Central Bedfordshire Council Priory House Monks Walk Chicksands, Shefford SG17 5TQ



### TO EACH MEMBER OF THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEETING

15 February 2013

Dear Councillor

# **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEETING - Tuesday 5 February 2013**

Further to the Agenda and papers for the above meeting, previously circulated, please find attached the following:-

### 4. Petition - Reversal of One Way Traffic - Hitchin Street Biggleswade

The petition attached.

Should you have any queries regarding the above please contact Democratic Services on Tel: 0300 300 4032.

Yours sincerely

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# Petition

#### To Biggleswade Town Council and Central Bedfordshire Council

We, the undersigned, being traders in Hitchin Street, Biggleswade, petition that the traffic flow in Hitchin Street should be reversed so that the street is one-way, entering the Market Square.

Whilst we very much appreciate the current enhancement to Hitchin Street, it does not address the root cause of the problem. At the time of the enhancement of the Market Square, traders in Hitchin Street warned that a one-way street out of town would be detrimental to trade but the scheme went ahead anyway.

We also think that this issue is now a matter of safety for shoppers, particularly with the shared space scheme. Currently, cars turn into the top of Hitchin Street and accelerate away so that they are going at some speed when they reach Mill Lane. Coming the other way, cars would be naturally slowing down to enter the Market Square.

We can see no reason not to carry out this reversal of traffic and think that it is vital for our businesses and for future investment in the town, particularly with the forthcoming opening of the new retail park in London Road.

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