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Dear Sirs,

I write to support this Neighbourhood Plan. As a local resident of Virginia Water, I agree with the vision, policies and aspirations outlined.

Some of the detail I expect will be reviewed before progressing to implementation. For example, I would not agree with reducing vehicular access to the station by closing one of the access roads to Station Parade, unless there was a sizable, publicly accessible turning space and possibly widening of the remaining road. Similarly, I would be concerned about traffic-calming measures on Christchurch Road if these resulted in larger queues building up for the traffic lights near the station, adding to congestion and local air pollution. Further studies would need to take place before these aspirations can be implemented without inadvertently causing other problems.

I support the Active Travel policy and agree cycle ways and pathways should be improved. However, these will need to be done in a safe way, separating cyclists from pedestrians as well as from vehicles. The current path along Christchurch Road designated for both cyclists and pedestrians is not practical in its current form and I hope will not be used as an example for future plans.

Improvements should be made to the safety of pedestrians from cars parking along Station Approach. I did not see mention of this in the Plan. There have been two serious accidents where cars unintentionally mounted the pavement when arriving or leaving a parking space here. There should be a plan for some form of protective barrier between cars and pedestrians, particularly as the road slopes down towards the pavement and cars park at a right angle to it.

I would like to thank the Neighbourhood Forum for all the work they put into preparing this Plan.

Regards