

A22 Active Travel Public Consultation - November 2024

FAQ and Key Information Summary

Please note this is FAQ will be monitored and updated throughout the consultation period

Question	Information
What	East Sussex County Council is consulting on proposals for the package of Active Travel Measures associated with the A22 junction improvements.
When (Dates)	<p>Consultation timescales:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 4 November to Sunday 8 December 2024 <p>Event dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James West Community Centre, Hailsham - Thursday 7 November 2024 from 14:30 until 17:30 • James West Community Centre, Hailsham - Tuesday 12 November 2024 from 14:30 until 17:30 • Polegate Community Association - Saturday 23 November 2024 from 10:30 until 14:30 • St Luke's Church and Parish Centre, Stone Cross - Thursday 28 November 2024 from 15:00 until 19:00
Purpose/Aim of Proposals	<p>The aims of the A22 Corridor Active Travel Measures are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage and improve local journeys on foot, for people with mobility issues (wheeling) and by bike • Improve active travel access within and between local communities to jobs, education, shops etc • Improve safety for pedestrians, wheelers and cyclists • Improve people's health and wellbeing • Help reduce carbon emissions and improve air quality
Purpose/Aim of public consultation	<p>The purpose of the consultation is to seek public and stakeholder feedback on the proposed A22 Corridor Active Travel Measures.</p> <p>The feedback and outcomes from the consultation will be used to help shape the A22 corridor active travel proposals. The consultation outcomes will be reported in spring 2025.</p> <p>The final active travel proposals will then be included in the full business case for the A22 Corridor Package submitted to the Department of Transport (DfT) in Autumn 2025.</p> <p>Link to Consultation Hub website and survey: https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/economy-transport-environment/a22-active-travel-measures</p>
Funding	Funding will be sought from the Government's Department for Transport in 2025/26 to support in the delivery the proposals via a Full Business Case.
What is being proposed in each of the active travel schemes	<p>The following measures form the A22 Corridor Active Travel Measures package:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cuckoo Trail access improvements in Hailsham – this will provide both a new crossing on London Road outside the Hailsham Community College with access directly off the crossing and a new access from Hawks Road with signal control. • Hailsham Core Walking Zone – Facilities to support a Core Walking Zone in central Hailsham, linking an east west route from A22/Diplocks Way, linking Hailsham Country Park with the Cuckoo Trail and the Town Centre, with improved footways crossing facilities and speed reduction. • Hempstead Lane Traffic Management and pedestrian/cycling improvements – The proposals along Hempstead Lane runs between the new Hempstead Lane

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	<p>Roundabout on the A22 Hailsham Bypass and the Leaps Cross mini-roundabout. The active travel scheme will provide pedestrian/cycle facilities, crossings, raised tables and new junction layouts alongside traffic calming measures to reduce speed along the corridor and mitigate the impact of opening up all movements into and out of Hempstead Lane onto the A22.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cycling scheme: Polegate High Street to Stone Cross crossroads - A number of focussed improvements to the existing facilities along the corridor linking Polegate and Stone Cross. In Polegate Town centre, on the High Street/Station Road junction a new dedicated crossing along the southern arm of the junction. Around the Old Polegate Station site, it is proposed to introduce a new toucan crossing to facilitate movements towards an existing access path connecting to local residential streets leading towards the Cuckoo Trail to the north. Furthermore, it is proposed to widen the existing cycle path around the toucan crossing by Levett Road to allow for a full two-directional cycle path on the south side of Dittons Road. <p>With the proposed crossings being provided as part of the A22/Dittons Road junction improvement already providing a critical link between Polegate and Stone Cross, the rest of the proposals are about extending the shared use footway/cycleway from the A22 back towards the existing footway/cycleway at Townsend Way and then into Stone Cross village centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cycling scheme: Dittons Road to Willingdon Drove - comprises improved wayfinding along the existing National Cycle Network route that runs parallel to the A22 Golden Jubilee Way. It is also proposed to introduce a new toucan crossing for pedestrians and cyclists to connect to the existing Willingdon Drove path as well as widen the existing Willingdon Drove path.
Connectivity to other active travel schemes in the area	<p>The proposals will create connectivity to wider <u>cycle routes</u> and improve <u>pedestrian facilities</u></p> <p><u>To be implemented</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Horseway cycle route Phase 1b - the final section of the Horseway cycle route between Ashford Road and Ringwood Road completes the cycle route provided from Langney Roundabout to Eastbourne railway station. This scheme will be delivered in 2025/26 using Eastbourne and South Wealden Walking and Cycling Package local growth funding. Eastbourne Town Centre cycle route – this predominantly on-road route supports cyclist access to some of the key destinations within the town, particularly between the rail station, the seafront, the Devonshire Quarter and other cycle routes in Eastbourne. This scheme will be delivered in 2025/26 using Eastbourne and South Wealden Walking and Cycling Package local growth funding. <p><u>Pipeline schemes (delivery dependent on funding)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stone Cross to Royal Parade cycle route - this route provide a facility for cyclists wishing to travel from the residential areas of Stone Cross and Langney to the seafront and will also offer access to an off-road route on Dittons Road to Polegate, as well as Route 21 on Lottbridge Drove, which is part of the National Cycle Network (NCN). This route was subject to public consultation in summer 2021 and delivery is dependent on funding. Langney Rise cycle route - a new strategic cycle route from Lottbridge Drove to Sovereign Harbour, also forming the central link between the two sections of the Stone Cross to Royal Parade cycle route. This route was subject to public consultation in summer 2021 and delivery is dependent on funding. Willingdon Drove cycle route - this will connect Sevenoaks Road and Kingfisher Drive to the Langley Shopping Centre. This route was subject to public consultation in summer 2021 and delivery is dependent on funding. Lottbridge Drove shared use path widening along the A2290 between Cross Levels Way and Seaside currently serving as part of the National Cycle Network Route 21. This route was subject to public consultation as part of the A22/A2290 consultation in summer 2021 and delivery is dependent on funding.

