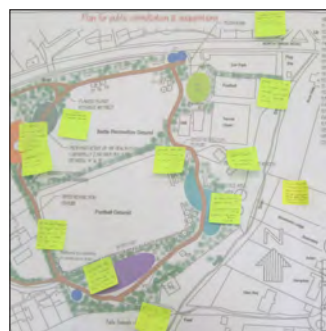




Battle Health Pathway Public Consultation Report



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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report sets out the results of public consultation on the idea of constructing a Health Pathway around the recreation ground on North Trade Road, Battle, East Sussex. It demonstrates that there is considerable support for the project and provides some pointers for how people would like to see it progressed.
- 1.2 The Battle Health Pathway was conceived by some local residents as a way of making better use of the recreation ground by constructing an all weather pathway which could be used for a range of uses which would improve people's health.
- 1.3 A Battle Health Pathway Project Group (BHPPG), a sub-group of Battle Local Action Planning Group, was formed in early 2015, a Facebook group was established and a flyer with a provisional route for the pathway produced (see Appendix F, page 33).
- 1.4 In Autumn 2015 the Group decided that it was important to undertake some systematic public consultation prior to applying for funding and permissions. Nick Wates Associates was engaged to provide advice on community engagement strategy. Earthscapes Design Associates was engaged to provide advice on landscape design.
- 1.5 Public consultation took place between mid January and mid February 2016. A questionnaire was completed by over 700 people, and a consultation day was organised with an information stall in Battle High Street and a workshop on site.
- 1.6 The results of the consultation are set out in this report as a resource for those involved with the project in the future.

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2. Context

- 2.1 Battle is a small, historic market town with a population of just over 6,000 for which a Neighbourhood Plan is currently being developed. The main roads are often congested and the pavements are narrow. There is a need to provide off-road pedestrian and cycle routes linking different parts of the town.
- 2.2 There is no public park in Battle, but there is a recreation ground in North Trade Road that is on a slope and has far reaching views. The recreation ground does not have the facilities often found in a municipal park. In particular, there is a lack of pathways. The muddy grass is not inviting during winter.
- 2.3 The recreation ground is publicly owned and managed by Battle Town Council. It is situated between the town centre and Claverham Community College, so many students walk by or through it on their way to and from school. Battle and Langton CE Primary School is a short walk away. Residents of Asten Fields can use it as a traffic-free route into the town centre.
- 2.4 There is a football pitch on the lower part of the recreation ground. On the upper part there is an ageing playground on the west side. On the east side there is a woodland play area for older children, a multi-use games area (MUGA), tennis courts, a car park for recreation ground users and a pavilion with kitchen and changing facilities. An informal junior football pitch is marked out between the playground and the MUGA. The Guide Hut is situated next to the pavilion.
- 2.5 Battle Town Council has plans to convert two toilets in the pavilion into one accessible toilet with baby changing facilities, which will be open to the public during the day later this year. The Council is currently investigating the possibility of opening a café in the pavilion.
- 2.6 The Battle Health Pathway Project Group was formed to explore the feasibility of building a pathway around the recreation ground for sports training, exercise and leisure. The Group saw the potential for: a traffic-free route for school children; parents with pushchairs able to enjoy a sociable stroll in pleasant surroundings; toddlers able to ride their trikes and scooters safely; children able to learn to ride bikes without having to travel to Bexhill or Hastings and before cycling on the road; teenagers able to 'hang out' without getting muddy shoes; older people able to enjoy a companionable walk along the pathway with their two or four legged friends; people able to walk or run before or after work or during lunchtimes. The public consultation described in this report forms part of the Group's feasibility work.

3. Methodology

- 3.1 To agree a community engagement strategy, a planning session was held for all those most involved: some Project Group members; Nick Wates Associates (Jane Freund, Nick Wates) and Earthscapes Design Associates (Jeremy Linden). Project Group members involved in the consultation were Sue Burton (Project Manager), Vikki Cook, Glenna Favell, Paula Fisher and John Boryer
- 3.2 From this session, a Consultation Plan was drawn up setting out the agreed purpose, who should be consulted, what about and how. (See Appendix D, page 28.) This document encapsulates the methodology and guided the remainder of the project.
- 3.3 Key elements of the methodology are:
 - a. Systematic collection of views through a questionnaire.
 - b. Targeting of the questionnaire to reach a cross section of Battle residents of all ages most likely to use the recreation ground.
 - c. Focusing attention and momentum with a 'consultation day'.
 - d. Use of images from similar projects elsewhere to help people understand the concept and to help stimulate creativity.
 - e. Opportunity for people to engage in a workshop and site walkabout if they wished
 - f. Combined flyer and questionnaire to provide information about the project and about the consultation process as well as containing a questionnaire.
 - g. Use of, but not dependence on, social media and online communication.
 - h. BHPPG taking the lead with NWA and EDA providing support and ensuring that good practice was adhered to.
 - i. NWA preparing an independent report on the process and results.

