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Dear Sir,

**Response to Consultation on Infrastructure Improvements
- Falmouth to Helston (Routes 2 & T4)**

Budoock Parish Council held an Extraordinary Meeting earlier this week to discuss the above consultation, and consider its response. The meeting was very well attended by members of the public, many of whom indicated that they were planning to write letters of objection.

There was a lengthy debate at the meeting, following which it was resolved that I should write to you on behalf of Budoock Parish Council, objecting strongly to the proposals for the following reasons :-

- The proposals would reduce on-street parking in Budoock Water, where there was no car park as an alternative.
- In particular, the proposal to prevent parking outside Budoock Stores, the only remaining shop in the village, could compromise its viability.
- The road through Budoock Water was very narrow, with blind corners, so the proposals could well cause a traffic hazard.
- There were already two bus shelters in Budoock Water, for passengers travelling in the direction of Falmouth, which was far busier than the route towards Mawnan Smith and Helston. There had been no problems caused by the fact that there were no markings on the roadway.
- Passengers travelling back from Falmouth were dropped off at any point they requested along the route through Budoock Water and did not require bus shelters, as they went home after alighting. There was no pavement on that side of the road, so there was no opportunity to build shelters without narrowing the road even further.
- Bus timetables in both directions were displayed at the existing bus shelters, and there was no need for these on the other side of the road.
- Buses never crossed in Budoock, as the same vehicle that travelled into Falmouth turned around and came back in the opposite direction.
- There had been no public requests for the proposed changes, which were likely to increase congestion, rather than decrease it.
- In rural villages, there was no need for the increasing formality and urbanisation of roadways.
- It seemed odd that this expenditure, which was considered to be unnecessary by the council and members of the public, was being proposed, while the proposal for a Variable Message Sign (VMS) had been rejected.

Given the above level of real concern, the council requests that you reconsider the necessity of these proposals.

Yours faithfully,

John Harrop
Clerk to Budock Parish Council