

<b>Subject:</b>	RE: ChiCycle are concerned that ISG Westgate/Sherbourne Mini Roundabout plans contravene,the Equality Act 2010
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Dear Mark,

Thank you for your recent email sent on behalf of ChiCycle and for making my aware of your views and concerns about the proposed highway works at the junction of Westgate/Sherborne Road.

These highway works have had a substantial amount of engagement and have progressed significantly. I understand the main concern you have is in relation to the appropriateness of a shared pedestrian/cycle route in this location and its potential impact upon more vulnerable pedestrians. Local Transport Note 1/20 states that shared use can be appropriate in certain situations and paragraph 6.5.6 lists one of these as being, *"...At and around junctions where cyclists are generally moving at a slow speed, including in association with Toucan facilities..."*. This context is considered to be what is being proposed at the junction of Sherborne Road/Westgate but Parallel/Tiger crossings are proposed rather than Toucan crossings.

**The majority of cyclists shall continue to cycle on the carriageway along Westgate and additional measures are proposed to assist with this. The shared pedestrian cycle route provides a safe means of access for those less confident cyclists and this route provides a safer means of negotiating the junction.** Due consideration has been given through the design of the highway works to all road users including those that are more vulnerable to ensure that the scheme is appropriate for all; irrespective as to their level of mobility. A Stage 1 Road Safety Audit (RSA) has been undertaken at planning stage and further RSAs will be undertaken at each relevant stage (Stage 2 Detailed Design & Stage 3 Scheme Completion) and acted upon as necessary. Through the implementation of the detailed design all appropriate signing, lining and tactile paving shall be provided to ensure consideration has been given to all reasonable safety measures.

In terms of consultation the proposed highway works were originally part of the West of Chichester Phase 1 Outline Planning Consent and were therefore subject to statutory public consultation through the planning process. Additionally, the detailed design of the highway works have been considered by the Infrastructure Steering Group which was set up as a requirement of the outline planning consent. This group was formed of relevant officers and Councillors from West Sussex County Council (WSCC) and Chichester District Council (CDC) and representatives of the relevant Residents Associations in the local area and was also attended by other interested groups such as Friends of Centurion Way and Bishop Luffa School. The purpose of this group was to ensure that representatives of the relevant residents associations were fully aware of the proposals and the detailed design and so they could share this information with the local residents. This level of consultation with the local groups is significantly more than would ordinarily be undertaken for Section

278 developer highway works elsewhere in the County.

I have provided the attached report you provided to the relevant engineers and the developers consultants working on these highway works so that all the relevant designers are aware and can take into account the concerns you have raised as the highway works proceed.

Regards

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**From:** Mark Record <recordm@btinternet.com>

**Sent:** 14 June 2021 23:22

**To:** Steven Shaw <Steven.Shaw@westsussex.gov.uk>

**Subject:** ChiCycle are concerned that ISG Westgate/Sherbourne Mini Roundabout plans contravene, the Equality Act 2010

Dear WSCC Highways Officer Steven Shaw,

[ChiCycle](#) are concerned with plans to relocate cyclists from Westgate and Sherbourne roads onto unsuitable pavements around the mini roundabout junction. We believe this will contravene the Equality Act 2010 as vulnerable pedestrians will be forced into direct conflict with significant flows of cyclists. Please see the attached document for more details of our concerns.

Two residents who will be particularly discriminated against are Patricia O'Brien and Paul Voller who are both heavily reliant on canine assistant working dogs. Patricia's family specifically relocated her to Parklands because currently the location allows her to access local shops and facilities with her severe paralysis due to Multiple Sclerosis. Over a number of years I have observed Paul bravely adapt as he has lost his eyesight. Paul will lose his independence if he is unable to use the pavements with his guide dog when they are inappropriately converted into shared use cycle tracks.

Who has consulted Patricia O'Brien and Paul Voller about the removal of the legal classification as footways of the currently safe pavements that they rely on for independent living?

How is it considered satisfactory to convert these pavements used by many vulnerable people into substandard shared cycle tracks that have virtually no forward visibility at corners and are far below the minimum shared use width requirements given by the DfT?

Why have the ISG stakeholders failed to consult organisations such as Canine Partners, RNIB, MS Society and Age Concern to determine if it is appropriate to convert these narrow urban pavements into shared cycle tracks?

Conversion of our existing safe footways into substandard cycle tracks, without adequate consideration for the vulnerable residents who rely on them, will be a

failure of the planning authorities Public Sector Equality Duty.

ChiCycle are currently seeking legal advice over how best to enforce the Equality Act 2010 if these proposals to reclassify our urban footways as cycleways go forwards.

Please support ChiCycle in our opposition to these ill-considered street modifications that will unjustifiably disadvantage disabled local residents who do not drive.

Kind Regards

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