

Alexandra Park Cycling Consultation Collated Results – 15th June to 21st August

The standard response was *“Thank you for responding to the consultation on Alexandra Park Designated Cycling Route. The consultation closes on 21st of August 2015. Your comments are noted. All responses will then be collated and considered at the end of the consultation period”*

No.	Date received	Comment Agree	Comment oppose	Response
1	15.6.15	<p>Glad to see that HBC are planning to develop a cycle path / shared use path in Alexandra Park. Roads around the park are to say the least hairy! With fast traffic and narrow roads (due to parking) so this is a welcome safe zone for families and kids alike. I am sure you'll have many anti-cycling voices concerned about young children and dogs etc but in many countries shared use spaces are the norm and people have lived side by side amicably, so I think this is achievable.</p> <p>You have my full support for the scheme</p>		Comments noted. No response required
2	15.6.15		<p>To the proposed plan of a cycle path through Alexandra Park I object to this although I know People do cycle through the park not that many though and some cyclists are good others just want to run you and the dog/toddler over, cos they don't want to stop for anyone. With the cycle greenway going through we are then going to have much more cyclists. I don't think bikes and parks will mix, we go to the park to get away from any traffic and want a safe place to walk with children so we can just potter along and not keep looking over our shoulders etc. it's going to make walking</p>	<p>Comments noted. Safety measures are integral to route design. Further consideration will be given to increased safety features.</p>

			through Alexandra park much more dangerous.	
3	15.6.15		I strongly oppose the plan to allow cycling through the lower part of Alexandra Park. This is a very well used area and the resulting conflict between irresponsible cyclists (yes, these do exist) and pedestrians (including small children) will not enhance the park experience for anyone. There is an alternative route which could go down the pavement (next to the park) in St Helen's Road.	Comments noted. Alternative routes have been considered. The proposed route is felt to be the most practicable.
4	15.6.15		<p>I would like to comment on the proposed cycle path routes through Alexander park and raise a couple of points.</p> <p>The main point being-people and transport do not mix! I am in favour of there being cycle routes wherever possible but the park is for the enjoyment of all-it is a place where we can all go with our children, dogs, elderly relatives, friends and families to enjoy a space where we are not constantly looking over our shoulder for any 'traffic' whizzing through! People picnicking on the grass can let their toddlers amble about without fear of accidents-can we really impose lanes and paths on 3 year-olds?</p> <p>The cycle path along the seafront is a brilliant example of how this doesn't work-I have seen so many near misses-people are lost in conversation, have dogs on long leads or with groups of children are routinely sworn at and abused because they have wandered into the cycle lane and they do cycle FAST!</p>	Comments noted. Safety measures are integral to route design. Further consideration will be given to increased safety features.

			<p>This is called a 'promenade'-cyclists are entitled to a cycle lane but putting it there was madness! That lane should have been the path that runs alongside the road!! And the same should apply in the park-leave it for people to walk comfortably-the only wheels should be wheelchairs and prams (and toddler trolleys!)</p> <p>The second point is this-why do we not make the grass verge that runs all along lower park road from Dordrecht way to the town by the park into the cycle lane? It is safe; it doesn't interfere with pedestrians and is already there!! The route could extend all the way up to Bohemia alongside the road on the existing path.</p> <p>I really do believe that trying to mix cycle lanes and footpaths through the park itself will ruin it for those who already use it-please don't make it a dangerous place to let our children go to! A white line and signposts telling everyone what to do and where to go in a space that was left to this town for it's quiet enjoyment will ruin it forever-please please reconsider the route-and make it around the OUTSIDE of the park!!</p> <p>Many thanks for listening (I hope!)</p>	
5	17.6.15	Fully in favour. Have spent the past week in Holland and have cycled, walked or used the train everywhere. The car has not moved. Everyone seems to be so fit and the less able can get everywhere by mobility scooter. So lovely to have quiet, tranquil city centres. The more cycle routes accessible to bikes and mobility scooters the better.		Comments noted. No response required

6	17.6.15	<p>A cycling route through Alexander Park is a good strategy, especially for us travelling to and from work to the town centre.</p> <p>We also want our children to be able to do this with us and feel at present it is a safer way to travel to and from town and the seafront.</p> <p>We do hope this happens soon, the community I'm sure would like to see this happen it's a positive way forward getting people on bicycles alongside walkers. Hopefully everyone will be ringing their Bell's soon.</p>		<p>Comments noted.</p> <p>No response required</p>
7	18.6.15	<p>I would very much like this proposal to happen, as I am a cyclist and want many other people in Hastings and East Sussex to get on there bikes in a safe and secure environment. Its happened with great success in the north west of England, only yesterday a good friend mentioned that he can ride from his home in Warrington, to his place of work in Manchester on a specially made cycle route, see link below:</p>		<p>Comments noted.</p> <p>No response required</p>
8	20.6.15	<p>The original map showing the Greenway route, showed a path alongside Alexandra Park in Lower Park/Upper Park Roads. Subsequently this was I believe declared to be impractical.</p> <p>A cycle path through the Park can and should be possible, provided all who use it behave responsibly. Perhaps there could be signs in the Park giving a number to ring if irresponsible and speeding cyclists are witnessed?</p> <p>On the beneficial side, the more people using the Park, the better for deterring unsocial and unacceptable behaviour- by dogs and humans !</p>		<p>Comments noted.</p> <p>Safety measures are integral to route design. Further consideration will be given to increased safety features.</p> <p>The identification of a telephone number to report speeding cyclists will be considered.</p>

		<p>A meeting between those against the route and Greenway might be a positive move, for both sides to put their side of the argument.</p> <p>On the whole, it seems that cyclists do respect pedestrians along the sea front route, and this idea in the Park should be given a chance.</p>		
9	20.6.15	<p>I have briefly looked at the proposals for the Greenway through Alexandra Park. I fully support the Greenway, however, I have briefly looked at the proposals for the Greenway through Alexandra Park. I fully support the Greenway I do not think share with care will work. It is frustrating for all parties. Cycle lanes need to be separate to pedestrian paths. I would recommend that certain paths in the park are solely for the use of one or the other. Where this is not possible then cycle lanes need to be clearly defined- a raised kerb is the least that needs to be done to ensure that pedestrians do not wonder into cycle paths.</p>		<p>Comments noted. The proposed route is a shared route. There are no proposals to have separate lanes in the park.</p>
10	20.6.15		<p>Re Cycling in the park.... you ARE joking Right? Totally against it as I am against that cycle lane on the sea front, you take your life in your hands when you go down there... the park would be the same. ROADS are for bikes, not FOOT paths. Perhaps the real reason is that nobody wants to police it....?</p> <p>Totally, utterly against a cycle lane in the park!!!!</p>	<p>Comments noted. No response required</p>
11	22.6.15		<p>I wish to oppose the cycles route through Alexandra park on the grounds it will be</p>	<p>Comments noted. Safety measures are integral to route</p>

			<p>unsafe for children and adults too who walk and play in this park.</p> <p>The park is for leisurely walks and enjoyment for all to use and not to get mowed down by cyclist, the park has too many blind corners so you can't see what's coming.</p> <p>The paths aren't wide enough and can't see how you can increase them without taking away the green areas and bushes etc, which the animals and birds use.</p> <p>I use the park every day of the week and find cyclist even now although they are breaking the bylaws by cycling thru the park are pedalling at full speed and swerving all over the place and over the grass areas!!! I also believe that they will not stay on the assigned routes and will go every where</p>	<p>design. Further consideration will be given to increased safety features.</p> <p>The routes follow existing paths and are only required to widen the existing path in a small number of locations.</p> <p>The cycle route will be clearly designated and signposted as the only route in the park where cycling is allowed.</p>
12	23.6.15	A cycle route would encourage my wife to cycle		<p>Comments noted. No response required</p>
13	23.6.15	<p>These routes are also used by contractors vehicles - how is this to be managed?</p> <p>What happens when paths are closed for events or essential maintenance will bikes be able to take an alternative route within the park?</p> <p>How will personal insurance provide for users</p>		<p>Contractor's vehicles currently use paths with pedestrians without conflict. No conflict with cyclists is envisaged. The cycle route will be clearly designated and signposted.</p> <p>There are no alternative routes designated. When footpaths are closed to pedestrians, they will be closed to cyclists. Cyclists will be required to dismount and join the cycle route at a</p>

	<p>who have accidents within the park, will they be covered and will that be just on the cycle route?</p> <p>What are the consequences if the bikes use other paths?</p> <p>There should be a speed limit as there are many hills, how will this be complied with? Can bikes be slowed down by ridges etc. The proposed route take it too close to the busy Shornden Playarea; how are the users to be warned?</p> <p>The upper route can work, the lower route is unacceptable. The cycle route into the lower park is unsuitable as it can be as busy as Hastings Beach during Summer months. The Café, lower toilets and dogs on thin extendable leads make this an impassable environment for cycling. The pavement running alongside the park and St Helens Road is not well used and very wide. This should be used instead of the Lower Park?</p> <p>Are there to be signs for pedestrian crossing points too?</p> <p>There will be a high cost to maintain the path signs and sign posts, who will this cost fall too? Will there be a yearly budget to cover this? There are around 94 signs in this proposal alone.</p> <p>The route is too close to the Dordrecht Way, Lower Park Rd corner. There will have to be traffic calming measures in place. A zebra crossing and maybe position it further down the road.</p>		<p>different location.</p> <p>Each personal insurance policy may differ. The council is not responsible for personal insurance.</p> <p>The use of non-designated routes is prohibited under the Parks Bye Laws and may be subject to prosecution.</p> <p>There is no speed humps/ridges proposed.</p> <p>Alternative routes have been considered. The proposed route is felt to be the most practicable.</p> <p>There will be signs for crossing points.</p> <p>Hastings Borough Council will have maintenance liability for the route.</p>
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14	25.6.15		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confusing presentation of maps • Cannot read proposed signage as blurred • Dangerous unless you can control cyclists, which you have been unable to do on the sea front where they cycle too fast, ignoring crossings, children and the elderly, causing them stress and danger. And where the pedestrians are squashed into a space that makes it difficult for two people to walk side-by-side let alone in a group. • The cycle lane has ruined the sea front, for goodness sake don't let it ruin the park. • Why not make Lower Park Road one way, implement diagonal parking and send the cyclists up there thus leaving the lower park as far as the flower beds as it is? 	<p>Comments noted.</p> <p>No response required for these points other than to state that making existing roads one way systems was not included in the scope of the project and has not been considered.</p>
15	26.6.15		<p>I am very concerned at the prospect of opening up Alexandra Park to cycling.</p> <p>I appreciate that it is proposed to limit cyclist to specific routes and limited speeds but we all know from experience with the cycle route on the sea front that cyclist do not keep to designated areas</p>	<p>Comments noted. No response required.</p>

			<p>and speeds.</p> <p>To be blunt I do not think the council has the will or resources the effectively police it, when was the last person prosecuted for cycling on the pavement or in the dark without lights or reflectors.</p> <p>The prospect of cyclist speeding round the narrow and twisting paths in the park is daunting.</p> <p>In the summer the park is buzzing with children running and playing games, dogs off their leads, mothers with prams, elderly people promenading and people sitting on the benches.</p> <p>I understand that the cyclist have said that children have eyes and people should sit with their feet under the bench which I feel is rather a short sighted approach especially if motorist used the same argument about cyclist.</p> <p>Today I had a group of 20 people on a walk around the park, the people who come on our Health Walks are usually elderly and rather slow on their feet and the prospect of us sharing a narrow path with numerous cyclist is disturbing.</p> <p>To summarise I think the plan is many accidents waiting to happen.</p>	
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16	28.6.15	An excellent idea. Let's hope the council will back it all the way. Having grandsons who can only bike along the seafront, it is ideal. If it's the labour that is costing money get unemployed people to earn their dole money by working!!!!		Comments noted. No response required.
17	28.6.15	Support this route as long as signage and sight lines are clear and speed is kept low.		Comments noted. Safety measures are integral to route design. Further consideration will be given to increased safety features.
18	28.6.15	What sort of surface will be laid? How long will it be (miles)? Good lighting for darker evenings Will it be shared with walkers?		Existing paths will be used. No new surfacing other than in discreet areas is required. The route is a shared route with pedestrians.
19	28.6.15	Thoroughly support the proposal. Would prefer that the path have different colour topping. Also that the cross park paths and those paths that merge with the cycle route be well signed.(the map doesn't show all signs I believe should be there). Have you given any thought to people who use the park after dark. It gets dark at 3.30-4pm and I have to park in lower park road and cross to my home in St Helens Road. There are many examples of safe shared paths already in use locally in East Sussex and the rest of UK and Europe. Comments about using the verge in LPR are ridiculous. Families park there and unload children,		The use of different coloured topping will be given further consideration. Safety measures are integral to route design. Further consideration will be given to increased safety features. There are no new lighting measures considered as part of this scheme.

		buggies and all sorts then walk down verge to get to nearest gate – an accident waiting to happen.		
20	28.6.15		As a deaf person, if something comes up behind, I can't hear. Also children playing. No! No! No!	Comments noted. Further consideration will be given to increased safety features.
21	28.6.15	Really good idea		Comments noted. No further response required.
22	28.6.15	As a cyclist and pedestrian I think it's a great idea and seems to have been well and thoroughly thought out. Ta!!!		Comments noted. No further response required.
23	28.6.15	I am completely in favour of proposed cycle route as both a cyclist and pedestrian. It will make it clear where to walk/cycle safely and encourage more people to take up cycling – a great affordable pastime and good for our health, town and environment. (get people out of their cars)		Comments noted. No further response required.
24	28.6.15	An excellent proposal, a long time in coming. I look forward to seeing it happen. Please do it soon. Thanks		Comments noted. No further response required.
25	28.6.15	Fantastic ideas – we would use this lots!		Comments noted. No further response required.
26	30.6.15		Regarding the proposed cycle track in Alexandra Park, I totally oppose this idea Alexandra Park is about the only place in Hastings that you can take a leisurely stroll without having to keep looking over your shoulder for cyclists speeding behind you. As a frequent pedestrian in the park I have	Comments noted. Safety measures are integral to route design. Further consideration will be given to increased safety features.

