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Councillor Jane Pratt
Cabinet Member for Infrastructure & Neighbourhood Services
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15th April 2021

Dear Councillor Pratt

At a recent Council meeting Abergavenny Town Councillors discussed the current closure of Cross Street and as a result I have been asked to write to you to request details of MCC's current thinking regarding future arrangements for Cross Street.

We understand that the current arrangements for traffic restrictions from 10am until 4pm are a temporary covid social distancing measure and these restrictions have received support as well as criticism. Given that these restrictions are time limited, we would be interested to be involved in discussions with MCC on whether to make this a permanent arrangement and on the scope of any future regeneration scheme for the area so that changes by individual businesses are not made on a piecemeal basis leading to a discordant appearance with planters, sheds and other street furniture. Consideration would also need to be given to access for cyclists; the current arrangements to restrict traffic with the closure of the gates by the Angel Hotel also restricts cyclists which is contrary to the MCC's Active Travel agenda.

We would advocate that a regeneration scheme for Cross Street should be extended to encompass Lower Cross Street and area dominated by takeaways but with a growing number of specialist shops. We appreciate that the A40 trunk road limits what could be possible but given WG's commitment for 20mph on trunk roads through settlements and also opportunities offered by projects such as the Plas Gunter Mansion we believe a wide regeneration scheme is certainly worth exploring.

I look forward to hearing from you. Should you wish to attend a remote Council meeting to discuss this with Councillors I would be happy to ask the Town Clerk to arrange this.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Konieczny'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

CLlr Tony Konieczny
Mayor of Abergavenny