

Dear South Gloucestershire Councillors,

Thornbury Town Council is frustrated with the decision-making process which has meant that due to the timing of the release of the report and the meeting of when this is to be discussed, the Town Council has been unable to meet to form a further response to input into this process. This is due to the current COVID restrictions and law, making it no longer legal for the Town Council to meet remotely when the Council does not have a venue that would comply with social distancing to enable it to meet face to face at such short notice.

However, the Town Council reiterates the comments from the response made to the initial consultation as the requests made in the response do not appear to have been addressed in the report, despite the Town Council's engagement with focus groups and working groups during the consultation period, where these issues were repeatedly raised.

The council's previous comments were as follows:

The Town Council is concerned that South Gloucestershire Council through this consultation is only focussed on the one option for Thornbury Town Centre and the High Street. Whilst the Town Council is keen that something is done to make the High Street more 'pedestrian friendly', the Town Council requests that this consultation concludes with the solution that wider consideration and public consultation is necessary.

The Town Council is of the view that there are many options for the future flow of traffic and pedestrians in the High Street and surrounding roads and as such requests that at the end of this consultation, South Gloucestershire Council continues to work with the Town Council to carry out an urgent, comprehensive review of traffic movements in the Town Centre. This review should result in a menu of options being available for the residents of Thornbury to comment on instead of the single take it or leave it proposal that South Gloucestershire Council is currently consulting over which is to pedestrianise the High Street permanently.

The Town Council requests that this review is undertaken urgently so that there is some choice made available for Thornbury residents and businesses on the way forward for the Town.

Thanks and kind regards,