			<p>narrowly avoided being hit by cyclists who ignore the no cycling signs which aren't enforced.</p> <p>It seems that Hastings Council bend over backwards to provide facilities for cyclists with no consideration for people on foot who are the ones that will come of worst in a collision with a cyclist.</p> <p>Who will police the proposed track to ensure that cyclists stay within their area -they don't adhere to lines the seafront is a prime example of that ,cyclists think that they have a divine right to cycle wherever they choose and to hell with everyone else if the restrictions on cycling are removed in the park it will be a free for all and pedestrians will have no place there.</p>	
27			<p>As a member of our ageing population, I am very concerned at the prospect of introducing cycle routes through Alexandra Park.</p> <p>I appreciate that the proposal is to limit cyclists to specific routes and to impose a speed limit but, as many of us know from our experience with the cycle route along Hastings promenade, in many instances cyclists do not respect the designated cycle lane, and ignore the speed restriction.</p> <p>I am not at all sure that Hastings Borough Council has the will or the resources to effectively enforce the regulations that it</p>	<p>Comments noted. Safety measures are integral to route design. Further consideration will be given to increased safety features.</p> <p>We are currently renewing our Bye Laws to limit cycling to designated routes.</p> <p>The use of non-designated routes is prohibited under the Parks Bye Laws and may be subject to prosecution.</p>

			<p>proposes to put in place. Currently cyclists ride where they please within Alexandra Park - apparently unchallenged, and will probably continue to do so whether or not the cycle routes are introduced and the prospect of cyclists speeding around the narrow and twisting paths in the park is enough to make many people think twice before venturing in.</p> <p>By this I mean the elderly, mothers with toddlers, and people exercising their dogs. Accidents are just waiting to happen!</p> <p>Until recent years, Alexandra Park was one of the very few places where a person could stroll around in relative peace and quiet and enjoy the wonderful environment that it surely is.</p> <p>I have lived in Hastings since I was born, and currently walk through the park almost every day. The cyclists already have their route - our national network of roads which (in my understanding) they are by law obliged to use. Let's keep it that way.</p>	
28	30.6.15	<p>Please find my contribution on the above:</p> <p>Whilst I support in principle shared use by pedestrians and cyclists I do have a number of concerns about a cycle route via Alexandra Park.</p> <p>I believe there would need to be a route on one side of the park so that everyone understands where the route is and those pedestrians that do not wish any conflicts with cyclists could avoid it</p>		<p>The cycle route will be clearly designated and signposted as the only route in the park where cycling is allowed.</p> <p>The disability forum and representatives have been part of the route planning from the start. Their views have been collated with other consultees.</p> <p>Safety measures are integral to route</p>

		<p>by using the alternative side of the park where NO cycling should take place.</p> <p>Alexandra Park is a very different environment from say the sea front where visibility is not an issue for most people. In AP young children and dogs run free and very often from behind hedgerows and shrubs so would inevitably I'm sure see conflicts and accidents taking place.</p> <p>Disability Forums should be consulted with and any recommendations made by them should be acted upon.</p> <p>To ensure Community Safety is of paramount importance adequate signage and lighting should be in place along the route of the planned cycle route. I use the park anywhere between 5am and 10pm at night twice a day seven days a week, there are cyclists at that time of day as well using the park as little or no public transport before 6 am.</p> <p>HBC historically have had a bye law prohibiting cycling in AP which has never been enforced, how would HBC robustly enforce in the future and with what resources. If you speak with many that use the park there is no confidence at all that any enforcement would take place so many are opposed on that basis alone.</p> <p>Any route from Silverhill should avoid Silver Springs Surgery route as quite dangerous, very steep so lends itself to cyclists speeding down the slope, also conflicts with entrance / exit from Beaufort Court Older Residents Flats.</p>		<p>design. Further consideration will be given to increased safety features.</p> <p>The use of non-designated routes is prohibited under the Parks Bye Laws and may be subject to prosecution.</p>
29	1.7.15		I do not agree with the proposals. There are	Comments noted. No further response

			<p>plenty of cyclists already, riding through the park, despite signs prohibiting. Cycling & pedestrians sharing paths doesn't work, particularly for dog walkers.</p> <p>Mostly I have found people to be polite & careful around the dogs, but increasing the numbers will cause major problems. I really don't believe your signs will help - generally speaking people don't read signs.</p> <p>The top park allows for dogs to be off lead at all times, which is wonderful, but you cannot tell a dog to be aware of cycle paths & give way to bikes. And if you decide to restrict dogs then this will be another place where dogs cannot be walked off lead, which would be devastating for many dog owners.</p>	required.
30	1.7.15	<p>I would like to suggest an alternative route:</p> <p>From Silverhill, London Rd, use Beaufort Rd, Eversley Rd, Vale Rd. Access Harmer's Lane via the short path at the southern end of Buckshole Reservoir (not the steep one beside the allotments).</p> <p>Continue along Harmer's Lane to Upper/Lower Park Rd. Create new path outside the Park beside Upper/Lower Park Rd to Bethune Way, where the crossing is easily accessible.</p> <p>No doubt this will be discounted as too expensive.</p>		<p>Alternative routes have been considered. The proposed route is felt to be the most practicable.</p> <p>Further signage will be considered.</p>

		<p>My comments on your proposed route are:</p> <p>Upper Park - the directional signing should be placed at the junction of London Rd and Beaufort Rd. The present location may not be obvious from London Rd.</p> <p>Lower Park: - I hope that the footway along Bethune Way between the Park Gate and the crossing will be shared use.</p>		
31	1.7.15	<p>I am all for creating a cycle path through Alexandra Park provided it is a dedicated cycle only path. I object strongly to a mixed or shared pedestrian/cycle path - it's too dangerous.</p> <p>I don't believe the police or park wardens have the manpower to supervise cycling, they can't even properly enforce the cleaning up of dog shit, or dogs off the leash.</p> <p>Someone suggested that cyclists should be self disciplining? They need to get real. The same goes for relying on the public to speak to people who flout the rules. Can you picture the outcome of someone accosting group of cycling youths !?</p> <p>Please don't do a half cocked scheme, if the council can't do a proper safe scheme segregating all users, then invest the money in a bank until such time that a proper dedicated cyclist track can be afforded</p>		<p>The proposed route is a shared route. There are no proposals to have separate lanes in the park.</p>
32	2.7.15	<p>I think the proposed cycle route is a great idea and would welcome both it and more of the same elsewhere. Cycling is great exercise and can give mobility to those who can't run because of the impact. Therefore my vote is yes</p> <p>Thanks for proposing it</p>		<p>Comments noted. No further response required.</p>

33	2.7.15		<p>I wonder in your views on the proposed cycle route whether local residents are ever in the equation, i.e. construction noise during which operatives never obey working over and above those hours allowed, noise generally and associated litter and nuisance issues of which there are many.</p> <p>Upper Park Road has children, animals and much wildlife. Many here use the park and there are already behavioural issues from cyclists, runners, etc. who seem to believe they themselves own it. Indeed I've nearly been knocked down before and said nothing, there is no point. Many dog walkers use the path past the playground opposite and near Clarence Road.</p> <p>My husband catches a London train each day at 6 am. Is he or many other workers in this area considered with regard to nuisance from persons in the playground opposite at night anyway let alone anything associated with a cycle run!!!! Many comment but do nothing because it is never taken seriously.</p> <p>Our complaints have neither been rectified nor readily understood. Clearly this is a young persons town to the neglect of many other residents so on this basis we are making concerted efforts to find a more suitable location out with this town or its immediate neighbour. Our circle of friends concur.</p> <p>A more sensible line being taken is necessary</p>	<p>The routes follow existing paths and are only required to widen the existing path in a small number of locations. There will be little 'construction'.</p> <p>Comments have been noted.</p>
34	2.7.15	I thoroughly support the proposed route		Comments noted. No further response

		<p>through Alexandra park. It is a key route between Hastings and St Leonards and any measures to reduce road traffic along bottle necks of lower & upper park road can only be a good thing - aside from environmental factors. It is also one of the key assets for young families with children looking to learn how to cycle/build their confidence away from traffic. My son learnt how to cycle around the lower lake...</p>		required.
35	2.7.15	<p>This appears to be an excellent project worthy of our full support. It is good to notice the safety measures and signage, as well as the separation of pedestrian and cyclists. I trust and hope that the park rangers are fully supportive and trained to deal with those individuals who fail to respect the "Rules of the Park".</p>		Comments noted. The route will be shared route.
36	2.7.15	<p>YES PLEASE!</p> <p>That's a wonderful idea....should be the norm.....can't wait!</p>		Comments noted. No further response required.
37	2.7.15	<p>After viewing the maps at the event in the park on Sunday, I walked the top end of the proposed route and I feel that there needs to be a continuing route through the park from the section above the children's playground down to where the route crosses between the ponds as well as the exit/entrance routes onto Bohemia at the junction of Upper Park Road and Upper Clarence Road. Otherwise a) people have to leave the park and b)the gradients for cyclists wanting to travel the section between the town</p>		Comments noted. Alternative routes have been considered. The proposed route is felt to be the most practicable.

		<p>and Silverhill are unrealistic - there is an existing cross path with reasonable visibility which makes a much more sensible primary route while still keeping the link to Bohemia from the section above the playground.</p> <p>Most cyclists travelling just between Silverhill and Bohemia are unlikely to want to do the seriously steep down and up of the most direct designated route and this is often very slippery in autumn and winter.</p> <p>It seems to me to be foolish to create a cycle route that is unusable by reason of steep gradients as that will just encourage people to not comply with the rules and to use the supposedly dedicated walking routes instead, as they seem to do currently.</p> <p>I am both a walker and a cyclist and I support a cycle route through the park but regret that there seem to be so many constraints that the chosen route seems to be quite unsuitable in several places. The entrance at Silverhill is narrow and steep which is in my view very, very unsuitable for being a shared use cycle/walking access route and is likely to lead to injuries and aggravation for both cyclists and walkers. Access for bicycles at Silverhill would seem more sensible via Vale Road, linking in to the currently proposed cycle way at the bottom of Harmer's Pond.</p>		
38	2.7.15	Brilliant idea. Great for health, great for the environment, great for families. Please do it.		Comments noted. No further response required.
39	2.7.15	I am a longstanding resident of Hastings; a driver, pedestrian, cyclist, parent and a dog		Comments noted.

		<p>owner, so I believe I can represent all of those 'interest groups'!</p> <p>I fully support the introduction of this cycle route through Alexandra Park. This is a modest but very welcome proposal which I feel sure will benefit many people in the town without inconveniencing those who do not use it.</p> <p>I would make the following comments:</p> <p>I would go further and allow moderate and careful cycling throughout the park except where it is specifically prohibited. This would allow cyclist to follow more sensible and direct routes through the park rather than the proposed route which can be a bit circuitous and hilly. It may also reduce the amount of signage as all you would need is signs at the entrances to the park with the 'code of conduct' and a warning to pedestrians</p> <p>The proposed signage is misleading. A cyclist wanting to cycle to the Conquest Hospital from the bottom of the park is directed to Asda at Silverhill. This is miles from the hospital. A much more direct route is up St Helens Rd / Buckshole Reservoir. Anyone who knows the route will ignore the signage whilst anyone who doesn't will feel that they have been led astray by very bad direction signs!</p>		<p>The cycle route will be clearly designated and signposted as the only route in the park where cycling is allowed.</p>
40	2.7.15	<p>I'd like to say that I live in Bohemia and often want to cycle to Queens road but upper to lower park road is treacherous. A cycle path through the park or that cycle mesh along the side of the road would be very useful.</p>		<p>Comments noted. No further response required.</p>

41	4.7.15	I am a regular user of the Alexandra Park and a cyclist I fully support the proposals for a cycle route through Alexandra Park on the route shown.		Comments noted. No further response required.
42	5.7.15		<p>I wish to object in the very strongest terms to the plan to allow cycling in the park.</p> <p>At this stage I want to point out that I am a cyclist. Already when it is supposedly not allowed, there are people cycling new lightweight titanium bikes at high speeds - not only on the paths but across the grassed areas.</p> <p>I wonder how many hours has been spent actually looking at how the Park is currently used and by whom. I happen to live across the road and spend a lot of leisure time both on my own and with guest enjoying the pleasures of the beautiful areas.</p> <p>At the moment all age groups use the areas - for walking, picnicking, painting, exercising, reading - together with families and little children using scooters and mini bikes. In addition, people with limited mobility who walk very slowly or use wheelchairs and a electric wheelchairs are current users of the proposed cycle park.</p> <p>I would like, as a matter of urgency, to see the evidence of the success of 'shared use' of walkways between pedestrians and cyclists in London parks.</p> <p>I am a Londoner and my experience of using a wide variety of London parks suggests that</p>	Comments noted. No further response required.

			<p>this is nonsense.</p> <p>In addition the latest bikes travel at speeds of up to 30 mph through park areas. As it is, there are cyclist in near misses with pedestrians both in the park and on the paved areas of the towns and villages of East Sussex. When are on the spot fines for contravening the by laws likely to be introduced (as they have recently in Dublin?). Greenway make the 'network of footpaths and cycleways' sound something that only a churl would object to.</p> <p>Sadly this network is unlikely to serve all the users currently accessing Alexandra Park let alone the addition of challenging cyclists. The days when cyclists were Agatha Christie characters carrying ginger beer and sandwiches in their front basket or saddle bag are long behind us. Many seem to use their bike as a weapon and move, head down, at speed - regardless of others.</p> <p>Cyclists, of course, need a safe area in which to travel but the current path in Alexandra Park is not it.</p>	
43	6.7.15	<p>I strongly support the proposed cycle route through the park. I am a little concerned that it's hard to tell from the plans the nature of the paths, the extent of any segregation from pedestrians and the detail of any of the junctions.</p> <p>The park is a busy place, especially in the summer. As anyone who has walked or cycled along the old town end of the seafront 'cycle path' can see, shared space with so much</p>		<p>The proposed route is a shared route. There are no proposals to have separate lanes in the park.</p> <p>The cycle route will be clearly designated and signposted as the only route in the park where cycling is allowed.</p>

		<p>footfall is neither safe nor convenient for cyclists or pedestrians.</p> <p>It is also unclear how a cyclist who is likely to use a path like this will get to or from the park - the entrance/exits go straight onto busy roads. Is the park supposed to be an island?</p> <p>I short, I think it's a great idea but that there is inadequate detail and this is quite a poor consultation.</p>		
44	7.7.15	<p>I am thrilled that there will be a cycle route in Alexandra park. The only thing I would suggest after looking at the plans is that: wouldn't it be better (and less public use) to enter the park opposite Waterworks Road – tunnel on side of St Helens Park Road? And then down onto path by play area, to join the path going towards public loos on (st helens road side) and NOT the one currently proposed as these two paths I have recommended seem to be less used by others than the ones proposed.</p>		<p>Comments noted. Alternative routes have been considered. The proposed route is felt to be the most practicable.</p>
45	9.7.15		<p>Proposed cycle path from the Upper Park down through the middle Park and across to the lower Park. These are my arguments against and I have put this in facebook.</p> <p>As we all know there are very few dog walking areas left that are safe and where we are able to let our dogs have a good run without being limited to a certain time of the day or pushed into dark unsafe wooded areas.</p> <p>If the cycle path goes ahead this will in turn</p>	<p>The cycle route will be clearly designated and signposted as the only route in the park where cycling is allowed.</p> <p>Safety measures are integral to route design. Further consideration will be given to increased safety features.</p>

			<p>undoubtedly cause the same problem we have along St Leonards beachfront from stamco to Bexhill where cyclists have been given a route and are now offended if the dogs (who were there first) run in front of them and demand that they are put on the lead.</p> <p>Another good walking area ruined by cycle path. If you can take the time to look at the plans and forward your comments or opposition Hastings Borough Council it would be appreciated.</p> <p>My personal opposition to this is not aimed at cyclists per se as I do understand that not all cyclists should be tarred with the same brush however generally speaking, as a dog walker we are gradually losing safe walking areas and I personally have come across cyclists with such opinions a number of times.</p> <p>Further to this, a cycle path put in the lower Park where there are often very young children could cause upset and danger to young children. Currently you are able to take your children down the park and let them run free knowing they be safe on the path. If a cycle path was to put on the path young children would not be able to run free for fear of them stepping unknowingly until the cycle path by accident.</p> <p>A local park should be an area where everybody can safely enjoy a walk and a play as has always been. Adding what is effectively a road in a park where people play is asking for trouble and is dangerous in my opinion.</p>	
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			I will be forwarding my comments to Hastings Borough Council and I asked for those of you who feel as strongly as I do about this do the same. We don't have long left as Hastings Borough Council have kept their notices of application small and few and far between in fact I have only seen one notice in the entire Park which was in the viewing stand by the bowling green in the lower Park.	
46	10.7.15	We've added a few parts because it only takes one child to run out and a whole set of bikes knocking that why we would change it.		Comments noted.
47	10.7.15	Have two separate lanes, one for adults and the other for children, however, I like the park how it is but I think there should be signs so that people know that there are cyclists.		Comments noted. The proposed route is a shared route. There are no proposals to have separate lanes in the park. The cycle route will be clearly designated and signposted as the only route in the park where cycling is allowed.
48	10.7.15	Why not use the parallel park that runs by the reservoir instead of the top park Suggest a mirror be installed on the path curve near the boating lake Re think area near café		Comments noted. Alternative routes have been considered. The proposed route is felt to be the most practicable.
49	10.7.15	I think the route is fine, however, I think that separate lanes should be marked or built so that there is less chance of accidents. Near the		The proposed route is a shared route. There are no proposals to have separate lanes in the park.

		café, there could be problems because of the amount of people around this café. The road crossing in the middle of the park doesn't need changing as there are two up hill slopes towards the road so bike riders have time to slow down and wont be travelling fast due to the slopes.		
50	10.7.15	The path is well designed and safe while interesting. However at the same time some crossings look dodgy for cyclists travelling both ways and the rear way down looks like another path could be added cutting around shornden reservoir crossing over the Lower Park Road, opposing cycling to the 2 nd and 3 rd entrance/exit.		The proposed route is a shared route. There are no proposals to have separate lanes in the park. The cycle route will be clearly designated and signposted as the only route in the park where cycling is allowed.
51	10.7.15	I think that the bike path looks safe and could work good with the park. The only thing I have to say is where the route you have selected is in the main areas where most people walk with their families and could get in the way.		Comments noted.
52	10.7.15	Add another route from the top pond from Silverhill to make it more direct to the main park as for commuters, it needs to be quicker.		Alternative routes have been considered. The proposed route is felt to be the most practicable.
53	10.7.15	The route is a very good idea. It will enable more people to use the park in a more varied way. The signs seem to be adequate and various parts of the route look accessible from different parts of town adjacent to the park. Widening the paths is also a good idea. Investment in them is something that will benefit the pedestrian park users as well as cyclists and should be welcome by all.		Comments noted. No further response required.
54	12.7.15		I use the park regularly, on my own and with	The proposed route is a shared route.

