

Whitehawk Mini-Roundabout Improvements

Consultation Report

Background

The council is planning to implement improvements at the Whitehawk mini-roundabout (junction of Whitehawk Road, Arundel Road, Bristol Gardens and Roedean Road) as part of the Council's Pedestrian Crossing Priority Programme. These improvements are designed to improve safety at this junction by upgrading infrastructure which will allow for easier and safer journeys for pedestrians, cyclists and other road users.

A public consultation took place to both inform local residents and businesses and to also make comments or raise issues or concerns which will be used to inform a final design. The consultation ran from 21 August to 9 September 2023.

Methodology

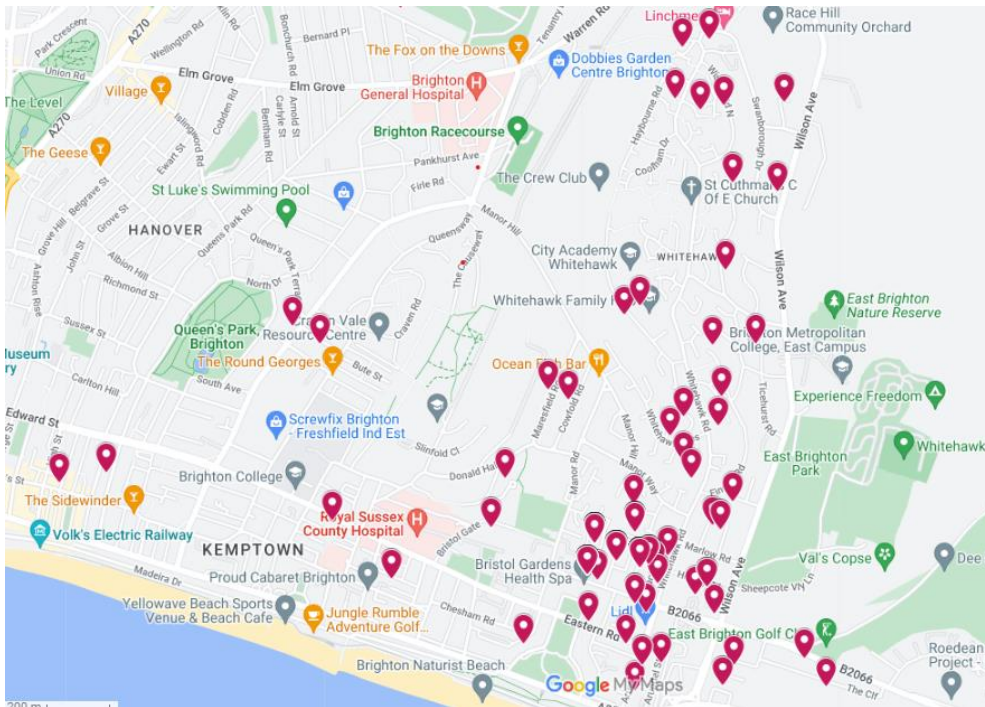
Brighton & Hove City Council's Land and Property Gazetteer was used to provide 204 addresses in an area surrounding the Whitehawk mini-roundabout. A letter was sent to each address. People were invited to go online to give their views, using a QR code or website link to a survey hosted on the council's consultation portal – Citizen Space. Paper copies were also available on request.

Results

The consultation received 190 responses. 14.5% of the responses came from addresses within the area mailed and the rest from a surrounding area and from further afield.

Type of response	Number of individual responses	Number of household responses
Responses from residents within the mailout area	27	14.5
Respondents from the surrounding area (postcodes beginning BN2 5)	137	73.7
Respondents from across the city	22	11.8
Respondents from outside the city	0	0
Total	186¹	100

¹ 4 respondents did not give their postcode



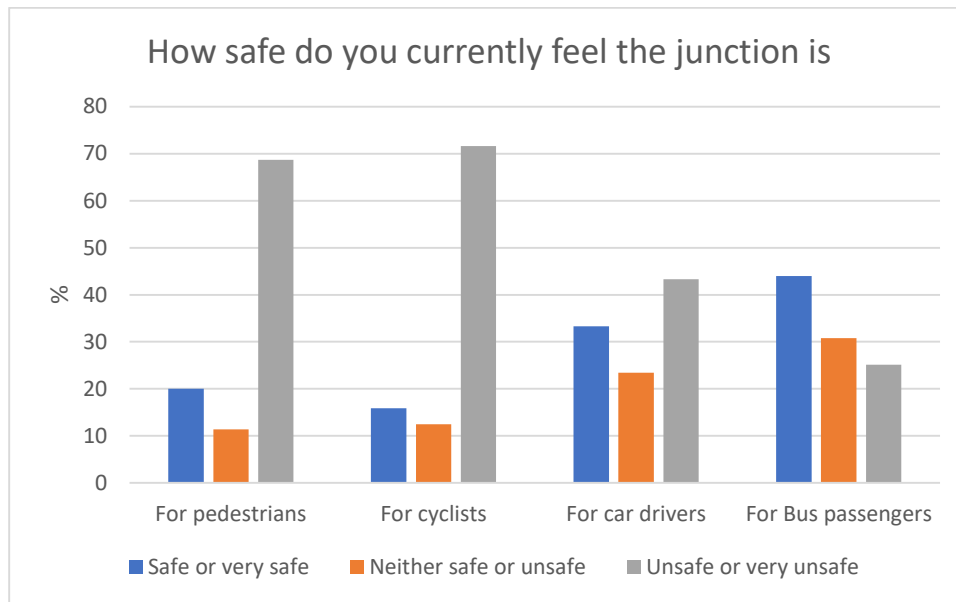
Q1 How do you most frequently travel through this area?