4. Response

Consultation Day

- 4.1 The consultation events on 23rd January 2016 were well attended, with over 70 questionnaires completed on that day alone. Only a handful of people braved the cold and mud for the walkabout but it resulted in some useful insights captured in the workshop session which followed in the Guide Hut. (See Appendix C, Page 27.)

Questionnaires

- 4.2 2,400 flyer/questionnaires were printed. (See Appendix G, page 34.) They were placed around Battle in strategic places, with collection points in the library, Town Council offices and community buildings. Project group members distributed questionnaires to local schools and groups in person and by email. Members also gave six short talks to local groups including the Battle Chamber of Commerce, Battle Rotary and youth groups.
- 4.3 A digital version of the questionnaire (in PDF format) was available by request or downloaded. 6 were requested. 14 were returned completed.
- 4.4 There were a total of 717 completed questionnaires but not everyone responded to every question. Respondent characteristics were as follows:

<i>Residential status</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>%</i>
Battle residents	423	59
Residents in the surrounding area	193	27
Visitors from elsewhere	92	13
Not stated	9	1

<i>Mobility</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>%</i>
Disabled	15	2
Mobility impaired	23	3
Able-bodied	674	94
Not stated	5	1

<i>Age</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>%</i>
0 -11	55	8
12-18	289	40
19-35	74	10

36 to 64	177	25
65 and over	117	16
Not stated	5	1

- 4.5 This represents a good cross-section of the stakeholder population although the disproportionate number of responses from 12-18 year olds should be noted.

Facebook

- 4.6 The project has a Facebook Group at <https://www.facebook.com/BattleHealthPathway/>
(See Appendix E, page 31.)
- 4.7 An analysis of the activity on Facebook is as follows:
Facebook insights for Battle Health Pathway page – 25 Jan to 21 Feb 2016
- People reached: 93
Post engagement: 122
New page likes: 6
Total likes BHP: 182
- 4.8 Highest post reach: 719 (on 8th Jan 2016) -
“A Consultation Event about the Battle Health Pathway is taking place on Saturday 23rd January. There are two opportunities to come and share your ideas and have your say. The first is taking place between 9am - 12 noon in the Battle Memorial Hall Foyer on Battle High Street, and from 1pm - 3pm in the Guide Hut on the Recreation Ground, North Trade Rd, where you can walk around the recreation ground. Please come and show your support and complete a questionnaire. Leaflets containing information about the project including the questionnaire will be at the Library and the Memorial Hall from Saturday 9th Jan. You can also email battlehealthpathway@hotmail.com for an electronic version”

Press coverage

- 4.9 Consultation on the project had press coverage in two newspapers - the *Battle Observer* and *Rye Observer*. One article on Friday 15th January advertised the forthcoming consultation event. The second article was a larger piece with a photograph, which reported the consultation event. (See Appendix H, page 35.)
- 4.10 The consultation process was featured on Battle Town Council web site.

5 Results

Headline result

- 5.1 563 of the 712 people who completed the key question (5) 'Are you in favour of Battle Health Pathway?' said Yes; 79%. 44 people said No; 6%. 105 people said Don't know; 15 %.

Secondary results

- 5.2 Level of support for the project does not appear to be significantly affected by people's level of mobility or disability. Those identifying themselves as disabled were less likely to be in favour than others but those identifying themselves as mobility impaired were more so (see A.2 on page 10).
- 5.3 Over half of respondents said the Battle Health Pathway would help them to exercise more.
- 5.4 Anticipated uses in order of popularity were:
- a. Walking (500)
 - b. Enjoying nature/surroundings (236)
 - c. Cycling (211)
 - d. Getting to town (170)
 - e. Children's activities (133)
 - f. Learning to ride a bike (104)
 - g. Exercise equipment (96)
 - h. Roller blading/scooting (87)
- 5.5 Over 60% of respondents were in favour of a covered shelter with seating somewhere along the pathway.
- 5.6 The most relevant strategic suggestions made were:
- a. Provision of toilet facilities somewhere on the recreation ground;
 - b. Bridge over the stream on the footpath into the town centre from the recreation ground (Mansers Shaw);
 - c. Relocating the proposed picnic area closer to the carpark and overlooking the football pitch.
 - d. The opportunities for beginner cyclists and cycling which are currently lacking in the town;
 - e. Provision of a café.
- (Note that a, b and e are not considered to be within the remit of this project.)

6 Conclusions

- 6.1 The public consultation undertaken by BHPPG has been thorough and consistent with good practice.
- 6.2 It is clear that a sizeable majority of local people are keen on the project.
- 6.3 The consultation has raised a number of issues which the Project Group will want to address as they proceed with developing their plans.
- 6.4 There is likely to be scope for engaging residents further in the project as it develops and this is likely to increase the likelihood of its long term success.

