

Comment	Officer Response
Support	
<p>As my husband is blind and we walk everywhere, we very much welcome the proposed changes. The present path by the Alms Houses is narrow and is impossible to walk side by side safely, as we have to do. This is even more difficult when the rubbish bins are there waiting for collection. We have to walk in single file which is tricky for a blind person. If someone is approaching from the other direction, there is no other option but for someone to step into the road, or obviously wait for us to walk through. It is impossible for anyone with a child in a push chair coming towards us to pass two people like ourselves who have to walk side by side. These improvements will help with this for other people using mobility aids, I think it is underestimated how many people have these issues so the pavement improvements will help enormously</p>	<p>The comments of support for are noted.</p>
Objection	
<p>I think it is a waste of money. I don't think it will encourage more people to walk or ride bikes.</p>	<p>Whilst an additional benefit of the improvement scheme will be to encourage more walking to and from the town centre, the improvements will predominantly cater for the high numbers of pedestrians already using this route.</p>
<p>The money would be better spent on bringing some more shops into the town centre so that pedestrians would have some reason to visit it. The town centre is looking so run down and derelict that there is no need for road improvements as there is precious little to come into town for.</p> <p>I send this feedback in the hope that you will take note of it although Wiltshire Council do not appear to take heed of anything that they do not want to hear!</p>	<p>As part of the Trowbridge Future High Streets programme, we are pleased to launch the Vacant Commercial Units Fund. This is a discretionary grants scheme offering funding to businesses and organisations to bring vacant commercial units back into use. We will support the refurbishment of vacant commercial units to encourage independent businesses and start-ups and encourage the conversion of upper floors of commercial premises, creating additional residential accommodation.</p> <p>The scheme aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achieve a more compact and vibrant high street • Encourage the diversification and revitalisation of the Trowbridge town centre through direct investment to deliver new homes, workspace and space for emerging and independent

	<p>businesses on the high street £1.2 million has been allocated to this grant scheme, with small and large grants available in two ranges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small grant awards between £2,500 and £24,999 • Large grant awards from £25,000 and £100,000 <p>Grants over £100,000 will be considered in exceptional circumstances where you can demonstrate the activity will be transformative and act as a catalyst to economic growth in Trowbridge.</p> <p>Grant applications must be for improvements to properties located in Trowbridge town centre and you must contribute at least 25% of the total costs of the investment.</p> <p>We hope the scheme will attract applications from commercial property owners, business owners, directors and landlords.</p>
<p>Comments</p>	
<p>Please can you consider a couple of racks or posts for bicycle parking/locking</p>	<p>Cycle parking will be provided on Church Street as part of this project.</p>
<p>My points, without any knowledge of the scheme, are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • what will happen to the bus routes on this road? • has there been a cost benefit analysis been done of not doing anything? • has any thought been given to reducing the size of the churchyard area to accommodate funeral and wedding cars, the churchyard is not very tidy at any time? • how long will the project last? • what has been the response to the "Consultation". Does it match the perception by Winsley villagers of the Consultation 	<p>The bus routes using Church St and Union St will be unaffected by the proposed changes.</p> <p>An assessment of the current traffic signal equipment and junction layout has identified a number of issues. Should the proposed public realm improvement scheme not be taken forward, the existing signal equipment will require replacement and action to be taken to address areas where the current layout is below standard. The estimated cost of such works is in excess of £100,000. There is no option to leave the signal-controlled junction in its current state.</p> <p>An area within the widened footway outside of the Church is to be provided for wedding and funeral cars.</p> <p>The construction period is expected to be in the region of 12 weeks.</p>

<p>for the Cycle Path/Road Closures in the Bradford to Winsley area during the summer holidays?</p>	<p>During the period from 27 January to 11 February 2022, local people were invited to give their views and ideas on the emerging work, as well as their opinion on various aspects of the town centre which would help inform future initiatives.</p> <p>An online webinar was held with key stakeholders, followed by a live online webinar on 31 January 2022 at 6pm for residents and the local community. This explained the proposals in more detail and involved a questions and answers session.</p> <p>415 responses to the survey associated with the above consultation process were received. More information on this, including a summary of responses, can be found at https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/fhsf-trowbridge</p>
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