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Consultation response for CCC Cycling and Walking Implementation Plan

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Proposal W16

I strongly oppose the creation of cycle route W16.

There is already an established and well used cycle path in the vicinity - along the A2990 Thanet Way (part of National Cycle Route 1). Funds would be better directed for its maintenance instead of creating a new path across a designated village green which from the plan's map doesn't appear to actually go anywhere but across the Down in the eastward direction.

Duncan Down is the one place in south Whitstable where **residents can walk** in tranquillity with nice views without coming into contact with bicycles, e scooters and/or cars. It is thus a completely safe area for small children to run around and play. A cycle track would be a really bad idea, and would completely change the nature of the Down. A cycle track would also be used by e-scooters, and we can expect cyclists once in the area also to be off-road biking on narrow paths through the woods. (This also happens in the Blean near the Crab & Winkle route). How long would it be before it was considered as a "safe route to school" requiring tarmac and street lighting?

Duncan Down as it is is highly valued as the largest village green in England- see reviews from visitors on Trip Advisor and listen to comments from local people. It is a haven for wildlife and a valuable resource for the town. Please keep it that way.

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