

On Wednesday 18th August, the Chelmsford Active Travel steering group met to discuss all 3 routes proposed for Chelmsford, following more detailed analysis of the consultation feedback.

The Steering Group is made up of local Cllrs and resident representatives, with the objective of determining a recommendation to the Cabinet member who makes the final decision.

Discussion regarding route 1 – through Moulsham - dominated.

Summary of the discussion:

- In response to the Public consultation where over 80% of respondents did not support the Moulsham Liveable Neighbourhood Quarters option, ECC proposed a revised Route 1 scheme to the Steering Group yesterday consisting of:
  1. Cycle route from Chelmsford Station to Baddow, through Old Moulsham
  2. 3 modal filters along the cycle route itself to reduce traffic, ensure safe passage for cyclists and be compliant with LTN 1/20
  3. An option for the other 5 previously proposed modal filters to become either traffic calming measures with modal filter material ‘treatment’ but without bollards, or dropped
  4. Remaining interventions to be dropped
- Some members of the steering Group are not supportive of any modal filters in Old Moulsham (except for Moulsham St), or the alternative options presented. Instead, proposed traffic calming, and speed reduction measures were proposed but these new options (which have not been investigated) may not meet the DfT’s criteria so could not be funded via this scheme. The one-way system was also questioned.
- Possible alternative cycle routes were discussed, but some concerns were raised over safety of crossing junctions, etc.

The following components received support:

- The Moulsham St modal filter Moulsham contra flow (of Route 1). The New Writtle Street modal filter had was supported by some, but not all,
- Market Road, Tindal Square, (of Route 2) but with some checks needed on the crossing safety
- Trinity Road School Street and Springfield Park Road proposals (of Route 3)

The following components are still to be discussed:

- Toucan crossing of Parkway
- One-way proposals

ECC will continue to work with the steering group, which includes local representations to finalise proposals. No decisions have been made.