

CHESTERFIELD AND DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

Proposed cycle superhighway between Chatsworth Road and the Royal Hospital

On 26 March I wrote, as chairman of the Civic Society, to Derbyshire County Council asking (under the Freedom of Information Act) to be supplied me with details of the distribution of a notice which I understood was to be sent to all householders affected by the scheme to build a cycle 'superhighway' between the junction of Chatsworth Road and Holymoore Road in the west and Chesterfield Royal Hospital in the east.

Anecdotal evidence had by that date reached me to the effect that not all householders affected by the scheme had been sent the notice. If it can be shown that the county council failed to give all householders an equal opportunity to comment on it, it may be possible to lay a complaint before the Local Government Ombudsman or the Secretary of State alleging that the county council has proceeded improperly in its promotion of this scheme.

It would therefore be very helpful if anyone living on any of the roads listed in the letter from the county council reproduced here who did **not** receive the circular (of which a copy also follows) would contact me with their name and address. If sufficient evidence can be assembled to show that the county council has not properly consulted those affected it may be possible to prevent the two most objectionable features of the scheme going ahead.

The two objectionable features, in the opinion of many local residents, are the building of a new two-way cycle track along the north side of Chatsworth Road between its junctions with Holymoore Road and Storrs Road, and the permanent closure of Crow Lane between its junctions with Piccadilly Road and Wetlands Lane.

Comments can be made via the Civic Society's website or by phoning me at any reasonable time on 01246 554026.

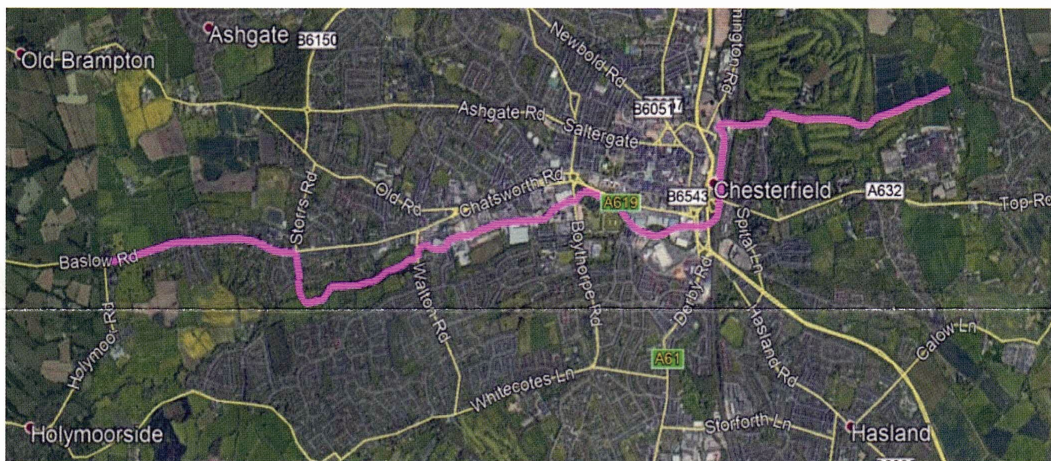
Philip Riden
Chairman

Dear resident,

We are writing to you to ask for your views on a new cycling and walking route in the town.

Derbyshire County Council have been given funding from the Government to build the route and have asked us to design it.

The route will go from the A619 junction with Holymoore Road, along Chatsworth Road and the existing Hipper Valley Trail, through Queen's Park, and to the hospital by using Crow Lane. The pink line on the map below shows you the route in more detail.



As you live on or close to the route we want to know what you think to our plans. It's important that you know that the money allocated cannot be used for anything else, or a route elsewhere.

This route was chosen as it met all the criteria set out by the Government, and it will really improve cycling and pedestrian access to workplaces, schools, Chesterfield College and the hospital. By making cycling and walking safer and more attractive more people will choose to do this, helping to cut traffic in the town.

A consultation on the route will open on Monday 8th March and close on Thursday 25th March. To find out more and to have your say please visit chesterfieldcyclerroute.commonplace.is

If you do not have access to the internet please phone us on 01482 679911. This phone line is available between Monday-Friday, 8.30am to 5.30pm, or email us on info@ltp.co.uk.

Once the consultation closes, we will carefully look at all feedback and this will inform the further design of the proposals.

Thank you for your time.

