

Appendix 1 Representative selection of comments from the consultation into the proposed cycle route in Alexandra Park

Positive comments	Negative comments	Hastings Council response
<p>Glad to see that HBC are planning to develop a cycle path / shared use path in Alexandra Park. Roads around the park are hairy! With fast traffic and narrow roads (due to parking) so this is a welcome safe zone for families and kids alike. You have my full support for the scheme</p>		<p>Hastings Council will work with East Sussex County Council to ensure that safety features are paramount in the final design.</p>
	<p>I strongly oppose the plan to allow cycling through the lower part of Alexandra Park. This is a very well used area and the resulting conflict between irresponsible cyclists and pedestrians will not enhance the park experience for anyone.</p> <p>There is an alternative route which could go down the pavement (next to the park) in St Helen's Road.</p>	<p>The adopted Hastings Borough Council Local Plan identified the strategic policy ambition to provide a cycle route through the park. This was the basis of the consultation.</p> <p>The proposed route is felt to be the most practicable but the Council will require East Sussex County Council to consider additional measures such as signage to increase public safety where reasonably practicable.</p>

	<p>I do not think that a cycle path in Alexandra Park is a good idea due to the following:-</p> <p>The park is used by walking groups, dog walkers and people with disabilities. Bicycles can be a nuisance if they go fast.</p> <p>The lower park is used by small children who could be in danger as they often run out.</p> <p>Presumably some cyclists will be going straight from Silverhill to the Town and will be cycling fast. I believe there is no speed limit for cycles.</p>	<p>Safety measures have been integrated into the design of the route such as warning signs, speeding signs, bollards, way markers and markings on the paths.</p> <p>Hastings Council will require East Sussex County Council to fully consider the feedback from the consultation and ensure additional signage and safety measures will be included in the final design where reasonably practicable.</p>
<p>A cycle path through the Park can and should be possible, provided all who use it behave responsibly.</p> <p>Perhaps there could be signs in the Park giving a number to ring if irresponsible and speeding cyclists are witnessed?</p>		<p>Hastings Council will consider ways for the public to report speeding cyclists such as the new My Hastings on Line web site.</p>
	<p>I wish to oppose the cycle route through Alexandra park on the grounds it will be unsafe for children and adults too who walk and play in this park.</p> <p>The park is for leisurely walks and enjoyment for all to use and not to get mowed down by cyclist, the park has too</p>	<p>Safety measures have been integrated into the design of the route such as warning signs, speeding signs, bollards, way markers and markings on the paths.</p> <p>Hastings Council will require East Sussex County Council to fully consider the feedback from the consultation and ensure additional signage and</p>

	<p>many blind corners so you can't see what's coming.</p> <p>The paths aren't wide enough and can't see how you can increase them without taking away the green areas and bushes etc., which the animals and birds use.</p>	<p>safety measures will be included in the final design where reasonably practicable.</p> <p>The routes follow existing paths. There are only a small number of locations where the existing path will be widened. There will be no significant loss of green space.</p> <p>The cycle route will be clearly designated and signposted as the only route in the park where cycling is allowed. Cycling is not allowed on paths not designated.</p>
<p>Thoroughly support the proposal. Would prefer that the path have different colour topping.</p> <p>Also that the cross park paths and those paths that merge with the cycle route be well signed.</p> <p>Have you given any thought to people who use the park after dark?</p> <p>There are many examples of safe shared paths already in use locally in East Sussex and the rest of UK and Europe. Comments about using the verge in Lower Park Road are ridiculous.</p>		<p>Safety measures have been integrated into the design of the route such as warning signs, speeding signs, bollards, way markers and markings on the paths.</p> <p>Hastings Council will require East Sussex County Council to consider different coloured surfacing for appropriate sections of the route.</p> <p>As the scheme is being funded by East Sussex County Council, and there are no funds within the budget to provide new lighting.</p>
	<p>I use the park regularly, on my own and with friends and family. Both cycling and walking are healthy and enjoyable activities, but I</p>	<p>The proposed route is a shared route. There are no proposals to have separate lanes in the park. The cycle route will be clearly designated and</p>

	strongly object to shared routes.	signposted as the only route in the park where cycling is allowed.
	<p>I see this as exceptionally dangerous proposition. Children run around in the park without fear of being knocked over which will undoubtedly happen if the scheme goes ahead as per consultation plans.</p> <p>Re the Lower Park in particular I would have thought that the use of the strip of ground in Lower Park Road between the park perimeter railings and the kerb of the road would be a far better route for the cyclists and a great deal safer for the other park users by keeping one separated from the other.</p>	<p>The adopted Hastings Borough Council Local Plan identified the strategic policy ambition to provide a cycle route through the park. This was the basis of the consultation.</p> <p>The proposed route is felt to be the most practicable but the Council will require East Sussex County Council to fully consider the feedback from the consultation and ensure additional signage and safety measures will be included in the final design where reasonably practicable.</p> <p>Safety measures have been integrated into the design of the route such as warning signs, speeding signs, bollards, way markers and markings on the paths.</p>
	<p>Cyclists should not be allowed to cycle across the front of the busy Café area, but detour around it.</p> <p>There could be 'Dismount signs' at the points where the two spurs turn off towards the Rangers' Office and toilet block.</p> <p>Cycle racks should be provided near the Café for those wishing to stop for refreshment</p>	<p>The route in front of the café will not be supported by Hastings Borough Council.</p> <p>Hastings Borough Council will require the construction of cycle racks to be considered in the final design and require Cyclists Dismount signs to be installed at appropriate locations.</p>

<p>I would like to express my support for the Alexandra Park cycle route as a key & important section of the overall Hastings Greenway.</p> <p>The cycle route adjacent to the cafe, due to the use by young children & the connection with the grass area around the bandstand I would advise the cycle route to run past the toilets on the east side of the park with a cycle stand at the base of the steps at the junction of the path to the cafe & the route running past the bandstand.</p> <p>The junction with Dordrecht Way - the route is very close to the junction, how to manage the traffic to provide a safe crossing for cycles.</p>		<p>The route in front of the café will not be supported by Hastings Borough Council.</p> <p>The Council will require East Sussex County Council to use clearer signage where the route merges with existing paths or roads.</p>
<p>I fully support the greenway route through Alexandra Park. As a local public health practitioner I see this as a fundamental way of encouraging physical activity to a town that shoulders a huge burden of obesity related disease</p>		<p>Hastings Council will work with East Sussex County Council to ensure that safety features are paramount in the final design where reasonably practicable.</p>