Appendix A

Questionnaire results analysis

- A.1 Results of the survey responses to all questions, regardless of where people live, their level of mobility and age.

Question 1: How would you like to use the Battle Health Pathway?

Number of responses: 717

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Number of respondents</i>	<i>% of respondents</i>
Walking	500	70
Running/jogging	232	32
Exercise equipment	96	13
Cycling	211	29
Getting to town	170	24
Children's activities	133	19
Learning to ride a bike	104	15
Roller blading/scooting	87	12
Enjoying nature/surroundings	236	33
Other	39	5

Question 2: How often do you complete 30 minutes of moderate exercise?

Number of responses: 717

	<i>number</i>	<i>%</i>
5 or more times a week	188	26
3 or 4 times a week	230	32
1 or 2 times a week	237	33
Less than once a week	62	9
Not stated	0	0

Question 3: Would the Battle Health Pathway help you exercise more?

Number of responses: 710

	<i>number</i>	<i>%</i>
Yes	358	50
No	177	25
Don't know	175	24
Not stated	7	1

Question 4: Would you like a covered shelter with seating along the pathway?

	<i>number</i>	<i>%</i>
Yes	444	62
No	139	19
Don't know	126	18
Not stated	8	1

Question 5: Are you in favour of the Battle Health Pathway?

	<i>number</i>	<i>%</i>
Yes	563	79
No	44	6
Don't know	105	15
Not stated	5	1

- A.2 The results for those responding to question 5 broken down by level of mobility.

<i>Mobility</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Don't know</i>	<i>%</i>
Disabled	7	47	5	33	3	20
Mobility impaired	20	87	1	4	2	9
Able-bodied	536	80	38	6	100	15
All	563	79	44	6	105	15

- A.3 Further detailed analysis of the results is possible should it prove to be useful in the future. Please contact the Project Group for the raw data.

Appendix B

Questionnaire comments transcript

This section contains a transcript of the comments made on the questionnaires. Obvious spelling and grammatical errors have been corrected. Comments are categorised as indicated by the subheadings. Numbers at the end of each entry are reference numbers included for checking purposes only.

Battle residents, disabled, aged 19-35

1. My son is autistic he has a childminder in Aston Fields, this pathway would give us a safer alternative to North Trade Road. It will also give him somewhere safe to ride his scooter away from traffic. 5

Battle residents, disabled, aged 36-64

2. This pathway would be very useful for disability access ie use of adapted bikes. 7

Battle residents, disabled, aged 65+

3. Need safe flat area to walk. Also need to use mobility scooter and would like such an area for me to enjoy locally. 9

Battle residents, mobility impaired, aged 36-64

4. In the winter it gets very muddy and you can easily slip over. Because of having a stroke I need a hard surface to walk on. 12
5. My mother is mobility impaired so she would like to be able to enjoy the outdoors too. 13
6. I would like to try jogging. Could it be more park like? I want the rec to look good and be used by lots of different types of people – it is just for football and tennis now, with a good kids play area (climbing nets etc) and a rubbish one. 14

Battle residents, mobility impaired, aged 65+

7. I think this would help get children exercising and give them a safe place to be pushed in prams or to learn to ride. I have said no to the shelter because I'd rather see people kept on the move and most would use it mainly in good weather anyway. 16
8. I am an elderly widow. The only safe place for me to walk on my own is around Battle Abbey. I do this regularly but of course have to be a

- member of English Heritage. I think the pathway would be a good choice for others like me. 17
9. The recreational land is there already at public expense so should be fully usable more often than it is now. Any works should compliment both the general public's use and sports such as football as both will require adequate land drainage. 18
 10. A covered shelter would be great for the elderly people to sit in a quiet place. A place also to get children out in the open air to play or whatever and away from traffic. 19
 11. Living in the north of Battle I would not have much need to use the pathway but consider that it would be beneficial for schoolchildren. 21
 12. I would enjoy this as I am in an electric wheel chair at all times. 22
 13. Hope to get back to 1-2 times exercise after hip replacement. Excellent, anything to add to peoples' enjoyment and exercise but will need controls or bins where dogs are concerned. 24
 14. Not of use to me, too far from home but good idea. 26

