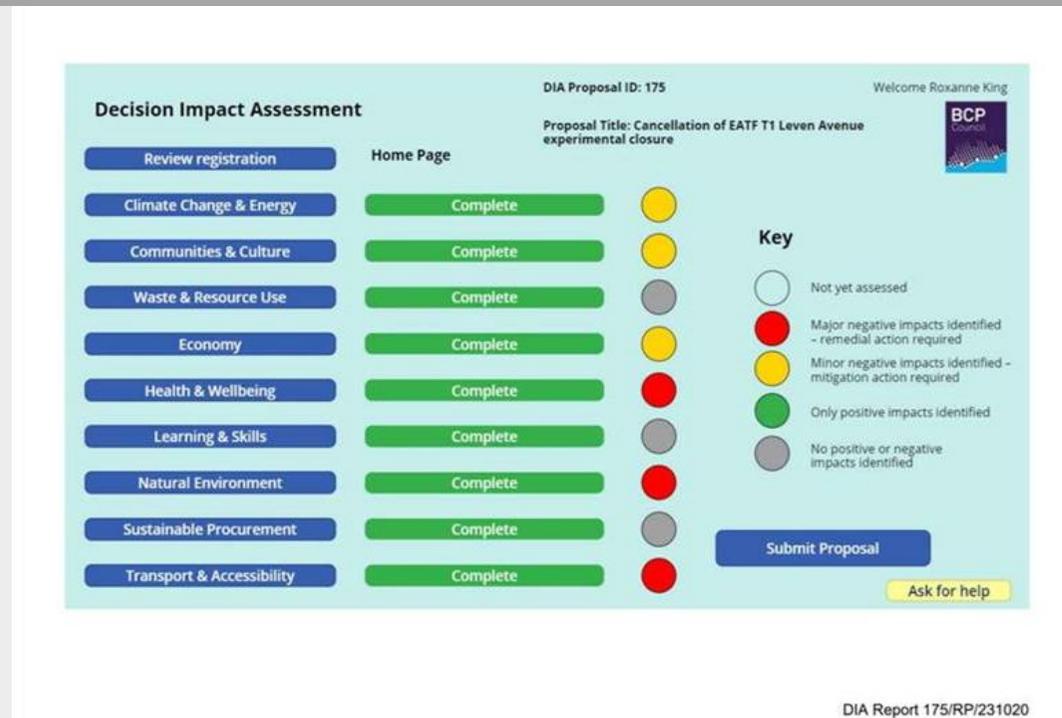
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1	Councillor Felicity Rice			<p>When I was a portfolio holder, Roxy's work on the DIA tool was recognised as innovative, environmentally essential, and vital given our (75 out of 76) declaration of a climate emergency. I understood that this was a leading piece of work, and that other councils may even be interested in using Roxy's tool.</p> <p>Here is a screen print of two DIA's for your attention. If this type of outcome was occurring within the finance department, I wonder if these decisions would have been allowed to proceed by officers.</p> <div data-bbox="840 715 1904 1407" data-label="Image"> </div>

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We all know that transport is the one area (throughout the UK) that is not making improvements in reducing it's carbon footprint. We cannot expect to continue to make the same decisions as we always have done and get different results.

2	Terence St.John			<p>I'm appalled that vehicular traffic will be allowed through keyhole bridge again. Combined with the opening of the new motorway through the park it will destroy what has become a wonderful destination for so many pedestrians for the last few months. Just to satisfy road hogging motorists taking a short cut from Poole town centre to Shore Road.</p> <p>Please do everything you can to keep the peace.</p>
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3	Kate Salter			<p>Can you please explain how the decision to reopen keyhole (remove the ETRO) can be justified when the councils own direct impact assessment report shows the removal will only have negative impacts (3 major and 3 minor).</p>
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				<p>Why are there no remedial/mitigation actions proposed to counter the negative impacts (as required by the direct impact assessment)?</p> <p>In addition, surely on the risk assessment the perceived risk of 'increased risk of harm from cyclists vs pedestrians' could easily be mitigated by widening the pavement through the bridge to segregate cyclists and pedestrians? Reintroducing vehicles surely poses a far greater safety risk to all vulnerable users ?</p> <p>If the future aim of the council is to encourage sustainable travel shouldn't the closure be retained? The 'portfolio holder decision record' itself states 'the installation of the measure aligns with national and local Transport Policy by creating a more attractive sustainable travel route although if removed, the route will still be available to sustainable modes'. Isn't 'more attractive' better than 'available' if a true desire for more sustainable transport exists?</p> <p>With reference to the comment 'The Council is under a statutory duty under the Traffic Management Act to ensure the efficient use of its road network. Removing the traffic route through the park permanently and diverting traffic around it is likely to make the road network less efficient and will increase journey times in the vicinity'. By identifying the fact that retaining the closure makes the road network less efficient, it implies that the road through Poole park is a necessary through route and part of the road network. Is it not the case that the road through poole park is actually a private road and not part of the public highway?</p> <p>As an aside (which I will also refer to democratic services), it is highly frustrating as a member of the public to have to respond to consultation after consultation on effectively the same issue. Council protocol won't allow a petition on the same subject to be submitted within 6 months. Why therefore is this additional consultation allowed?</p> <p>I have copied my ward councillors into this email.</p> <p>Many thanks for your clarification of the points above.</p>
4	Emma Waters			Please keep this bridge closed to traffic, it is much safer.
5	Ian Clarke			<p>I was pleased to see that apparently the Keyhole Bridge is to be re-opened to traffic soon , in Whitecliff Road, near Poole Park.</p> <p>I have used that route over 40 years, as a pedestrian, a cyclist, a car driver, and a motorcyclist, and have never witnessed any issues or problems whatsoever, with users being courteous and considerate.</p>

