



Transport Working Group - Report to the Town Forum 18th January 2018

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The TWG met on Thursday 11th January 2018.

1. Cycle Parking provision in RTW: Philip Munslow presented the TWBUG proposals to provide additional cycle parking to support the growth of cycling across the town centre. There are 37 stands now mostly in the north of the town centre, and TWBUG proposes to increase these across the town centre to 83 mostly small groups and single units located on pavements, or up to 10 in car parking spaces on the road. Evidence suggests that stands in car parks are not used and should not be installed in future. The TWG welcomed the report but urged that the Weisbaden stands were used as the preferred style for RTW because they are unique in the UK, they maintain a connection with our twin town and provide a consistent and high quality of design. The report had been submitted to TWBC/JTB for further discussion.

2. Local plan update: A list of strategic transport infrastructure improvements for RTW will be submitted to TWBC's Local Plan process. Items to consider include the Local *Cycling* and Walking Infrastructure Plans, BML2 and its potential for development to the south of the town, and the recently published DfT's Major Road Network. The latter suggests a future upgrading of a route Chatham to Brighton via Crowborough (A228/A264) which could bring more heavy traffic to RTW but could in turn attract funding for a relief road to the south of the town.

3. Public Realm scheme: The TWG welcomed the revised proposals and has provided feedback to Gary Stevenson. Our suggestions include the removal of all traffic from Civic Way in front of the new Hub while allowing only disabled and permit parking on the remainder. This enables the widening of the pedestrian 'crossing' over Monson Road to align with Civic Way and eliminates the need to remove the community flower bed for a disabled ramp.

4. JTB 15th January: AB and PP spoke in support of CPG residents to continue the campaign for pedestrian safety, speed restrictions and HGVs on CPG and Carrs Corner.

5. Public Transport Forum: JF will attend on 1st February.

6. Parking: Awaiting a meeting with TWBC to consult on residents parking changes in zones A and C.