

WSCC CONSULTATION: PROPOSED TRANSPORT NETWORK IMPROVEMENTS A259 CHICHESTER TO BOGNOR REGIS CORRIDOR SCHEME

The West Sussex Transport Plan 2022-2036 sets out how WSCC intends to address a number of challenges, including climate change, congestion, public health and road safety through improvements to the transport network. Upgrading the A259 between Chichester and Bognor Regis is identified within this plan as a priority for investment. Consequently, WSCC are in the early stages of developing a scheme of improvements to the A259, as part of their Strategic Transport Investment Programme (STIP).

WSCC is therefore carrying out an initial consultation to raise awareness on the types of improvements being considered for the A259, in order to assist in identifying key constraints, issues and opportunities, which will help WSCC to develop the scheme. A further consultation will then be carried out later this year, with more detailed plans.

It is hoped that the scheme will make Bognor-Chichester bus services more reliable and a more attractive transport choice, and make active travel a more realistic, attractive, and safe option for journeys along the corridor. This may reduce short car journeys along the route. The scheme would improve the junctions for all road users, improving road safety and reducing congestion.

The types of improvements being considered are:

- Two-way segregated cycle tracks.
- Smaller sections of shared use (i.e. for walking and cycling) path where space is limited.
- Signal controlled crossings for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Pedestrian and cyclist priority across side road junctions, which could be via raised tables.

• Dedicated bus-only lanes, both northbound and southbound, along some sections of the route.

• Bus gates where buses receive their own traffic signal to give them priority over other traffic.

• Quiet routes that utilise existing low-traffic roads parallel to the A259, which are shared with all road users.

• Junction improvements to improve safety for all users and reduce congestion, including the A259 Bognor Rd/Drayton Lane junction and signalisation of the A259 Chichester Rd/A259 Gladius Way (North Bersted bypass) junction.

• Upgrading bus laybys to include real time passenger information display boards, shelters and better paths to improve accessibility and safety.

The consultation is open from 29th January – 11 March 2024

Responses are invited in the form of an online survey and an interactive online map where comments can be attached to the corresponding points on the map.

Further information about the scheme, and a link to the survey and map, are available here: <u>A259</u> <u>Chichester to Bognor Regis Corridor Scheme | Your Voice West Sussex</u> or by contacting WSCC at <u>LTP@westsussex.gov.uk</u> or on 01243 642105.