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				<p>During November, a group called BH Active Travel distributed a leaflet trying to encourage people to ask for the continuation of the closure, whilst claiming it was due to be reopened in November, which was misinformation, as that was never scheduled to happen.</p> <p>It now seems that certain groups are trying to encourage the public to get in touch with you and Mr Greene, calling for the closure to remain.</p> <p>A post to this effect has appeared on Facebook today, which I feel you should be made aware of, worded as follows, from a facebook page entitled 'Crap Cycling in Poole'. BH Active Travel'</p> <p>BH Active Travel</p> <p>Keyhole Bridge ETRO - Urgent Action needed</p> <p>With the first consultation results - and BCP's own report - being in favour of this closure, there's now another, short-run consultation being quietly ushered in the side entrance to see if to enable BCP to remove this measure without anyone noticing, despite how the public answered the first time.</p> <p>We noticed.</p> <p>We invite members to once again, fill in a very, very short survey (it's 4 questions, not like the initial one) to make sure this doesn't happen.</p> <p>Find the survey link below - it needs to be filled in before Wednesday. https://tinyurl.com/1o6kbem9</p> <p>If you want to go further in the first instance please email Richard Pearson (Transport Network Manager) to show your support: richard.pearson@bcpcouncil.gov.uk.</p> <p>You can also email Cllr Mike Greene who is behind the decision to remove the filter following a second, quick fire consultation on Mike.Greene@bcpcouncil.gov.uk</p> <p>Here's an example a few of us are sending, combined with our own personal touches of course:</p> <p>This second Consultation seems unnecessary given the evidence of the first however here is a submission.</p> <p>Of all the info and appendixes, I cannot see any reason to remove this measure,</p> <p>Overwhelmingly BH14 residents have greatly enjoyed this intervention, removing it for the convenience of a few, over the benefits to many shows extremely limited consideration of</p>

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				<p>the bigger picture, additionally keeping will greatly enhance the upcoming Tranche 2 ATF Whitecliff scheme</p> <p>Details from the first set of consultations:-</p> <p>Appendix C shows that accessibility issues would be greatly impacted, there isnt even a footway wide enough for a wheelchair there. Which effectively prohibits all disabled users NOT in a car.</p> <p>"The decision to remove the closure has both negative and positive impacts on different user types. However the decision may be regarded as negative overall"</p> <p>Appendix D, Decision Impact shows all negative or minimal effects and no green benefits. Of the formal ETRO responses (223) only 35 were objections 128 in support (57%)</p> <p>Opening this has linked Poole Park and Whitecliff in a time when public health and well being is under spotlight even more and given a much improved park.</p> <p>Having incremental reduction in motor traffic is part of the BCP longer term aims through the Eco strategy- and not only BCP- an integral element of the Conservative Gvt 'Gear Change' agenda.</p> <p>Mr Greene- BCP are making great strides on elements of transport governance, ref Parking policy, continue this leadership with leaving this measure in place, an urban parkland is not a through route of convinience, its a destination place for all of our well being. Residents of the future will thank you for listening.</p> <p>#BCPCouncil #democracy #activetravel'</p> <p>It may be the case that you are inundated with emails or representations from the public, as a result of a number of very vocal pro cyclist/ anti motorist groups putting out statements like this.</p> <p>Could you please confirm to me that the keyhole bridge WILL definitely be re-opening, and the date that will be effected. A large red sign went up by the bridge when it was initially closed to traffic, claiming the closure was for 'Covid - Social Distancing' purposes, but it completely failed in that respect, as vehicles tend break up pedestrian groups, but with no traffic, pedestrians and cyclists were in very much closer proximity coming throeuigh there than before. Could you also please let me know what has prompted the re-opening.</p> <p>Any assistance you can give will be much appreciated.</p>