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<p>Links to wider transport improvements in the Eastbourne/South Wealden area</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shinewater Roundabout underpass upgrade - to the pedestrian/cycle route passing under the A22 Golden Jubilee Way via an underpass to the north of the Shinewater Roundabout. <p>-----</p> <p>The scheme also supports other strategic <u>transport improvements</u> in the area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highways England A27 Lewes to Polegate smaller scale interventions: A27 capacity improvements between Cophall Roundabout and A27 / A2270 Junction; capacity improvements at Berwick roundabout, safety improvements at Wilmington, shared use path between Polegate and Firle to link to existing shared facility between Firle and Lewes. <p>These improvements were delivered and open to traffic in summer 2022. Find out more at: Smaller scale interventions – A27 Lewes - Polegate – East Sussex County Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A2270/A2021 Hailsham, Polegate and Eastbourne Transport Corridor: Capacity and active travel crossing improvements at Polegate High Street/Wannock Road junction; bus lanes on Eastbourne Road, off-road cycle and footways.
<p>Do the active travel proposals adhere to the Local Transport Note (LTN) 1/20 design guidance for cycle route design</p>	<p>The active travel proposals adhere in principal and overall design intent to LTN 1/20. A well-constructed shared use facility designed to meet the needs of cycle traffic – including its width, alignment and treatment at side roads and other junctions – is supported by LTN 1/20 where pedestrian numbers and traffic volume/speed are very low. ESCC are in detailed discussion with Active Travel England to ensure compliance with LTN 1/20 and agree the final designs.</p>
<p>What improvements are being made for active travel on the A22 itself?</p>	<p>Recognising the importance of promoting active travel, the key A22 junctions have been developed to include dedicated facilities for cyclists and pedestrians and to provide improvements and reduced future journey times for buses and general traffic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement to A22/A267/A271 Boship Roundabout including toucan crossing facilities and bus priority measures. • New roundabout at A22 / Hempstead Lane including toucan crossing facilities and LCWIP (Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan) scheme along Hempstead Lane. • Improvement to A22/A295 Eagles Roundabout included toucan crossing facilities between the roundabout and Arlington Road to aid east-west connectivity. • Improvement to A27/A22 Golden Jubilee roundabout. • Improvement to the A22/B2247 Dittons Road junction replacing the existing roundabout with a signalised crossroads including toucan crossing facilities and LCWIP schemes from Polegate – Pevensey and Dittons Road – Willington Drive.
<p>Why are you not providing active travel improvements alongside the A22 corridor</p>	<p>The ESCC LCWIP, its component policies and identified schemes have strongly influenced the development of options for the A22 corridor package, with consideration given to catering for walking, wheeling, cycling and buses.</p> <p>Whilst the improved junction layouts on the A22 corridor have provided additional safety to non-motorised users (NMUs) to cross the A22, the A22 itself is not considered to be a key active travel corridor for north to south movements and this is instead focussed on the Cuckoo Trail and adjacent connections onto this spine route.</p> <p>There are currently few trip attractors to the west of the A22 for active travel, resulting in low levels of demand across the A22. As such, the toucan crossings on the A22 junctions have been designed to improve safety for NMUs at these junctions but are not intended to increase demand for active travel at this stage but support the future access and assist local accessibility.</p> <p>As part of the package of sustainable transport measures within the overall junction improvement package, some additional changes can be made (e.g., further widening of narrow footway sections, few additional crossings on approaches or changes to their current designs), specifically at Boship and Hempstead Lane roundabouts, to improve compliance with LTN1/20</p>

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Who can I contact for queries?	e-mail: A22ActiveMeasures.Consultation@eastsussex.gov.uk phone: 0345 60 80 193
Where will my data be stored and for how long?	<p>Privacy information: This survey is anonymous, although we do ask you to complete an optional 'about you' section at the end. Please ensure that any comments you make don't include any names or personal details of you or anyone else.</p> <p>For more information about why we collect 'about you' information and how the data will be stored and processed by East Sussex County Council please go to: https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/privacy/about-you-survey/</p> <p>'About You' questions: You don't have to answer the questions in this section, but it will help us to make sure that everyone is treated fairly and equally if you do. Your information will only be used and reported anonymously to support the consultation, engagement or feedback activity you are taking part in. We will keep your individual information for a period of up to five years and we won't keep it any longer than is necessary. Please get in touch with the named contact for this activity if you would like more information. Read the full privacy notice here: www.eastsussex.gov.uk/privacy/about-you-survey/</p>

For further information please view:

- Consultation Hub Website: <https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/economy-transport-environment/a22-active-travel-measures>
- For any enquiries that cannot be addressed please e-mail: A22ActiveMeasures.Consultation@eastsussex.gov.uk