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We wish to register our objection to this order, believing as we do that it could be handled differently. There seems to have been questions as to how much genuine effort has been made to publicise this scheme, thereby enabling objections. Even within the Spokes group up to now, it is only Committee members who are kept informed.

We think it unwise to give way on the principle of legal cycling up and down the whole length of Watford High Street, a hard won concession, and possibly a thin end of a wedge. The CYCLISTS DISMOUNT signs dotted around give entirely the wrong message. Planners and Councils could enhance peaceful co-existence, the only answer, by actually encouraging more cycling. (British Waterways is currently implementing a system of communication between the various groups using the canals, another potential area of conflicting interests). Every cyclist means one less polluting car on the congested roads.

We believe that environmental issues are beyond politics and urgent.

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From: Terry Curtis  
Sent: 12 May 2011 10:00  
To: Terry Curtis  
Subject: Objection to proposed traffic order

This is an objection to THE BOROUGH OF WATFORD (THE PARADE, HIGH STREET, WATFORD) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING AND CYCLING ON MARKET DAYS) ORDER 2011.

My main reason for objecting is that the order would bring into question the principle of legal cycling along the whole length of Watford High Street. This principle was put into practice in the Town Centre cycle route by Watford Borough Council not to provide a leisure facility for cyclists, but to make a real and permanent statement that cycling as an everyday mode of transport is vital as part of the sustainable future that we all need if the world is going to survive. So I think it's very important that this kind of support for cycling is not undermined, even for only 14 days per year.

However, I am not saying that these markets should be stopped, and nor do I want to barge through crowds of market customers on my bike - of course not. But I do want to be able to cycle slowly past the backs of the market stalls if there is only a sprinkling of pedestrians there, carefully avoiding them - it would be much like riding along much of the cycle path on a normal day! So perhaps instead of making this order you could put up some advisory signs (aimed at cyclists but also acting as information for pedestrians) saying that while the market is in operation, cyclists should not use the normal cycle path but can instead proceed with caution behind the market stalls.

Additional notes/questions, not part of my main objection:

1. I do not believe that there are any 'documents giving more detailed particulars of the proposals' on the website [www.watford.gov.uk](http://www.watford.gov.uk) - if they are there, they are extremely well hidden. I would like to see these documents - can you email them to me please?
2. Why does the proposed order mention driving as well as cycling, when no motor vehicles are ever allowed in that section of The Parade anyway?