Battle residents, able bodied, aged 0-11

15. A cafe and toilets. 32
16. It would make Battle more fun and I would like some more craft things as well. 33
17. Maybe have numbered circles built in pathway so I can jump from one to another in order. Or other games like hop scotch. 38
18. I like spending as much time as possible out doors, going for a walk, a cycle ride, or a play. Having the B H Pathway and a new place to go to will be fun for me and my family. Covered shelter will help if you need a rest or it rains. 42
19. I like Battle Health Pathway for I can walk my dog down or up it. I can use it for playing in and talking with my friends. 44
20. I play for a team and we use the rec in the summer, it would be nice to sit down on a bench to rest. 46
21. Think it's a good idea, would be fun, five year old girl. 47
22. Minecraft. 49
23. Now we don't have to drive to Bexhill we only have to ride our bikes to the rec. I would love gym equipment. 50
24. Scooting. 51
25. Maybe have a side for scooting skating/biking. 53
26. Maybe a side for scooting, or a skating/biking path. 54
27. I would like somewhere safe to ride my bike because I am not allowed to ride on the road and we have to go to Bexhill. 55
28. Café and toilets would be good too, thank you. 56

Battle residents, able bodied, aged 12-18

29. I would like it to be a short cut to town instead of going up the steep hill to Saxonwood Road. 59
30. The entrance and pathway would look good. 62

31. Doesn't make a difference to me as we don't ever use it, perhaps ask the Claverham children who do. 65
32. A cycling path and a walking path. It saves you from walking past the road and getting wet. 67
33. Because it would be helpful to a lot of people that live in Battle and I think it will be a very nice path and I think it will be very useful. 68
34. Body weight exercise equipment. 75
35. I think there should be a shelter so it's not muddy. 77
36. I think it would be a good chance to encourage people to exercise more. Also it would be a quicker and easier route into Battle. I live in Battle and I think it's a really good idea. 79
37. I never use the Battle Recreation Ground. 84
38. Running paths, with benches along the side and cycling paths. 94
39. I am not sure the things about it. 97
40. Shelter would be good. 100
41. Provides safe area for children to exercise away from the road. 102
42. Nothing I would not use. 109
43. I wouldn't. 110
44. No listed cost. 112
45. None. 113
46. It would help exercise old. 116
47. I don't use Battle Pathway, I exercise enough during the week. 121
48. Bike racks to keep bike safe. 125
49. Promotes exercise and health. 132
50. Question 5. Because I probably won't use it, so I don't have a need for this pathway. 135
51. Because I feel that it would make Claverham cross country less fun as it won't be in the mud. 136
52. Please don't put a path in. People will start complaining about the dog poo on the pathway, also non stop chewing gum blotches. 138
53. It should be a good idea. 139
54. Because I don't normally go down Battle rec, so it wouldn't help me exercise. 140
55. I don't live in Battle, I only go school here so I don't really care if it happens or not but it would be nice. 141
56. I think that the addition of park benches along the pathway would be beneficial. 142
57. It's not a bad idea, but maybe focusing on more important things, like filling pot holes in roads, then you can spend loads of money on making a path through a field. 143
58. Because it's a waste of money, if you go to the rec you probably go to do sports and expect to get muddy. Fix potholes with the money. 144
59. Because it is safer than walking down North Trade Road. 145
60. You could have a café. 148
61. I think there could be a children's running club for 7-13 13-15 because we could run altogether as a team. 149
62. This health pathway, I think, would affect everyone, in a good way. It would be great for everyone. 150

63. I would be great for all of this. So do it. 151
64. Yes because you won't get as muddy when walking to and from school and when I go to play football and other activities on the weekend. 152
65. Because I won't get as muddy when walking to and from school and when I go to play football and other activities on the weekend. 153
66. I think it is a really good idea but it has to link up with all the activities. 154
67. I like the idea it gonna look buff. 155
68. I think it would be a good idea. 156
69. Because it sounds like a good idea. 157
70. I think it will be good for people that are interested in keeping healthy. 158
71. More flooding from surfacing the ground with concrete. The grass is needed to suck up moisture. 159
72. It seems like a good idea. 160
73. It is a good idea. 161
74. Because it will be a nice change. 162
75. It would help more people to exercise. 164
76. Fencing around one side maybe?_165
77. It's pointless and encourages chavs to hang around. Secondly it disturbs wild life and will hardly ever be used. I am 100% not in favour of the pathway. 167
78. It is a waste of money and it should be spent on actual problems e.g. homeless people. 169
79. I love cycling with friends and going out. This would be good for getting more exercise. 170
80. I am not completely sure on the cycle path but I like the idea to walk to school on a safe path. 171
81. I think this idea is a total waste of money and you should be spending this on services like the police which you plan to budget cut and the fire service which you tried to shut down. Don't waste your money on things like this unless you have massive amounts in excess. 173
82. Because. 178
83. Allows the community to get the most out of the area. 179
84. It will help provide a source of exercise equipment. 180
85. I feel it would benefit people. 181
86. Anything that encourages you to get fit is a good idea. 182
87. I would enjoy to do more exercise but the facilities in Battle are not very good at the moment. 187
88. More people would go out more to exercise and be less muddy. 188
89. Safer for school children. 189
90. I feel that the path will provide a good reason for people of Battle to go out and do some exercise. 190
91. Don't use the recreational grounds ever. 191
92. I am in favour if it has plastic seats. 192
93. I am in favour of the pathway as it will be useful in many ways. Maybe there would be an ice cream stall for the summer along the path. 193
94. I think it would be really beneficial for lots of people. 194

