

Chichester District Council

Environment Panel

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Consultation response to WSCC's A259 Chichester to Bognor Regis Corridor Scheme Consultation

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2. Recommendation

2.1 That Environment Panel supports WSCC's A259 Chichester to Bognor Regis Corridor Scheme.

3. Background

- 3.1 WSCC is carrying out a public consultation 'A259 Chichester to Bognor Regis Corridor Scheme' closing 11 March 2024. This paper recommends support for the scheme subject to a further WSCC consultation intended for later this year which will provide the proposed scheme's detail.
- 3.2 The route features in WSCC's draft Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP). The Council supports WSCC bringing forward active travel schemes that support development growth through the emerging local plan and that seek to encourage the decarbonisation of transport.
- 3.3 The consultation is what WSCC call a Stage 1 consultation with the intention of engaging the community at the earliest time to harvest their ideas. The consultation does not feature detailed plans of the proposals but only a text-based description of what features the scheme might include (see Appendix 1). WSCC will then consider the consultation responses, work up drawings and consult again. At that time the Council would comment in more detail on the scheme.
- 3.4 The scheme is underpinned by WSCC's 'West Sussex Transport Plan (2022-2036)'. The scheme is not funded. WSCC expects the scheme to be funded by central government grants.

4. Outcomes to be Achieved

- 4.1 To continue to work with WSCC for the development, consultation, and delivery of sustainable transport schemes.

4.2 This work supports the Corporate Plan Vision and the Council's Climate Change Action Plan and Air Quality Action Plan.

5. Proposal

5.1 To consider WSCC's A259 Chichester to Bognor Regis Corridor Scheme Consultation and to indicate support for the scheme subject to being consulted on the detail in due course. Proposed comments on the scheme are provided at Appendix 2 and are to be appended to the Council's consultation response.

6. Alternatives Considered

6.1 The alternative would be to not support the scheme. However, the scheme is congruent with Council policy, would assist in mitigating development growth and intends improvements to a vital route into/out-of Chichester.

7. Resource and Legal Implications

7.1 Responding to a further WSCC consultation on the scheme is within the Council's current staff and financial resources and there are no legal implications.

8. Consultation

8.1 WSCC is hosting its consultation on its 'YourVoice' page (see: [A259 Chichester to Bognor Regis Corridor Scheme | Your Voice West Sussex](#) allied by messages through its social-media channels. WSCC has indicated that it will accept the Council's response outside of the consultation questions that they are posing on-line (see Appendix 3) and beyond the cut-off date for submission of consultation comments.

8.2 Council members will be made aware of the consultation by an article in the Council's Members' Bulletin.

9. Community Impact and Corporate Risks

9.1 The community will benefit from greater choice in their transport mode from the scheme's delivery. The infrastructure would enable safer walking, wheeling and cycling intra-urban utility journeys and more reliable bus journey times thus displacing more carbon intense forms of travel.

9.2 Modal-shift towards non-car modes (walking, wheeling, cycling) is modelled in the Local Plan transport modelling at 5% across the plan period. The delivery of schemes, such as proposed here, is important in seeking to achieve modal-shift and shifting local journeys to non-car modes to support development.

10. Other Implications

	Yes	No
Crime and Disorder		✓
Climate Change and Biodiversity Subject to schemes being delivered then the related infrastructure should enable a greater	✓	

number of trips to be made by foot and bike with a commensurate reduction in carbon emissions.		
Human Rights and Equality Impact		✓
Safeguarding and Early Help		✓
General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)		✓
Health and Wellbeing The Council has made a commitment to 'help our communities be healthy and active'. A more coherent and safer network of walking and cycling routes should enable a more active lifestyle with related benefits to physical and mental health.	✓	
Other		✓

11. Appendices

- 11.1 Appendix 1: WSCC Proposals for the A259 Chichester to Bognor Regis Corridor Scheme.
- 11.2 Appendix 2: Chichester District Council's Wildlife and Ecology Comments.
- 11.3 Appendix 3: A259 Chichester to Bognor Regis Transport Corridor Initial Engagement Survey

12. Background Papers

- 12.1 None.