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Dear Matthew

Re: Request for the re-opening of Low Green

I am writing in support of parish councils in my constituency, including those in both Hawstead and Great and Little Whelnetham, which have recently submitted their views to Suffolk County Council about the closure Low Green, Nowton — and have called for it to be re-opened.

This closure was decided as part of the wider arrangements surrounding the closure during weekends of a section of the A134 south of Bury St Edmunds. I understand the closure was not part of the original plan, and is not necessary to manage the movement of traffic during the works.

I concur with points made about the impact that this road closure is having, in terms of the increased volume of traffic on Hawstead Lane, Water Lane, Linkwood Road and Bells Lane.

The Low Green closure is also having a very harmful effect on local businesses in the Nowton area, including the Friendly Loaf Bakery. I recently visited the Friendly Loaf and the owners told me that, in the three weeks since the closure began on 21 February, their revenue has dropped between £2,000 and £3,000. This business is a cherished community institution.

The business owners say that continued closure of Low Green for a period of weeks lasting until early May would threaten the survival of the business. I am therefore writing to strongly support the call of the parish councils for Low Green to be re-opened.

Yours sincerely,

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