

# Paper Petition Details

## Objection to the Chalvey Roads Trials

We, the residents of Chalvey strongly oppose the proposals regarding Chalvey congestion because it will badly affect the life of Chalvey residents. We demand that Slough Borough Council should reject these proposals.

**This petition was received on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2011.**

**This petition was passed to the Network Management Team Leader on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2011.**

**This petition was responded to by the Network Management Team Leader on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2011.**

### Final Results

<b>Number of Signatures</b>	<b>144</b>
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### Council Response

Thank you for your letter of 19<sup>th</sup> August and the accompanying petition. Slough Borough Council consulted the Chalvey community in November 2009 to identify key issues for the community. Traffic was one of the community's biggest problems, especially in Chalvey Road West. The community felt there was too much traffic, and too much congestion. There are also safety concerns – there have been a number of road casualties in recent years.

The main aim of the experimental measures is to reduce the number of drivers using Chalvey as a through route, and encourage these drivers to use the primary route network instead. The roads in Chalvey are narrow, predominantly residential roads, which were never design for a high volume of through traffic. If we are successful there will be in much reduced traffic, congestion and pollution in Chalvey. We acknowledge that this will cause inconvenience for residents who rely on their cars, and we also acknowledge that traffic displaced onto other roads will increase the strain on these other roads.

The proposals for Chalvey are being promoted on an experimental basis. This allows for an extended period of consultation, at the same time as the measures are deployed. This means that the local community can experience the measures at first hand, with the benefits and disadvantages. Once the experimental measures are installed, we will be consulting the local community to find out the opinions of as many people as possible. We need to find out from the whole community whether the benefits outweigh the disadvantages or not. We will use this feedback from the community to make a decision as to whether to make the experimental measures permanent, or to remove them, or to try something else.

Your petition will be reported to Cabinet on 19<sup>th</sup> September. It will then be considered in the context of the overall consultation, which will take into account all the feedback we receive from the community.

I have enclosed an information leaflet, which will be distributed in Chalvey over the coming weeks. This provides more detail, and will give an idea of likely timescales. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries or concerns.

## Chalvey Roads

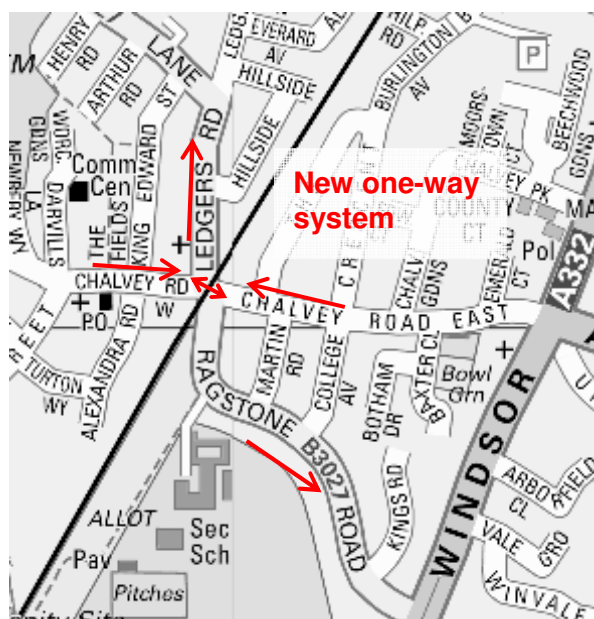
### The problem

Slough Borough Council consulted the Chalvey community in November 2009 to identify key issues for the community. Traffic was one of the community's biggest problems, especially in Chalvey Road West. The community felt there was too much traffic, and too much congestion. There are also safety concerns – there have been a number of road casualties in recent years. Pollution is also a problem.

### What is the council going to do?

The council is proposing a number of **experimental** changes:

- Make Chalvey Road West one-way eastbound and provide new parking facilities for local shops.
- Make Ledgers Road one-way northbound, between Chalvey Road West and Montem Lane.
- Make Ragstone Road one-way southbound.
- Make Chalvey Road East one-way westbound, between Ragstone Road and College Avenue, and provide new parking facilities for local shops.
- New cycling facilities.
- Remove the traffic lights next to Alexandra Road
- Remove the traffic lights and remodel the junctions at both ends of Chalvey Road West.



