

**Surrey Police
Road Safety & Traffic Management**

“I note that SCC are awaiting a decision as to whether or not the TTRO in respect of the experimental 'shared space' scheme in Woking should be made permanent. As you are aware, Graham Cannon and I have expressed serious concerns about the safety of vulnerable road users as a result of the proposal and those concerns remain, notwithstanding the fact that you have informed the BBC that there have been no reported incidents.

I would add that the fact that there were no reported incidents does not, by any stretch of the imagination, mean that the experiment has been incident or hazard free. I empathise with the reported views of the Surrey Disabled Partnership that blind, partially-sighted, disabled and elderly people will be at risk. Shopping centres attract families with small children and it is a fact that young children cannot forever be restrained by their parents. With their obvious lack of awareness, the young children will also be at risk.

Graham Cannon and I paid a visit to Brighton & Hove and, accompanied by one of their engineers, carried out a thorough inspection of their 'shared space' scheme. I have to report that none of the principal shopping areas had the facility, with the risk to other users being cited as to the reason why.

You will obviously be aware that an elderly pedestrian was killed by a cyclist riding at speed on the pavement in Guildford and there is nothing, that I am aware of, in the proposal for the Woking scheme, that will mitigate the risk to the many people that populate the shopping centre. Accordingly, on the grounds of road safety and casualty reduction concerns, I cannot support the proposed permanent TRO. Accordingly, please consider this email to represent an objection to the proposal”.