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Scheme 1: A286 Oaklands Way, from Northgate Gyratory:

As referred to in the Chichester Local Plan 2021 -2039 Proposed Submission (Regulation 19) Version, the Council has a preference for segregated infrastructure and this should closely follow the DfT guidance Cycling infrastructure design (LTN1/20). For scheme 1 our stated preference for Option 2 is subject to transport modelling (see comments below).

Option 1 – shared-use:

The Council's preference is for Option 2 – see comments below:

Option 2 – segregated:

The Council has a preference for the Option 2 scheme given its closer adherence to the design principles in LTN1/20. This preference is subject to WSCC carrying out traffic modelling in order to better understand the impacts of the scheme on the highway network if WSCC's further work establishes that it is necessary to reduce the eastbound traffic lanes along Oaklands Way.

The Council supports the retention of the mature trees, the displacement and re-instatement of the bus stop and the use of raised tables at the Northgate car park/Chichester Tennis Club entrance point and across the southern-most point of College lane.

This scheme should be particularly useful to students of Chichester University, St Richard's Hospital staff and residents in the north-eastern part of the City. We believe that the delivery of the scheme in tandem with the S106 committed toucan crossing should offer a significant benefit to a significant number of people. It will also support development and we encourage WSCC to bring the scheme forward to delivery at the earliest time.

The Council asks that works to tackle the flooding issue that occurs periodically at the southern most point of College Lane are considered as part of the further design works for this scheme.

Scheme 2: A285 Westhampnett Road, Chichester to Tangmere, from St Pancras in the west to A27 at Tangmere in the east.

The Council supports the overall scheme proposed subject to the following comments:

The Council's support is subject to further design detail, namely: bat friendly lighting on sections of the proposed path on the eastern section adjacent the A27 and traffic modelling to better understand the impact of the single lane reduction in the one-way section of St Pancras.

The Council supports the use of raised tables at all side roads and the conversion of St James Road northern junction to a signal-controlled junction with toucan crossings and traffic signal priority technology in order to improve bus journey times.

The Council supports the removal of some parking on the Southern side of the A285 Westhampnett Road providing its does not impact residents without the benefit of alternative parking facilities.

The Council understands that due to the available highway capacity it is not possible to provide segregated infrastructure for the infrastructure's entire proposed length and supports the parts of the proposal compromised by this consideration. This includes use of Public Right of Way 553 through Portfield retail park.

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In particular this proposed scheme supports development to the east of the City and will provide infrastructure useful to a large population of residents on the east side of Chichester. As such the Council urges WSCC to bring forward its delivery at the earliest time.