

Comments and responses in respect of the Proposed Contraflow Cycling – Caersalem Terrace, Llanelli

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| 1 | <p>The development by encouraging cyclist to travel in both directions along a one way lane, will bring bicycles into direct possible collision with vehicles travelling in the opposite direction. Vehicle drivers will not anticipate individuals travelling in that direction leading to increased accident likelihood. The road safety report provided as part of the consultation does not provide detail on consideration of this matter and has not decreased the concern of Committee members.</p> | <p>The flow and speed of traffic in Caersalem Terrace means cyclists can negotiate these potential issues. We will also be installing signage and entrance points to further enhance safety.</p> <p>Contraflow cycling has been implemented successfully throughout the UK.</p> <p>A Stage 2 Road Safety Audit has been completed for this scheme with no issues raised.</p> |
| 2 | <p>There are businesses located along Caersalem Terrace who have loading and offloading in the area proposed for the cycling lane, vehicles parking will therefore encourage cyclists to take to the middle of the road increasing the likelihood of the problems noted above. It is also noted that attempted enforcement to prevent parking on the cycle lane would have a detrimental impact upon business and would not be supported by the Council.</p> | <p>Cyclists taking to the middle of the road will be more visible for slow moving vehicle drivers.</p> <p>There are no plans for enforcement to prevent parking on the advisory cycle lane.</p> |
| 3 | <p>The proposal as set out appears unnecessary as alternative routes are available that should be considered in preference to Caersalem Terrace.</p> | <p>Only alternative route is to travel up Station Road and then back down Marsh Street. This is more dangerous to cyclists.</p> |

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Responses received from

- **Carmarthenshire Cycling Forum:**

Formal response to the Consultation and Design:

"The Forum welcomes this first for Carmarthenshire and is pleased that cyclists concerns following the one way order several years ago have been heeded and accepted.

The design follows the Active Travel design criteria and both the flow and speed of traffic in Caersalem Terrace means cyclists can, with the signage and entry points, be able to safely negotiate between Station Road and Marsh Street.

The link fits into the wider vision for Llanelli which the Town Council had specifically supported three years ago. Their concerns are both unfounded and unfortunate and no doubt based on a lack of experience of such road layouts which are common across the rest of the United Kingdom. It is not uncommon for cyclists to have to negotiate oncoming traffic on two way streets where parking restricts the street to a single carriageway and given the conditions of Caersalem Terrace we see no increased risk in this scheme. Indeed, the link would mean cyclists avoiding Station Road and a roundabout thus providing a more direct and safer route".

- **Carmarthenshire Cycling Forum / Beic Fforwm Gar**

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