

Responses to Representations made on the Pre-submission Draft Stratford Neighbourhood Development Plan

Policy TC18

Representations: Total received 18

Number in Support: 10

Summary of Representations:

There is shared concern about the volumes of use of this bridge. The policy is supported.

Modification Proposed:

Despite the general support for the intentions of this policy from residents, the matter falls outside the remit of a Neighbourhood Development Plan to enforce as a policy, however to retain the initiatives contained within it, this will be converted to a Project (TC Project 8). This project should be read in conjunction with INF Project 6.

Individual Representations and Steering Group Responses

Code Number	Full Name	Organisation represented (where applicable)	Policy TC18	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Response
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Statutory Consultees' Comments				
1001	Stratford District Council	Statutory Consultee	This policy is aspirational and should be located within an appendix to the main Plan.	This policy will be re-designated as a project

Agents and Developers' Comments				
502	Stratforward BID		We support this policy. Permanent keep left signage required.	Supportive

Residents' Comments				
038	Amanda Waters		Agree	Supportive

048	David Bowie		The tramway bridge could be widened; it isn't an engineering impossibility to do this while preserving its character. A new footbridge would be unnecessary, a waste of money and highly controversial.	Noted
055	Dr Ian G Heggie		I think this should be more specific. What is really needed is both a short and long term plan of action. In the short term, keep left signs might help to increase capacity and -- during peak summer weekends -- flows need to be monitored via CCTV so that Town Hosts (or others) can intervene when problems arise. In the long term, a relief bridge must be provided. Where and what kind of bridge are key issues to be consulted on.	Noted Any short term measures should be considered immediately as operational matters outside the scope of this plan; a new bridge may well be one of the options to be considered under this policy.
056	Martyn Luscombe	Stratford Voice	Support. However it is important that this important feature and the surrounding area are not compromised to deal with levels of congestion that occur rarely and predictably, and could be handled by temporary controls on those occasions.	Supportive There appears to be a trend to increase the number of special events attracting large crowds on the recreation ground. If it continues it will increase the importance of action under this policy.
057	Trevor Honychurch		Agreed but the Tramway bridge is only congested during peak summer weekends and when festivals are held on the Rec. For most of the time, there is no problem.	Supportive
064	Richard Eden		A statistic says on 15% of traffic coming in to Town is through traffic. I don't believe this covers the traffic problem. During peak times, probably 80% of traffic is through traffic. Has this been studied? Understanding the incoming traffic is critical to finding solutions. Clearly this bridge needs an upgrade. Two decisions	Noted but this comment is not relevant to TC18. It may refer to the Clopton Bridge which is covered in the INF policies

			a) does the bridge need and upgrade Yes/No. After that decision has been made b) how is it to be funded? If it's needed, then funding solutions need to be identified.	
086	Jenny Fradgley		A second bridge is becoming a real consideration as the town becomes more successful at attracting visitors and locals to its festivals	Supportive
095	Eric Ward		Cyclists should use Clopton Bridge (hundreds do).	Supportive
108	Cheryl Aubrey	Work at The Fourteas, 24 Sheep Street.	Stopping people sitting on the bridge begging would help the flow, and people selling random things. important gateway to town, currently un tidy and a let-down with the faulty lights etc.	Noted. And could be looked at currently.
147	Cllr Tony Jackson		The obvious solution to congestion on the Tramway Bridge is to build another bridge crossing - see comments under INF4	Supportive
201	Graham John Nicholson	The Inland Waterways Assoc. (Warks branch)	Agree	Supportive
205	Trevor Bruce		There needs to be a safe cycle crossing over the river. Currently we have two car bridges, two pedestrian bridges and zero cycle crossings. A new crossing needs to be built at the tramway end of the river, and the Seven Meadows bridge needs to be reduced to 30mph to allow the road to be narrower in order to make space for a segregated cycle path connecting the greenway to the old tramway by Waitrose.	A solution to the problem has yet to be evaluated but might be looked at under the cycling policy TC16.
210	Rachel Syson		Agree - see comments above re TC16. Crossing the river by bicycle is very difficult at present.	Supportive

217	Karen Wild	Stratforward Business Improvement District Ltd	We support this policy. Permanent keep left signage required.	Supportive
255	Sylvia Morris		Tramway Bridge. Need better signage, bollards etc. to discourage cycling on the bridge.	An operational matter. There are signs but little enforcement.
278	Joan Graham		Use of this bridge by pedestrians might be helped by a new Lucy's Mill Bridge so that it would have easy access for prams, cycles, etc.	Noted. Should be considered in the review.