

Bath and North East Somerset Council

Full Council meeting 21 September 2023

Proposer Hal MacFie Cllr Keynsham East

Motion on Removing kerb and raised surfaces in Keynsham High Street Contraflow cycle lane

Council:

1. Believes that the current situation where Keynsham High Street is labelled as the most dangerous street in the UK and shoppers are continuing to fall and damage themselves seriously is untenable and urgent action is required.
2. Accepts that a year has passed since cosmetic changes were implemented and during that period at least 50 people have fallen seriously and that another bout of cosmetic changes is not acceptable. Fundamental changes must be made.
3. Recognises that many shoppers are too frightened to shop and will only be persuaded to return if the surface is returned to one without kerbs or raised surfaces in the road.
4. Is aware that funds have been set to one side for changes and a scenario where further damage to the population occurs once the cause was understood would not be an acceptable council response.

Council therefore:

5. Requests that Cabinet obtain a costing for the removal of the cycle to lane kerb and associated raised surfaces. This Phase 1 costing would not make structural changes to the drainage system, it would focus on removing trip hazards. Phase 2 costs to raise the pavement to cycle lane height to normal street height would be obtained. Phase 3 would fix any remaining drainage issues.
6. Requests that cabinet commissions the Phase 1 activity at the earliest opportunity.

- *Unless where specifically set out in the statute, motions approved at Council do not bind the Executive (Cabinet) but may influence their future decisions.*
- *Councillors are reminded of their public sector equality duty which requires the Council to consider or think about how their policies or decisions may affect people who are protected under the Equality Act.*