


Updated proposal package for A259 Bognor Regis to Littlehampton Corridor Enhancement Scheme
 (Key:  Locations removed from original package enhancement proposal)

A259 Bognor Regis to Littlehampton Corridor Enhancement Scheme Public Consultation Summary Report

August 2023

Consultation Overview

Background: the section of interest during this consultation is the A259 between Bognor Regis and Littlehampton. The A259 corridor is congested in peak hours and will be unable to cater for future travel demand. The package of proposals aims to relieve traffic congestion, address road safety concerns and enhancements to active travel and bus priority provisions on the A259.

Consultation Period: 13 March to 23 April 2023

Consultation Report: this summary report contains a high-level overview of the key feedback of the consultation and the next steps for the scheme delivery.

Consultation and Feedback

Various mechanisms were used to promote the public consultation, including:

- [Your Voice Engagement Hub website](#)
- Email: A259B2L@wsp.com
- A survey questionnaire formed part of the consultation materials.
- Letters were delivered to more than 14,500 properties and businesses.
- Hard copies of consultation materials were made available upon request and available in local libraries.
- FAQs formed part of the consultation materials.
- Social Media, press release and tweet via Facebook and Twitter.
- Drop-in events, both physical and virtual format.

Response Statistics

- 4 face-to-face drop-in events were held at local venues between 23rd and 25th March 2023: 385 attendees
- 2 online events were held on 29th March and 18th April 2023: 8 attendees
- Total online questionnaires returned: 200
- Total hard copy questionnaires returned: 2
- Total feedback by emails/letters: 15

Level of Support by Location shown in 2021 results

Table 1: Count and percentage of respondents supporting or opposing each proposal.

Location	Support % (2021 results)	Oppose % (2021 results)
1: Comet Corner	83 (79)	7 (13)
2: Public Right of Way (PRoW) 165 & 166	63 (64)	0 (4)
3: Baird's Business Park	59 (56)	7 (11)
4: Oystercatcher	81 (76)	11 (14)
5: Church Lane	70 (61)	8 (19)
6: Ferry Road	64 (62)	8 (15)
7: PRoW 206	63 (60)	0 (4)
8: Clympwick Bridge	66 (61)	9 (7)
9: Bridge Road	67 (68)	5 (11)

Accessible textual description of Table 1: Count and percentage of respondents supporting or opposing each proposal.

1. Comet Corner: 83 respondents (79%) supported the proposals, and 7 respondents (13%) opposed them.
2. PRoW 165 & 166: 63 respondents (64%) supported the proposals, and 0 respondents (4%) opposed them.
3. Baird's Business Park: 59 respondents (56%) supported the proposals, and 7 respondents (11%) opposed them.
4. Oystercatcher: 81 respondents (76%) supported the proposals, and 11 respondents (14%) opposed them.
5. Church Lane: 70 respondents (61%) supported the proposals, and 8 respondents (15%) opposed them.
6. Ferry Road: 64 respondents (62%) supported the proposals, and 8 respondents (15%) opposed them.
7. PRoW 206: 63 respondents (60%) supported the proposals, and 9 respondents (7%) opposed them.
8. Clympwick Bridge: 66 respondents (61%) supported the proposals, and 9 respondents (7%) opposed them.
9. Bridge Road: 67 respondents (68%) supported the proposals, and 5 respondents (11%) opposed them.

Table 2: Priority for Implementation by Location

Priority Order	Location
1	1: Comet Corner
2	4: Oystercatcher
3	5: Church Lane
4	6: Ferry Road
5	9: Bridge Road
6	8: Clympwick Bridge
7	3: Baird's Business Park
8	2: PRow 165 & 166
9	7: PRow 206

Accessible textual description of Table 2: Priority for Implementation by Location.

The proposed order of priority for implementation by local is as follows:

The first and foremost priority is location 1: Comet Corner

Second is location 4: Oystercatcher

Third is location 5: Church Lane

Fourth is location 6. Ferry Road

Fifth is location 9: Bridge Road

Sixth is location 8 Clympwick Bridge

Seventh is location 3: Baird's business Park

Eighth is location 2: PRow 165 and 166

Nineth is location 7: PRow 206

Alternative Package

The County Council met with the Department for Transport (DfT) following the public consultation to discuss consultation feedback and the latest scheme cost estimates. It was agreed that the County Council will submit an alternative (lower cost) package of proposals with less locations for the scheme as part of the Outline Business Case (OBC) submission due to inflation, rising costs and DfT's budgetary constraints. The alternative package will include the following locations:

- Location 1: Comet Corner
- Location 4: Oystercatcher
- Location 5: Church Lane (improvements to developer's roundabout proposal)
- Location 6: Church Lane
- Location 9: Bridge Road
- Location 11: NCN2 connections between Oystercatcher and Church Lane
- Location 12: A259 corridor speed limit changes between Flansham Lane and Bridge Road roundabouts

Next Steps

The indicative programme going forward is as follows:

- Outline Business Case (OBC) submission to the DfT – October 2023
- Full design and Full Business Case (FBC) development from September 2023 to winter 2024 (note: to meet DfT's funding requirement, this has started prior OBC approval and it will be stopped should the OBC fail to be approved)
- FBC submission to the DfT – winter 2024
- Start of construction –autumn 2025 (note: this is not guaranteed as the FBC will need to be approved by the DfT).