95. I ride a trike as I cannot balance on a normal 2 wheel-cycle so it would be useful to use the pathway for this. 195
96. The path would make this area more accessible particularly in the winter. There is already seating and a shelter is not really necessary. 196
97. It is a good idea for exercising if you cannot do it on muddy field and might slip over. I am not sure if all around the field is necessary but possibly some areas of the field yes. 197

Battle residents, able bodied, aged 19-35

98. It is particularly difficult with more than one child to get out safely and easily. This would be ideal and I would venture out a lot more. 202
99. Lighting for shorter days. 203
100. As a carer for a girl with additional needs who uses a wheelchair but loves to get out and about this will be great. 204
101. Great ideas. 207
102. Consider improving drainage for the football pitch also. 209
103. Provide a new place to exercise close to my house will also be convenient for people to get around the town. 211
104. I think it would make great use of the rec and connections through Battle without being on the main road. 212
105. I think this is a great idea. I can take my children somewhere on their bikes all year round away from the road and mud. 213
106. Seating is a good idea but shelter is not needed. Also with a pathway, I have three children, our pushchair would be a lot easier to take round. 214
107. It would be great to have a place/path to run jog and enjoy in the green with fresh air and a beautiful environment. I love open air activities, the Pathway would help me. 219
108. Toilets needed please. Cafe is a great idea. 221
109. It would be great to have something more attractive for the whole family to enjoy within walking distance of home. Coffee would be a bonus too. 225
110. It would make the recreation ground more accessible to more people. 226
111. My children will be able to use it. 230
112. Be great for the children. 231
113. The rec and other pathways get very muddy. A pathway would be a great way to allow use of the area during the winter. 237
114. All year round pathway, it gets muddy now. I use the park regularly but sometimes in winter it's too wet and muddy. Toilets too if possible. 243
115. This would be a fantastic addition to our rec. It would help my children to get fresh air even when it's wet. 244
116. It would be a safe and beautiful place we (family) could enjoy all year round. 245
117. It would encourage me to walk to and from school more. 247

118. I don't think the pathway is enough. I think there needs to be a step free access for people to walk along where the steps are (ones that lead to Saxonwood Road). 248

Battle residents, able bodied, aged 36-64

119. A covered shelter I think would encourage anti-social behavior amongst other things. 251
120. I covered shelter may encourage dealing or teenagers hanging around. 252
121. Need more places to walk in the winter when grass is muddy. 254
122. Anything that gets people more active is a good thing. 255
123. To use the children's bikes and scooters we usually have to head to Hastings or Bexhill. This would make a real difference. 258
124. It would be wonderful to be able to exercise away from the traffic. 260
125. Would be good for our community as a whole. 265
126. Waste of money. A maintenance liability for ever. There are plenty of paths in Battle for people to use for exercise. The mixed use would be dangerous without constant supervision. Would need to be wide. 267
127. A fantastic idea for another use for our amazing rec. 269
128. Good to have a traffic free exercise area in Battle. 270
129. Please can also improve the drainage on the football pitch to enable matches to be played in winter. 271
130. Safe pathway especially for pushchairs and the elderly to stay safe. 272
131. The pathway seems like a great idea. Other parks in the area enjoy pathways to help residents during the winter months. However I would also like to see improvements to the drainage on the football pitch so that football matches are not called off when wet. The football brings business and activity which then attracts more users to the rec. It's great to see Battle rec so busy but the poor drainage prevents the football taking place and the rec falls quiet. 273
132. More people would use the rec if there was a covered area, a café and toilets. It would become very popular like Egerton Park or Alexandra Park. 274
133. I hope this paves the way towards Battle Schools Greenway. 275
134. Live at South End of town. Would be useful for the children's uniform activities at the guide hut. 277
135. My elderly Dad would have enjoyed this facility when his mobility was poor. 279
136. It would encourage people to run in winter when paths are muddy. 280
137. Good idea. Good for school children. 281
138. I use the recreation ground only in the spring/summer. If there was a path there, I would use it all year round. 282
139. Good idea for everyone. 284