			<p>friends and family. Both cycling and walking are healthy and enjoyable activities, but I strongly object to shared routes. Some cyclists use the paths in the park now, and I find it a great annoyance and potential hazard. It is just impossible to feel safe and relaxed when bikes can suddenly be upon you. Strolling along with children becomes an impossibility. Small children can be put into buggies or somehow harnessed or kept hold of, but that defeats the object of exploring the park. It should be a safe oasis, not yet another area where you have to be vigilant at all time.</p> <p>I have many cyclists among friends and family, and they will complain about pedestrians straying into cycle lanes. All the more reason to provide safe lanes for both users.</p>	<p>There are no proposals to have separate lanes in the park.</p> <p>The cycle route will be clearly designated and signposted as the only route in the park where cycling is allowed.</p> <p>Safety measures are integral to route design. Further consideration will be given to increased safety features.</p>
55	13.7.15		<p>I am very concerned about the proposed cycle route through our lovely Alexandra park. It is bad enough walking the footpaths in Hastings with cyclist riding on the pavement, but even though there may be a designated cycle way ; I feel it is an accident waiting to happen. Apart from this , a park is</p>	<p>Comments noted. No further response required.</p>

			meant to be a tranquil place for relaxing and it will change if bikes are allowed to cycle in the park. Please please do NOT go ahead with this scheme	
56	14.7.15	See attached report		
57	15.7.15		<p>I am opposed to this. It offers little advantage to cyclists over using Lower Park Road. Meanwhile it poses a safety risk to the many families with small children, who often run or scoot around in erratic movements, and people with dogs on long leads, quite often extending across the path between owner and dog.</p> <p>There should not be any more traffic through the park - it is a traffic-free area and very safe. Please keep it that way. Introducing bikes - whether fast-moving through traffic or BMX wheelie bikers - would make it more dangerous and drive many people away.</p> <p>I would also suggest that there should be much clearer signage at the entrances to the parks: "No cycling". This could also be stencilled on the roads and paths on the way in, as they have done in Regent's Park for example.</p>	Comments noted. No further response required.
58	15.7.15	<p>As the park is a Heritage Park, with a high footfall and with many slopes and hidden corners, this scheme is totally inappropriate.</p> <p>I think that many current users will be displaced and feel unsafe if this route is adopted and accidents will be a certainty. The look of the park will be changed forever with signs everywhere we go to the park to escape this sort of street</p>		Alternative routes have been considered. The proposed route is felt to be the most practicable.

		<p>scene.</p> <p>My proposal is this. Create a cycle path through Clarence Road (this is flatter and a safer way to Bohemia Lodge. From this point keep the path alongside the Upper and Lower Park Roads, it will just need the vegetation cut back, surfacing and some bollards to protect users from cars. Then at Dordrecht Way enter the Park and head towards the toilet block and back out through the slope towards number 76 St Helens Rd, then use the wide pavement that hardly anyone uses along the rest of St Helens Rd abutting the park.</p> <p>A much simpler route and one that ma afford a cost saving.</p>		
59	14.7.15	<p>The proposal looks ok to me but please keep the signage to an absolute minimum as this is unsightly and costly. I could never understand why cycling was not allowed in the park?</p>		<p>Comments noted. The cycle route will be clearly designated and signposted as the only route in the park where cycling is allowed.</p>
60	17.7.15		<p>I felt I had to comment on the proposed changes to the footpaths in Alexandra Park to include a cycle route. As a frequent user of the park I feel it would be disastrous to allow cyclist to use the park. We already have cyclists who ignore the "no cycling" signs and on a number of occasions I have nearly been knocked down by a cyclist who came from behind me travelling at some speed. I am surprised we have not heard of this happening to young children who are running about enjoying the park.</p> <p>Having more safe cycling routes in Hastings is a good idea. (I am an ex cyclist) but having</p>	<p>Comments noted. Safety measures are integral to route design. Further consideration will be given to increased safety features.</p>

			it in the park is not the answer.	
61	20.7.15		<p>I see this as exceptionally dangerous proposition. Children run around in the park without fear of being knocked over which will undoubtedly happen if the scheme goes ahead as per consultation plans. Children in the park environment will not and cannot be expected to look out for speeding cycles [and the cycles will speed through the park as it is nice and flat].</p> <p>Re the Lower Park in particular I would have thought that the use of the strip of ground in Lower Park Road between the park perimeter railings and the kerb of the road would be a far better route for the cyclists and a great deal safer for the other park users by keeping one separated from the other.</p> <p>I would like to add that I also have a cycle</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p> <p>Safety measures are integral to route design. Further consideration will be given to increased safety features.</p> <p>The cycle route will be clearly designated and signposted as the only route in the park where cycling is allowed.</p> <p>Alternative routes have been considered. The proposed route is felt to be the most practicable.</p>
62	20.7.15		<p>Please do not have a cycle path through Alexander Park.</p> <p>Why:- People need places that are free from traffic. I've had the whizzing past cyclists just walking there this week and at various times in past. If you make it a cycle path then you exclude people. it will become a race track. the entrances, dips and slopes are brilliant for cycles. At the moment young/learner cyclists are Ok its a safe place to learn. No one would be offended by them. Change it and it will be just another 'road'. The roads around the park are wide enough for a dedicated cycle path on them. Leave the park for people of all ages and</p>	<p>Comments noted. No further response required.</p>

			<p>abilities and yes skaters and the dog walkers.</p> <p>Parks are for people. Thankyou</p>	
63	20.7.15		<p>When Alexandra Park was designed and laid out it was for people to enjoy without fear of horses and horse drawn vehicles. How horrified they would be to discover that the current council is proposing to destroy the ambience and atmosphere of the park by allowing cyclists free rein through there. I do not believe that, even if they do stick to the designated cycle path, this is wiser sensible and I think many families will choose to go elsewhere for safety and security. Shame on you for even considering this idea.</p>	<p>Comments noted. No further response required.</p>
64	21.7.15		<p>I use the park on a regular basis and believe that cycling should not be allowed due to the many very young, elderly and disabled people that use the park as well as dog walkers. Even when cycling is not allowed as at present the rangers cannot do anything as they say they are too fast and have given up trying.</p> <p>I have bene hit by cycles and have seen it happen to others. They also swear at you to move, and try to intimidate you by cycling very fast and shouting and expecting you to jump out of the way.</p> <p>If I drove on the road at the speed some of these cyclists ride at, I would get a speeding ticket.</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p> <p>Safety measures are integral to route design. Further consideration will be given to increased safety features.</p>

65	21.7.15		<p>The park is to be enjoyed by all. The purpose of the park is to allow people to de-stress after working hard or for gentle jog which many do. They even take their dogs for a gentle jog too?</p> <p>I have met many new people as they are not in a hurry, just relaxing.</p> <p>I feel that allowing cycling in the park would change the whole tempo and ambience.</p>	Comments noted. No further response required.
66	21.7.15		<p>As someone who walks their talk in the park on an almost daily basis, I have serious concerns about the cycle route.</p> <p>At present there are “no cycling” signs on the gates, which are already ignored by cyclists so the idea that they will conform to any rules are highly unlikely most have no bells and the cyclists wear headphones.</p> <p>Having spoken to the park rangers on many occasions they have admitted that they cannot even catch them, leave alone talk to them especially the ones who swear at you as they shout that they are doing a “time trial”!</p> <p>My dog has already been run over by a cyclist in the park, leave alone several near misses. My son is disabled as is my husband so we find the park a safe haven to take exercise alongside the many elderly and very young whilst enjoying nature and the wildlife. It is also a great meeting place for people to chat whilst taking a gentle stroll, without being told to “get out of the way” and “mind your backs”.</p>	Comments noted. Safety measures are integral to route design. Further consideration will be given to increased safety features.

			<p>I think that we are all entitled to exercise at our own pace, but bringing vehicles into the park will drive people away.</p> <p>A gentleman spoke to me at the Town and Country Fair saying what a beautiful park it was. He was from Southend and told me that since the cycle paths had been opened, no one went in there anymore as it was too dangerous.</p>	
67	21.7.15	See comprehensive report		
68	23.7.15		<p>I am a cyclist but I am against it for Alexandra park because</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children pedestrians are vulnerable to being knocked over by adults cyclists • Elderly pedestrians have some difficulty with “awareness of approach” by swift moving cyclists • The route is through a “walking speed” area of recreation used by families and children, elderly and dog walkers etc. 	<p>The cycle route will be clearly designated and signposted as the only route in the park where cycling is allowed.</p> <p>Safety measures are integral to route design. Further consideration will be given to increased safety features.</p>
69	24.7.15		<p>I am writing to express my opposition to the proposal to introduce cycle routes to Alexandra Park. I write as both a keen cyclist and a father of a 2 year old girl.</p> <p>My main concern relates to the lower park route, although I have significant reservations about the other 2 parts of the route as well. The lower park is the hub of family outdoor recreation in the town. It is a jewel that is treasured by families across our borough. Part of the joy of the park is that it is a safe place where, for large parts, small</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p> <p>The cycle route will be clearly designated and signposted as the only route in the park where cycling is allowed.</p> <p>Safety measures are integral to route design. Further consideration will be given to increased safety features.</p>

			<p>children can be allowed to run, jump and play. The proposals will make this impossible for a significant part of the park - it will fundamentally alter the essential nature of the lower park. I am sure that many of the authors of the route, and its supporters, are or have been parents of toddler age children. The best 'share with care' signs in the world will not mean a jot to the average 2 year old. They will weave all over the paths, as they should be doing at their age! So, as a result, small children will effectively no longer have the freedom to play on and around the area covered by the route.</p> <p>I feel there needs to be a balance in terms of the users of the park. To help me understand why you are proposing to allow cycling in large parts of the park, I'd be grateful for answers to the following questions (the answers to which I assume you have accurate and up-to-date statistics for as due diligence would surely ensure?):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How many people walk through the lower park, on average, every day?• How many people in Hastings actually cycle to work?• How many people in Hastings have workplaces that make cycling to work even feasible? Showers, a secure place for bike storage etc.• What are the injury/accident	
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			<p>statistics for cyclists using the perfectly decent and reasonably wide St Helens Road to and from the town centre? What evidence is there that there is a significant demand for cyclists to work wishing to take a more hilly and roundabout route to actually get there?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How many people have expressed the desire for a cycle route in the park? What is the democratic mandate for such a move? Have surveys of park users been carried out?• What risk assessments have been carried out with regards the potential for collisions between small children and cyclists in the park? <p>The proposals differ significantly from the sea front cycle route in my opinion because the promenade has never been a safe place for small children to roam - due to the proximity of the road and the railings to the beach - therefore it would be reasonably expected that parents would be holding the hand/carrying small children in such circumstances. It is manifestly not reasonable to impose the same restrictions on children in the park.</p> <p>I'd like to emphasise that I am not 'anti</p>	
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			<p>cycling' - I cycle myself and know it is an important and very enjoyable leisure pursuit. However in my view the proposals are simplistic and badly thought through and should be reconsidered.</p>	
70	24.7.15	<p>The route of the cycle path to the South of Shornden reservoir slows the travel from Silverhill to St Helens Rd and city centre. It would be better to allow it to the North of the reservoir or preferably both.</p> <p>There is no linking of St Helens Rd to the cycle route. I would hope you could join the cycle route from the depot area in the middle of the park or elsewhere? If the path is being used for practical use rather than pleasure a short route is appreciated.</p> <p>My personal preference would be to open the park to use by cycles and just to place multiple signs stating the cycling rules you have suggested clearly (+a few more?). My wife suggests a fine by park wardens for poor cycling behaviour</p>		<p>The cycle route will be clearly designated and signposted as the only route in the park where cycling is allowed.</p> <p>Alternative routes have been considered. The proposed route is felt to be the most practicable.</p> <p>It is not considered feasible to allow cycling in all parts of the park.</p>
71	28.7.15		<p>I've heard there are plans to consider a cycle path through Alexandra Park. I am opposed to this as it will increase the amount of bikes in the park. The riders will also go faster on a designated path, and with less regard to children and animals in their way. It is a dangerous move that benefits cyclists only and will be harmful to everyone else using the park.</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p> <p>The cycle route will be clearly designated and signposted as the only route in the park where cycling is allowed.</p> <p>Safety measures are integral to route design. Further consideration will be given to increased safety features.</p>
72	30.7.15		<p>Dear sir or madam, I would like to comment</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p>

			<p>on the plan to have a cycle route in the park, I do not support the idea. The park is meant for people and families to enjoy, not to be looking over your shoulder as bike whiz by as someone is bound to be knocked over and injured. Children and older people are more vulnerable. We have a really nice park so why spoil it. Why spoil it for the public this is such a crazy idea. Cyclist should us the road that is what its for, its bad enough walking the streets of Hastings and have to dodge the people on bikes, I have nearly been knocked over many times. By the way I do ride a bike.</p>	<p>The cycle route will be clearly designated and signposted as the only route in the park where cycling is allowed.</p> <p>Safety measures are integral to route design. Further consideration will be given to increased safety features.</p>
73	30.7.15		<p>The Tourism Association would like to emphasize the importance of the park to visitors to the town as well as local people. It is an invaluable asset particularly for foreign language students who use it in large numbers during the sum for organised activities.</p> <p>We do not consider the addition of any vehicle route through the park would be suitable, and it would detract from the amenity especially for families with small children. We particularly wish to keep the southern end of the park, below Dordrecht Way, free of cycle traffic.</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p>
74	31.7.15		<p>We already have a cycling lane along the promenade which leaves little enough space for walkers. This park is a gem and adding such a monstrosity would defeat the whole idea of rejuvenation... a lot of money has already been spent to bring it back to its original beauty... which does not include a cycle lane! Leave it alone for us to enjoy naturally.</p>	<p>Comments noted. No further response required.</p>

