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Dear Roger

I write to you to inform you of the next steps of the Transforming Cities Fund Portswood Project following the suspension of the bus gate and modal filter elements in May 2025. I apologise for the delay in getting this information over to you and the Steering Group members.

The Council now confirms that the scheme with a bus gate on Portswood Broadway will not be moving ahead.

As you are aware, the monitoring of traffic impacts of the trial showed reduced vehicle traffic and increased pedestrian activity on Portswood Broadway. However, the same assessment also identified a significant rise in traffic along nearby residential streets which led to local residents raising concerns about road safety and congestion. This is ultimately why the Portswood Project trial will not be continuing.

Council Officers will commence work on reallocating funding from the Portswood Project to deliver other improvements along the Eastleigh to Southampton corridor. These will provide sustainable transport enhancements in line with the Transforming Cities Fund objectives, and they will be seeking feedback from local people and businesses on potential options in due course.

I would like to thank you for the role that the Steering Group has had in this process. The Steering Group's oversight of the collection of data related to the trial has been crucial to ensure a fair trial was conducted, and has allowed an informed decision to be made on the future of transport schemes for the Portswood area.

This letter will also be sent as a copy to all members of the Portswood Project Steering Group.

Yours Sincerely

Cllr. Christie Lambert

Councillor Christie Lambert
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