

Recommended programme of schemes for Implementation

Location	Type of measure	Feedback	Officer comment	Officer recommendation
A259 Bishopstone to Marine Parade, Seaford Option 1	Footway widening	No consultation carried out, technical assessment only	A technical assessment has been reviewed and there are too many challenges to introduce this scheme safely and within a short timeframe. Widening the footway into the existing carriageway would require a lowering of existing speed limit and realignment of the current road layout, including relocating of traffic islands in order to provide an arrangement that operates safely. This section of the A259 has experienced a number of crashes over the last 5 years and any changes introduced in this vicinity are likely to need significant works and it is therefore not suited to a temporary measure.	Do not proceed
A259 Bishopstone to Marine Parade, Seaford Option 2	Footway passing bays	No consultation carried out, technical assessment only	A technical assessment has been reviewed and there are too many challenges to introduce this scheme safely and within a short timeframe. There is insufficient verge space at the back of the footway to provide adequate passing bays (to allow space for cyclists and pedestrians to pass) and the construction required would be significant due to the banks. The route would need to be closed for construction and it is therefore not suited to a temporary measure.	Do not proceed
A259 Peacehaven to Newhaven	Cycle Route	No consultation carried out, technical assessment only	A technical assessment has been reviewed and there are significant challenges to introduce an on-road advisory cycle lane without relocating existing pedestrian and traffic islands, suspending parking and realigning the central road markings. Due to the high traffic volumes on this section of the A259, the civil works would be very disruptive and may require a road closure. The cycle scheme is not suitable as a temporary measure.	Do not proceed
High Street/School Hill, Lewes Section 1 Market Street to Friars Walk	Footway widening	Lewes High Street Traders Association: are very concerned about the adverse impact on trade of the proposed measures. Parking is required for customers from outside of the town. The proposals are ludicrous and will kill our businesses. Please rethink before it is too late.	There has been a relaxation of social distancing guidance from 2m to 1m+, lower risk outside and the new rules about wearing face masks/coverings. As a result, the widening of the footways originally proposed to enable social distancing are now not so necessary.	Do not proceed
High Street, Lewes Section 2 St Swithuns' Lane to Station Street	Footway widening	<p>Reducing parking will adversely affect businesses at this challenging of times.</p> <p>The government guidance has changed to 1m+ and compulsory wearing of face masks/coverings so widening is no longer necessary. Loss of parking will be devastating to trade.</p> <p>Measures don't help cyclists and are a knee jerk reaction to the government's EATF. Anything that deters customers at this time will be a disaster for the high street.</p> <p>A representative of businesses states that measures will adversely affect the town centre as there are fewer shoppers at the moment anyway so measures not needed.</p> <p>Proposed measures will not help businesses operate, prohibitive parking charge increases already introduced and taking away spaces is unhelpful to businesses.</p> <p>The proposals are a waste of time and money and do not help. More support for traders is required. There are far fewer pedestrians with no queuing for buses etc. the measures will wipe out the high street completely.</p> <p>Many people are in support of the proposals with letters received in support of the proposed measures to make shopping a better experience and increase footfall to help with the recovery of businesses. The proposed footway widening will enable people to social distance and shop safely. A reduction in the number of cars in the high street will help to improve air quality and will encourage more people to walk and cycle.</p> <p>Cycle Lewes and Lewes Living Streets strongly support the proposed footway widening scheme.</p>	<p>We have received various comments objecting to the scheme from traders.</p> <p>We have received many comments from local residents, Cycle Lewes and Lewes Living Streets supporting the scheme.</p> <p>However, in this instance, the traders' comments outweigh the acknowledged benefits.</p>	Do not proceed
Buckhurst Place (underneath railway bridge), Bexhill	Footway widening	Chamber of Commerce & Tourism: Support the widening of the footway under the bridge to make it safer to walk into town safely.	<p>The available footway is less than 1.5m on both sides of the road. The widening increases the width by 1 metre on both sides.</p> <p>This is a pinch-point where there is significant footfall and anything that improves the situation should be introduced.</p> <p>This would be ahead of the implementation of a proposed permanent scheme at the Sackville Road/Buckhurst Place junction.</p>	Proceed

