

BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

To all Members of Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council

You are summoned to attend an **EXTRA-ORDINARY** meeting of
BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL to be held in the
9th BEXHILL SCOUT HUT, WAINWRIGHT ROAD, BEXHILL-ON-SEA
on **Thursday 19th August 2021 at 7.30pm**
when it is proposed to transact the following business:

PRESENT: Cllr Paul Plim (Town Mayor); Cllr Claire Baldry (Deputy Mayor)
Cllr Brailsford; Cllr Clasby; Cllr Gibson; Cllr Harding; Cllr Rustem; Cllr
Taylor-Gee; Cllr Thomas; Cllr Winter; Cllr Wray

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: J Miller, Clerk

00152. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

It was **RESOLVED** to receive and accept apologies for absence from Cllr Barfoot; Cllr Blagrove; Cllr Fenner; Cllr Carroll Cllr Drayson; Cllr Izzard; Cllr Norris with reasons given.

00153. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Cllr Thomas declared a non-pecuniary interest in the cycling item.

00154. TO CONSIDER STAKEHOLDER RESPONSE TO TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC REALM CONSULTATION

Councillors shared views and a consensus opinion was **AGREED** as follows:

- Option A is to remove the current gyratory system around the Memorial Gardens and create a priority junction in order to increase the public space and landscaping, as well as providing additional pedestrian crossing facilities along Buckhurst Place.

The council believes that option A would require additional zebra crossings on London Road/Station Road/Buckhurst Road to make safe crossing points for pedestrians.

This option could be enhanced further by removing the car park outside the town hall increasing park area up to the entrance of the town hall. The wall at the Amherst Road end could be removed to create four disabled/unloading spaces and encourage use of Wainwright Road car park. There are also 60 spaces behind the town hall that could be used to replace the few that would be removed in this scenario.

Sainsbury's could install a green wall along the façade of Buckhurst Place, this would create a green corridor for the town. Excess water collected through watering systems could be used to clean the taxis.

Sainsbury's car park is rarely at capacity, ESCC could investigate a small number of resident parking bays in Sainsbury's car park.

- Option B is to retain the current gyratory arrangement and introduce kerb works to slow down traffic in the vicinity and allow pedestrians to cross more safely. The landscaping in the Gardens would be enhanced and an additional zebra crossing provided at the southern end of London Road. Improve the traffic management arrangements, pedestrian facilities, and public realm at the Buckhurst Place/Sackville Road junction through the provision of a mini-roundabout, informal crossing points and realigned and resurfaced footways.

The council supports the introduction of the roundabout however there would need to be another crossing on Terminus Road to cope with the expected increase in footfall from the long stay Wainwright Road car park.

- Introduce a mini roundabout at the Beeching Road/London Road junction, improve the pedestrian crossing on Beeching Road and create a 'gateway' on London Road through coloured carriageway and footway surfacing.

The council supports the introduction of the roundabout. The council would like to see the public toilets adjacent to Sainsbury's re-opened and more trees planted along London Road.

The council would like ESCC to consider redesigning the bottom of Windsor Road to remove the extended corner, thus allowing entry from the turn off into Buckhurst Place from the new mini roundabout. Windsor Road and Reginald Road could become one way out of town and Victoria Road one way from Reginald Road to London Road. This would improve traffic flows onto London Road and shorter routes/less emissions for residents in these roads. There could also be further parking opportunities closer to the junctions.

The council is keen to pursue a 20mph limit across Central Ward to reduce emissions and improve traffic flow.

00155. TO CONSIDER RESPONSE TO SCH-0026 – BEXHILL CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN ROUTE FEASIBILITY ALIGNMENT

Councillors shared views and a consensus opinion was **AGREED**.

- Route (A) – This route runs between the existing seafront NCN2 cycle route, via Collington Station, to Bexhill Enterprise Park in Worsham. It is proposed that this route will connect to existing provision in Mount View Street via a new development in the North Bexhill Residential Development area. The route also passes through a proposed mixed-use development site off Down Road and interim measures are planned whilst this site is progressed.2.

This option is too disjointed, and does not utilise the existing paths. There needs to be a separation between cycles and vehicles.

Parking in the cycling lanes needs to be addressed before this option can be considered, an example of issues such as this currently exists at Cooden.

- Route (B) – This route runs between the existing NCN2 cycle route to Bexhill Station and connects to St Richard's Catholic College, ending at the Ravenside

Retail and Leisure Park. (Please note that as part of this consultation we are unable to provide more detailed design drawings as a section of the route is currently at feasibility stage, however we would like to seek your early views on the proposed alignment. A separate consultation for Route (B) will be conducted at a later date when the full alignment has progressed to preliminary design stage.)

The council fully supports this route.

The clerk shall prepare the responses and share with Cllrs Plim; Wray and Baldry before submitting to East Sussex County Council.

00156. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 15TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Meeting closed at 20:19pm

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