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LP	<p>Having consulted our neighbours at [REDACTED] Great Parks, our response to the suggestion that Great Parks is blocked off just beyond our driveways is absolutely NO WAY!!!</p> <p>This is all very well for the rest of Great and Little Parks however no thought have been given to how this will affect us.</p> <p>We do not want the "S106" entrance off Great Parks at all, and we certainly do not want 150+ vehicles a day whose only option is to turn right and then use the dangerous access on to the B3107.</p> <p>If Great Parks is blocked off directly after our 2 driveways the bit of road that is left will be filled with parked cars from existing residents who live on the main road and the new Bewley residents who don't have enough parking.</p> <p>We are desperately trying to get WCC and Highways to plan a roundabout on the B3107 to service both Bewley and Redcliffe estates and slow traffic into the village, this would also benefit the whole of Great Parks and Little Parks, we hoped our fellow neighbours would have supported this option. Instead we feel [REDACTED] Great Parks have been " thrown under the bus" to protect the rest of Great Parks and Little Parks.</p> <p>HPC have already objected to Bewley only having one entrance into their site, if this idea goes ahead, Great Parks/ Little Parks will only have one entrance for Fire Brigade, Ambulance, refuse collections etc.</p> <p>We are already greatly affected by this development and this idea just adds to our misery.</p> <p>We as a village have been battling against Gladman, Bewley, WCC and Planning Inspectors for years, we now feel that this kind of suggestion will divide residents, we should all been pulling together to throw out the S106 entrance that has been imposed on us, with out public consultation, and instead pushing for a roundabout on the B3107.</p> <p>We hope the Parish council go no further with this unfair suggestion by a few residents who are not as affected by the development as we will be over the next few years.</p>
GP	<p>Hi Georgina and councillors,</p> <p>As a Great Parks resident, I am against the proposal.</p> <p>Whilst I can see the reasoning behind it, as one of the houses closest to the proposed barrier, I feel it would cause more inconvenience than benefit for my household.</p> <p>Thank you for taking the time to consult on this proposal.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Dear Georgina / Councillors,</p> <p>Thank you for sharing your idea regarding blocking off of the top end of Great Parks. Many of the residents of Great Parks use the 'top' entrance on a regular basis. The further into Great Parks you get, the more people use it. I personally use it approximately 80% of the time, regardless of whether I am travelling towards Bradford on Avon or Melksham. As such, whilst I can see the logic, I feel it is a proposal that primarily favours Little Parks residents who use this route less frequently, potentially inconveniencing Great Parks residents who are more overall impacted by the development. I am against the proposal.</p> <p>There is also the question of how likely residents of the new development are to choose to exit the development through GP and LP rather than straight onto the main road. Whilst I'm sure there will be some, I feel that the majority will prefer the convenience of getting straight onto the road rather than the twists and turns of passing through the existing estate.</p> <p>I would be in favour of any measures that could encourage the residents of the new development to turn right instead of left, for example improving visibility at the main road junction / street architecture as they leave the development that</p>

	<p>encourages a right turn; as well as being preferable I also feel this to be more realistically attainable - I seem to recall the concept of blocking the road was raised within the initial objections and rejected? Many thanks for your ongoing work to mitigate the impact, please keep it up! Best wishes</p>
LP	<p>Regarding the proposal to block vehicle access in Great Parks, the phrase "sledgehammer to crack a nut" springs to mind. Normally, in these circumstances, the contractor agrees to tell its suppliers and subcontractors to use the approved route only, and undertakes to sanction those who fail to do so, and this works tolerably well. In any case, their satnavs are not going to send them round the back. Even at peak times, you don't save time by detouring round the back, so the likelihood of creating a rat run is vanishingly small. But blocking the road would force virtually all the Great Parks residential traffic to use Little Parks, and this would surely be a worse inconvenience for all concerned than having to put up with the occasional passing white van whose satnav has broken down.</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>Regarding the separate and longer-term issue of traffic flows when the new estate is complete, there is no need for hasty action. Its effect on traffic flows in Little Parks and Great Parks is impossible to predict, and might well be quite small. In particular, it might well be less than the inconvenience of a barrier for the existing residents. Let us wait and see what the effect is before acting.</p> <p>By the way, I deplore the use of the term "rat-run" in an official communication from the Council. If I see emotive language like that, I immediately suspect the writer of trying to manipulate me. Please don't try to manipulate me.</p> <p>Dear Parish Council,</p> <p>Thank you for inviting us to respond to the Highways proposal for Little Parks and Great Parks.</p> <p>I do not think that a physical barrier is required at the proposed position in Great parks.</p> <p>In my opinion that there should be a restriction of any "Bewley Homes "vehicles to use either Great Parks or Little Parks during the building period. They have a perfectly good access on the main road, and I do not feel that after the estate is complete a physical barrier is required.</p> <p>During the building phase the priority should be for resident's comfort and safety.</p> <p>I believe that there should be a total restriction of all Bewley employees using Little Parks and Great Parks. It is Bewley's responsibility to make sure that the entrance on the main road is wide enough to take all traffic in and out of the site and use traffic management equipment, as necessary. People using the main road to travel through the village will have to slow down, be patient, or use another route to their destination.</p> <p>The domestic roads of Little Parks and Great Parks are not designed to take this elevated level of large heavy traffic. It is a main drop off place for parents taking children by foot to school, and the coach arriving each morning to collect youngsters for St. Laurence. The top end of Little Parks is already packed with cars parking to access homes on the main road, visitors to dwelling to deliver care, taxi's collecting and dropping off, people stopping to answer their mobiles and people using the post box.</p> <p>After the development is complete and development traffic is reduced to domestic vehicles, then I do not see I major problem. Usually, drivers exit via their nearest route, which would be right onto the top of Great parks and on to the main road.</p> <p>I do not think that a physical barrier needs to be constructed. A "no site access" notice at the top of Little Parks and Great parks would be adequate and the estate opening onto Great parks should be kept closed until the works are finished.</p> <p>Yours</p>

LP	<p>There is no current justification for introducing a vehicle road block within the Little Parks/Great Parks estate.</p> <p>There is no evidence to predict an increase in traffic through the estate during or after the development of the Bewley homes site.</p> <p>We find it very surprising that the Parish Council are considering a proposal to commit public money to try and resolve an issue that does not exist.</p> <p>The only benefit for some residents would be to reduce/remove their passing traffic and shift the burden of this, including noise and pollution, to others on the estate. Not surprisingly, we would expect all those that would benefit from the reduction in traffic to be supportive.</p> <p>In summary this proposal should be rejected at this time as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- It creates a permanent solution to an unsubstantiated problem.- There is no evidence of increased traffic.- There is no valid reason for the choice of position which could realistically be anywhere else on the estate roads.- Having two entrances to the estate provides<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) additional flexibility for emergency access and maintenance2) Ingress/egress options for residents to reduce traffic on Melksham road. <p>The limited nature of consultation is worrying as it has only been distributed to a small number of households and does not include those on the Melksham Road between the junctions of Little Parks and Great Parks who would also see a shift in traffic flows.</p> <p>Only providing one week to comment is also disappointing as it creates unnecessary pressure on households who are already busy. This is not an urgent matter.</p> <p>Any potential temporary increase of traffic using the estate roads during the course of the development of the Bewley homes site should be dealt with as a separate matter, if or when it occurs.</p> <p>Regards</p>
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