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The Owner/Occupier

Public Consultation
Crab & Winkle Line
Cycle & Pedestrian Bridges

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Dear Sir/Madam

Connect2 Whitstable - Public Consultation
Cycle & Pedestrian Bridges over Old Bridge Road and Teynham Road

We would like to thank everyone who responded to the public consultation and to those who attended the exhibition at the Horsebridge Centre. Your comments are very valuable and will help us design a better scheme and address your concerns.

A total of 109 responses were received, with 68 in favour 40 against and 1 don't know.

A summary of the comments made and our response is enclosed with this letter and a more detailed summary is available on the Kent County Council website, or by request from the postal address above. A number of people criticised the sketch drawing of the bridges and we will not use this for the planning application. An artist impression of the two bridges is enclosed; this will replace the sketches.

You will have a further opportunity to make representations when the planning application is submitted to the City Council in the next few weeks. If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact us at the above address.

Yours faithfully

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Ref	Comment	Response	Action
1	Lack of consultation	Press release published on 02/03/10, individual letters delivered to 380 properties on 03/03/10, exhibition on 12 & 13 March 2010, plans displayed in Whitstable library 15-26 March, details on Kent County Council website	
2	No alternatives proposed; plans should not have reached such advanced stage without prior consultation	Two bridges received planning permission in 2006 (CA/06/0058) and were referred to in the path application CA/07/01442, so this is not a new proposal. As developers of the route, partners wanted to provide drawings for people to see likely impacts	
3	Plans do not show new house at 2B Station Road	Final drawings will be amended	Designer
4	Bridges will overlook our house	Will be addressed through planting and screening	
5	No drawings showing how overlooked properties will be	Addressed in path application CA/07/01442, drawing B1070700-LE-040(revB) shows cross-sections at various points	
6	Bridge designs ugly and unimaginative	Network Rail has raised concerns with the original suspension bridge design and the County Council is reluctant to maintain a complex structure	Designer
7	Antisocial behaviour	Addressed in path application CA/07/01442; protection from thrown objects to be provided over railway	
8	Better to build a lift from one station platform to the other	Not acceptable; less accessibility for path users, does not meet the ambition of extending the Crab & Winkle Way	
9	Privacy screening should be put up anywhere that bridges can overlook private dwellings	Addressed in path application CA/07/01442, drawing B1070700-LE-052	
10	Massive effect on flora + fauna	Addressed in path application CA/07/01442, numerous ecological reports	Ecologist
11	Prefer Teynham Road to be filled in and safe crossing installed	Not acceptable; Teynham Road has a bend which reduces visibility, gradient from bridge over railway would be too steep	
12	Total waste of council tax payers' money	The majority of funding is coming from external sources, not the County or City Councils	
13	Opportunity is being missed to link C&W to train station	Noted, will discuss with station manager	Sustrans
14	If bridges are to be built sides should be fully enclosed and 6' plus	Not acceptable; need to balance user experience and privacy, do not want to create a dark tunnel for users	
15	Would like to see steps down from bridge to Teynham Road	Will consider	Designer
16	Lid required on both bridges	Unnecessary; we do not know of any other footbridge in Whitstable with this level of protection	
17	Try to make them graffiti proof and with good lighting	Noted	Designer
18	Who will pay for security additions to my property?	Not required, land already accessible, security will be improved through construction of path and casual surveillance	
19	Too few measurements and other reference points on drawings	Accepted, will improve final drawings	Designer
20	No photos or CGI	Accepted, will provide	Sustrans
21	Drawings show planting after matured, and trees in residents' gardens where there are none now	Accepted, "Sketches of the Proposed Bridge Structures" drawing will not be used for planning application	
22	Parapets not high enough	Ref regulations 1.4m	Sustrans
23	What commitment from KCC to maintain bridges	KCC will maintain	KCC

Crab and Winkle Line Extension



Old Bridge Road, looking west



Teynham Road, looking west

