

# Comments for Planning Application 26/00418/COND

## Summary

**Application Number:** 26/00418/COND

**Address:** Indoor Market Market Square Stevenage Herts

**Proposal:** Discharge of condition 4 (Travel Plan) attached to planning permission reference number 25/00194/FP

**Commenter Type:** Organisation

**Stance:** Customer objects to the Planning Application

**Comment Reasons:**

## Comment:

This comment is submitted on behalf of Cycling UK Stevenage.

We object to this revised Travel Plan as it does not address the issues with access for people cycling that we raised in our objection to the Planning Application.

These access issues need to be addressed before the Travel Plan is accepted.

Paragraph 2.18 refers to links from the college site to the cycleway network and describes, "an extensive network of routes suitable for cyclists and pedestrians throughout the town centre, providing a good level of permeability for both cyclists and pedestrians through the town centre, making it easier, and safer, for people to use these active modes."

This is not correct.

There is no legal route for people cycling to reach the cycleway network at either end of St Georges Way without using the St Georges Way dual carriageway.

Both Market Square and Eastgate are currently one-way northbound for all traffic including cycles.

Marshgate is currently one-way southbound for all traffic including cycles. Cycling is currently not

permitted at any time of day in either the Town Centre pedestrian areas or Town Centre Gardens.

The pavements along St Georges Way are currently pedestrian only.

The only legal route to join the link to the cycleway network at the south end of St George's Way involves a cyclist cycling north on the dual carriageway then completing a U-turn around the Fairlands Way roundabout near the swimming pool. If a cyclist does not wish to use the dual carriageway, they will have to walk and push their cycle against the traffic flow on one-way service

roads and/or across the pedestrianised Town Centre.

Prior to the college opening in September, legal routes must be identified for students and staff cycling to the site to use to travel to and from the site from the cycleway network without having to

use St Georges Way dual carriageway.