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Lansdown Residents

Dear Lansdown Residents

Thank you for your email to Active Travel England (ATE) regarding the proposed closure of Winfred's Lane to motor traffic. I am responding on behalf of the agency.

As the relevant highway authority, Bath and North East Somerset Council, working with the West of England Combined Authority as the scheme's funder, is best placed to consider how to balance the needs of local residents and businesses, including how to ensure safe provision for all road users. Where government funding is used for the purpose of provision of active travel infrastructure schemes, such as walking or cycling routes, ATE may review designs and inspect infrastructure. ATE have published the tools which are used to review and inspect schemes at: <u>Active Travel England</u> <u>scheme review tools - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</u>

We have passed your correspondence on to our Regional Manager for the South West, who has advised that ATE is currently liaising with West of England Combined Authority to arrange a design review for the Bath and North East Somerset Council's Liveable Neighbourhoods scheme. Design reviews provide an opportunity for a local authority to present a scheme design and receive constructive feedback on new and existing infrastructure, but in all instances the highway authority should satisfy themselves that the facilities proposed are designed and built in line with national standards and guidance. Appropriate design assurance is part of the condition of the funding allocated to West of England Combined Authority, with CRSTS schemes needing to comply with Local Transport Note 1/20.

You may wish to contact your local representatives, such as councillors for your ward or the member of Parliament for your constituency following the general election, to make representations to the local authority on your behalf. You can find contact details for your local councillors on Bath and North East Somerset Council's website: <u>https://democracy.bathnes.gov.uk/mgMemberIndex.aspx?bcr=1</u>.

Yours sincerely

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