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Dear Resident,

Extension of Emergency Active Travel Trial Scheme – Trinity Road, Marlow

As you are aware, in April 2021 a trial scheme was implemented on Trinity Road, Marlow, through the government’s Emergency Active Travel Fund. The scheme was implemented jointly by the South West Chilterns Community Board and Buckinghamshire Council, to create a “quietway.” A quietway uses point closures, helping to create a quieter street to encourage walking and cycling whilst still maintaining access by car for local residents and businesses. The trial scheme was introduced following positive feedback received during the initial consultation period.

Throughout the trial period we have held regular review meetings with Marlow Town Councillors, local Buckinghamshire Councillors and Cabinet Members, and representatives from Transition Town Marlow (the “working group”). The reviews considered feedback received prior to the trial scheme being introduced (the initial consultation), feedback received during the trial scheme and usage data, which shows a significant increase in pedestrian and cyclist usage since the scheme was introduced. Throughout the trial, we have reviewed the feedback and adjusted the scheme as required.

Earlier this month, following recommendations by the above working group and consideration by Buckinghamshire Council Cabinet Members, it was agreed that the duration of the trial be extended until the end of May 2022, to undertake a formal statutory consultation. This statutory consultation will allow us to understand whether there is support for the scheme being made permanent.

We would encourage you to please respond to the statutory consultation when this is announced, further information will be circulated and published online by the end of the year. In the meantime, we continue to welcome feedback via our online feedback form at <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-transport/active-travel/> and via transportstrategy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully,

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