

Notes from site visit – Fore Street, Liskeard – 23 July 2021 – 11:00am

Attendees:

Cllr Nick Craker (Chairman C&E LTC)
 Cllr Annette Lee-Julian (Vice Chairman C&E LTC)
 Cllr Lori Reid (Liskeard Town Council)
 Lin Moore (Chairman Traders Association)

The four of us spent two hours talking to the traders along Fore Street to consult them and gain their views on the proposal to install three cycle stands (as identified in the last Council) in a location opposite Beddoes and adjacent to the old Health and Happiness shop.

We spoke to **13 shops and businesses**. Their response to the proposal can be summarised as **3 supportive and 9 objections**. There was a further 1 business who were supportive in principle but objected in practice because of illegal parking on Fore Street during the evenings which already makes deliveries difficult.

A summary of the supportive comments:

- It is a good idea
- Not many cyclists but it might encourage more to cycle
- Might encourage people to shop in town centre
- Cyclists walk their bicycle into their shop, instead of leaving outside (for security).
- It's the future for the town and travel.

A summary of the objections:

- Cycling in Fore Street is prohibited, it might encourage illegal cycling
- It will look unsightly
- It will restrict the entrance to Fore Street and make deliveries difficult
- Some vans are long wheel-based and would struggle to turn from Pike Street into Fore Street, especially in the evening with illegal parking.
- The stands are by three shop windows (of the old Health and Happiness shop), these are the most key windows into the shop that pedestrian shoppers see.
- Put the cycling standing by Poundland entrance instead.
- Don't put them by Poundland, there is sometimes antisocial behaviour here.
- Put them on the Parade
- Build a cycle parking hub where they can all park together on the parade
- Walking out of a shop into Fore Street there have been accidents and near misses with mobility scooters, cycling in Fore Street is dangerous.
- Do not see the need for them, no cyclists here anyway.
- Waste of tax payers money, they will not be used.
- Fore Street needs work to the road; these cycle stands will need to be dug up when it's finally repaired.

A side point about the illegal parking on Fore Street, particularly in the evenings was a common issue raised by majority of businesses. Some businesses were unhappy

they had not been consulted before now, and would be pleased to be consulted more in the future.

List of businesses consulted:

1. The Little Shop (Fore Street)
2. Elite Hair (Fore Street)
3. Big D's Pizza (Fore Street)
4. Goldsworthy's (Market Street)
5. Beddoes. (Fore Street)
6. Liskeard Therapy Centre (Fore Street)
7. Dallys Vape Shop (Fore Street)
8. Mumma Mangos (Fore Street)
9. Shoe Shop Ham and Huddy's (Fore Street)
10. Stratton Creber (Fore Street)
11. Liskeard News (Fore Street)
12. Bean Café (Fore Street)
13. Health and Happiness (Pike Street)

Ends.