75	3.8.15		<p>as a cyclist I'm all for cycle routes, but i don't think one in the lower part of Alexandra park is a good idea at all far too many parents and young children use this during the summer if you understand that bikes and cars don't mix, the same goes for young children and bikes!</p>	<p>Comments noted. No further response required.</p>
76	3.8.15		<p>I am totally opposed to the idea of designated cycle paths in Alexandra Park.</p> <p>The park is a pleasant, green open space away from traffic. It is used by people of all ages, including young families with little children and the elderly. Why should their enjoyment of the park be compromised?</p> <p>If cycle paths are created it will simply encourage loons in pointy hats and Lycra vests to ride through the park as fast as they can, just like Hastings sea front, and woe betide anyone with the temerity to get in their way.</p> <p>As well as the unsightly cyclists, there will doubtless be innumerable ugly signs painted on the paths and stuck on poles all over the place, ruining the park landscape.</p> <p>If a cycle path is necessary then put in at the side of Lower Park Road.</p> <p>This is one of the daftest ideas dreamt up by HBC and ESCC in quite some time.</p>	<p>Comments noted. No further response required.</p>
77	3.8.15		<p>Please note that I am totally opposed to the introduction of cycle routes in Alexandra Park on the grounds that there will be an unacceptable conflict with pedestrians. Cyclists can quite easily and safely use the</p>	<p>Comments noted. No further response required.</p>

			roads nearby to cross this area	
78	3.8.15		<p>i have been a park user for the last 20 years, walking my dogs in the park, three times a day. i must admit i don't like the idea of a designated cycle lane, i think we all manage to use the paths in a reasonable way now, everybody has to be considerate of other people.</p> <p>However, sometimes things are difficult with cyclists, they don't have bells or any way of warning you they are there; consequently you aren't aware of them until they are just behind you, and a few times i have nearly gone off to the left or right to talk to someone, or see something and have got a bad shock. if the cycle lane at glyne gap is anything to go by, there can be some very determined cyclist, they seem unwilling to slow down, give you a warning, or take anyone else into consideration, eg; dogs, children, old people.</p> <p>Things are manageable in the park as they are, you can't be all things to all men, it is a limited space that is becoming more popular. Bikes after all were made to cycle along roads not parks. so i wouldn't be happy with this proposal, and nor would all the other people i have talked to</p>	Comments noted. No further response required.
79	4.8.15		<p>I understand the need for safe cycling routes in the town and am all for looking at ways of incorporating these into the road systems and town centre. However, as a frequent user of Alexandra Park and mum of a 13 month old I'm unsure as to why the route is being proposed. The park is a safe walking route for young and old without the fear of</p>	Comments noted. No further response required.

			getting knocked over or moved out of the way. It is a calm haven away from traffic. As a place already busy with children and prams I really think it's unwise to consider this as a route for bicycles. I hope you will consider the practicalities of such a move and listen to the voices of many park users who are not very happy about this proposal	
80	4.8.15		I am very unhappy at the proposed tracks for cyclists in Alexander Park. Only this morning whilst walking my dog through lower park I was almost knocked down by a young cyclist on a BMX bike. This is not the first time this has happened either. I am disabled, I have pain walking but have to due to suffering from heart disease, aneurysms to keep fit. I walk my dog for an hour twice a day in the park and constantly encounter mainly young lads, boys on BMX bikes and mountain bikes. On numerous occasions I have had near misses with them nearly hitting me or my dog. The youth in the park have absolutely no respect for the park, they leave it covered in litter even though there are bins, and they give no warning whatsoever when approaching you on their bikes. I believe it will be a total mistake to put a path in for cyclists beyond Lower park as they will turn it into a BMX track, destroy the wildlife and woods. I tend to walk my dog in the more shaded parts of the park away from the child friendly area's, the area's you are proposing for a cyclist track, as do many other people with dogs. I like many, clean up after my dog and have the utmost respect for the park and people that use it, I believe it will be at the detriment of the wildlife if you go ahead with the idea.	Comments noted. No further response required.

81	4.8.15	<p>People already cycle through the park with no adverse effect. Perhaps a speed limit like the parks of London.</p>		<p>There is no proposal to impose a speed limit on the use of the route.</p>
82		<p>Regarding the proposed cycle route in alexandra park:</p> <p>This looks great to me. Pretty much the routes I have been doing on and off for the last 3 decades or so. The reality is that many people cycle in the park already, maybe this could make it safer, and surely wouldn't be that costly - I haven't seen the figures. This was the situation on the prom for years, and it has definitely improved now that we have a legal right to cycle on the prom - anti-social cyclists, as far as I can tell, are very few and far between on the prom. I think it's a good idea. I must have seen about 20 people cycling in the park the other day including families with little kids. A great way to encourage people to travel around in a healthy and sustainable way, without carbon emissions. It could also get more kids cycling to schools by opening up new routes. Brilliant idea.</p>		<p>Comments noted. No further response required.</p>
83	5.8.15	<p>Two points re cycling in Alexandra Park.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1, Absolutely no lycra allowed 2. No racing or riding two abreast 		<p>Comments noted. No further response required.</p>
84	5.8.15		<p>The proposed route seems to be properly signed (though it contributes to a high level of visual pollution in the Park) and would no doubt be accessible to cyclists, but we feel that it is very likely to cause even more annoyance and danger to walkers in the park than the present situation.</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p> <p>The cycle route will be clearly designated and signposted as the only route in the park where cycling is allowed.</p> <p>Safety measures are integral to route</p>

			<p>The park should be a haven for pedestrians and joggers. Mothers must be able to take small children into the park safely. The elderly must be able to walk in a relaxed way without having to listen out for cyclists coming from behind. There simply isn't room for pedestrians and cyclists to coexist side by side; the proposed widening to 3m in place is laughable. 3m to accommodate pedestrians and, potentially, cyclists going into both directions?</p> <p>It is clear from the situation on the seafront that much more than 3m is required and it would ruin the park to dedicate to a proper cycle track the much larger amount of space that would be needed.</p> <p>The code of conduct would be ideal if it could be enforced, but is rather wishful thinking.</p> <p>It would be much better to (a) enforce the present No Cycling rule and (b) study the possibility of a cycle track that might run between the Park and St Helens Road. To lose a little of the width of St Helens Road might be no bad thing and could contribute to traffic slowing.</p>	<p>design. Further consideration will be given to increased safety features.</p>
85	6.8.15	<p>ALEXANDRA PARK CYCLE PATH will certainly be safer for cyclists and can be supported on those grounds alone [I HAVE cycled up Lower Park Road, and it's not funny]. However it needs to be safe for ALL OF US. Mostly it will be the great majority of cyclists are sensible people. However there is always the occasional thoughtless, aggressive, or self centred one. May we have rumble strips or cattle grids or something to curb what they would call 'their enthusiasm? Speed limits</p>		<p>Comments noted. No further response required.</p>

		alone are useless because someone has to be THERE to enforce them		
86	6.8.15	I'm in favour of the proposed bike route through the park. I don't agree that it is uncommonly dangerous for pedestrians though I'm not sure if there are many accidents with existing cycle / pedestrian shared path along the front. I live in Lower PArk Road and more concerned about cars parking on the grassy verge outside our house when there are events. It's very dangerous and has caused some really aggressive behaviours from motorists in near misses.		Comments noted. No further response required.
87	6.8.15	I think that this is a good idea. I have seen walking, running and cycling working perfectly well in other parks e.g. the excellent War Memorial Park in Coventry, and always thought it a pity that it was not allowed in Alexandra Park. I do not think that the risk of discourteous cyclists should put us off this development but care should be taken to ensure that it is clear to all what is and what is not the route. And how about a speed limit? Is that practical? Some cyclists do bomb along a bit which is ok on the promenade where there is good visibility but possibly a risk in the Park.		Comments noted. No further response required.
88	6.8.15	This is a really brilliant step that has been too long coming. I have only two comments. First, that dog-walkers, music-loving joggers and push-chair mums need to be made aware that they are sharing the route with cyclists. No amount of bell-ringing seems to convince them not to hog the pavement. Secondly, you might think of introducing speed-restricting measures such as bumps, bend or chicanes to slow cyclists. Most of us are considerate, but a small, racy minority are inclined to spoil it for everyone		Comments noted. No further response required.

89	6.8.15	I fully support this proposal. If anyone has concerns about pedestrians, I would suggest a speed limit. I look forward to a properly integrated cycle route through Hastings which makes it safe to cycle everywhere		Comments noted. No further response required.
90	10.8.15		<p>We feel that mixed pedestrian and cycle routes do not work in recreational spaces such as parks.</p> <p>Many people have told us that they feel the seafront cycle route on the pavement is not working and pedestrians have difficulties with speeding cyclists.</p> <p>Our Grade II* Alexandra Park is a place for strolling and relaxing, enjoying the wonderful space; it is not a place where walkers want to be aware that cyclists may be coming up fast behind them. It is space where children can enjoy a certain amount of freedom and this will be taken away if cycling is allowed.</p> <p>There is a perfectly good path by the Park fence for much of Lower Park Road possibly this could be sacrificed for a cycle path, but please keep the park a space for walkers and pushers and mobility scooters, but not cyclists.</p>	Alternative routes have been considered. The proposed route is felt to be the most practicable.
91	10.8.15		I wish to raise my objection to the proposed cycle path through Alexandra Park in Hastings. I believe that it would be unsafe for other users of the park if cyclists were allowed to cycle through the park. The park is extremely well used by families, older people and dog walkers. If the cycle path goes ahead they will not be able to use the	<p>The cycle route will be clearly designated and signposted as the only route in the park where cycling is allowed.</p> <p>Safety measures are integral to route design. Further consideration will be given to increased safety features.</p>

			<p>park safely. At the moment children can run about and play and people can stroll along without fear of being knocked over by a bicycle. Already people cycle through the park illegally and they invariably travel too fast. If a designated cycle path is installed for them they will no doubt continue to go too fast and there will be far more cyclists using the park. This already happens along the sea front. Cyclists seem to think that they can cycle on any pavement, through the town centre, along the sea front, without being aware of pedestrians.</p> <p>I am not against cyclists, I am one myself, but I use the roads and abide by the highway code which is something that most cyclists seem unable to do. Allowing a cycle path through the park is a recipe for disaster.</p> <p>Has anyone from Hastings Borough Council been into the park and seen how well used it is especially now that the children are on school holidays. On a Wednesday afternoon during the holidays the park is packed with families.</p> <p>Have you considered marking the cycle track outside the park along the verge on Lower and Upper Park Road. This verge is probably 8 feet wide which would be quite adequate for a cycle track.</p>	<p>Alternative routes have been considered. The proposed route is felt to be the most practicable.</p>
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93	10.8.15	<p>I fully support the proposed cycle path in Alexandra Park. I can't see why pedestrians and cyclists can't co-exist in harmony.</p> <p>I do, however, have some concerns where it crosses Dordrecht Way - i would like to see an improved junction treatment. such as a narrowing, and a more pronounced speed table to lesson the likely hood of conflicts with motorised traffic.</p> <p>I would also like to see some cycle parking located in the park to encourage visits to and through the park by bike</p>		<p>Comments noted.</p> <p>Consideration will be given to safety measures across Dordrecht way.</p>
94	11.8.15		<p>Please don't do this - it's unnecessary and will spoil the park and be potentially dangerous (if you think that a few 'conduct' signs will change people's behaviour, you're deuded). If you must do it, just make a path that goes down the whole side of the park next to Upper and Lower Park roads and doesn't go in to the park at all.</p> <p>I feel really strongly about this especially the bits in middle and lower park which are heavily used by people of all ages.</p> <p>Please acknowledge that my views have been recorded as a resounding NO!</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p> <p>Alternative routes have been considered. The proposed route is felt to be the most practicable.</p>
95	11.8.15		<p>Confusing presentation of maps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cannot read proposed signage as blurred and in any case signs won't stop cyclists behaving dangerously. • Dangerous unless you can control cyclists, which you have been unable to do on the sea front where they cycle too fast, ignoring crossings, 	<p>The cycle route will be clearly designated and signposted as the only route in the park where cycling is allowed.</p> <p>Safety measures are integral to route design. Further consideration will be given to increased safety features.</p>

			<p>children and the elderly, causing them stress and danger. And where the pedestrians are squashed into a space that makes it difficult for two people to walk side-by-side let alone in a group. Cyclists are now misbehaving on the shared use from the end of Robertson Street to the old town and made that unpleasant now.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• At the moment there are no resources to police no cycling in the park so it is ignored. However, this works well as cyclists respect pedestrians and mostly cycle carefully as it is clear pedestrians have right of way. Judging by the sea front and path to Bexhill if you give cyclists any rights of way they just ruin it for everyone else by going too fast and recklessly, endangering pedestrians, making them anxious and generally making walking a very unpleasant experience. The cycle lane has ruined the sea front, for goodness sake don't let it ruin the park. <p>If we must have a cycling route why not make Lower Park Road one way, implement diagonal parking nearest the houses and send the cyclists up there and thus leaving the lower park as far as</p>	<p>Alternative routes have been considered. The proposed route is felt to be the most practicable.</p>
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			<p>the flower beds as it is? In fact there is space both inside and outside the fence on the lower park road side for cyclists. Then past Dordrecht Way there is a wide verge next to Lower Park Road, the area by the ponds and a path from there not used much almost as part as the Buckshole reservoir. So it seems to me there is no need to change the arrangements in the park....</p>	
96	12.8.15		<p>I have seen your plans for a cycle path in Alexandra park and here are my comments. I am a cyclist that has been cycling for 45 to 50 years and I am against having a cycle path in the park as I feel it would be too dangerous for walkers and children. I think that there are too many irresponsible cyclists who do not give enough consideration to others and there could be accidents</p>	<p>The cycle route will be clearly designated and signposted as the only route in the park where cycling is allowed.</p> <p>Safety measures are integral to route design. Further consideration will be given to increased safety features.</p>
97	12.8.15		<p>I have just studied your proposed cycle route through Alexandra park. I think too many cyclist do not give enough consideration to pedestrians. I was in the park today when a man on a bike raced past me going far too fast (and this before the proposed cycle route).</p> <p>I think small children and cyclists do not mix and this idea is an accident waiting to happen especially in the lower part of the park. It is my opinion that the park is a play area for families and a safe place for walkers of all ages not a cycle track.</p>	<p>The cycle route will be clearly designated and signposted as the only route in the park where cycling is allowed.</p> <p>Safety measures are integral to route design. Further consideration will be given to increased safety features.</p>

			A concerned walker and grandparent	
98	13.8.15		<p>I would like to express concern at proposals to create a cycle route to run through all sections of Alexandra Park for a number of reasons. Since the regeneration of Alexandra Park, a scheme that respected the layout by Robert Marnock Victorian park it has become very popular for visitors at most times of the day and of a weekend, in good weather is generally crowded with visitors with children as well as dogs. Young children are permitted to run around without concern of danger from vehicles or cycles. I consider the proliferation of signs inappropriate in a heritage park, with some 24 posts in the Lower Park and around 52 throughout the park and in places existing metal fencing that is appropriate to the heritage aspirations of the park being replaced by 1metre chestnut fencing. Great care should be taken concerning this heritage asset and not to regard the land to be used as a quick fix for a more widespread lack of provision of facilities for cyclists in Hastings & East Sussex.</p> <p>Turning to maybe a more important aspect of the proposal is the conflict of cycles and pedestrians or public safety</p>	<p>The cycle route will be clearly designated and signposted as the only route in the park where cycling is allowed.</p> <p>Safety measures are integral to route design. Further consideration will be given to increased safety features.</p> <p>Alternative routes have been considered. The proposed route is felt to be the most practicable.</p>

