

Cabinet Meeting Resolution

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Reference

**E2445**

**Proposed Shared Use track between Bathwick Street and Powlett Road, Bath**

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	12-Sep-12
<b>The Issue</b>	<i>The proposal is to convert an existing footpath to a cycle track. If there are any objections, a Cabinet decision is required to decide either to abandon the Cycle Track Order or refer it to the Secretary of State for confirmation.</i>
<b>The decision</b>	(1) To REFER the Cycle Track Order to the Secretary of State for confirmation.
<b>Rationale for decision</b>	The scheme will allow cyclists to use this route legally and encourage people to cycle rather than using their cars. This route would be useful for cyclists and has potential for being an important link between a residential area and a wider network of cycling routes, for example, to and from the city centre and the National Cycle Network route 4 which goes to Bristol and beyond. It would provide an attractive, safer and more convenient route for cyclists who might want to avoid using the roads around Sydney Gardens.
<b>Other options considered</b>	The other option would be to do nothing. Cyclists currently use this route and it is likely that they will continue to do so with the legal restriction. The Cycle Track Order will formalise/regularise the current situation. With the Cycle Track in place the number of cyclists are likely to increase if the route can be legally used but not significantly as this is a local route from a residential area.
<b>The Decision is subject to Call-In within 5 working days of publication of the decision</b>	