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Mayor and members of City Council

I am sending this e-mail to voice my objection to the move by the City to reduce Aberdeen Avenue to two lanes of traffic. Aberdeen Avenue is as you know an arterial road connecting to the 403 highway at Longwood Road.

Travellers coming into the City via the 403 from the west have only two options to access the city, Aberdeen and Main street. Reducing Aberdeen to two lanes will cause major traffic congestion and will force drivers to travel through bordering neighbourhoods to access the Queen Street hill. This will increase traffic on Glenfern ave and Amelia avenue during rush hours which will impact the safety of our neighbourhood children. I have lived on Glenfern Avenue for the past 50 yrs and consider this so called traffic improvement unacceptable. I question the flawed mindset of our City "Traffic Engineers".

I have also in the past brought to the attention of my Councillor the unwarranted amount of sign pollution at the intersection of Glenfern Avenue and Kent Street. Eight stop signs all with tiger stripes and four double width white lines at a cost of many thousands of \$\$\$\$ all when two simple yield signs at Kent Street would suffice. This sign pollution is not compatible in a residential neighbourhood from an aesthetic and environmental stand point. I have yet to receive a positive response from my councillor.

I also wish to question the so called traffic calming being carried out in my neighbourhood, this is causing a definite increase in the amount of extra fuel consumed and the City's contribution to global warming. I know that since these measures have been put in place I now use an additional 2 litres of fuel per 100 KM when travelling in the City.

I understand that there is an active neighbourhood group called "Keep Aberdeen Moving", I would ask council to listen carefully to what this group has to say and take immediate measures to reverse this flawed move by the City to reduce the Aberdeen arterial to two lanes.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.
John Coates