

Scrutiny Topic Registration Ref

Name of person proposing topic:	Date: 19 th August
Mrs H J James	
Contact:	
Suggested title of topic: Impact on disabled and the elderly of cycling policies in the pedestrianised area of the High Street, Cheltenham	
What is the issue that scrutiny needs to address?	
See attached letter dated 19 th August 2005 from Mrs H J James	
What do you feel could be achieved by a scrutiny review?	
Make recommendations to Cabinet to change the cycling policy.	

Priority and urgency

Is the topic urgent?	
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If so, please consider which of the following might apply:

Is there a strict time constraint?	
Is there currently high media coverage?	
Is there high public pressure to respond?	
Does it involve a high risk to the council?	
Any other reasons:	
As the Pedestrian area of the High Street has just been completed it is likely to be in the public eye.	

Issues

Please consider whether the following might apply:

Is the topic important to the people of Cheltenham?	Y
Does the topic involve a poorly performing service or high public dissatisfaction with a service?	
Is it related to the Council's corporate objectives?	Y
Is it directly related to an item on the council workplan?	Y
Has there been media interest in the topic?	
Can scrutiny help in the development of council policy?	Y
Any other issues or details:	

Officer Implications (for office use)

Please give your comments on this proposed topic, for example is there any other similar review planned or in progress, are there any potential resource constraints etc

The comments and concerns raised by Mrs James on behalf of the Disability Forum should more appropriately be referred to Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee which recently considered (18 July 2005) a report of the Assistant Director (Integrated Transport) on shared use of pedestrian facilities by cyclists.

That report has subsequently provoked a significant level of discussion in the pages of the local newspaper, and an extensive programme of public consultation is planned.

In the circumstances, the most appropriate response for this committee would be to refer this letter to the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee with a request that the needs of the disabled, elderly and other vulnerable pedestrians are fully considered before any final decisions on the policy

Links to Business Plan and Corporate Objectives or Risk Register

Priority 4 in the Corporate Business Plan: We will reduce reliance on the private car and increase the proportion of trips made by public transport, cycling and walking

Completed by Chris Huckle Acting Managing Director

Date 26th August 2005