			<p>issues. The sections of path at Alexandra Court that runs downhill from Silverhill will allow cycles to run at a fast speed along a section that is just 1.9 metres wide with a high chance of cycle pedestrian conflict. A gate or barrier would be required to stop cycles at the blind corner at this location at the end of the hill if cycle and person conflict is to be prevented. Another section between Upper Clarence Road and Harmers Car Park is predominately downhill with bends and another area where cycle and pedestrian conflict is much more likely to occur. Any downhill section is likely to allow excess speed to occur and danger to walkers that include children.</p> <p>The "Code of Conduct" makes no mention of a maximum speed that is acceptable in the park and does not clarify what a "sensible speed" actually is. There is no mention of the bye laws that would need to be in force to define the sensible speed or to require the "Bell" on a cycle that is mentioned as a warning device or the requirement for lights at night time on what is a private route and not subject to the public road requirements.</p> <p>The walking & cycle route that was</p>	
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			<p>proposed as part of the Hastings Greenway that was to pass along the verge of Lower Park Road is much more appropriate for an off road cycle route. The verge is currently around 2 metres wide and I appreciate that Hastings Borough Council failed to take into account the requirements of a cycle route when they erected the metal park fence when the park was refurbished that would have allowed the Borough Plan Greenway to be created at this location. I also note that Planners at HBC were more keen to provide a permission for education and housing purposes at Station Plaza rather than to ensure there was space adjacent to the rail land beside the education building now in place and so the proposed cycle route at Alexandra Park does not have any workable off road cycle routes to it to from any of the proposed entrances. It would be appropriate if ESCC concentrated their efforts on creating cycle routes before working with HBC to create a cycle route that is not linked to the national network other than by public road.</p> <p>Because of the problems I have raised it would be best not to allow cycles in the park but to permit the use of the footway adjacent to Alexandra Park</p>	
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			<p>along St Helens Road for a shared cycle route where there would be less conflict with pedestrians fewer signs required and a direct fast route for cycles that could connect with the wider cycle network that might one day be created as an addition to the Sustrans route. The links below to the maps on the HBC website provide the visual information relating to my safety comments but not details of the topography of the paths that are proposed to be used and something that would need to be considered by members who are not familiar with all the paths that are to have cycles and pedestrians sharing the space.</p>	
99	14.8.15		<p>As a Walking for Health walk leader I am very concerned at the prospect of opening up Alexandra Park to cycling.</p> <p>I appreciate that it is proposed to limit cyclist to specific routes and limited speeds but we all know from experience with the cycle route on the sea front that cyclist do no keep to designated areas and speeds.</p> <p>To be blunt I do not think the council has the will or resources the effectively police it, when was the last person prosecuted for cycling on the pavement or in the dark without lights or reflectors.</p>	<p>The cycle route will be clearly designated and signposted as the only route in the park where cycling is allowed.</p> <p>Safety measures are integral to route design. Further consideration will be given to increased safety features.</p>

			<p>The prospect of cyclist speeding round the narrow and twisting paths in the park is daunting.</p> <p>In the summer the park is buzzing with children running and playing games, dogs off their leads, mothers with prams, elderly people promenading and people sitting on the benches.</p> <p>I understand that the cyclist have said that children have eyes and people should sit with their feet under the bench which I feel is rather a short sighted approach especially if motorist used the same argument about cyclist.</p> <p>Today I had a group of 20 people on a walk around the park, the people who come on our Health Walks are usually elderly and rather slow on their feet and the prospect of us sharing a narrow path with numerous cyclist is disturbing.</p> <p>To summarise I think the plan is many accidents waiting to happen</p>	
100	14.8.15		<p>I object to Cyclists using Alexandra Park, and that is as a some-time cyclist of over 60 years living close to park and having avoided</p>	<p>The cycle route will be clearly designated and signposted as the only route in the</p>

			<p>the need to use my bicycle in or through the park for all those years. I take my grandchildren to Alexandra Park just as my parents took me many years ago and the freedom enjoyed by children there is beyond price so the prospect of little ones having to avoid cyclists fills me with absolute dread. Leaving aside the very obvious safety aspects, Marnock designed the park for people not machines and we take our children to parks to avoid machines, if I want to put my children or grandchildren at risk I will let them play in the road - and that's about as irresponsible as allowing cyclists, no matter how well behaved, loose in the park. There were plans to create a cycleway next to the park in Lower Park Road - what happened to that?</p> <p>It is unreasonable to put the wishes of the few (cyclists) above the safety and freedom of the many (children)</p>	<p>park where cycling is allowed.</p> <p>Safety measures are integral to route design. Further consideration will be given to increased safety features.</p>
101	14.8.15		<p>Having walked the proposed shared cycleway/footpath through Alexander Park I have come to the conclusion that the proposers has neither ridden a bike, nor had any contact with children. It also seems unlikely that they have even visited Alexander Park.</p> <p>Careful riders heading into town will be on an almost constant downhill run and will be checking their speed all the time. Those heading back the face a long uphill slog.</p> <p>Through the wooded area of the Park the pathway twists and turns avoiding large</p>	<p>The cycle route will be clearly designated and signposted as the only route in the park where cycling is allowed.</p> <p>Safety measures are integral to route design. Further consideration will be given to increased safety features.</p> <p>Alternative routes have been considered. The proposed route is felt to be the most practicable.</p>

			<p>established trees, creating several blind corners. Cyclists heading downhill, already trying to slow down, will be suddenly confronted with slow moving uphill bikes and pedestrians. This is a disaster in waiting. In the last two weeks I have witnessed a skateboarder falling off the board and the runaway board ploughing into a group of people and a young lad on a bike, confronted with a group of pedestrians riding off the path, losing control and falling down an embankment. Fortunately no one was hurt either time, but add additional cyclists into the mix and it won't be long before someone is.</p> <p>The grassed area of the Park is less steep but has the additional hazard of children. As soon as the weather is nice, mothers met at the cafe with pre-school children to gossip with friends. Currently the children are safe to play on the grass below with mothers keeping an eye from the decking. This will no longer be possible when the path in front of the cafe becomes a cycle track. It is well known that children easily get lost in their games and will be oblivious to the approach of cycles. Another disaster in waiting. Of course, in the school holidays there will be children of all ages to further add to the danger.</p> <p>Why can't the cycle track be routed along Park Road? I have heard that the so-called experts fear they will suffer from pollution from the passing traffic. If this were a serious concern all footpaths would be removed from the side of the roads for fear of polluting pedestrians. I suspect that those who have proposed this idea view it as cheap way of</p>	
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			ticking government boxes and don't care if they wreck Alexander Park and possibly peoples' lives in the process	
102	15.8.15		<p>I write to comment on the plan to make a cycle route through Alexandra Park. I have had previous experience of regular walking in two parks where cyclists and pedestrians shared a network of paths. I know this arrangement does not work and is extremely dangerous for pedestrians, especially the elderly or the deaf, and for small children.</p> <p>Cyclists, especially if they are commuters as projected here, do not generally respect walkers. Leisurely strolls that may involve stepping aside to admire a plant or a view, as is the habit of many enjoying the delights of Alexandra Park, would be at an end because of the danger from speeding cyclists. Small children who are currently free to roam and to play in our Park, are particularly at risk of being knocked down, dragged along and even of being killed. As currently proposed, the "shared" cycle path would run close to the children's play area: this is surely madness!</p> <p>A much more sensible plan would be to build a dedicated cycle path along the wide, park-side verge of Lower Park Road, which is currently unpaved and used only for parking.</p> <p>PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THIS PROPOSAL FOR A SHARED CYCLING PATH IN ALEXANDRA PARK TO PROCEED!</p>	<p>The proposed route is a shared route. There are no proposals to have separate lanes in the park.</p> <p>The cycle route will be clearly designated and signposted as the only route in the park where cycling is allowed.</p> <p>Safety measures are integral to route design. Further consideration will be given to increased safety features.</p> <p>Alternative routes have been considered. The proposed route is felt to be the most practicable.</p>

103	15.8.15		<p>I am against the proposal to introduce cycle lanes in Alexander for the following reasons. The paths are narrow, winding and have steep inclines.</p> <p>Walkers in opposite directions, often with children will be forced into the cycle lanes and if my experiences on the sea front are anything to go by you would have a tirade of abuse hurled at you should a cyclist have to slow down. People do not have eyes at the back of their heads.</p> <p>Parks are provided for people to safely wander around free from ALL traffic.</p> <p>Who will police the cyclists when it is used as a race track? As on the sea front no one.</p> <p>I am sure there are better ways of spending our council taxes than wasting money on a lot of white paint that will be ignored</p>	<p>The cycle route will be clearly designated and signposted as the only route in the park where cycling is allowed.</p> <p>Safety measures are integral to route design. Further consideration will be given to increased safety features.</p>
104	17.8.15		<p>I wish to record my objection to the proposed introduction of a cycle route through Alexandra Park. It seems to me that there is no evidence of significant demand for a cycle route to Silverhill. The number of cyclists I see through Silverhill is very small. The Greenway Project is noted but there is no actual connection with the cycleway at Silverhill, nor with the Conquest Hospital. The danger of your proposal is that you merely promote access for anyone to cycle round the park in a haphazard fashion, thereby significantly reducing its amenity value.</p> <p>If you do provide a cycleway in the park, the proposed route round the Boating Lake in the Lower Park is a disaster. Incidentally,</p>	<p>The cycle route will be clearly designated and signposted as the only route in the park where cycling is allowed.</p> <p>Safety measures are integral to route design. Further consideration will be given to increased safety features.</p> <p>Alternative routes have been considered. The proposed route is felt to be the most practicable.</p>

			<p>your map of the route is very misleading. As the path proceeds in a south-easterly direction, after the bowling green it looks as if the left fork (the proposed route) is significantly wider than the right fork (the safer route, in my view). In fact, the left fork is 2.5m wide and the right fork 2.9m wide, each averaged over the following 10m.</p> <p>The path north of the Boating Lake is not wide enough and, because of the topography, will be very expensive to widen sufficiently. Logic points to use of the path on the southern side, which is already wide enough. Such a route would reinforce a natural segregation right through the park between cyclists and pedestrians, which has to be the safest strategy. Pedestrians to the north; cyclists to the south. I understand that the children's playground presents a difficulty, but a simple barrier at the playground entrance – one-ended – should solve the problem, at no great expense. The task of protection is made much simpler because the playground is very well fenced and, in practice, is supervised by adults at all peak times.</p> <p>Better still, the cycleway should not be in the park at this point. If there is to be an off-road urban cycleway in this part of town, it should, logically, use the tunnel opposite the end of Lower Park Road. A cycleway could</p>	
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			<p>be introduced on the verge between Lower Park Road and the park fence, joining the park at the first pedestrian entrance, near the bowling green. This would be safer for cyclists, safer for pedestrians. There is no need to cut across Lower Park at all.</p> <p>In summary, my observations on your proposals are as follows:</p> <p>First preference – Don't do it. The only demand is from a small pressure group and you risk seriously spoiling one of the most beautiful parks in the country.</p> <p>Second preference – Take the route as proposed through Upper and Middle Parks, leaving at the pedestrian entrance near the Bowling Green, joining Lower Park Road and using the tunnel through to Waterworks Road/Morrison's.</p> <p>Third preference – Take the route as proposed, but skirt the boating lake in Lower Park on the southern side, not the northern, and build a suitable barrier outside the playground entrance, to prevent casual conflict between small children and cyclists.</p>	
105	17.8.15		<p>I wish to add my concern re the proposed cycle route. I do not understand why the park is about to become a cycle thoroughfare when it is such a huge asset as a place of relaxation and leisure for the community. As</p>	<p>The cycle route will be clearly designated and signposted as the only route in the park where cycling is allowed.</p>

			<p>a regular user several times a week I am aware of the great pleasure it gives to a large number of people. The current feel and benefits of the park will be changed and diminished. Walking along the joint path between West Marina and Galley Hill, alongside the railway, can be extremely stressful. Bikes are totally silent from behind (and I am not deaf!), rarely have bells and expect you out of the way. I am constantly having to look back for on-coming traffic.</p> <p>I do understand why we want to encourage safe cycling as a form of healthy transport, greener environment etc and support this but not at the expense of other areas dedicated to the wellbeing of the local community. The reality is that the park is not that large and its shape and size does not lend itself to shared paths. We live in a changing world which makes the beauty of our park even more valuable as a haven from the stress of modern life.</p> <p>Please keep a cycle path out of the park - it would be a big mistake</p>	<p>Safety measures are integral to route design. Further consideration will be given to increased safety features.</p> <p>Alternative routes have been considered. The proposed route is felt to be the most practicable.</p>
106	17.8.15		<p>I very much approve of safe cycle routes. However, I have serious concerns regarding the proposed cycle route through Alexandra Park:</p> <p>1. The intrusion of through cycle traffic into a Grade II* listed park, the positioning of the route dissecting the Lower and Upper park and the safety of both park users and cyclists in navigating shared pathways.</p>	<p>The cycle route will be clearly designated and signposted as the only route in the park where cycling is allowed.</p> <p>Safety measures are integral to route design. Further consideration will be given to increased safety features.</p> <p>Consideration will be given to safety measures across Dordrecht way.</p>

			<p>I anticipate that the majority of cyclists will use the park as a through route and not as a destination; there are also likely to be recreational users with wheelie bikes, skateboards, scooters, etc., especially on the slopes, and it will be impossible for the park rangers to police who can or cannot use the route. So park users – young children, the vulnerable, the elderly, dog walkers, etc., would be sharing pathways with cyclists traveling at speed.</p> <p>Incidentally, this proposal might influence the awarding of any future Green Flag status under the criteria of safety for all users and community involvement.</p> <p>The proposed cycle route will have only 'share with care' signs which young children, foreign visitors, the partially sighted and vulnerable, it is assumed, will understand! There is also a minority of cyclists who will assume that they have right of way on a designated route and expect people on foot to give way. Also, cycle routes cannot be clearly delineated on rough ground in the Upper Park.</p> <p>I understand that the Friends of Alexandra Park offered a completely different alternative which was to run the cycle route outside the park boundary by utilising the grass verge on Lower Park</p>	<p>Alternative routes have been considered. The proposed route is felt to be the most practicable.</p> <p>It is not felt the route will have an adverse impact on the Green Flag award.</p> <p>The consultation has not been prejudged. Hastings Borough Council Cabinet will consider the proposal in due course.</p>
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			<p>Rd and continuing on a clearly delineated cycle lane on Upper Park Road; a much more sensible and less tortuous route for cyclists to get from the Town Centre to Silverhill and beyond.</p> <p>I have particular concerns about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· The triangular deviation allowing cyclists to avail themselves of the toilets, but only by crossing the entire breadth of the park twice! This area is often crowded at busy times or when there is an event in the park.· The route crossing the busy road junction at Dordrecht Way and Lower Park Rd where there is no pedestrian / cycle crossing.· Off Upper Park Rd, the cycle route crosses access to the children's playground at right-angles.· The steep gradients from Silverhill through the Upper Park, encouraging cyclists to go fast, where young families picnic and play.· In all, a Health & Safety nightmare of potential serious accidents for which the council could be responsible. <p>2. The apparent lack of public</p>	
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			<p>consultation. To my knowledge, although a consultation of sorts is currently taking place, park users are not being made aware of the actual routes as no maps are displayed within the park. Many park users are elderly or disabled, have small children, or are visitors from elsewhere and cannot visit the Council offices to see the plans. They may also be short of time or lack the necessary skills to communicate their views online. (Hastings Greenways invited users to attend only one event but did not mention the time or area of the park where this was taking place). There is no public consultation on the principle of a cycle route through the park, only the positioning of it.</p> <p>It seems to me that the proposal has been prejudged as Kevin Boorman, representing Hastings Borough Council, stated in the 'Hastings Observer' of the 24th July, "Although there are arguments for and against the cycle route through Alexandra Park, on balance we believe the pros outweigh the cons, which is why we are supporting it." This was before the 'public consultation' closes, so in other words, there really isn't any point as the plans are going ahead anyway!</p> <p>Therefore, I respectfully ask you to reconsider the proposed cycle route so that</p>	
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			<p>a safer and more sensible route is chosen and before a beautiful and historic park is despoiled. Yours Sincerely,</p> <p>N.B I have also sent these opinions in a joint letter to Cllr. Warren Davies, signed the petition against the route on change.org and Streetlife and I have written Amber Rudd MP and the 'Hastings & St Leonards Observer.'</p>	
107	17.8.15	SEE PETITION		
108	17.8.15		<p>Imposing a cycle path on walkers in Alexandra Park will truly compromise their enjoyment of a tranquil and beautiful space.</p> <p>I regularly have to dodge, and have been hit by cyclists using the pavements along the Marina and London Road. I go to places like Alexandra Park to relax and walk in safety without watching out for bikes.</p> <p>I often walk on Wandsworth Common where they have a shared cycle/walk path and it simply doesn't work. Walkers invariably end up using the grass no matter how muddy it might be.</p> <p>Pedestrians know that cars and traffic take precedence in Hastings in every area. Places like Alexandra Park provide a refuge for us.</p>	Comments noted, No further response required.

