

Active Travel Fund (ATF) Tranche Two Consultation Response Summary

INTRODUCTION

As part of the Great Coates Road carriageway resurfacing, Active Travel Fund (ATF) Tranche Two (2), a draft design engagement survey was carried out. The purpose of this survey was to provide local residents and businesses an opportunity to provide their comments on the initial design and traffic management proposals for the scheme.

METHODOLOGY

The consultation period of three (3) weeks: 11th July 2022 to 29th July 2022.

The consultation was sent out to:

- Members and Parish Councils was included on the engagement calendar which partner organisations have access to.
- An article was included in "Vision" and on the intranet.
- An email was sent to those who have signed up to the North East Lincolnshire Council (NELC) Consultation mailing list.
- An email was sent to the Community stakeholders mailing list.
- A letter was sent to the local residents and businesses surrounding Great Coates Road.
- Social Media: Facebook promotion.

RETURN RATES

In total 151 responses were received.

KEY FINDINGS

- 20% stated "Yes" that the proposed works do meet the outcomes, with another 18% stating "Mostly".
- Eighty-six (86) respondents commented on the following question, "Is there anything that can be changed to help meet these outcomes?". Some of the comments received are as follows:
 - Ensure that the hedgerow alongside current footpath / cycle path is cut back regularly as it often overhangs and impedes said pathway. Try to widen near bus stop as this is often a pinch point and can be a blind spot.
 - Toucan crossing at parallel crossing.
 - The paths are wide enough for pedestrians and cyclists without removing the trees.
- Eighty-one (81) respondents commented on the following question, "is there anything that we need to be aware of?". Some of the comments received are follows:
 - Will an appropriate and safe diversion be in place for cyclists, this will be my son's way to school on his bike? I welcome the end result.
 - Safety for blind people with guide dogs like myself.
 - Cyclists all too often are either unaware of the rules of the road or deliberately ignore them.
 - When I am cycling, I will generally avoid shared cycle / foot ways, as it is a free for all, as such it will be the pedestrian that gets hurt and the cyclist getting punished. I believe it should clearly be stated which side for cyclist and which side for pedestrians, with signs, painted graphics on the cycle/ foot way, and ideally as a minimum a white link to segregate.
 - A pelican crossing point at Lamour Road would support this work.
- Seventy-one (71) respondents left additional comments on the engagement survey. Some of the additional comments received are as follows:
 - I think it is needed for the children that cycle to school. It is a nightmare along the road during school hours.
 - This is long overdue, the current cycle paths on the road are insufficient. We have decent cycle areas through the Freshney, and this will add to the area.
 - I welcome the provision of cycle paths which are off road. I do not think that the on-road cycleways (dotted white lines) provide safe cycling.
 - It will be great when the road is resurfaced. Its like driving over the lunar surface at the moment.

- Several comments were made in relation to the proposed removal of 6 mature trees on the proposed route. These included:
 - Why do you need to cut down 6 mature tree that take carbon from the air?
 - I'm unconvinced that felling six beautiful mature trees is justified.
 - Felling of more trees when this town seems to be actively concreting over and building on all our green spaces is an affront to the residents who care about the future of this town and the environment.
 - I don't approve of the destruction of mature trees on Great Coates Road, and consequential loss of wildlife habitats, to accommodate this scheme.
 - Am tired of seeing trees being ripped up and destruction of green space.