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Dear Sir or Madam

**REF: B&NES Consultations on the Active Travel Schemes:
City centre to University of Bath: Beckford Road and North Road, and
Combe Down to University of Bath: Copseland**

In May 2020 the University of Bath [declared a Climate Emergency and adopted 11 Climate Action Principles](#) to guide the University's response in terms of its core mission, alongside its responsibilities as an organisation. Among these principles is a target to being Net Zero Carbon in Scope 1 and 2 emissions by 2030, a 50% reduction in its Scope 3 emissions by 2030 and being Net Zero Carbon for all emissions by 2040.

We recognise the scale of change required for organisations like ours and society in general is significant, requiring a step-change from an incremental improvement approach to embedding carbon reduction at the centre of decision making.

The location of the University's main campus in Claverton Down offers unique transport challenges, and campus-related travel has an impact both in terms of our carbon footprint and on our local area. Recognising this, the University has been committed for many years to improving the sustainability of transport modes to and from the campus.

We are absolutely committed to supporting schemes and local infrastructure which will enable active travel for our students, staff, visitors and local community, and help us to achieve our carbon targets. We therefore support the principle of the proposed active travel schemes.

We appreciate the proposals enable walking and cycling but do not have a view on the route selected. We recognise that there are a range of opinions on the different possible routes to achieve this aim, and that it is the Local Authority's role, in consultation with the community, to determine which route offers the most beneficial solution.

The University will work with whatever scheme is settled upon in support of our students and staff.

Yours faithfully

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