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## **EARLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Woodley to Reading Active Travel Route Consultation – Revised proposal**

#### **Earley Town Council's Revised Comments**

Earley Town Council: -

- welcomes the investment in new cycling and walking infrastructure in both Earley and Woodley;
- welcomes the new crossings on Church Road and Woodlands Avenue;
- welcomes 20mph speed limits on Woodlands Avenue, Church Road and Palmerstone Road;
- believes that - for reasons given in our earlier submission - Option 2 is not a satisfactory option for the cycle route, and that the now-revised Option 1 route is still a sub-optimal option, and that other possible better options have not yet been fully considered, especially as, in the parallel Local Cycle & Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) consultation, Culver Lane is shown as a proposed primary cycle route and a suggestion is made that a segregated cycle track be investigated between Woodlands Avenue and Culver Lane;
- has significant reservations about the proposed traffic scheme at the end of Culver Lane under the railway bridge and in this regard, endorses the reasons set out in paragraph 8 of ACER's response to this consultation;
- requests that additional crossings be added to Pitts Lane;
- is pleased to note that a permanent 20mph zone on the sections of Church Road between Culver Lane and Wokingham Road is proposed in the parallel LCWIP consultation;
- requests a "Twenty is Plenty" zone across the whole of Whitegates;
- requests a pedestrian phase on the traffic lights for Church Road at the Three Tuns crossroads;
- requests that the needs of disabled residents are considered with respect to any new infrastructure;
- endorses the position of Woodley Town Council and requests that its views and the views of its residents be properly and fully considered, following the representations they have made;

- requests that the different emphasis between how pedestrians and cyclists co-exist with road traffic, as set out in the recently updated Highway Code (published after the first consultation commenced), is considered in the design of the whole scheme;
- requests that a continuing programme be undertaken to make drivers more aware of pedestrians and cyclists.

This concludes the comments of Earley Town Council.

Dated: 18<sup>th</sup> August 2022