			<p>Lastly, the signage planned for the Park will look hideous.</p> <p>There is every chance of course that the cycle path will go ahead because there is money available, but I will have to find somewhere else which is traffic, signage and cycle free to walk. I will not go to Alexandra Park.</p>	
109	17.8.15		<p>I object to the proposed cycle route in Alexandra Park. At present it is a safe pleasant place to be whilst walking with my toddler, he walks all over the path and not in a straight line. Using the shared cycle path on the seafront is already dangerous as cyclists don't seem to understand the "shared" part of it and cycle at a stupid speed! I fear that having a shared path in Alexandra Park it will make it an unsafe place to be and no longer a pleasant experience. Cyclists seem to use there own rules and have a blatant disregard for other people. In the Upper Park dogs are allowed off leads and this would also cause danger to them</p>	<p>The cycle route will be clearly designated and signposted as the only route in the park where cycling is allowed.</p> <p>Safety measures are integral to route design. Further consideration will be given to increased safety features.</p>
110	17.8.15		<p>Having walked the proposed shared cycleway/footpath through Alexander Park I have come to the conclusion that the proposers has neither ridden a bike, nor had any contact with children. It also seems unlikely that they have even visited Alexander Park.</p> <p>Careful riders heading into town will be on an almost constant downhill run and will be checking their speed all the time. Those heading back the face a long uphill slog.</p> <p>Through the wooded area of the Park the</p>	<p>DUPLUICATE OF 101</p>

			<p>pathway twists and turns avoiding large established trees, creating several blind corners. Cyclists heading downhill, already trying to slow down, will be suddenly confronted with slow moving uphill bikes and pedestrians. This is a disaster in waiting. In the last two weeks I have witnessed a skateboarder falling off the board and the runaway board ploughing into a group of people and a young lad on a bike, confronted with a group of pedestrians riding off the path, losing control and falling down an embankment. Fortunately no one was hurt either time, but add additional cyclists into the mix and it won't be long before someone is.</p> <p>The grassed area of the Park is less steep but has the additional hazard of children. As soon as the weather is nice, mothers met at the cafe with pre-school children to gossip with friends. Currently the children are safe to play on the grass below with mothers keeping an eye from the decking. This will no longer be possible when the path in front of the cafe becomes a cycle track. It is well known that children easily get lost in their games and will be oblivious to the approach of cycles. Another disaster in waiting. Of course, in the school holidays there will be children of all ages to further add to the danger.</p> <p>Why can't the cycle track be routed along Park Road? I have heard that the so-called experts fear they will suffer from pollution from the passing traffic. If this were a serious concern all footpaths would be removed from the side of the roads for fear of polluting pedestrians. I suspect that those who have</p>	
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			proposed this idea view it as cheap way of ticking government boxes and don't care if they wreck Alexander Park and possibly peoples' lives in the process	
111	17.8.15		I object to the proposed cycle route in Alexandra Park. At present it is a safe pleasant place to be whilst walking with my toddler, he walks all over the path and not in a straight line. Using the shared cycle path on the seafront is already dangerous as cyclists don't seem to understand the "shared" part of it and cycle at a stupid speed! I fear that having a shared path in Alexandra Park it will make it an unsafe place to be and no longer a pleasant experience. Cyclists seem to use there own rules and have a blatant disregard for other people. In the Upper Park dogs are allowed off leads and this would also cause danger to them.	Comments noted, No further response required.
112	17.8.15		<p>I am opposed to the cycle route proposals on several grounds.</p> <p>The Park is a recreational area, a Mecca for families, old people and dog walkers who come to enjoy the beauty, peace and amenities. To add a cycle route to the mix will change the nature of large areas of the park, because although some cyclists will use the park recreationally (teaching their children to ride a bike, slow cycling etc.), there will be those whose objective will be to get from A to B as quickly as possible.</p> <p>Shared pedestrian/cycle routes may work on the sea front, but experience of the stretch from West Marina to Glyne Gap tells me otherwise. The situation there is that some</p>	<p>The cycle route will be clearly designated and signposted as the only route in the park where cycling is allowed.</p> <p>Safety measures are integral to route design. Further consideration will be given to increased safety features.</p> <p>The route is part of the strategic Greenway route and whilst not complete, this route will provide a significant addition to the Greenway.</p>

			<p>cyclists are definitely on a commute and travel fast. What many cyclists seem not to realise is that they are very silent and cannot be heard approaching where there is background noise. They do not ring bells, sometimes shout a warning and at others an expletive.</p> <p>How will cyclist behaviour be enforced? Enforcement is a major problem in the Park already. Plenty of cyclists use the Park with impunity. The Rangers do not have the time or the numbers to deal with them, let alone dogfouling, antisocial behaviour, late night noise. With police numbers also greatly reduced there is little hope of support from that direction.</p> <p>With regards to the route itself, it has at the moment no on-going connection to the proposed Greenway at either end. (I support the idea of safe routes for cyclists and pedestrians in principle). Is there any guarantee that if the route does go ahead it will connect to the completed Greenway?</p> <p>There are several danger points along the route which would have to be sorted out. They include the stretch from Silver Springs surgery to Shornden reservoir which is steep and much narrower than the minimum suggested by Sustrans. The descent to Harmer's lay-by is steep and approaches the carriageway at right angles: I foresee danger for those who do not know the route. The descent into the main park from the lay-by is also steep and cycle-calming measures would be needed at either end.</p>	
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113	18.8.15		<p>A cycling route through the park will inhibit children's natural desire to run around freely, joyously safe. Children in the UK are already the most over protected in the world, bound by ridiculously tight health and safety guidelines in schools and at sports venues and restricted from free play outdoors by parental anxiety about lax border security allowing many foreign paedophiles and violent criminals into the country. To further restrict their freedom in the jewel of Hastings will be criminal. The local cycling fraternity already have the full length of the seafront to cycle along and there are daily near misses there as they whizz by at great speed. Please don't do the same in Alexandra Park. The cycling community are represented by big voices. Children can't speak up for themselves in the same way.</p>	<p>Comments noted, No further response required.</p>

114	18.8.15		<p>I have been looking at the proposal to introduce a cycle route through Alexandra Park, and also at the HBC Walking and Cycling strategy.</p> <p>I tried to read the 'code of conduct for cyclists' and that for 'other users' but found that my computer could not magnify that part of the plans.</p> <p>A hierarchy will ensue if a cycle route is instigated in an area where normally pedestrians, and particularly children/toddlers are King.</p> <p>Whilst children are observed by carers in the park, it is one of the few places where they rightly expect increased freedom, and operate according to their own wishes, at a naturally increased distance from those carers.</p> <p>Freedom will be decreased if cyclists are proceeding at speed and children need to be kept close by, in order to keep them out of cyclists' way. (It happens that my 6-yr-old son was hit very hard by a bike as we were walking to school. The bike was travelling the wrong way along (pedestrianised)George Street when my son wandered into its path.</p> <p>Commuter times will be the most dangerous-when everyone's in a hurry.</p> <p>Fundamentally, if the cycle path is a 'Sustainable Transport' solution, then it should encroach on the space and budget of the Highways.</p>	<p>The cycle route will be clearly designated and signposted as the only route in the park where cycling is allowed.</p> <p>Safety measures are integral to route design. Further consideration will be given to increased safety features.</p> <p>Alternative routes have been considered. The proposed route is felt to be the most practicable.</p>
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			In a way, my argument is ruined (since the canals did the job of the road system, at one time), but it feels unsafe walking along the canal towpaths in parts of London, since their designation as cycle paths	
115	19.8.15	<p>I am very pleased that it is planned to create a safe cycle route across Hastings including Alexandra Park which will contribute to the provision of essential off-road cycling across our town for both commuters and leisure cyclists. The roads around Hastings are difficult, busy and sometimes narrow and certainly discourage families to enjoy this leisure and sporting activities. In Hastings mothers will not take their children out cycling as it is too dangerous on the roads. We need help to keep as many cars off the road as possible and to create a healthy environment for children including the ability to safely cycle across town.</p> <p>To provide a shared cycleway across a public park is common - I have lived in Scotland, London, Avon and Somerset, Dorset and Brittany and have enjoyed shared cycle routes in all of these locations. Indeed the creation of cycleways is welcomed. Not to have a cycle route in a public park in Hastings would present the town as backward and unprogressive which would misrepresent both Hastings Borough Council and our community.</p> <p>I therefore strongly support the proposed cycle route through Alexandra Park</p>		Comments noted, No further response required.
116	19.8.15	I am very strongly in support of this cycle route, which is also a key section of the Hastings Greenway and Hastings Walking & Cycling Strategy network.		Comments noted, No further response required.

	<p>As an important matter of principle cycling should be allowed through public parks wherever practical as is the case in most towns and cities in the UK and across Europe. In the case of Alexandra Park this is even more necessary to avoid the busy and dangerous roads and provide a safe cycle route for individuals, families and children. It will reduce the risk of accident and encourage more people to cycle to improve their health and reduce car use and carbon emissions .</p> <p>The route proposed through Alexandra Park has been very thoroughly discussed and modified to take account of points made by a variety of organisations and community groups. The Park has many wide and suitable paths with good sight lines to allow a designated route that will also allow walkers to use other paths.</p> <p>The route will be safe and allow for access from a number of points. It will provide a very pleasant leisure route and also allow for travel to work, shops and schools in safety. Good signage will ensure that people on foot or on bikes will be able to follow very clear routes to travel across the town.</p> <p>Any Council or community that takes environmental interests seriously will obviously want to support this project for the benefits it will bring for many residents and even more importantly for the vital link that it will provide for the walking and cycling network across Hastings.</p> <p>Some of the opposition comments are based on dogmatic and offensive hostility to cyclists and are deliberately scare mongering. The shared</p>		
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		<p>cycle and walking routes of the Bulverhythe link and promenade extension to the Stade have demonstrated that cycling and walking on shared paths are compatible and the vast majority of uses are careful and responsible. This is also the case on shared paths all round the Country.</p> <p>This project is one of the more important community infrastructure initiatives in Hastings and will be greatly appreciated by very many people.</p> <p>-----</p>		
117	19.8.15		<p>I would like to object to your proposals to allow indiscriminate cycling in Alexandra Park</p> <p>I have no objections to children learning to cycle in the park but object to the way you wish it to become a cycle route for all cyclists with no speed restrictions it's bad enough now with high speed mobility scooter users</p> <p>Some cyclist ride at tremendous speeds and this would discourage pedestrian park users and those with very young children who now can roam around without fear of danger</p> <p>Who would pick up the bill if a cyclist were to injure someone (the tax payer?)</p> <p>The over use of signage in the park will also distract the look of the park, as it has now</p>	<p>Comments noted, No further response required.</p>

			<p>been restored to its former glory</p> <p>Please think carefully about your proposals (what has happened to the now historic "Greenaway project"?)</p>	
118	19.8.15	<p>I would offer the following comment for your due consideration, and respond as both a cyclist and regular walker of the park. In principle I support the proposal and welcome its introduction. Having said that, I do have some reservations however, they don't warrant the cycle route not becoming a reality. At first glance looking at the map the route is the logical choice, having unofficially ridden my bicycle in the park again this would be the logical choice. It is one I used on a regular basis when my daughter was learning to ride a bike many years ago. Yet, I felt my total support of the route couldn't be submitted without looking at the proposal through the eyes of the pedestrian. As you would expect there will be opposition to the proposal due to the fear of speeding and irresponsible cycling. Alas this will happen, as can be seen on the seafront route albeit not as much as some would say. If speeding was used as a reason not to build new roads, then no more would be authorised. The problem is not the vehicle but the person controlling it. As for the route itself, the three sections of the route pose slightly different challenges; the top part contains steeper slopes, more bends, consideration of close proximity to the play area, and poorer visibility therefore requires greater awareness from all users; the second part is more of an improvement and I don't see any major conflicts other than unawareness of other park users; and the lower part is good as far as</p>		<p>Comments noted.</p> <p>The cycle route will be clearly designated and signposted as the only route in the park where cycling is allowed.</p> <p>Safety measures are integral to route design. Further consideration will be given to increased safety features.</p> <p>The use of non-designated routes is prohibited under the Parks Bye Laws and may be subject to prosecution.</p>

		<p>visibility is concerned however there's a greater concentration of people within this section. In terms of health and safety I hope lessons can be learned from the seafront cycle route in both terms of its installation and ongoing usage. In terms of addressing irresponsible cycling what measures can be put in place other than 'self policing'?</p> <p>What are the ramifications if accidents happen? Has the council done enough in its design to minimise potential accidents? What happens if a person is caught cycling irresponsibly? Can a person be banned for riding in the park? Can a bike be confiscated? Will there be time restrictions similar to dog walking off the leads?</p> <p>In a nutshell, I support and welcome the formal introduction of a cycling route through the park but ask consideration is given to the points raised above.</p>		
119	19.8.15	<p>RESPONSE TO ALEXANDRA PARK CYCLE ROUTE CONSULTATION The FOAP met Thursday 30 July 2015 to discuss the planned cycle route through Alexandra Park (AP), highlight any concerns and make recommendations to the Council. The discussion was a constructive and valuable one, and its conclusions, both general and specific, are noted below.</p> <p>A. General Comments on Context The FOAP thanks the Council for this initiative and consultation. FOAP is sympathetic to the notion of an AP cycle path – and to the principle of a wider,</p>		<p>Proposed new bye laws for parks were subject to consultation until 21st August 2015.</p> <p>Comments of the proposed reduction in Rangers are noted.</p> <p>The cycle route will be clearly designated and signposted as the only route in the park where cycling is allowed.</p> <p>Safety measures are integral to route</p>

