

# **Pedestrian Network Improvements Phase 2 Report from the Public Exhibition & Consultation**

## **Background**

The second stage of the Walking Network scheme will focus on the area of King's Road between Black Lion Street and East Street. The aim of the project is to improve pedestrian facilities to enhance the east-west route along King's Road and create better links between The Lanes and the Seafront.

## **List of Consultees**

### **Representative Groups / Associations**

Cycle Forum	Mark Strong
East Sussex Association for the Blind	Christine Tester
Local Access Forum	Colin Bennett
Econ Partnership	Tony Mernagh
RNIB	Maxine Miles
Transition Brighton & Hove	
Living Streets	Stephen Young
BH Federation of Disabled	Geraldine des Moulins
Brighton Society	Selma Montford
Cycle Forum	Chris Boocock
Living Streets	Bruce Smith
Local Access Forum	David Brookshaw
LSP	Jannet Cook
Taxi Forum	

### **Businesses / Traders**

BH Buses	Pat Stringer
Hotel Group	Mark Colson
Lanes Traders	Stuart Wilkie
Bus Company	Peter Salvage

### **Councillor / Officer**

Equalities Councillor	Brian Pidgeon
Ward Cllr	Jason Kitkat
Cabinet Member	Geoffrey Theobald
Ward Cllr	Sven Rufus
Equalities Officer	Mary Evans
Conservation officer	Geoff Bennett
Tourism Officer	Adam Bates
Seafront Officers	David Wheeler, Chris Ingall
Urban Design Officer	Jenny Exley
Equalities Officer	Diane Coe

**Consultation Results**

- The response rate of the comments sheet was very low. A total of 16 forms were completed & returned.
- 43.5% of people considered that overall they were in favour of the scheme – 25% were not and 31.5% were unsure.
- 94% of the forms included comments, and 50% of these expressed concern that there was no provision for cyclists.
- 19% expressed concerns about vehicular access to the town Hall and the provision of parking.
- 25% considered that there was not enough detail in evidence to make an informed decision.
- 15% requested that green landscaping be included in the plan.
- 6% could not see provision for seating
- 6% thought that signage was an issue
- 6% were concerned that a couple of trees appeared to block the traffic exit from East St onto Grand Junction Rd (seafront)

## Comments from Stakeholders

Table 1 below shows a list of positive and negative comments received directly from stakeholders through the consultation process:

### Positive Comments

- The Scheme is a good improvement
- Could a 'shared space' feel be developed for Kings Road minor?
- The proposals are welcomed and supported
- The scheme will improve pedestrian links between the seafront and the old town
- It is essential to retain the NCN2 link to the seafront
- Additional cycle parking in the area would improve cycle access to retail and leisure facilities

### Negative Comments

- The exhibition / consultation was not well publicised and largely unstaffed
- Information at the exhibition was limited
- Concerned the proposals have been developed without consideration for cyclists
- The concept proposals lack detail and therefore it is difficult to make comment on the scheme

