

## NCN2 Extension Consultation Report

### Background

In December 2008, 2210 information leaflets were sent to all addresses in an area bordering a proposed cycle route extension from Brighton Pier to the Marina along the seafront of Madeira Drive. The information leaflet also issued an invitation to attend an exhibition to view the plans at Brighton Town Hall. The exhibition was held over 3 days, including extended hours to cover one evening and a Saturday. The exhibition was staffed for one day and an evening and a contact 'phone number was displayed should anyone wish to speak to an officer. A brief questionnaire was also included for people to give opinions about the proposals which was sent to all postal address and to a list of stakeholder groups. It was also available on-line on the council website and was available at the exhibition.

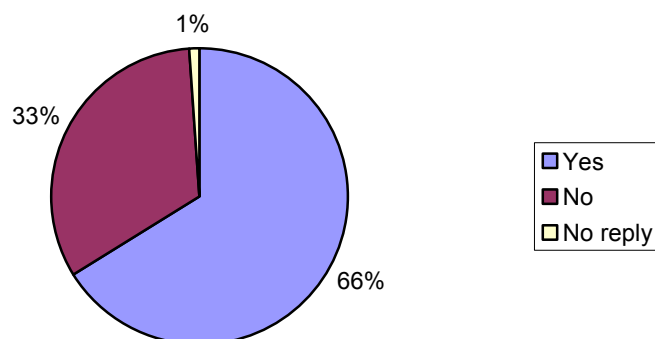
Details of proposals were also advertised in the Leader (a local newspaper giving almost city-wide coverage) in the Argus Lite (a free paper available at Brighton Rail Station and on the council website).

299 responses were received (107 from the website alone). Questionnaires were also received direct from the exhibition and the manager of the Yellow Wave centre on Madeira Drive also collected 26 completed questionnaires from customers and staff.

### Findings

#### Q1 Do you currently cycle between Brighton Pier and the Marina?

	No.	%
<b>Yes</b>	198	66
<b>No</b>	99	33
<b>No reply</b>	2	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>100</b>



**Q2 If you answered 'Yes' to Q1, which route do you currently use most often?**

Of the 198 people who answered 'Yes' to Q1, 194 people answered this question:

	No.	%
<b>Madeira Drive</b>	107	55
<b>Marine Parade</b>	87	45
<b>Total</b>	194	100

These people were also asked how they use this route, there were 239 responses indicating that some people used the route for more than one purpose. Usage is split is as follows:

	Commuting	Leisure	Other	Total
<b>Madeira Drive</b>	34	80	13	127
<b>Marine Parade</b>	37	59	16	112
<b>Total</b>	71	139	29	239

More people use Marine Parade for commuting as this road forms direct linkages to streets in Kemptown and the surrounding areas.

More people use Madeira Drive for Leisure purposes as this road forms a direct link between the Pier and the Marina at seafront level.

Other includes things like shopping and getting to the beach.

**Q3 If you answered 'No' to Q1, would improved cycle route provision along Madeira Drive as proposed encourage you to cycle?**

99 people answered 'No' to Q1, 59% answered yes to this question, as shown below:

	No.	%
<b>Yes</b>	58	59
<b>No</b>	38	38
<b>No Reply</b>	3	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>100</b>

**Q4 Two new signalised crossing points are proposed across Marine Parade near the Marina. Would you like to see these crossings installed? (These will be for cyclists and pedestrians to use?)**

247 people (82.5%) were in favour of this as follows:

	No.	%
<b>Yes</b>	247	82.5
<b>No</b>	32	11
<b>No Reply</b>	20	6.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>100</b>

**Q5 Do you think that further improvements for cyclists are needed in the areas?**

	No.	%
<b>Yes</b>	219	73.5
<b>No</b>	43	14.5
<b>No Reply</b>	37	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>100</b>

After this question, people were asked to give comments. 92 people made no comment and 207 people made 237 comments. 149 of these comments (63%) related to the proposed NCN2 extension and the other cycling related comments are listed separately. Comments irrelevant to cycling related issues have been omitted from this report.

