

The Active Travel and Accessibility Forum

31st January 2017 Kaposvar Room, The Guildhall, Bath

Attendees: Councillor Anthony Clarke, Councillor Paul Crossley, Justin Reeve (B&NES), Alison Sherwin (B&NES), Gillian Risbridger (Living Streets), Robin Kerr (Chair of Federation of Bath residents observer), Nigel Sherwen (Federation of Bath residents representative), Adam Reynolds (CycleBath and Bath Hacked), Frank Tompson (2 Tunnels group), Tony Shields (Widcombe Residents Association), Bryn Jones (Transition Larkhall), Jon Usher (Sustrans)

Apologies: Mark Evans (Canal & River Trust), Susan Charles (Bath Access Group), Transition Bath, RNIB.

Deaf Plus and Transition Keynsham were also invited.

1. **Review and agree terms of reference**

The terms of reference have now been updated to reflect the comments made. The main points amended are as follows:

- The primary purpose of the ATAF is to provide exchange information and views on proposed schemes and ideas in Transport/Public Realm affecting non-motorised users.
- One of the roles and responsibilities is to inform and assist with the development of a strategic Active Travel action plan for future development in line with the Government Cycling and Walking Investment Plan.
- Another role and responsibilities is to provide advice on issues of principle and good practice which is consistent with aspires to the highest elements within national guidance;
- It was agreed that the proposed name for the forum should be changed from The Cycling, Walking and Accessibility Forum to the Active Travel and Accessibility Forum (ATAF).
- 'Open' meetings will be held every 3 months at the Guildhall, Bath and 1 meeting per annum outside Bath (for example in Keynsham). There was discussion about the time of the meetings. It was agreed that for now they should be held in the evening.
- Items for the agenda should be put forward from forum members 2 weeks in advance of the 'open' ATAF meeting and agreed by the chair.
- The Forum may decide to set up such committees, subcommittees and working parties as it considers necessary subject to budget constraints.

2. **Current scheme/project update**

The following updates were provided:

- Hayesfield School proposed zebra crossing. After investigation it has been found that the current vehicle speed is too fast for the installation of a zebra crossing. It is therefore proposed that for an

experimental period of time, road cushions will be trialed , with the aim to facilitate better awareness of a zebra crossing at this very difficult location.

- Getting about Bath- The zebra crossing on Queen Square Place has been identified for improvement within this budget. Complaints of speeding and drive through issues have been received from members of the public. These drive throughs are attributed to the northern footway being narrow and as pedestrians approach the crossing point, it is unclear to motorised road users whether the pedestrian will be using the zebra crossing or just passing. The proposal is to widen the footway between the pedestrian access at Charlotte Street car park and Queens Parade to make pedestrians wishing to use the zebra more visible and allow drivers make better decisions on the approach. This work is currently being carried out. Other works included within this budget are a number of dropped kerb improvements which were identified in the recent Bath Access Audit.
- Bathwick Street feasibility study to investigate a Toucan crossing between the fire station and St Johns Road this financial year.
- Local Growth Fund Weston Village to city centre cycle improvements. A Sherwin circulated the plans showing the proposals and asked for comments. A Reynolds suggested that Weston Road north of Royal Victoria Park should have cycle lanes on both sides of the road and remove the commuter parking. Also suggested that the existing bus stop opposite Cranhill Road should be relocated east where the road is wider and provide a bus bypass for cyclists.
- Local Growth Fund Saltford to Keynsham shared use path. This proposal is to resurface the footway and upgrading existing dropped kerbs between Grange Road, Saltford and Ellsbridge Close, Keynsham. In previous years improvements have been made to widen the footway between Ellsbridge Close and Wellsway School and the provision of a Toucan crossing near Norman Road. This final piece of work will complete the off road route between Saltford and Wellsway School providing a high quality off road route for cyclists and pedestrians travelling between Saltford and Keynsham. A Reynolds requested a continuous footway on the side roads. A. Sherwin said there are only 2 cul de sac roads with very little traffic so this would not be high priority and the budget is limited.
- Local Growth Fund improvements to Saltford pedestrian crossing. The proposal is to upgrade pedestrian crossings at Beech Road and resurface a section of the A4 near the signals. This work is currently being carried out.
- Cycle Ambition Fund Door to Door Journeys – This budget is to provide cycle parking throughout Bath and in schools and small businesses in Bath.

- Cycle Ambition Fund Cycle/Pedestrians Action Plan. The Council have appointed Sustrans to prioritise 2 routes identified in the Sustrans cycle audit 2014 and develop schemes to the outline design stage; development of outline designs for cycle to the bridge from the closest cycling facilities; and the development of outline scheme design for two network nodes (this will be in the Sydney Garden area and Windsor bridge/Fieldings Bridge area).

Paul Crossley requested that in future any scheme proposal plans are provided in advance of the meetings.

3. Feedback session-Top 4 issues for cycling, walking and accessibility (these will be reviewed at the Steering Group meeting).

The following items were raised:

- On street parking policy limiting cycling and walking proposals
- Inclusive mobility access issues at entry points to key cycling/walking routes
- Review of informal path between Lyncombe Vale and the 2 Tunnels
- London Road/Cleveland Place conflicts arising from parking
- 20mph enforcement and extension

4. General news or items of interest

Paul Crossley will forward any E-newsletters relevant to the forum.

Please send any separate issues you want to raise to Paul Crossley.

5. AOB

The next meeting is proposed for an evening at the end of April (date TBC avoiding Easter holiday period).