

# BOURNEMOUTH RAILWAY STATION TO/FROM JUMPERS COMMON, CHRISTCHURCH: KINGS PARK

## 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 and asked for public feedback on the four cycle corridors:

- Bournemouth railway station to/from Jumpers Common, Christchurch
- Bournemouth town centre to/from Ferndown
- Poole town centre to/from Wareham Road, Holton Heath
- Poole town centre to/from Merley, Poole

This report details responses to issues raised by respondents regarding the section through Kings Park on the Bournemouth railway station to/from Jumpers Common, Christchurch route, including the proposals between Ashley Road and Harewood Avenue.

More details on the proposed improvements and the outcome of the consultation for these works can be found on the BCP [website](#).

## Responses to issues

We have considered all comments received through the consultation process, and below we have summarised the key themes that emerged for the Kings Park 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.

### General comments/recommendations

Theme	Nature of comments received	BCP / Dorset Council Response
General agreement	Will encourage walking and cycling in the area	We welcome these comments in support of the scheme. They have been noted as part of the process to determine the outcome taken forward.
	Will help improve safety for both cyclists and pedestrians	
	Will provide wide paths suitable for all users	
Disagreement	Waste of money	<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>
	No need	
Design comment/suggestion	Ashley Road entrance of the park needs changing to align with traffic lights	<p>Taking into consideration the responses from the consultation, we have amended the design to better accommodate access to and from Kings Park via Ashley Road. This involves the removal of the existing crossing by Boscombe Grove Road, and installing a new toucan crossing closer to the entrance, between park access road and Windham Road</p> <p>This change to the crossing on Ashley Road will connect into the works planned between Holdenhurst Road and Ashley Road as part of our Bournemouth railway station to/from Jumpers Common, Christchurch route.</p>
	Should have improved lighting	New lighting will be installed, and the existing lighting improved along the route through Kings Park. As well as ensuring the safety of users, it means the route can be used all year round and at different times of the day or night.



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Theme	Nature of comments received	BCP / Dorset Council Response
	Traffic calming needed on Harewood Avenue	<p>Work is now complete on the construction of a new, raised toucan crossing and an extension to the existing 20mph speed limit on Harewood Avenue near Kings Park, adjacent to Avonbourne Academy.</p> <p>The new toucan crossing will be positioned near to the roundabout which will be a better, safer location for the school and the entrance to Kings Park. The existing crossing and speed cushions further south east on Harewood Avenue, will be removed. The extension of the 20mph zone will cover all arms of the roundabout onto Harewood Avenue, Littledown Avenue and Harewood Crescent.</p>
	Protection for cycle lane to stop parking	The existing cycle lane that runs between Ashley Road and Kings Park Drive will be realigned to the location of the current parking bays and then bollards will be introduced between the lane and the carriageway. This will prevent unauthorised car parking, protect cyclists from vehicles, and provide an unimpeded route for cyclists into and out of the park.
Disagreement with the removal of parking	Parking is required for sports clubs and school	No parking will be removed at the Ashley Road entrance/exit point of Kings Park. The existing parking bays will be relocated from the southern side of the access road to the northern side and a number of disabled bays will also be introduced, to provide better accessibility into the park.
	Will cause illegal/dangerous parking elsewhere	The introduction of bollards along the cycle lane will prevent unauthorised parking, with those wishing to bring their cars to the park, required to use the formalised parking facilities.