	Number	%
By car or van (as driver)	57	30.6
By car or van (as passenger)	5	2.7
By taxi	0	0
By bus	2	1.1
On foot	89	47.8
Using a wheelchair or mobility scooter	0	0
By cycling	19	10.2
Other (includes 14 respondents who say they use a combination of modes)	14	7.5

Q2 How safe do you currently feel the junction is for the following users:

	Very Safe		Safe		Neither safe or unsafe		Unsafe		Very unsafe	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
For pedestrians	15	8.1	22	11.9	21	11.4	69	37.3	58	31.4
For cyclists	9	5.1	19	10.8	22	12.5	77	43.8	49	27.8
For car drivers	18	10.5	39	22.8	40	23.4	61	35.7	13	7.6
For Bus passengers	29	18.2	41	25.8	49	30.8	28	17.6	12	7.5

The chart below shows that respondents consider the junction to be unsafe/ very unsafe for all modes except for bus passengers.



Q3 Do you have any comments

Comments in support	No. of times mentioned
Looks good / Will be an improvement / Good idea / Happy with proposals / support the scheme	68
Will slow down and reduce cars / Bristol Gardens has become a rat run / will improve air quality /	39
Will improve pedestrian safety / current arrangement dangerous for cyclists and pedestrians	30
Will improve safety for driving / currently find it hazardous	4
Want road closure to include motorbikes	1
Total	142

Comments objecting to some or all of the proposals	No. of times mentioned
Is going to cause more congestion / create new rat runs / force residents a long way round	38
Not sure scheme is necessary / not needed / can't see the benefits / works fine currently /waste of money / improve other aspects	22
Oppose road closure aspect / other options instead of closure / traffic calming / speed humps	20
Worried about emergency service access	5
Will Increase pollution	2

Disagree with raised junction	1
Total	88

Suggested changes to proposals	No. of times mentioned
Should be more zebra crossings / zebras at the other improved crossings	13
Need traffic lights / full traffic control at crossings / prefer light system	8
Address other dangerous junctions / will other junctions be changed to support?	6
Crossing points in wrong location or unsure where	6
Suggest supporting measures eg greening / planting improved pedestrian access routes	6
Specific issues	5
Not clear on access restrictions for residents / not clear on routing	3
Cycle paths should be included	2
Ensure road closure allows adapted cycles	1
Introduce EV charging bays	1
Illegal parking needs enforcement	1
Total	52

Q4 How are you responding to this survey?

As a local resident	179
As a local business owner or manager	3
As someone who works in the area	9
On behalf of a business, organisation or group name: 20 King's Avenue Management Group Absolute Hygiene Adam Bronkhorst Photography BELTA BGHS Brighton & Hove Community Works Brighton & Hove Clarion Cycling Club Glen Crosier Local Doctor's Surgery Sackville Construction Tellen Wood Ltd The Martlets Hospice The Roaming Pen Wildhut Ltd	

Other includes:

- I cycle in the area once a week
- I visit friends in the area
- I occasionally drive through the area
- I am a paramedic
- I used to work in the area

Demographic Information

Age	Number	%
18-24	2	1.3
25-34	8	5.3
35-44	25	16.4
45-54	35	23.0
55-64	41	27.0
65-74	29	19.1
75+	12	7.9
Total	152	100

Gender	Number	%
Male	67	39.2
Female	103	60.2
Non-Binary	0	0
Other	1	0.6
Total	171	100

Ethnicity	Number	%
White English/ Welsh/ Scottish/ Northern Irish/ British	128	80.5
Irish	5	3.1
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	1	0.6
Any other white background	18	11.3
Bangladeshi	0	0
Indian	2	1.3
Pakistani	1	0.6
Chinese	0	0
Any other Asian background	1	0.6
African	0	0
Caribbean	0	0
Any other Black background	0	0
Asian & White	2	1.3
Black African & White	0	0
Black Caribbean & White	0	0
Any other mixed background	0	0
Arab	0	0
Any other ethnic group	1	0.5
Total	159	100

Disability	Number	%
Yes, a little	23	13.9
Yes, a lot	11	6.6
No	132	79.5
Total	166	100

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

Please state the type of impairment which applies to you.	Number
Physical impairment	24
Sensory impairment	4
Learning disability/ difficulty	2
Long-standing illness	13
Mental health condition	11
Development condition	6
Autistic Spectrum	1
Other	12