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6	Rod Moores			<p>I understand from all the post appearing on forums that the keyhole bridge is going to open shortly ?</p> <p>I live in Twemlow avenue which has been affected by the rise in traffic and speed increase but I also use the bridge on my cycle and walking running so I have mixed thoughts .</p> <p>These are key things I feel need addressing .</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At the moment you can travel at 30mph legally through the bridge. 2. There 30 plus signs of information on approach and a breathtaking view to look at. 3. The road is awful thus distracting vision to 30 plus signs . 4. Perhaps yellow marking on rd and through the bridge. 5. Perhaps sleeping policemen with gap in middle for disable vehicles prams etc. 6 . Most impact would obviously be what many have mentioned is the pedestrians have priority to be on the bridge itself as large as possible . 7. Could the speed limit along orchard and twemlow be also 20mph . <p>I think the evening hill cycle lane has been a success and ideally could do with it extending by 5M at the top to avoid the pinch point where vehicles cut the corner .</p> <p>A separate issue to raise ,are there any plans to stop Recreation Road being used as a rat run as twice a day when schools empty its an accident waiting to happen , funnily the best road calming is the blocked drains and massive puddles when it rains !</p> <p>You are probably aware of most of the above and I look forward to your response?</p>
7	Michelle Beesley			<p>Over the weekend I learnt via social media that you are considering opening keyhole bridge on Whitecliff Rd, despite overwhelming public support to keep it closed.</p> <p>I live nearby and also started and manage Whitecliff Harbourside Volunteers, we litter pick and try to keep the park tide. Since the closure there has been a marked increase in pedestrian/cyclist traffic between the two parks (Whitecliff and Poole) this is exactly what the etro was designed to do. The bridge is very narrow and there is no disability access via the pavement so on every level it would make sense keeping it closed. It's better for health fitness and the environment especially given the uplift in usage Like many others I see no justification for it to be opened again and would appreciate a response as to why opening is even a consideration.</p>

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8	Gerald Andrews			<p>This email is just to say thank you for your decision to remove the ETRO at Whitecliffe road KeyHole Bridge.</p> <p>I am so happy that I can now take a nice tour through one of my favourite roads without having to drive through a convoluted system increasing their noise and pollution from my vehicle (I cannot Cycle)</p> <p>I drive slowly and have never , ever had any incident in 55 years of driving through this bridge.</p> <p>Everyone has always been courteous going through, except for some cyclists who seem to think that cars and pedestrians should not be on the road. and sped though the bridge without any consideration.</p> <p>Reopening should now make them slow down.</p> <p>However, traffic lights could be an answer to those who are nervous.</p> <p>Anyway.</p> <p>Thank you for what you have done - I for one am delighted.</p>
9	Lucie Allen	BH13 7PP		<p>I am writing to you as Portfolio Holder for Transport and Sustainability and decision maker for the above ETRO, Mr Pearson as the Transport Network Manager and author of the consultation report for the above ETRO. In addition I include my ward councillors Haines and Iyengar, the councillors for the ward involved (Baron and Stribley) and also the leader and deputy of the council.</p> <p>As a resident in BH13, Whitecliff Park and Poole Park are my nearest local green spaces, which I use regularly with and without my family for dog walking, cycling, park running and visiting friends who live nearby.</p> <p>I am staggered to learn that Mike Greene is proposing to revoke this ETRO after the initial six month trial and following consultation. From a subjective view I can see this experiment has been a whole hearted success. I have seen many many more people using this route which joins two parks in a safe and pleasant way. Objectively, the consultation report reflects my own personal view. The route is not suitable for motor traffic being less than 2.4m wide with no pavement to speak of. If you are a pedestrian, cyclist or mobility scooter user you have to enter the road and hope that nothing is coming as vision is impaired by the bend.</p> <p>The report from Richard Pearson clearly indicates that it would be beneficial to keep this road closed to motor traffic. Indeed, the DIA report states that there would MAJOR negative impact on health and wellbeing, natural environment and transport and accessibility. In addition, the</p>