140. This would be great for Battle – thank you. Lots of dog poo bins please. 285
141. Good to get people out in all weathers. Outdoor gym equipment scattered around would be good. 286
142. Good for everyone's health. 288
143. The Battle Health Pathway would encourage me and my family to visit the recreation ground more often. 289
144. All weather safe away from fumes noise. Would really like the exercise equipment, would be 'free', can't afford gym. 290
145. It's potential to enable people to be active locally needs exploiting. Could have a park run every week. 291
146. It's a good idea but 550 yards is rather short. How wide will it be, will it have lanes for different activities? 292
147. When making seating, shelters and picnic table and benches please use fire and vandal resistant materials. 293
148. Great idea will use it every day. 295
149. Keeps people away from the roads. Do not put exercise equipment in place. They have been in a park in Eastbourne and they are not used. Do not put chicanes in the cycle path. They are dangerous. 296
150. Looks a really lovely idea that would benefit most residents and tourists. 297
151. Nice to make better use of the greens. Great for somewhere for people with disabilities. 298
152. It would be a great way to encourage more people to use the rec. A great place to go scooting and ideal for teaching how to cycle as Battle is not a great place for this otherwise. 299
153. I think this would be a real benefit to the town. 300
154. This would be great and to promote the health of local people. 301
155. I would love a safe area to jog which is a good surface and pleasant to be in. Also to be able to spend time in such an area with husband who is disabled who needs wheelchair / mobility scooter and sometimes able to walk with stick for short distances on a good surface. 303
156. I would like to see the football pitch on the top field developed for youngsters to use. 304
157. To have a peaceful walk away from the main road, as its so noisy. 305
158. My wife and I don't go out much but the pathway would help us live more time outdoors and enjoy the nature. We also have a little boy who will enjoy the adventure to get into town. 309
159. I walk our dog. Non covered seating would be fine. 311
160. I think it would be great for me, my children and the dog. 312
161. Be great for the kids to walk to the football cage without having to get muddy or use the path near the road. Not sure if a covered shelter would be good as would possibly be a magnet for young people smoking etc. 313
162. It's a really good idea. 314

163. The lack of toilets are an issue. 315
164. Dog walking (on a lead, of course). 318
165. Open air amphitheatre. 319
166. Would be great to have somewhere to run in the week and be great for the children to have somewhere to cycle. We have to go to Hastings for a good cycle. 321
167. I think it is a brilliant idea and would improve the use and accessibility of the rec. Also a park run would be viable. 322
168. Great exercise for lunchtime people who work in Battle. 323
169. Hugely under-utilized site at moment. Battle desperately needs more user-friendly exercise/ leisure areas – only have benches on high street at moment. 326
170. We currently have to drive to Bexhill to cycle safely on a cycle path. Mini gym equipment would be fantastic and would encourage youngsters to get fit. 328
171. Good idea for kids cycling plus better access during very wet weather. 330
172. Absolutely it's very long overdue. It'll engage the community even more and hopefully help people to get fit or fitter. 331
173. This sounds like an excellent enhancement to people's ability to enjoy the lovely surroundings Battle has to offer. 332
174. It gets very muddy. 336
175. Please include facilities for toilet and nappy changing. How about a pop up café? 337
176. I like walking. 339
177. Good for the Battle community in general. Makes good use of the recreation ground, promoting fitness and well-being. 340
178. The more pathways we have away from the busy roads, the better. I think it is an excellent idea. 342
179. All the above. A community always benefits from a place to spend outdoors free of traffic, whether for exercise or interacting with others. Please support this project. 343
180. Brilliant idea. 346
181. Can you build a mosque in the space please. 348
182. To get more use from the rec for me and children! 350
183. This path will make the recreation area far more useable all year round. 354
184. I live on Hastings Road and feel the other end of town is already well served with pathways. Would rather money was spent on this side of town as there is no alternative than the main footpath beside very busy traffic. 355
185. Unnecessary. There is an existing path. 356
186. It would make the space far more useable/accessible, especially times like now. When the weather has been so bad, for so long the ground is saturated, so a path would encourage a lot more people to use the space. 357
187. I have used the 1066 trail and woods for years, training for running and would welcome a new pathway. 358

188. Cycling around Battle's roads is not safe. My wife who recently suffered a stroke is keen to start cycling to get fit. We would currently need to travel to Bexhill to do this. 359
189. Public toilets and café. 362
190. It would be good to see a safe area for children to learn to ride their bikes and for less able runners to practice away from traffic etc. 366

