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Cllr Lee Scott  
Cabinet Member for Highways Maintenance  
and Sustainable Transport  
Essex County Council

Via email

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Dear Lee

I am writing to share my thoughts with you on the Crouch Street West proposals which form part of Essex County Council's active travel highways improvement works.

At the outset, I want to make clear that I am keen to explore options which help to alleviate congestion on our city's roads and encourage people to lead active, healthy lifestyles and I recognise that cycling has a part to play in this. I also welcome infrastructure investment funding into Colchester and understand that the Crouch Street West proposals are part of a £4 million scheme funded by the Department for Transport.

I further recognise that there has been long-standing engagement and consultation with residents and businesses and that the current Administration at Colchester Borough Council have been consulted and signalled their support for the proposals.

Notwithstanding the above, I am aware that a significant number of residents and businesses are concerned about the proposals. These concerns include but are not limited to the loss of parking, the creation of parallel parking bays, the impact on local businesses and the disruption the works will cause.

You are well known as a cabinet member that listens, takes an evidence-based approach and acts on concerns wherever possible. I note that you have met with residents and businesses and listened carefully to what they have to say.

I am writing to ask that you hit the pause button on the project, consider re-routing the proposed cycle lane and re-design the proposed scheme so as to address the concerns of local residents and businesses.

I along with local residents and businesses welcome the proposed investment into Colchester and also welcome improvements to the public realm on Crouch Street West but respectfully and humbly ask that you find a way to achieve the desired objectives whilst retaining the unique character of Crouch Street West. I look forward to working with you and local residents and businesses to make this a reality.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely,

**MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR COLCHESTER**

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