

Purpose

A group of key stakeholders were invited to review the proposals in early June 2017. This provided the opportunity to consider the merits of the scheme and discuss specific aspects of the design and where improvements could be made. The event was organised by Herefordshire Council and Balfour Beatty Living Places in partnership with the Hereford Civic Society. It was facilitated by an independent facilitator.

Stakeholders

- Castle Street & District Residents Association
- Clinical Commissioning Group
- Herefordshire Council Ward Member
- Hereford City Council
- Hereford Business Improvement District
- Hereford Cathedral
- Hereford Cathedral School
- Hereford Civic Society
- Hereford Pedicabs
- St James & Bartonsham Community Association
- Hereford Vision Links
- Hereford Wheelers
- Royal College for the Blind

Key Feedback

At the workshop all participants supported the scheme with either minor, or more major adjustments to the design.

Some of the key points raised were:

- Improved crossing points are a benefit to pedestrians.
- Possible difficulties in section between Cantilupe Street and Bath street if vehicles park for deliveries and block cycle lane.
- Realigned parking is easier to use and makes better use of space.
- Potential conflict between cars and cycles at the already busy Cantilupe Street and St Owen Street junction.
- Changes that reduce carriageway width are positive as they should help to reduce speeds.
- Could further contraflow be introduced on Mill Street to improve connectivity.
- Helps to encourage greater use of cycles and pedestrians in this part of the city.
- Changes to parking should make sure existing provision for loading for businesses is retained.

This feedback has enabled the design to be refined and for alternative options to be developed for the section at the eastern end.

The stakeholders will be invited to review all feedback from the consultation prior to the final decision on the scheme.