Battle residents, able bodied, 65+

191. It would maximize the recreation ground facility. 370
192. Keeping fit. 371
193. Jolly good idea. 372
194. The rec needs toilets to make it more user friendly, either near the car park, or preferably near the children's play area. 373
195. When this is finished how about doing one around new estate below Marley lane crossings and along by railway line to stars mead. Some hope – yes or no. 374
196. I lead a health walk once a week and would find this pathway a boon to keep as much as possible away from trafficked roads. 374
197. I am in favour of as much as possible pedestrian area away from traffic and greatly enhanced use of Battle rec. 376
198. Excellent idea especially for children and disabled persons – exercise is so important. Although able bodied at present I am nearing 70 and of course my mobility could change. 379
199. Need more safe cycling in Battle. 380
200. Need for pushchair with grandchildren. 382
201. Lack of this sort of safe facility in Battle. When my grandchildren visit we could make more use of the recreation ground. Also the cycle skills area would be of great enjoyment for them. I would not use adult equipment. 383
202. The plan would enhance the range of activities and health if it is realised. 385
203. Battle needs somewhere safe to walk away from the busy traffic. When friends visit, it would be nice to go for a pleasant walk without having to get in the car. 389
204. Would prefer designated walk/cycle pathways. 393
205. Meet friends. 394
206. In favour provided that access behind playing field is improved. We rely on this park to exercise and go into town centre. 396
207. Toilets near the play area not the other side of the recreation ground. 397
208. We have walked in that area in the past but mud and wet restricts its use. 398
209. It would provide a well surfaced route to walk away from traffic. 400
210. It would be a positive asset to the Battle community. It is difficult to find a safe route not dominated by motor vehicles for these beneficial activities. 402

211. The recreation ground is very wet for long periods of the year. The pathway would enable us to use it all year round. 403
212. Excellent idea for numerous residents both young and old. 405
213. There is possible conflicting usage interests suggested that may present safety problems. 407
214. This has been talked about for years someone should get it done. 409
215. Good idea for all ages. Lovely surroundings. 412
216. It's a "yes, but" I would have to be convinced that there are enough people in Battle who would actually want to use it to justify the £80k cost. Personally I would continue to use Great Wood which, mud notwithstanding, is ideal for dogs. 414
217. There is a need for all weather paths from North Trade Road 1. Children's play area to Asten Fields gate 2. Pavilion car park to Mansers Shaw bridge. To save the ground being turned into a morass in wet weather. There is no need for the all weather track to replace the circuit round the football field for health runners and certainly cycling/roller skating/scooting should be banned one of the main uses at the moment is people walking dogs not mentioned at all. 415
218. The walk should make the grounds more vibrant and busy and encourage the use of other facilities in the grounds. Social interaction between groups will be encouraged by people walking around the grounds. Public spaces need to be used or they will be lost. 416
219. Not needed. If built how would use be measured. 417
220. For wheeled users (underlined) to move freely without impairing the safety of those on foot the pathway must be wide enough to separate the two. This will enhance "Battle for Tennis's" teaching court by giving it extra width. 418
221. I think the Health Pathway is an excellent idea but it needs to be wide enough and clearly marked dividing cyclists, scooters etc from pedestrians. 419
222. I could walk into town without so much traffic fumes and would be better for school children. 421
223. The provision of a safe walking/cycling/wheelchair route would be a valuable asset to the residents of Battle. 422
224. I favour a surfaced path around the perimeter of the recreation ground avoiding the central area which I think should be kept as grass. Cyclists, young or old do not mix with walkers or runners. Collisions would be bound to happen. Disabled, the elderly, those not used to walking would be discouraged from using it if cycling were allowed. 423
225. Don't make it too urbanized – no road type signage. Picnic area in odd location at foot of football pitch embankment. New children's play area shown on path to pavilion. Seats made of logs, a good idea. Consider using tarmac chipping for part or all of route for a more natural look (not looking like a road). 424

- 226. It is important to improve Battle's outdoor recreational and exercise facilities and infrastructure as housing/flats density increases. 426
- 227. It would be good if this path could link to a hard surfaced path by the field leading to the passages that take school children to Claverham College. This is used daily when accessible by pupils, residents to get to Battle by passing the busy road. 429
- 228. The pathway would be good incentive to walk when other areas too wet or muddy. 431
- 229. Recently moved to area but already used recreation ground so walkway seems good. 432

Surrounding area, disabled, aged 12-18

- 230. I wouldn't – don't live in Battle, only come to Battle for school; 2 I am a competitive athlete so train every day; 3. No because I only go to Battle for school; 4. Building shelter will ruin the landscape and cause flooding. 5. It is not safe for cyclists and walkers without accidents also permeable surfaces will cause more flooding..... 509

Surrounding area, mobility impaired, aged 65+

- 231. More wheelchair friendly and dog walking. 437

Surrounding area, able-bodied, aged 0-11

- 232. Yes, if the play area was improved. Otherwise I won't use the rec. 439
- 233. Great idea particularly for young families. 441
- 234. More shops 443
- 235. A climbing frame. Cycling. Roller-blading. 447
- 236. An ice-skating rink. Cycling. 448
- 237. I think that there should be a Health Pathway. There should be a shelter where you can sit and eat. 451
- 238. Help exercise and like cycling. 457
- 239. Two routes would be good one for learners-flat and one for good riders-jump, drop, curve. 459
- 240. I go Battle with my Dad and like to play outside. 599

Surrounding area, able-bodied, aged 12-18

- 241. No. 464
- 242. No. 465
- 243. Doesn't affect me I don't use it. I don't live in Battle. 467
- 244. I think that this is a very good idea. 472
- 245. To make a suitable path for pushchairs to get around town away from the roads. 474.
- 246. I don't really go to Battle that often. 479

