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Answers to **A20 Harrietsham Highway Improvements Scheme**

COMPLETE RESPONSE

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What information do you need before completing this questionnaire?

We recommend that you read the consultation booklet (https://consultations.kent.gov.uk/gf2.ti/f/897026/33642565.1/PDF/-/Consultation_booklet_PDF_Version.pdf) before responding to this questionnaire.

When you have filled in the questionnaire, please ensure that you have clicked through to the very end and press 'submit' to complete your response. Any unsubmitted responses will not be taken into account.

Q1. Are you responding as...?

Please select the option from the list below that most closely represents how you will be responding to this consultation. Please select one option.

- A local resident
- A representative of a local community group or residents association
- An educational establishment, such as a school or college
- On behalf of a Parish / Town / Borough / District Council in an official capacity
- A Parish / District or County Councillor
- A local business owner
- On behalf of a charity, voluntary or community sector organisation (VCS)*

Other, please specify

«No response»

Q1a. If you are responding on behalf of an organisation (local community group or residents association, Council, local business owner or charity, voluntary or community sector organisation), please tell us the name of the organisation:

Maidstone Cycle Campaign Forum

Q2. Please tell us your postcode

We use this to help us to analyse our data. It will not be used to identify who you are.

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Q3. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the A20 Harrietsham Highway Improvement Scheme?

Please select one option.

- Strongly agree
- Tend to agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Tend to disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

Q3a. Please add any comments below:

While Maidstone Cycle Campaign Forum welcomes a small improvement to cycling in Harrietsham, legalised pavement cycling provides an incredibly low level of service to people cycling. Legalised

pavement cycling causes conflict between people walking and cycling, and results in a loss of priority at side roads. Kent County Council should be building proper cycle facilities, such as those currently being built by local authorities such as Waltham Forest, Enfield, and Transport for London, if it seeks to properly cater for people cycling and walking.

MCCF also has concerns that the new 30mph speed limit will not be adhered to, because very little is being done to change the actual design speed of the road. Wide hatching and flared junctions do not send the correct messages that this is a 30mph road. The carriageway should be narrowed, and continuous footway treatment (there are many examples in Waltham Forest of this treatment) provided on all sideroads to naturally reduce the speed limit of motor vehicles, rather than just relying on a legal limit.

A single stage crossing should be created between West Street and East Street. Staggered crossings cause unnecessary delays for people walking. Toucan crossings also cause conflict between people walking and cycling. Button placement on toucan crossings also causes problems for people using cargo bikes and disabled people. KCC should ensure that near side signals that have started to replace traditional pedestrian signals at the opposite side of the crossing are NOT used, because they are much less convenient for people cycling to use.

Q4. We have completed an initial Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) on the A20 Harrietsham Highway Improvement Scheme.

An EqIA is a tool to assess the impact any service change, policy or strategy would have on age, gender, gender identity, disability, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation, pregnancy or maternity, marriage and civil partnership and carer's responsibilities. The EqIA is available online at www.kent.gov.uk/a20harrietsham (<http://www.kent.gov.uk/a20harrietsham>) or on request.

If you have any comments about the Equality Impact Assessment, please provide them here:

«No response»

About You

We want to make sure that everyone is treated fairly and equally, and that no one gets left out. That's why we are asking you these questions. We won't share the information you give us with anyone else. We'll use it only to help us make decisions and improve our services.

If you would rather not answer any of these questions, you don't have to.

It is not necessary to answer these questions if you are responding on behalf of an organisation.

Q5. Are you.....?

Please select one option.

- Male
- Female
- I prefer not to say

Q6. Is your Gender the same as your birth?

Please select one option.

- Yes
- No
- I prefer not to say

Q7. Which of these age groups applies to you?

Please select one option.

- 0-15
- 16-24
- 25-34

- 35-49
- 50-59
- 60-64
- 65-74
- 75-84
- 85 + over
- I prefer not to say

Q8. Do you regard yourself as belonging to a particular religion or holding a belief?

Please select one option.

- Yes
- No
- I prefer not to say

Q8a. If you answered 'Yes' to Q8, which of the following applies to you?

Please select one option.

- Christian
- Hindu
- Muslim
- Buddhist
- Jewish
- Sikh
- I prefer not to say

Other Please write in below

«No response»

The Equality Act 2010 describes a person as disabled if they have a longstanding physical or mental condition that has lasted, or is likely to last, at least 12 months; and this condition has a substantial adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities. People with some conditions (cancer, multiple sclerosis and HIV/AIDS, for example) are considered to be disabled from the point that they are diagnosed.

Q9. Do you consider yourself to be disabled as set out in the Equality Act 2010?

Please select one option.

- Yes
- No
- I prefer not to say

Q9a. If you answered 'Yes' to Q9, please tell us the type of impairment that applies to you.

You may have more than one type of impairment, so please select all that apply. If none of these applies to you, please select 'Other', and give brief details of the impairment you have.

- Physical impairment
- Sensory impairment (hearing, sight or both)
- Longstanding illness or health condition, or epilepsy
- Mental health condition
- Learning disability
- I prefer not to say

Other (please specify)

«No response»

A Carer is anyone who cares, unpaid, for a friend or family member who due to illness, disability, a mental health problem or an addiction cannot cope without their support. Both children and adults can be carers.

Q10. Are you a Carer?

Please select one option.

- Yes
- No
- I prefer not to say

Q11. To which of these ethnic groups do you feel you belong?

Please select one option. (Source: 2011 Census)

- White English
- White Scottish
- White Welsh
- White Northern Irish
- White Irish
- White Gypsy/Roma
- White Irish Traveller
- White Other*
- Asian or Asian British Indian
- Asian or Asian British Pakistani

- Asian or Asian British Bangladeshi
- Asian or Asian British Other*
- Mixed White & Black Caribbean
- Mixed White & Black African
- Mixed White & Asian
- Mixed Other*
- Black or Black British Caribbean
- Black or Black British African
- Black or Black British Other*
- Arab
- Chinese
- I prefer not to say

Other Ethnic Group - If your ethnic group is not specified on the list, please describe it here

«No response»

Q12. Are you...?

Please select one option.

- Heterosexual/Straight
- Bi/Bisexual
- Gay woman/Lesbian
- Gay man
- I prefer not to say

Other

«No response»

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire, your feedback is important to us. Your views and opinions will influence the final decision.

Please click the 'finish' button below, and follow the instructions on the next page to submit your response.