

# **BOURNEMOUTH RAILWAY STATION TO JUMPERS COMMON: HOLDENHURST ROAD - ASHLEY ROAD**

## **Responses to issues raised - TCF Consultation 2021**

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## Context

BCP Council, on behalf of Dorset Council and BCP Council, ran a consultation on the proposed changes and designs of the Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) programme. This consultation ran from 24 February – 31 March 2021.

This report details responses to issues raised by respondents regarding the Bournemouth Railway Station to Jumpers Common route, including the proposals between Holdenhurst Road – Ashley Road.

More details on the proposed improvements and the insight report summarising the outcome of the consultation for this sub-section can be found on the BCP website: [www.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/tcfchaseside](http://www.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/tcfchaseside)

## Responses to issues

We have considered all comments received through the consultation process, and below we have summarised the key themes that emerged for this section from responses to the open questions within the online questionnaire, as well as received letters and emails.

The table below sets out our responses to the most frequently recurring themes that emerged through the analysis. The full frequency showing the number of times each code description was used, as well as example comments, can be found in the insight report mentioned previously.

Comments were also raised through other channels, including social media, during the process. In the table below, we have also sought to address pertinent matters received through these channels that necessitated a response.

Theme	Nature of comments received	BCP / Dorset Council Response
General agreement	Agreement with proposals/ positive comments	<p>Following review of the responses received on the initial proposals, we have developed our designs for the route. The proposed designs now include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improvements to the existing modal filter on Northcote Road, making it easier for cyclists to navigate</li> <li>• A new toucan crossing to replace the existing school crossing patrol outside Kings Park Academy, between its junctions with South Road and Grantham Road. The nearby bus layby will be shortened to accommodate this crossing</li> <li>• A new toucan crossing on Ashley Road near the entrance to Kings Park, improving access between the new facilities in the park and the quieter, low traffic route along Windham Road towards Bournemouth train station and the town centre</li> <li>• Removal of the toucan crossing outside No. 133 Ashley Road, between its junctions with Boscombe Grove Road and South Road.</li> <li>• Widening the path on the western side of Ashley Road (between Windham Road and Boscombe Grove Road) to enable pedestrians and cyclists to access the new crossing</li> <li>• Boscombe Grove Road and South Road to remain one way for motorists, although cyclists will be able to use both roads in either direction</li> <li>• A low traffic route along Windham Road (the original proposal was for the route to go along Boscombe Grove Road/ South Road)</li> <li>• The following changes to road markings, which will affect the availability of on-street parking: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Double yellow lanes to replace controlled zig zags by the current crossing outside No. 133 Ashley Road</li> <li>➤ Double yellow lines outside no. 145 Denmark Terrace (this would replace the current no waiting restrictions between 8am-7pm)</li> <li>➤ Extension of double yellow lines on the southern side of Boscombe Grove Road</li> <li>➤ Double yellow lines to be introduced next to No. 1 South Road</li> <li>➤ Controlled crossing zig zags to be introduced outside Kings Park Academy on Ashley Road</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>We are continuing to develop the designs for the section of the route towards Bournemouth Station.</p>

Agree with junction/crossing improvements	Agreement with proposals/ positive comments	We welcome these comments in support of the scheme. They have been noted as part of the process to determine the outcome taken forward.
Changes will improve safety	The proposals will make it safer for pedestrians and cyclists	
Negative impact on traffic/car users	The changes will increase congestion in an already congested area.	<p>BCP Council and Dorset Council were jointly awarded £79m by the Department for Transport (DfT) through its TCF scheme. This grant, plus further local contributions, means the Councils have more than £100m to specifically invest in public and sustainable transport infrastructure.</p> <p>The purpose of the Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) programme is to broaden the travel options available across the south east Dorset area by investing in improvements to walking, cycling and public transport infrastructure.</p> <p>By encouraging more walking and cycling, particularly for shorter journeys, and increasing bus usage in the area, we can help to reduce congestion on our already busy road network and as a result, we'll also help to improve air quality and create safer, more pleasant places in which to live, work and do business.</p>
Design comment/ suggestion	Make the speed humps cyclist friendly	The inclusion of a cycle bypass in the speed bumps was considered. However, it has not been included as in many instances the bypass becomes littered with vegetation, stones and general road debris, which can cause a puncture for cyclist or in the worst-case scenario, an obstruction.
	Better connections to key destinations are needed	The proposals aim to improve links between the new facilities in Kings Park and the quieter, low traffic route along Windham Road towards Bournemouth train station and the town centre. The new toucan crossing outside Kings Park Academy would make it easier for pedestrians and cyclists to access the school.
	A main segregated cycleway would be preferable to quiet routes	<p>Some respondents felt that quiet routes can be slow and 'stop/start' for cyclists. Research suggests that a proportion of people would be encouraged to walk or cycle more often if they were able to use quieter, low traffic routes.</p> <p>The low traffic route along Windham Road is the most direct way of accessing the new facilities in King Park.</p>

	Road maintenance is needed on Holdenhurst Road	Where local issues have been identified, such as flooding on the paths or a poor existing road surface, we will seek to rectify these as part of the scheme delivery. Once complete, the routes would be managed within BCP Council's ongoing maintenance programme.
Disagree with shared paths	Raised safety implications of cyclists and pedestrians mixing	<p>According to current national guidance on cycling infrastructure design (LTN 1/20), although shared use is not always the preferred option, it is appropriate where it will help achieve the continuity of a cycle route and not compromise an otherwise good network.</p> <p>The current design includes the installation of new signage to further reduce the risk of collision, providing adequate space for both pedestrians and cyclists along the route.</p>