

Lewes Road Red Route Consultation report

September 2023

Background

A Red Route is planned to be implemented along a section of the Lewes Road from Elm Grove to the Gyratory in Spring 2024. The Red Route will be implemented using an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order. This initial consultation is to gather feedback on proposals in order to consider changes before the scheme is implemented.

Headline Findings

- Low response rate from properties mailed along the Red Route (5.8%).
- Comments were generally supportive of the scheme, in particular relating to cycle lanes clear of parked vehicles and safety for both cyclists and pedestrians.
- Unsupportive comments mainly related to a lack of loading bays / places to pick up / drop off to both residential and business addresses.

Methodology

Brighton & Hove City Council Land and Property Gazetteer was used to provide 760 property addresses in the Lewes Road Red Route area. An information leaflet and plan were sent to each address. People were asked to go online to complete a questionnaire but could request a paper copy of the questionnaire with a prepaid envelope for reply. The consultation was also promoted via the council's social media. The consultation ran from 24 July to 17 September 2023.

Results

321 valid responses¹ were received. 39 of these were from within the area mailed giving a low response rate of 5.8%. 277 responses were also received from outside this area: 130 responses from an area immediately surrounding the mailing area and a further 152 responses from further afield.

Area Mailed (properties along the route)	No. of properties mailed	No. of responses returned	Response rate %
Aberdeen Road	38	2	5.3
Caledonian Road	67	3	4.5
Edinburgh Road	44	1	2.3
Gladstone Terrace	74	8	10.8
Inverness Road	19	0	0
Lewes Road	327	15	4.6
Melbourne Street	6	1	16.70
St Mary Magdalene Street	53	3	5.7

¹ 3 responses were removed from the analysis for the following reason as they were duplicates

Area Mailed (properties along the route)	No. of properties mailed	No. of responses returned	Response rate %
St Pauls Street	55	5	9.1
Upper Lewes Road	63	0	0
Wellington Road	14	1	7.1
Total	760	39	5.1

Q Respondents were asked whether they are a resident, a business owner or manager or work in the area. (Respondents could tick more than one option).

	Number of responses			Total responses
	Red Route area	Neighbouring area	Other	
Live in the area	33	118	82	233
Business owner or manager	5	6	6	17
Work in the area	1	19	35	55
Other	2	16	49	67

Q What type of business do you own or manage in the area?

	Number of responses			Total responses
	Red Route area	Neighbouring area	Other	
Retail outlet	3	1	0	4
Office based	2	7	3	12
Other includes: Church, Carpenter, decorator, electrician, letting agent, community mental health worker	2	3	12	17

An open text box enabled respondents to add comments. These comments were grouped together and themed as follows:

Comment theme	Number of times mentioned
Supportive	192
Will stop parking in cycle lanes	119
Will be safer / for cyclists / clearer sight lines / will encourage cycling	98
Will stop illegal /anti-social parking	49
Will improve traffic flow / bus journey times / improve using the bus	43
Needs more / short stay loading bays / stopping places for deliveries	31
Enforce scheme/ loading bays/ disabled bays /concerned about parking	31

Comment theme	Number of times mentioned
in side streets	
Unsupportive/ not needed / money making scheme	29
Extend this route to Coombe Road / further north / Bear Road / University/ further south	22
Businesses will suffer / need to be able to pop into shops / parking outside shops will be difficult / Royal Mail van needs to park	20
How will we receive home deliveries / shopping / load unload children/ shopping /change tenancies / move house / stressful for residents	14
Will be safer for pedestrians	10
Cycle lanes need to be improved / segregated	10
Communal bins in cycle lanes	7
Consultation - are gaps on maps zig-zags? Confusion between red route and red cycle lane at Gyrotory	6
Clearer views / will be safer for motorists	5
Need loading / unloading at St Martin's Church / funerals / weddings / dropping off frail worshippers / loading bays nr church blocked by communal bins	5
How will disabled residents get dropped off - picked up / at surgery / at church/ in taxis	5
Operate peak hours only / is it needed 24/7 / limit to hotspots only	4
Need a red route on Western Road/ Dyke Road/ Old Shoreham Road / more areas	4
Will improve air quality	3
Communal bins at end of side streets block sightline	3
Difficult for the disabled to access shops / or park	3
Traffic flow is not an issue	2
Improve traffic signals instead	2
Parking towards Elm Grove end is difficult	2
Use existing enforcement capabilities instead	2

Demographic Information

Age	Number	%
18-24	14	4.8
25-34	43	14.8
35-44	55	19.0
45-54	66	22.8
55-64	78	26.9
65-74	29	10.0
75+	5	1.6
Total	290	100

Gender	Number	%
Male	182	64.5
Female	99	35.1
Non-Binary	1	0.4
Total	282	100

Do you identify as the gender you were assigned at birth?	Number	%
Yes	263	97.4
No	7	2.6
Total	270	100

Disability	Number	%
Yes, a little	30	11.1
Yes, a lot	18	6.7
No	222	82.2
Total	270	100

Of those who answered “yes”, disabilities were as follows:

Please state the type of impairment which applies to you.	Number
Physical impairment	22
Sensory impairment	10
Learning disability/ difficulty	3
Long-standing illness	18
Mental health condition	11
Development condition	2
Autistic Spectrum	4
Other	12

Ethnicity	Number	%
White English/ Welsh/ Scottish/ Northern Irish/ British	224	82.1
Irish	5	1.8
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	0	0
Any other white background	33	12.1
Bangladeshi	3	1.1
Indian	0	0
Pakistani	0	0
Chinese	0	0
Any other Asian background	0	0
African	0	0
Caribbean	0	0
Any other Black background	0	0
Asian & White	1	0.4
Black African & White	0	0
Black Caribbean & White	0	0
Any other mixed background	3	1.1
Arab	1	0.4
Any other ethnic group	3	1.1
Total	273	100

Sexual Orientation	Number	%
Bisexual	20	8.3
Gay Man	19	7.9
Heterosexual/ straight	193	80.4
Lesbian/ Gay Woman	6	2.5
Other	2	0.8
Total	240	100

Religious Belief	Number	%
I have no particular religion or belief	136	52.9
Buddhist	7	2.7
Christian	33	12.8
Hindu	0	0
Jain	0	0
Jewish	2	0.8
Muslim	3	1.2
Pagan	0	0
Sikh	0	0
Agnostic	8	3.1
Atheist	66	25.7
Other	1	0.4
Other philosophical belief	1	0.4
Total	257	100

Are you a carer	Number	%
Yes	22	8.1
No	248	91.9
Total	270	100

If yes, do you care for:	Number
Parent	7
Partner or Spouse	2
Child with special needs	8
Friend	1
Other family member	6
Other	5

Armed Forces	Yes		No	
	Number	%	Number	%
Are you currently serving in the UK armed forces?	2	0.7	270	99.3
Have you ever served in the UK armed forces?	4	1.5	266	98.5
Are you a member of a current or former serviceman or woman's immediate family/ household?	9	3.4	259	96.6