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				<p>summary of the equality report states that re-opening this road would have 'negative impact overall'.</p> <p>In his 'Reasons for the Decision' section of the report, Mike Greene does not actually state ANY reasons for his decision, merely that he has 'considered the results' (which are in favour of keeping it closed) and has 'decided to revoke the order'. I feel we should at least be given some tangible reasons as to how and why Mr Greene has come to this conclusion.</p> <p>With the results of the consultation showing almost 70% in favour of closure, I was disappointed to receive an email from Councillor Stribley, back in October 2020 (well before the consultation period ends in January 2021) stating that "The council has been overwhelmed with demands to return the bridge to its previous status" and that she would be "supporting the reopening of the bridge to all traffic". It appears that the council have not been 'overwhelmed' with demands and in fact the complete opposite is true. It is also disappointing that the ward councillor had made a decision before the consultation period had ended.</p> <p>In light of the Covid-19 pandemic, it is clear that health and fitness and tackling obesity are a priority. Providing safe and easy access to our local parks for those that are not driving should be a priority, not enabling a few drivers the convenience of saving three minutes of their journey by opening the bridge.</p> <p>As this decision to re-open the bridge goes against your own report's recommendations, your own Active Travel and Transforming Travel agendas AND your Climate Change policies, I really hope that you will reconsider this decision.</p> <p>In the meantime, for those councillors that are not familiar with how much the bridge is being used by locals, please find attached some photographs of locals enjoying this safe access to the parks. Please take particular note of the visually impaired woman with her assistance dog who says she can now use that route which she never could before. Councillor Greene would rather see the majority of these people disappear so that a few cars can drive through the bridge as a short cut.</p> <p>Please make the right decision.</p> <p>(Please note, photographs referred to were sent to the Portfolio Holder, however, consent of subjects unknown and therefore not included in the public record).</p>
10	Sue Smith			<p>I was very disappointed to see that Mike Greene has decided the Keyhole Bridge should be reopened. In view of government policy and indeed the council's own stated aim to encourage more active and alternative forms of travel this seems like a retrograde step. What is particularly disappointing and indeed worrying in terms of democratic process is the fact that the public supported the closure and overall the report did the same, for example from an equalities point of</p>

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				view. It seems the request from a few drivers to have a scenic route home outweighs the health of the local population and in particular that of our younger generation. What is also disturbing is that Mike Greene (a Bournemouth councillor) seems to think Poole Park is part of the road network and a reasonable way to alleviate traffic congestion in other areas. The park was donated to the people of Poole for their healthy enjoyment. The council should keep it that way and address the traffic issues in other ways.
11	Sylvia Fox			As a local resident I am appalled at the way this proposed change has been handled. I think I support the closure and declare an interest as I live in Twemlow Avenue. The impact of closure may affect me in a negative way but then again it might not .The reason for this is that the experimental closure has been carried out in abnormal circumstances .Road closures due to the Poole Park renovations plus the impact of Covid lockdown, with fewer school runs and workers travelling means that I have no idea of the change to traffic flow in more normal times. Added to that the procedure has been flawed . Constant rumours about whether the bridge will or wont be reopened do not create any confidence that any serious thought has gone into the proposal or the consultation process. Having read that the BCP online questionnaire produced a strong result in favour of keeping shut, it is disturbing to find this was to be ignored.
12	Rebecca Carron			Please keep keyhole closed to cars ... It is such a blessing to be able to cycle / commute by walking. Etc through here . Local traffic of which I am a user can easily go round ... I run / cycle / walk through this bridge weekly
13	John Probert			Yesterday's ECHO report on the public consultation, which is very odd, says "most of the favourable views were lodged after 'confused information' was issued in October." What precisely was the "confused information" and how was it issued? Please clarify this for me.
14	Simon O'Connor	BH15 3QD		I am shocked and outraged to hear that you are proposing to remove the Whitecliff Rd ETRO thereby re-opening this road and Poole park to again be used as a rat run! Myself and my family live near the area and most days we walk through Poole park and Whitecliff park for exercise and have felt much safer due to less traffic since the ETRO went in. As indicated in your own assessment, our safety and that of all vulnerable park users will be compromised with your plan just to enable some motorists to save, at most, a few minutes off their journeys! We have witnessed some cars travelling at excessive speeds due to improved road surfacing in Poole park. Removing the ETRO would incentivise more speeding motor vehicles through the park, going as

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				<p>quick as they can, to try to save more time. Also, as there are now more private car journeys due to avoidance of public transport and a continuation of growth in car ownership, then the volume of rat run traffic is likely to be significantly greater than pre-ETRO.</p> <p>In your 'Summary of risk assessment', it follows that removing the ETRO will increase park traffic and therefore increase risk to the large numbers of vulnerable park users – cars vs people. This increased risk considerably outweighs the possible 'safety disbenefits' of motor vehicles continuing to use routes around the park which have so few pedestrians and so the risk is cars vs cars.</p> <p>With regard to the comments in 'Consultation undertaken', those discounted messages, that were received since 15th October, are now surely relevant as they are in response to a proposed re-opening of Keyhole bridge to through traffic which is your current intent. Hence, those messages should be considered in the Consultation review.</p> <p>With regard to 'Summary of public health implications', I don't see how you can state this is 'Broadly neutral' when, as you state, there will be additional safety risks to vulnerable Poole park users. Also, the health risks of more pollution, eg exhaust fumes and carcinogenic brake dust from extra vehicular traffic.</p> <p>With all the above in mind, please do not remove the Whitecliff Rd ETRO.</p>
15	Rex Legge			For safety reasons I wish to see the Keyhole bridge remain closed