

Cycling UK Stevenage - Comments for Planning Application 25/00277/FPM

Address: Bus Interchange Danesgate Stevenage Herts SG1 1WX

Proposal: Installation of Public Art outside main entrance to Bus Interchange.

Commenter Type: Organisation

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

This comment is submitted on behalf of Cycling UK Stevenage and is entirely focussed on the aspects of this application that relate to cycling.

We acknowledge and appreciate the various public artworks across Stevenage, many of which are seen by people walking, wheeling and cycling on our paths and cycleways. Our objection to this application is an objection to the proposed location rather than the artwork itself.

The current proposed location for this artwork is at a very busy intersection of a well-used shared space where people walking, wheeling and cycling are travelling in several different directions.

For people cycling, the path of the Old Great North Road, is the only north-south link in the entire town centre. The shared use path running east west from bus interchange entrance towards Lytton Way provides a key link to the at level toucan crossing and the station.

For people walking or wheeling, the junction also incorporates the bus station entrance itself, including access to the toilet facilities.

The size and proposed location of the public artwork means that all the people walking, wheeling and cycling in all directions will find it considerably more difficult to share the space safely. Crucial sightlines at the junction will be blocked and people moving in all directions will have to manoeuvre around the sculpture itself. This will be hazardous for everyone using the space.

There is no evidence on the application that a proper assessment of the impact of placing the artwork in this position on the safety of the public has been undertaken. For this reason, we currently object to the proposal.