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Dear Councillor Bentley

Colchester Borough Council recognises that cycling has an important part to play in addressing the challenges in the town of congestion, air quality and population growth. The Borough Council wants Colchester to be a town where people can choose to travel safely and easily on a convenient cycle network across the town.

The Borough Council supports the commitment in the Essex Cycling Strategy to create the Cycling Action Plan for Colchester, establishing a coherent, comprehensive and advantageous cycle network utilising a combination of on-carriageway and off-carriageway cycle facilities. The Colchester Cycling Action Plan identifies potential cycle routes across the urban area of Colchester and reference is made to the use of the Sustrans Design Manual to inform the type of cycle route provision. The Borough Council welcomes the use of this guidance, and in particular welcomes the recommendation in the Plan that the conversion of footpaths and footways to shared use to permit bicycle use should not be regarded as a general or area-wide remedy. The Borough Council also welcomes the statement that ECC aims to limit the use of footway conversion/shared use paths and Engineers and Designers should first consider alternative options. The Borough Council considers that this is important and should apply to the design of all cycle schemes in the Colchester Borough.

Colchester Borough Council welcomes the continued partnership with the County Council, and continued consultation on proposed cycle schemes, to deliver improvements to existing cycle routes, and development of new cycle routes, throughout Colchester.

Yours sincerely

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