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Road closure not to be extended

Due to the continued easing of lockdown, Helston Town Council has taken the decision to not extend the road closure after the initial 3-week period following consultation with businesses and members of the public. The road closure will cease after 4pm today (Friday 10th July 2020). The Council continues to be concerned with the welfare of the public during the current Covid-19 pandemic and will instead introduce alternative measures to aid social distancing and support local businesses. Additional signage will be in place around the town centre reminding of the importance of social distancing and encouraging users to wear face coverings as well as requesting that drivers observe a reduced speed and increased awareness of pedestrians. To provide additional support for the businesses and encourage people to shop locally the Town Council will continue to offer a refund for the first hours parking in the Cornwall Council Car Parks at Tyacke Road and Trengrouse Way. The refunds can be obtained from participating businesses who are displaying a sign in their window.

Helston Town Council is concerned that the Covid-19 pandemic has not gone away and will continue to monitor the situation. If the current guidelines are not followed the Council acknowledges the possibility that restrictions may again need to be imposed.

Helston Town Mayor, Councillor John Martin said "I believe that the road closure was not allowing us to enforce the Government guidelines as originally intended. I also believe our role is to inform and support rather than to enforce during this pandemic and beyond. We do not have the resources to enforce these ever-changing guidelines. However we do need our Council, our residents and our businesses to inform and support each other and our wider community twenty four hours a day and seven days a week as much as possible.

I have to thank the Town Councillors, Staff and particularly the volunteers for their excellent support during these difficult three weeks."