	<p>inter-connected, Greenway – but believes adjustments to the character and route of the proposed path are merited in order to improve safety and harmonious co-use.</p> <p>FOAP noted its anxiety about enforcement. There was concern about the Rangers’ powers and their capacity to ‘police’ adherence to the Park’s bye-laws; and a sense that existing breaches – litter, dog mess, present cycling in the park and evening noise/public disturbance – had shown these limitations, particularly in light of diminishing police presence. It was felt, in light of the proposed cycle path, that a review and adjustment of existing by-laws is merited, coupled with study of the requisite enforcement measures. FOAP also expressed its concern over rumoured cuts to AP Ranger numbers. FOAP offered assistance as voluntary wardens but noted that this would be of limited utility without wider enforcement measures in place. FOAP noted the absence of adequate provisions for the cycle path as it enters and leaves the Park, and a more general sense that the path did not slot into a wider Greenway strategy – and were particularly concerned about the exit at Bethune Way. There is no pedestrian crossing outside the Bethune Way park gates, and the pavement is unsuitable for cycling. An alternative might be to exit the Park at the top corner opposite the pedestrian crossing on Bethune Way. A channel could be provided alongside the steps up which cycles could be pushed.</p> <p>There was concern about the coherence of safety measures in the vicinity of AP, given the network of fast, busy roads that surround it. There are no pedestrian crossings on either Dordrecht Way (which bisects the Park and is now planned to have a cycle crossing at the</p>		<p>design. Further consideration will be given to increased safety features.</p> <p>Consideration will be given to safety measures across Dordrecht way.</p> <p>The use of non-designated routes is prohibited under the Parks Bye Laws and may be subject to prosecution.</p> <p>The route in front of the café will not be supported by Hastings Borough Council.</p>
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	<p>Eastern end) or Lower Park Road; and 30 mph limits and a 60 mph closing speed appear high in this locale, particularly given AP's popularity with families and young children. FOAP felt that lower speed limits would make sense in this area.</p> <p>AP would make a good venue for cycling proficiency training, which is now rarely provided through schools. A number of local organisations might help.</p> <p>B. General Suggestions for the proposed Cycle Route</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Crossing places where cycle and pedestrian routes intersect should be clearly marked, as they are on the seafront.o Changes to the surface might be considered at such points (e.g. rumble strips).o The route surface might be coloured, so that people are aware of cycling/pedestrian co-use. (The provision of separate cycle and pedestrian lanes along the sea-front has been successful).• Cyclists should be aware that:<ul style="list-style-type: none">o On shared routes pedestrians have priority.o They may encounter people with mobility, vision and hearing difficulties. Use of bells is recommended - bikes are quiet and when approached from behind, many people hear nothing until the bike is level with them. <p>C. Specific Suggestions for the proposed Cycle Route</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• FOAP recommend that there should be a speed limit of 10 mph from Harmer's Lay-by to		
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	<p>Bethune Way.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can the shared route Code of Conduct sign which will be erected at the Bethune Way entrance also be erected at the Silverhill end of the route?• FOAP is also concerned about points on the proposed route which are judged potentially dangerous:<ul style="list-style-type: none">o The first section from Silver Springs surgery to Shornden reservoir is narrow (1.8m at narrowest) and needs widening (possibly by moving back the fencing to the grounds of Beaufort Court). The path is also steep and calming measures might be considered (Staggered barriers? Sleeping policemen?).o A short length of fencing where the path bends right to cross the dam would encourage cyclists to slow down.o The slope up to Bohemia Lodge is steep; and FOAP felt that the route should follow the new fencing curving left at the end of the dam, and then ahead to pass the playground on Upper Park Road.o The route descends steeply into Harmer's lay-by and cyclists who do not know it might exit fast into the lay-by and collide with a car. This might be reconsidered, possibly looping the path to the left so that cyclists enter the lay-by as if coming off a slip road.o The concrete slope from Harmer's lay-by is narrow and steep. Again, calming measures should be considered, as pedestrians coming from the Buckshole Reservoir direction will be difficult for cyclists to see if they do not slow down.o Where the path leads between the Rose		
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		<p>Garden and the tennis courts, the surface of the intended route slopes, and needs to be levelled. That particular section is also slippery when wet.</p> <p>o Cyclists should not be allowed to cycle across the front of the busy Café area, but detour around it. There could be 'Dismount signs' at the points where the two spurs turn off towards the Rangers' Office and toilet block. Cycle racks should be provided near the Café for those wishing to stop for refreshment</p>		
120	19.8.15	<p>I am very strongly in favour of the implementation of this route. It is a key component of the Hastings GreenWay network and the Walking and Cycling Strategy, so it seems essential that it goes ahead.</p> <p>Cycle routes through parkland are a common feature in most UK towns and cities and it would be a shame to not have such a facility in Hastings.</p>		
121	19.8.15		See separate sheet	
122	19.8.15	See attached letter		
123	20.8.15	See attached pdf		
124	20.8.15		I wish to oppose the planned cycle route through Alexander Park. This is a safe place for children to play, and for parents to feel safe from traffic. The planned route would make it a busy thoroughfare and spoil the beauty and peace we find there.	Comments noted, No further response required.
125	20.8.15		I wish to oppose the planned cycle path I feel this will compromise the safety of children playing in the park with not having to worry about traffic there are enough paths in Hastings without having to use our park	Comments noted, No further response required.

126	20.8.15		I would like to object to the cycle route as I feel it will invade the spaces to play in the park and may be dangerous for young children or toddlers with adults or older children whizzing through.	Comments noted, No further response required.
127	20.8.15	<p>As I understand it, there is already a firm commitment to having a cycle path in Alexandra Park, and that the function of this consultation is solely to seek comments on the proposed route. Nevertheless, I should like to say that I very much regret that cycling will be allowed in Alexandra Park at all; the benefits to the cyclist seem to me very much outweighed by the disadvantages accruing to other users of the park....it will be no longer safe for children to wander at will, and even the limited scope for dogs to run free will be circumscribed further, and elderly people will feel and be under constant threat from cyclists on the paths. However, such thoughts are, as I would suppose, now beside the point. In regard to the proposed route I would say only this, that shared use is a recipe for disaster and ruinous to the pleasure and safety of people on foot. However many guidance signs are put up, it is a plain and certain fact that cyclists are often reckless, go far too fast and assume they have a right to unimpeded progress. Walking on these paths will require perpetual vigilance, constant insecurity and uncertainty...as witnessed by anyone who uses the seaside path between Bulverhythe and Ravenside. Above all, I fear for the security of children; no longer will it be safe for them to totter and wander just at will as they can do so pleasurably and agreeably now. Whatever it may cost, the only safe and</p>		<p>The proposed route is a shared route. There are no proposals to have separate lanes in the park.</p> <p>The cycle route will be clearly designated and signposted as the only route in the park where cycling is allowed.</p> <p>Safety measures are integral to route design. Further consideration will be given to increased safety features.</p>

		equitable solution is to have a dedicated cycle path, which is quite separate from pedestrian paths, and a requirement that cyclists dismount when the paths cross. I do not expect for one moment that this will happen		
128	20.8.15	<p>I am writing to show my support for the cycle route through Alexandra Park.</p> <p>As a regular cyclist I welcome the access to the park as a car free and safe route to the town centre. I live on the top of the hill in St Leonards and currently avoid this part of town on my bicycle because of fast drivers on the Upper/lower park road route and heavy traffic on the roads leading into the town centre.</p> <p>I also think this would be a great way to encourage families to get on their bikes more and use the park for leisure as well as an access route to the town centre.</p> <p>I am currently Chair of Transition Town Hastings and see this route as a step in the right direction for more sustainable transport options for the town. We would actively promote the route as well as the Greenway.</p>		Comments noted. No further response required.
129	20.8.15		<p>Whilst I think cycling is a great way of getting around I do not agree with cycling in Alexandra Park, especially the lower park area which is the main area where children can play. The map suggest the route in front of the cafe but this cannot be deemed safe for young children as they run from the bandstand to their parents sitting on the cafe patio. Whatever signage is on view it must be appreciated that toddlers running about cannot read nor excited children.</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p> <p>The cycle route will be clearly designated and signposted as the only route in the park where cycling is allowed.</p> <p>Safety measures are integral to route design. Further consideration will be given to increased safety features.</p>

			<p>The triangle route between the cafe and toilets makes the bandstand grass area an island encircled by cycle routes and possible miss use by some younger cyclist for testing out lap speeds.</p> <p>How can you police the rules of signage? Are you going to increase the number of rangers in the park.</p> <p>All I hear is it will be self policing, maybe by a few responsible cyclist but what about the others like now who speed through the park even though there is a no cycling policy. Before any new cycle routes in the park why not control the cycle route on the sea front first. It does have problems where cyclist speed along and very often outside of the cycle route and no accidents because walkers generally get out of the way or will get injured. CCTV cameras on the seafront should give an idea of the problem especially the shared route near the little railway Told that Royal Parks have cycle routes but don't think Hastings will have the same cycling policy as them and we certainly do not have the back up of regular police patrols like the Met police do where they also give out the penalty fines.</p> <p>Certainly think this is being done on the cheap as there are other options but at this present time not the money</p> <p>No to the proposed route</p>	
130	20.8.15	See separate sheets attached		
131	20.8.15	While I don't have extensive knowledge of the park and only cycle in Hastings a few times every year, the plans look OK to me.		Comments noted. No further response required.

		Definitely they are needed at the lower end of the park, where parked cars and narrowing roads cause frustration between cars and cyclists. Keep them apart and everyone will be happier		
132	20.8.15	I definitely support a cycle route through Alexandra Park. More greenways in Hastings please! Let's brand ourselves as a *green* town!!!!		Comments noted. No further response required.
133	20.8.15	I would like to register my support for the proposed cycle route through Alexandra Park as proposed by Hastings Greenway Group.		Comments noted. No further response required.
134	20.8.15	I fully support the proposals for the cycle route to go through Alexandra Park		Comments noted. No further response required.
135	20.8.15	I fully support the greenway route through Alexandra Park. As a local public health practitioner I see this as a fundamental way of encouraging physical activity to a town that shoulders a huge burden of obesity related disease		Comments noted. No further response required.
136	20.8.15		Just not happy about having a greenway through Alexandra park lower park and upper park roads have quite enough room to build at the side... I take my young children to the park quite regularly and at the moment it's relatively stress free to let them walk run hide in the bushes etc without me having to be stressed out shouting to them look out there's a bike or keep them by my side all the time as we have to along the promenade and old town and town centre... Bikes they creep up on you with no warning you can't hear them.... It's not safe to have them in the park	Comments noted. No further response required.

			at all only for the under 10 who are to young to learn to ride anywhere else... So I strongly object to this cycle path being made in Alexandra park	
137	20.8.15		No, no, no! A cycle path through Alexandra Park is a dangerous and stupid idea. Cyclist can't be trusted to follow rules - look around the town centre, any day! Small children and old people will be put at risk by this idea. Just don't do it! If they must have a cycle path, use the unmade path side of Lower Park Road	Comments noted. No further response required.
138	20.8.15	We live near the park and it would be lovely to have a safe place to cycle with our three children. It would also create better access for cyclists to other parts of the town.		Comments noted. No further response required.
139	20.8.15	Please register our support for the cycle route proposals through Alexandra Park		Comments noted. No further response required.
140	20.8.15	<p>While I am supportive of the cycle route through Alexandra Park, I don't understand why the cycle route doesn't use the barely used pavement along Queens Road. Very many of the pavements in Hastings are barely used by pedestrians and could easily and safely made into joint use routes. In the evening the pavement could be a shared use route; in the daytime most pedestrians would choose to use the pavements in the park.</p> <p>I am skeptical that all cyclists will respect pedestrian safety and comfort, without a lot of enforcement.</p> <p>I strongly support more access for cyclists, and</p>		Comments noted. No further response required.

		<p>believe these should be created by deletions of space for cars. And I strongly believe that cycling routes should be separated from roads by a grassed median or parking wherever possible.</p> <p>If the speed limit on Queen's Road and Lower Park Road was reduced to 15 mph both roads would be safe for cyclists and it would make only a few seconds different in trip time for motorists. And quality of life would improve for residents of neighbouring residents as well.</p> <p>It's time to upend the hierarchy on the roads in our central cities to put pedestrians on top, cyclists next, with cars at the bottom except on arterial roads outside the core.</p> <p>Sincerely</p>		
141	20.8.15	<p>While I am supportive of the cycle route through Alexandra Park, I don't understand why the cycle route doesn't use the barely used pavement along Queens Road. Very many of the pavements in Hastings are barely used by pedestrians and could easily and safely made into joint use routes. In the evening the pavement could be a shared use route; in the daytime most pedestrians would choose to use the pavements in the park.</p> <p>I am skeptical that all cyclists will respect pedestrian safety and comfort, without a lot of</p>		Comments noted. No further response required.

		<p>enforcement.</p> <p>I strongly support more access for cyclists, and believe these should be created by deletions of space for cars. And I strongly believe that cycling routes should be separated from roads by a grassed median or parking wherever possible.</p> <p>If the speed limit on Queen's Road and Lower Park Road was reduced to 15 mph both roads would be safe for cyclists and it would make only a few seconds different in trip time for motorists. And quality of life would improve for residents of neighbouring residents as well.</p> <p>It's time to upend the hierarchy on the roads in our central cities to put pedestrians on top, cyclists next, with cars at the bottom except on arterial roads outside the core.</p>		
142	20.8.15	<p>I would like to express my support for the Alexandra Park cycle route as a key & important section of the overall Hastings Greenway.</p> <p>The use of the footpath of lower & upper park road is not a feasible option due to the width of footpath, use of parked cars & steep slope to the park side of the footpath would not allow for widening of the cycle route.</p> <p>The cycle path is Alexandra Park would through the use of ground materials & relevant signage</p>		<p>Consideration will be given to safety measures across Dordrecht way.</p> <p>Alternative routes have been considered. The proposed route is felt to be the most practicable.</p>

		<p>provide a safe shared route for pedestrians & cyclists.</p> <p>Areas for careful concern are</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The cycle route adjacent to the cafe, due to the use by young children & the connection with the grass area around the bandstand I would advise the cycle route to run past the toilets on the east side of the park with a cycle stand at the base of the steps at the junction of the path to the cafe & the route running past the bandstand. 2. The junction with Dordrecht Way - the route is very close to the junction, how to manage the traffic to provide a safe crossing for cycles. 3. The route between the upper play area as it leads up the hill towards Upper Park Rd. This route is very steep & vision is limited, the route might need to be straightened & vegetation removed to maximise sight lines. 		
143	21.8.15	<p>I fully support the introduction of cycling routes in Alexandra Park. I have taught my children how to cycle in the park as there is no where safe on local roads. I now cycle for fitness and leisure reasons, and the mix of hills make it a perfect route; challenging yet manageable for people of all ages and fitness levels. As a survivor of cancer I know first hand how important it is to stay fit and healthy. Providing new areas to cycle in off the roads is a really important contribution</p>		<p>Comments noted. No further response required.</p>
144	21.8.15	<p>Thanks very much for the details. As a walker and a cyclist I am very interested in the progress thus far and although far from 'hands on' I have taken an interest from the very beginning. I have no enquiries as such but would like to comment as follows:</p>		<p>Comments noted. No further response required.</p>

		<p>Having had the benefit of a walk through the park a week or so back I am more able to visualise the work required. Obviously a great deal has already been achieved with the planning.</p> <p>I am very pleased with the proposals. There are bound to be difficulties and complaints especially with cyclists suddenly appearing among those used to walking in the park. However living in Bexhill I was pleased to be present a year or so ago when the promenade there was first opened to cyclists. It has been a success as far as I can tell. Provided the Greenway riders show respect for the public and exercise great care I believe that it will be a great step forward to both walkers and cyclists. Thanks to all who give their time and energy to this project which has my full support.</p>		
145	21.8.15		<p>I am opposed to allowing adults to cycle in the park on the cycle routes as they are currently proposed. I am a keen cyclist and support the Greenway concept in Hastings.</p> <p>My comments are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The paths in the parks are too narrow and busy for shared use cycle paths. Just as cyclists want their own dedicated space on the roads, so too should pedestrians in the park have their own dedicated space. Parents should be able to relax and let their children walk and toddle freely without having to worry about the close proximity of cyclists. Pedestrian density is a particular 	<p>The proposed route is a shared route. There are no proposals to have separate lanes in the park.</p> <p>Safety measures are integral to route design. Further consideration will be given to increased safety features.</p> <p>Alternative routes have been considered. The proposed route is felt to be the most practicable.</p>