Devonshire Road, Bexhill	Footway widening	Chamber of Commerce & Tourism: object outright to the plans for the removal of parking spaces to widen the footway after consulting with over 150 businesses. The proposals will not help businesses to recover. Parking is already in short supply as 80 spaces in Wainright car park have been removed for a testing station. The existing footways are wide enough to accommodate 1m+ passing. The measures will not make the road a more attractive place to shop.	There has been a relaxation of social distancing guidance from 2m to 1m+, lower risk outside and the new rules about wearing face masks/coverings. This means that the widening of the footways originally proposed are not now so necessary, particularly bearing in mind the width of the existing pavements on Devonshire Road and the north side of Western Road. Signage to remind people about social distancing has already been received.	Do not proceed
Western Road, Bexhill	Footway widening	<p>Money should be spent on other measures, such as repairing footways and roads, street cleaning.</p> <p>RDC councillor Deirdre Earl-Williams concerned about the impact on business and disabled parking provision.</p> <p>Councillor Thomas supports the proposed measures but understand the traders concerns but this is a public health matter.</p> <p>Business owner objecting to the removal of parking and suggesting that the existing parking restrictions should be enforced.</p> <p>Business owner stating waste of time and money.</p> <p>Business owner stating proposals are insane customer parking required. Enforce the existing and planned parking restrictions to increase turnover of shoppers.</p>	<p>Comments received objecting to the proposals all from the businesses including from the Chamber of Commerce and Tourism.</p> <p>Few comments in support of the proposals.</p> <p>Majority of comments against the proposal</p>	Do not proceed
A259 The Stade to Pelham Place, Hastings	Footway widening	Hastings Borough Council has confirmed that there is support for the footway widening as it does get very busy along this section of seafront footway.	There is general acceptance for the scheme to widen the footway.	Proceed
A259 Warrior Square to London Road, Hastings	Footway Widening	The section of footway is not heavily trafficked by pedestrians, so the scheme is not needed along the whole section just the first 35 metres where it is narrowest. HBC councillor questioned the validity of the scheme and the scheme was shortened. A business objected to the removal outside their furniture business as would make pickup and drop very difficult. This would result in less than 30 metres of footway being widened.	<p>Reducing the scheme by a further 6 metres to accommodate a loading bay would result in less than 30 metres of footway widening.</p> <p>Officers have liaised with HBC and they do not object to the scheme not going ahead.</p> <p>The traders' comments are key to the acceptability of any scheme.</p>	Do not proceed
Terminus Road between Grand Parade and Trinity Trees, Eastbourne	Temporary road closure between 10am and 10pm Monday to Sunday	A number of businesses are against the scheme on grounds of access and we have also received correspondence from Elms Avenue and Elms Road residents about potential impacts of traffic using their road during the closure. However, we have mitigated that with a wider signed diversion route in place.	<p>Support from Chamber of Commerce and Eastbourne BID which represent business community. EBC supportive.</p> <p>Ties in to their promotion of this part of Terminus Road as a 'Food Street' and forms part of our longer term plan for this section of Terminus Road to be pedestrianised as part of movement and access package for the town centre which builds on most recent investment in public realm around The Beacon and Phase 2 between Bankers Corner and Bolton Road/Langney Road. In most cases, our proposals do not impact on deliveries.</p>	Proceed
Bolton Road to Langney Road via Terminus Road, Eastbourne	Temporary road closure between 10am and 10pm Monday to Sunday	Significant concerns raised by taxi operators due to loss of rank space and limited opportunity for providing space short term elsewhere. Also concerns raised about the loss of disabled bays and limited alternative provision. Concerns about deliveries.	<p>It is considered that the impacts of closure are too significant to proceed.</p> <p>Whilst we have a more comprehensive solution in terms of Phase 2 improvements which involve making part of Bolton Road and Langney Road two way with retention of taxi, loading and disabled parking, the temporary closure of Bolton Road and Langney Road along their full lengths and the impacts this would have on access for taxis, disabled and delivery vehicles means we can't proceed.</p>	Do not proceed
Seafront, between Wish Tower and Fisherman's Green, Eastbourne	Cycle route	Consultation will take place as part of the scheme development	<p>EBC and Chamber BID supportive. We have had significant correspondence from residents who are supportive of seeing a cycle route along seafront. Has been a long-standing aspiration for EBC and stakeholders.</p> <p>We have engaged early with hoteliers to understand their issues, one of which is the loss of parking which can be mitigated by EBC allocating parking for hotel residents in the various off-street car parks along the seafront.</p> <p>Will be subject to local consultation with stakeholders and businesses/ residents along proposed alignment.</p>	Proceed
Royal Parade, Langney roundabout via Princes Road Eastbourne	Cycle route	Consultation will take place as part of the scheme development	Builds on existing network of cycle routes including NCR21 and Horsey Way. Would provide a dedicated link from Langney/Harbour residential area to the seafront/employment areas.	Proceed
High Street, Hailsham	Road closure with exemption for some users	There has been concern from some traders and the Chamber of Commerce about the loss of on-street parking and access to shops on the High Street. Support indicated via Town Clerk at Hailsham Town Council, provided that businesses can still operate normally. Concerns from one councillor. Temporary rather than permanent scheme preferred. Need for social distancing acknowledged on the narrow footways.	<p>Cyclists, buses, taxi and blue badge holders will be permitted along the High Street, as will vehicles which need to load and unload. Dispersed parking can use off-street car parks as normal within the vicinity.</p> <p>This temporary scheme helps to aid social distancing on the High Street in response to COVID emergency and will make the area more pleasant for shopping.</p> <p>Further discussion with HTC and the Chamber of Commerce will be required on operational details</p>	Proceed
Cuckoo Trail various locations, Wealden	Signing	Consultation will take place following options appraisal	Still investigating potential options.	Proceed

High Street, Rye	Partial road closure	<p>Concerns raised about the impact on bus services.</p> <p>Town Council has suggested addressing the pinch point in the vicinity of the George as two pharmacies have queues outside and footways in the high street are narrow and scaffolding has removed parking and footway.</p> <p>Rye Conservation Society is supportive of suspending parking to widen the footway along the core stretch of the High Street.</p> <p>Rye Chamber of Commerce is concerned about any the loss of parking in the high street and that the proposals will adversely affect trade.</p> <p>Better signage of car parks is required.</p> <p>Currently awaiting Town Council's views.</p>	<p>There has been a relaxation of social distancing guidance from 2m to 1m+, lower risk outside and the new rules about wearing face masks/coverings. This means that the widening of the footways originally proposed are not now so necessary.</p> <p>Partial road closure is not acceptable to the businesses.</p> <p>The Chamber of Commerce objected to suspending parking along a section of the high street to widen the footway. Views that other measures could be introduced such as better signing to the existing car parks</p>	Do not proceed
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