

# Paper Petition Details

## Closure of Glentworth Place

I am writing with regards to the closure of access to Glentworth Road, Slough. This road has been closed off since the 18th August 2011. The effects of this road closure have been nothing short of catastrophic to businesses and residents alike. There has been a significant drop in sales of passing trade down up to 25% in the 4 months trading since the closure. At a time of much austerity with local businesses suffering, local shops need help to survive. People in the council are very unsympathetic to our plight.

There has also been a massive increase in accidents and incidents with cars u turning, injuring pedestrians, cyclists and motor cyclists. Pizza delivery drivers alone have had three injuries since closure, with an ambulance called out twice for injuries sustained.

The access on to the Bath Road slip road via the Cranbourne Road entry has severe flaws. With cars taking a sharp left there is no room if there is an oncoming vehicle in the opposite direction this leads to tailbacks onto the Bath Road. There is only room on the slip road for one-way traffic. Once cars have entered the Bath Road slip road towards the parade of shops, the only way out is for the cars or trucks (as is often the case) to u turn. This impractical manoeuvre causes arguments and road rage between drivers with a vast amount of pedestrians crossing the road. The bin trucks cause havoc every Tuesday morning, if there happens to be a delivery for one of the shops at the same time with two trucks u turning to gain access to the Bath Road the road becomes grid locked until one of the parties back down. The situation is nothing short of ridiculous. With children crossing this road before and after school and not wary of these cars/ lorries u turning, this is putting children at risk. This has obviously not been thought through by the council, and residents who see these issues daily are fed up of having to see this day in day out. This needs to be addressed/resolved asap before a very serious incident occurs resulting in a potential liable court case.

A simple no right turn and mini-island between lanes blocking cars from taking a right turn seems the obvious solution to resolve traffic and road accident issues. Why does this have to be made so difficult when such a simple solution can be used to resolve this?

**This petition was received on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2012.**

**This petition was passed to the Network Management Team Leader on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

**This petition was responded to on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2012 by the Network Management Team Leader.**

### Final Results

<b>Number of Signatures</b>	<b>387</b>
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### Council Response

As you are aware, Slough Borough Council recently introduced an experimental closure of the A4 service road near the entrance to Glentworth Place. This was intended to stop northbound vehicles on Tuns Lane from using the service road to bypass the traffic lights

at the crossroads junction with the A4. There is a history of accidents caused by vehicles carrying out this manoeuvre.

Since the service road was closed, we have received a number of comments from residents of Glentworth Place and also from the businesses situated on the service road. Thank you to those who have taken the time to contact us with your thoughts. The majority of responses we received have indicated that residents and businesses consider the closure to have had more of a negative impact than a positive one and would **not** like it to be made permanent.

**Therefore, we will arrange for the experimental closure to be removed as soon as possible.**

However, assuming that vehicles will once again use the service road as a rat-run to avoid the traffic lights, we will monitor the situation and may consider other ways to solve this problem whilst causing minimal disruption to the residents of Glentworth Place and the businesses on the service road. We would be pleased to hear any ideas you may have so if you would like to contact us, please use the details above.