			<p>problem in the Lower Park.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Lower Park Road is very suitable to be changed to a 20mph quietway which is much more suitable for cycling. This is for cycling on the carriageway. The road has the advantages of being flat, lit during hours of darkness and gritted in Winter. Suitable road measures would greatly reduce the rat running which has been a problem on this road for many years. Of all the roads in Hastings this road is probably the most suitable for a 20mph limit with appropriate road engineering measures.3. The current route in the Upper Park is not suitable for cycling. The slope down from Upper Park Road down to the Swannery is a gradient of 16% and at the bottom there are iron railings to collide with if control is lost. Riding down this slope is tricky in Summer. It will be more risky in Winter due to leaves and rain. The slope down from Silver Springs is around 13% gradient and again is unsuitable. There are adjacent iron railings which cause a hazard and a narrow crossroads of paths at the bottom. This will lead to collisions.4. A much flatter route more suited to cycling compared to the Upper Park is to have shared use cycling and walking along Harmers Lane following a suitable surface treatment. Harmers Lane is little	
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			<p>used by pedestrians. This gives a good route to both Silverhill via the quiet roads of bottom of Vale Road, Eversley Road and Beaufort Road and bottom of Parkstone Road.</p> <p>5. Dog walkers in the Upper Park will have to put dogs on short leads if paths are shared with cyclists in accordance with Highway Code clause 56 . For some dogs especially with owners of limited mobility living around the park this is probably the only space where their dogs can roam free. It is not fair on the dogs to be restricted on leads.</p>	
146	21.8.15		<p>I am concerned over the plans for a cycle route through the park. I have two children under three and the park is one of the only places in Hastings where they can really run free. Every time I go to the park I see scores of children, who are too young to understand the dangers posed by cyclists, playing and roaming about. They are just one vulnerable group. Some elderly people or those who are hard of hearing or eyesight may not be aware of the bicycles as they come through. The long leads used by many dog walkers in the park will also pose a major hazard to cyclists.</p> <p>I have no problem with children (13 and under) cycling in the park as they cannot go very fast but I have nearly been run over myself by adults cycling contrary to the bye law - the thought of hundreds of cyclists</p>	<p>Safety measures are integral to route design. Further consideration will be given to increased safety features.</p> <p>Alternative routes have been considered. The proposed route is felt to be the most practicable.</p>

			<p>zipping through the park every day frightens me.</p> <p>I understand that St Helens Road is not very easy to navigate on a bicycle but Lower Park Road is much quieter and safer. Cyclists on their way to town or the seafront will have to ride down Queens Road in any case!</p> <p>The needs of adult cyclists should come second to those of children in this case; if they are not capable of riding safely on the road then they shouldn't be on a bike in the first case</p>	
147	21.8.15	<p>While the idea is good, regretfully, cyclist have no respect for pedestrians an currently use their bikes everywhere being a nuisance for anyone that wants a quiet stroll and enjoy the magic of nature.</p> <p>If this will have only voluntary enforcement I think it is not going to work as cyclist seem to believe the park is only for them and them only.</p> <p>I foresee many problems particularly with those walking their dogs.</p> <p>Dogs and bicycles do not work.</p> <p>Personally I don't have a dog but I think running and bicycles should be restricted to paved areas only where people have ample space to make themselves scarce when they see a bicycle approaching.</p>		Comments noted. No further response required.
148	21.8.15		<p>I disagree that a cycle route through the park would be a good way forward for our town. People use the park in lots of different ways.</p>	Comments noted.

			<p>The parks paths and routes are not used in a linear way like the seafront. Bikes using the park to commute through will cause risk to children and to dogs walkers.</p> <p>If there is a need for a cycle route in this area then East Sussex should invest in making the paths that run along the outside of the park bigger to include a cycle route here.</p> <p>Children have limited spaces in this town to play away from the freedom of traffic. A cycle route will decrease children's space to play freely and safely. I think if you were to ask the whole of the town (make families through the schools aware of this proposal) , they would mostly agree that this is a very bad idea.</p> <p>If this route is to go ahead I don't not believe that you are keeping park users safe and are putting children at risk of serious injury.</p>	<p>Safety measures are integral to route design. Further consideration will be given to increased safety features.</p> <p>Alternative routes have been considered. The proposed route is felt to be the most practicable.</p>
149	21.8.15		<p>I must object to the proposals for cycling in Alexandra Park.</p> <p>I object to the entire idea of cycling within the park. There is currently no cycling allowed in the park, but this rule is often flouted and there appears to be no enforcement. The park is used predominately by pedestrians and the majority of these users must have small children or dogs. Control of both is awkward enough when they can run "freely" about.</p> <p>All dogs should be on leads in the lower park (again not very well enforced) but many people have these long extending leads. Cyclists traveling at even relatively low speeds will not be able to see these leads</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p> <p>Safety measures are integral to route design. Further consideration will be given to increased safety features.</p> <p>Alternative routes have been considered. The proposed route is felt to be the most practicable.</p>

			<p>which may well stretch across the path. On other cycle routes through the town, or on the seafront, the cyclist is traveling in the same direction as the pedestrian. In the park, children and adult pedestrians can and very often will cross the direction of travel, without warning.</p> <p>The proposals don't appear to show any lights, what happens to the cycle route in the dark. Cyclists in the dark in the park, will just not be able to spot people walking dogs etc. I object to the signage proposals on two issues.</p> <p>Firstly there seems to be a huge amount of signage. This may well be necessary to continually warn everyone of the cyclists, but the un-spoilt park will be ruined by the signage.</p> <p>Secondly, I find it a bit disingenuous to signpost the Conquest Hospital via the Silverhill exit to the park, when the best route is clearly via the exit nearest Parkstone Road. I know why you have suggested this, because it would mean a route going through an area of park not proposed. This lack of signage will not stop cyclists using this route themselves.</p> <p>This last point can cover the entire proposal. Once you allow cyclists into the park they will use the whole park, whether you want them to or not. I see the current lack of enforcement (no doubt due to the lack of resources at the council) likely to continue. By far the best route for the cycle route is along the park boundary adjacent to Lower Park Road. This may of course require the removal of some parking, but this must be better than allowing cycling in the park</p>	
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150	21.8.15		<p>I do not think that a cycle path in Alexandra Park is a good idea due to the following:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The park is used by walking groups, dog walkers and people with disablements e.g blindness. Bicycles can be a nuisance if they go fast as some do. 2. There are lots of problems with bends and hills. 3. Some parts of the park have visibility problems. 4. The lower park is used by small children who could be in danger as they often run out. 5. Presumably some cyclists will be going straight from Silverhill to the Town and will be cycling fast. I believe there is no speed limit for cycles. 6. Winter and wet weather could be a cycling and safety hazard. <p>I hope you will reconsider this taking into account the points I have made.</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p> <p>Safety measures are integral to route design. Further consideration will be given to increased safety features.</p>
151	21.8.15	Please register my approval of the proposed.		Comments noted. No further response required.
152	21.8.15		<p>We write to protest at the proposal to allow cycling in Alexandra Park and to create designated cycle paths for this purpose.</p> <p>We walk frequently in Alexandra Park, enjoying both the lower and the upper levels. One of us is disabled and therefore walks very slowly, while one of us is deaf. The Park is a safe environment for both of us, always tranquil and with no greater hazard than enthusiastic dogs, and children on scooters! In the huge, level, open, London parks cycle tracks may be suitable; in the narrow, hilly,</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p> <p>Safety measures are integral to route design. Further consideration will be given to increased safety features.</p>

			<p>thickly tree-planted area of Alexandra Park this is simply not the case. Pedestrians will neither see nor hear cyclists approaching until it is too late.</p> <p>Our walks along the seafront are marred by the constant need to be alert for cyclists, many of whom regard the Promenade cycle lane merely as a guideline and move in and out of it at will, secure in the knowledge that there is no person with the authority to stop them. The years of experience along the Promenade prove that cyclists, unless rigorously supervised, do not obey the Code of Conduct. Therefore the Park will rapidly become a hazard for families and walkers as cyclists weave around them.</p> <p>Cyclists riding on the town's pavements are an everyday occurrence, but there is no police policy to stop them. How will cyclists in the Park be prevented from riding off the designated tracks?</p> <p>This proposal is an example of a minority group vociferously claiming that it has an inalienable 'right to roam' which overrides the traditional 'rights' of those with 2 feet on the ground, not on pedals.</p> <p>If this proposal is approved the traditional users of the park will firstly herd into the few areas where cycling is impossible and eventually they will give up altogether. The Park will then become the domain of cyclists and organised events. All paid for out of taxes raised from the very people who now enjoy the safe haven of our beautiful park.</p>	
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153	21.8.15		<p>After looking at your plans I would like to suggest there are far too many signs. After recently discovering I had to share the path along the beach with cyclists by seeing the picture on the actual path, I think that is all that is needed. Anything more comes at a cost of money and environmental damage. I would rather not have to share a path with cyclist's as it won't be a relaxing walk round the park because of looking over my shoulder! Also quite a hazard for walkers with sensory impairments or even disabled using the park. A cycle path of their own would be preferable really. I thank-you for your attention</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p> <p>Signage is integral to maximising public safety and awareness.</p> <p>The proposed route is a shared route. There are no proposals to have separate lanes in the park.</p>
154	24.8.15		<p>I would like to register my opposition to the planned cycle route through Alexander Park. I strongly believe the park should remain a safe place for pedestrians to walk, stroll and run around without fear of being run down by bicycles.</p> <p>Please do not allow this to happen ! I have loved and used this park since 1967 and would be very unhappy to see it being turned over to cyclists.</p> <p>I know that the park would become unsafe if this cycle route were allowed to go through it because of what I have seen happen on the seafront promenade.</p> <p>Bicycles travelling at speed and knocking people down, violent and abusive language and threatening behavior from cyclists when asked to slow down or if a child or dog strays into the cycle path.</p> <p>I am frightened of cyclists because I have seen some of them become threatening if they are</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p> <p>Safety measures are integral to route design. Further consideration will be given to increased safety features.</p>

			<p>hindered in any way.</p> <p>Please do not let the park become a motorway for bicycles.</p>	
155	24.8.15		<p>I strongly object to the planned cycle route through Alexander Park.</p> <p>The park should remain a tranquil, peaceful place away from traffic and speed. Pedestrians should be able to enjoy the park without having to worry about accidentally walking into the cycle path. This is dangerous as bicycles will inevitably start to go at high speeds, as they do on the seafront.</p> <p>Keep the park a safe and peaceful place Please</p>	Comments noted. No further response required.
156	24.8.15		<p>Please, please don't put a cycling path through Alexandra Park. We moved to Lower Park Road because we love the fact that there is somewhere we can get away from traffic, where it's safe for our grandchildren to walk and play and where we can sit and enjoy the lovely, peaceful (most of the time) surroundings. When you talk about the London parks already having cycle routes there is no comparison as our park is so much smaller and narrower. It'll be an accident waiting to happen. Also, the park is used for so many activities and in the school holidays it's full of families. Where will they feel safe if there's loads of cyclists whizzing through in a hurry.</p> <p>There is already the seafront where we have</p>	Comments noted. No further response required.

			<p>to be careful we don't drift onto the cycle path. Can't we just keep it to that and keep our park safe.</p> <p>Just one other thing. You mention it'll be good business for the cafe but almost every time we go it is packed and it's very hard to get a seat. Mostly we give up and go home for our cuppa.</p> <p>Thank you for letting us have our say but please don't put a cycle path in the park. We certainly don't agree with the plan.</p>	
157	24.8.15	It allows for easy access in some parts of the park		Comments noted. No further response required.
158	24.8.15	It was very good and now maybe only change one bit – rope around the play part and put up signs.		Comments noted. No further response required.
159	24.8.15		I do not agree with a cycle path in the park. I hate it on the seafront and would hate it even more in the park.	Comments noted. No further response required.
160	24.8.15		I think it is a very bad idea because if an adult is speeding down it then a toddler walks across, they will get hit and very hurt or the biker will be.	Comments noted. No further response required.
161	24.8.15		I disagree with the cycle path going through Alexandra Park as I think it is dangerous for adults and their children. Dogs will run in front of bikes and will there will be accidents.	Comments noted. No further response required.
162	24.8.15		I totally disagree due to young children walking and people walking their dogs. There is lots of cycle routes in the town already.	Comments noted. No further response required.
163	24.8.15		I totally disagree with the proposed cycle route. It would be dangerous for families and children alike. The park should be free of	Comments noted. No further response required.

			cycle routes. There are already enough cycle routes in and around the town.	
164	24.8.15		I don't agree with this proposal as a lot of parents and children use these parks. I think it would be unsafe.	Comments noted. No further response required.
165	24.8.15		I don't agree with just widening of the paths, lots of children and families use paths.	Comments noted. No further response required.
166	24.8.15		Giving the cyclist the right of way on the existing path will cause danger to the kids and toddlers using the park. Therefore, I oppose the decision to change pathway.	Comments noted. No further response required.
167	24.8.15	I think a designated cycle route is a good idea but not through the more popular areas of the park as small children are very likely to get knocked over. I propose using the park side of St Helens Road pavement/or lower park road rather than through the park.		Comments noted. Safety measures are integral to route design. Further consideration will be given to increased safety features. Alternative routes have been considered. The proposed route is felt to be the most practicable.
168	24.8.15	I think the cycle route would be a good idea for Alexandra Park but I do not agree with it being too close to the café. I, as a parent, and childminder would be concerned for my children's safety because they like to play freely around that area.		Comments noted. Alternative routes have been considered. The proposed route is felt to be the most practicable.
169	24.8.15	In general a great route. Should provide access to main playground by bike (near bowling green)		Comments noted. No further response required.
170	24.8.15		Keep the park how it is. Free from cyclists – Young people have fewer and fewer places to play safely as it is.	Comments noted. No further response required.
171	24.8.15	I think it is safe but need to avoid the play park so if any children come out of the park no bikers will go into them.		Comments noted. No further response required.

172	24.8.15		Cycle routes encourage people to go too fast and go mad. If anyone steps out over “their” line – using your brain is a better idea.	Comments noted. No further response required.
173	24.8.15	It is a good idea to have a cycle route but not as planned. This route will prevent the kids having free play. It runs too close to the café and the childrens play area.		Comments noted. No further response required.
174	24.8.15	I think it is a good idea to prevent avoidable collisions but have reservations as children tend to wander off into path of cyclists.		Comments noted. No further response required.
175	24.8.15		We do not agree with the proposed cycle route as it will go straight past the childrens play area and near to the café where young children play and run around. It is an accident waiting to happen.	Comments noted. No further response required.
176	24.8.15		Doesn't really allow for children to just run about, especially when there is big events in the park. Quite a lot of children learn to ride their bike there as well, which would be quite tricky with adults using it as a cycle route.	Comments noted. No further response required.
177	24.8.15		<p>I am totally against allowing a cycle path in the lower end of Alexandra park. This is one of the last easy walking and tranquil places left in the town where children and OAP's can wander about in safety.</p> <p>Cyclists are not known for their acknowledging the rules of the road. Examples can be seen every day in the town centre where the “no cycling in pedestrian areas” notices are totally ignored. As are red traffic lights and cycling on the pavement in defiance of the highway code.</p> <p>The park is the one place for walkers, joggers, half marathon trainers, dog walkers with long leads and active children to congregate without looking over their</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p> <p>Alternative routes have been considered. The proposed route is felt to be the most practicable.</p>

			<p>shoulder all the time.</p> <p>If a cycle path is absolutely necessary and there must be many more important things which we are told because of cutbacks, the council cannot afford then I suggest that the footpath on the park side of Lower Park Road could be used as a cycle track as it is seldom used by pedestrians.</p> <p>One has to wonder what mayhem would follow cyclists passing the bandstand/café area on Sunday afternoons when any of the family functions are taking place.</p>	
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