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Cllr David Finch
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Dear David

We are writing regarding the ongoing roadworks at the Co-Op roundabout in Wickford, which began on 22 July 2019 and were advertised as taking place over four weeks. The work should therefore have been completed by now and yet they continue, causing considerable adverse impact on the residents of Wickford and those trying to travel through the area.

There also appears to be a lack of communication with both ourselves as the council and the local residents as to the purpose of the works, which appear to be more fundamentally changing the road layout. If indeed it is the case that the road layout is changing more significantly, I ask why we were not consulted about these changes or given any opportunity to comment on them.

The works appear to be misguided – narrowing lanes which will cause considerable congestion and backlog through Wickford. You are aware that the Nevendon roundabout on the A127 is currently not legally compliant with nitrogen dioxide levels and the roadworks carried out on that junction did little to ease congestion.

We have to question the logic of this latest round of roadworks as Wickford residents appear to be getting yet another raw deal.

Therefore, we would be grateful if you could please confirm for us:

- The reason for the roadworks and the logic behind it.
- Details of the impact assessment carried out on the impact to local traffic and any mitigation plans
- What communications have been carried out to inform local residents of the disruption
- When the roadworks will finish and what is the expected outcome of any changes.

I would appreciate a quick response in order to be able to allay the many concerns being brought to us.

Yours sincerely,

Gavin Callaghan
Leader of Basildon Council

David Harrison
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