The wide-ranging comments illustrate the diverse needs of pedestrians, car drivers and cyclists and even within the cycling comments a preference for a route along Madeira Drive or Marine Parade largely depends on whether cycling for leisure purposes or commuting purposes.

Comments have been grouped into different themes and are listed below. General cycling related issues not directly related to the NCN2 extension proposal are listed separately.

<b>Theme</b>	<b>No. responses</b>
<b><i>Proposed Route</i></b>	
Prefer / or would support route along Marine Parade (because of getting to and from Kemptown, it would be cheaper, pavement is wide enough, this route only useful for tourists, would keep cyclists away from Tourists/ need marine parade AND Madeira drive route)	44
No link from Kemptown to NCN2	4
Need access when events are on, otherwise provide an alternative route via Marine Parade	2
Marine Parade too busy for safe cycling/ move current cycle lane to pavement	2
Cycle Lane Duke's Mound to Marina needed	1
Cycle lane should be laid on the beach	1
Either the subway (Eastern Road connection to the NCN2 route should be filled in or improved and used instead of the Toucan crossing)	1
Move the cycle lane to the other side of the road but away from parked cars	1

Why does cycle track at Black Rock have to take part of the lawn?	1
Marina end of the route is the area that needs the most improvement	1
Restore the left turn from Madeira Drive into Marine Parade	1
Allow 2-way cycling in one-way n-s streets coming off Marine Parade	1
<b>Safety</b>	
No shared areas or unmarked cycling on roads/ tourists wandering on beach front cycle paths is dangerous/ need symbols as signs as dangerous to international visitors	12
The Pier roundabout is very unsafe for cyclists/ put cycle crossing by pier	5
More cycle crossings needed on Marine Parade, esp link to hospital/ junction of Marine Parade/ road up from Madeira Drive	5
Anything that makes it safer for cyclists is good	2
Black Rock area not cycle or ped friendly, especially in the dark – needs better routing and lighting	2
Need larger gap between cycle path and kerb so car doors won't knock off cyclists	2
More priority for cyclists especially on Marine Parade	2
Needs better lighting at Marina end of route (from Concorde II onwards)	1
I will then be able to walk on Marine Parade without fear of being hit by a cyclist	1
Madeira Drive not safe due to speeding cars	1
Realign street furniture and bus shelters so peds/ cyclists have good view of each other	1
Need to segregate the 3 types of traffic, ped/ cyclists/ cars Pier to Concorde II	1
Marina is totally geared towards cars not cyclists/peds	1
<b>Enforcement</b>	
Stop cyclists speeding/ going in pairs along Marine Parade/ cycling on pavement	2
Stop cyclists speeding down ramps to Asda car park	1
Control speeding cars on Madeira Drive	1
Need speed bumps at the top and bottom of Duke's Mound	1
Stop cars parking in/ near cycle lanes	2
<b>Parking</b>	
Need more cycle parking along seafront	3
<b>General</b>	
Can we have a 2-way cycle lane on St James' Street?	1
I don't have a bike – I would only cycle in Brighton if you could get to Mount Pleasant without having to share the road with others	1
Hopefully cycle lane will be red as others are?	1
Would be better to improve Volks Railway into the Marina	1
<b>Comments about consultation</b>	
Maps and plans inaccessible/ ambiguous	2
Questionnaire v poor	1

Would be cheaper to have suggestion box or stall	1
Longer exhibition and more questions on quest required	1
<b>General Positive Comments</b>	
A formalised Cycle lane Pier to Marina would be great, would clarify where to ride and make it safer	19
This would slow down dangerous drivers	1
The more cycle lanes/ routes the better	2
<b>General Negative Comments</b>	
Cost outweighs the use of these paths/ ....and there is plenty of room for cyclists on Madeira Drive/ ... and Madeira Parade/... waste of money	8
Don't do this	1

Letters were also received from a number of various parties and their comments are listed separately.