### What does the council mean by experimental?

We do not know whether the changes will work, or whether the community will like them. Therefore we are introducing the changes on an **experimental** basis. We have not decided to make any *permanent* change at all. This is how it works:

- All the measures for Chalvey Road West, Chalvey Road East, Ledgers Road and Ragstone Road will be installed in September / October 2011.
- Up to the beginning of February 2012, the council is legally obliged to receive and consider any objections to the changes.
- The council then has a further 12 months to decide whether or not to make the changes permanent, to remove them, or to try something else.
- If it doesn't work, the council can remove the changes at any time.

We expect to make a final decision on whether to make the changes permanent in Spring 2012.

### How can I tell the council what I think?

We really want the **whole** Chalvey community to tell us what you think of the changes. Do you love the changes? Do you hate them? Are there good points, bad points, or any other suggestions?

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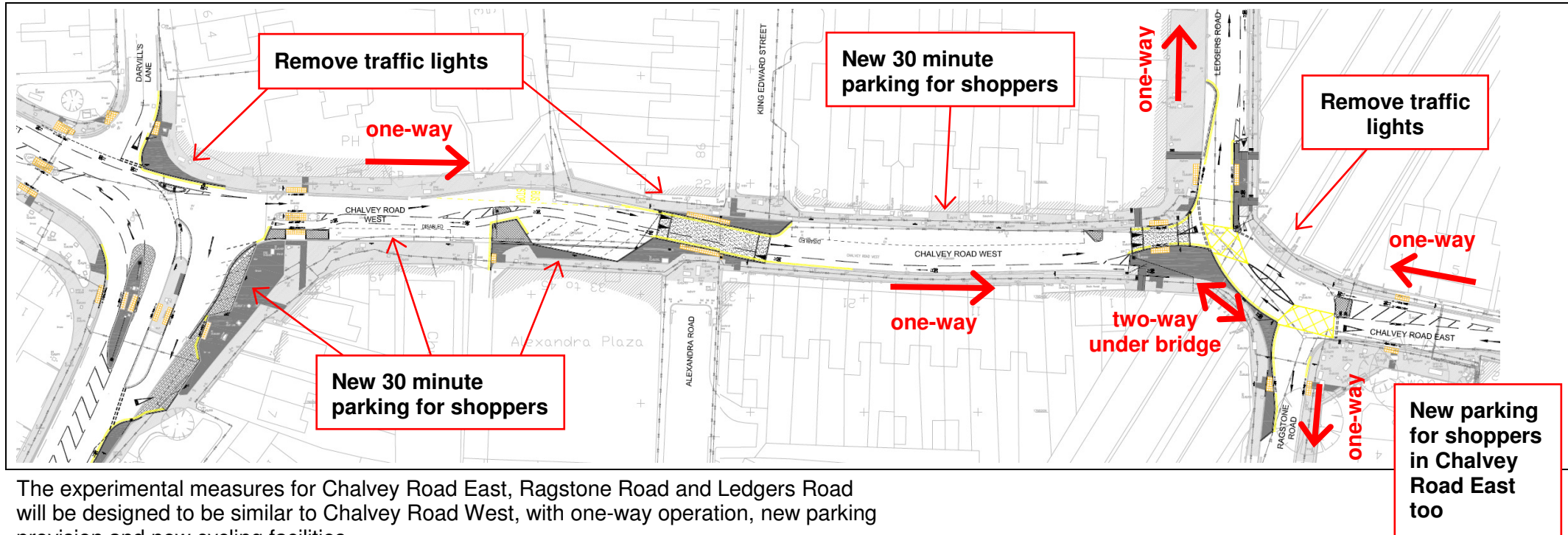
### How can I find out more?

For further information, see [www.slough.gov.uk/chalveyroads](http://www.slough.gov.uk/chalveyroads)

## Can I see detailed plans?

Detailed plans will be available at [www.slough.gov.uk/chalveyroads](http://www.slough.gov.uk/chalveyroads) as they are finalised.

The diagram below shows the plans for Chalvey Road West.



The experimental measures for Chalvey Road East, Ragstone Road and Ledgers Road will be designed to be similar to Chalvey Road West, with one-way operation, new parking provision and new cycling facilities.

## Please tell us what you think:

- Love it?
- Hate it?
- Good points and bad points?

**We need to hear what you think to make a good decision, taking into account the views of the whole community.**