- 247. It would be much more room on the footpath along the road if you join another footpath to town. 480
- 248. The new pathway would be a good idea from Battle Council. 485
- 249. If the Battle Pathway covered all of the Claverham Community cross-country route and make it safer. 488
- 250. Along the pathway you could put some benches for people who just like to be outdoors. Also plant some flowers around the place to make it look more inviting. 493
- 251. It would be useful for the people who walk to school through that field because they wouldn't be muddy when they get to school. 495
- 252. Even though I don't live in Battle I go quite a lot to see my friends and a pathway would be useful a lot to me. 498
- 253. It would be a great chance for people to walk/cycle to school or from. 503
- 254. It would help to get to town and with exercise. 506
- 255. I think the path would be good it will be good for multiple reasons and for all people. 510
- 256. It would also help with Claverham students so they don't have to walk along North Trade Road where it is dangerously high in traffic with lots of students and thin paths. 512
- 257. My mother is disabled and therefor this pathway would be very helpful for her. 514
- 258. I feel this is a good idea considering many people spend their time inside rather than out. 516
- 259. Because it will be a big opportunity for people to do jogging and to be healthy and have fun. They can also relax. 518
- 260. Because it will be a big experience and an opportunity for people to be healthy and have fun and sit back to relax. 519
- 261. When will it take place? What will it look like? Who will it affect? Will it affect nature? 520
- 262. I would use segway to go on the path. 523
- 263. It should connect with other walkways to create a network of walkways. 524
- 264. It will encourage people from all ages to exercise more because the Battle Health Pathway will be on their doorstep. 525
- 265. I often walk to Battle after school and the path would help get to town and also walk with my friends. And pennyboarding. 526
- 266. I think it is a very good idea. 527
- 267. I wouldn't use the pathway. 531
- 268. It's too muddy. 532
- 269. Because it would be helpful. 533

Surrounding area, able-bodied, aged 19-35

- 270. We often watch football matches and take dogs for a walk but we struggle with pushchair when it rains. 535
- 271. I think it would be good for the community. 536

- 272. It's a lovely part of Battle and used by many people. It would be used more with this pathway. 537
- 273. Fantastic idea for all weather exercise and especially for buggy walking and bikes. Off road for children. 538

Surrounding area, able-bodied, aged 36-64

- 274. Really excellent idea. Toilet would be really good. Gives an all year round path for dog walking off the road and a green path, plus good parallel pedestrian path to North Trade Road. 549
- 275. Rarely come to Battle and then on route elsewhere, so unlikely to use the pathway. Seems a credible useful idea. 550
- 276. To provide space to ride, walk, scooter etc with no fear of cars/lorries that can be used all year round and being a hard surface for all ranges of mobility. 551
- 277. I am not a local resident but I really support this project as I think that anything to get diverse people out is a good idea. 554
- 278. Having used the Battle recreation area now for several years I have seen an improvement in my own health. To create the Health Pathway will enable many others of all age groups to enhance their health. Good luck. 555
- 279. I have carer and we could walk the path together but we don't like mud! 556
- 280. I think it is a shame that such a lovely facility is inaccessible to so many children, disabled, the elderly etc especially in bad weather. 557
- 281. Lovely for dog walking, exercise and enjoying surroundings. 558
- 282. Excellent idea. I organise the Park Run at Hastings and vouch for the benefits of encouraging people to undertake regular exercise. 561
- 283. I am a cycle trainer and teach adults and children to ride a bike. It would provide an excellent training venue and place for people to gain confidence. 562
- 284. Great opportunity for people to get into the habit of regular exercise biking, walking, etc. 563
- 285. In a country with a large rainfall it would enable this lovely open area to be used during all months. It would allow the elderly and disabled to utilize all of the rec. 564
- 286. Supporting walking to school safely. 565
- 287. Some nice to walk even when wet. 568
- 288. Battle needs more suitable areas for recreation. It is well over due! 570
- 289. This is an excellent idea to help increase exercise for all local members, young + old, of the community. 571
- 290. It needs to be extended to include a decent walking path between Claverham and the Abbey. 572

291. Due to time restraints, walking during my actual work day is the only exercise I get. (In between meetings.) Walking is also enjoyable, cost effective and rewarding. 574
292. More children friendly activities. 575
293. I am unlikely to use it as I have access to alternative exercise. But I think it is crucial for others and a great idea. 579
294. Probably of more use for my daughter and her friends than for me. I think it is a very good idea for Battle in general. 580
295. Probably of more use for my daughter and her friends than for me. I think it is a very good idea for Battle in general. 581
296. A very good idea. 584
297. Volunteer for TCV as Battle walk leader, one of three. 589
298. Would be lovely to see more people enjoying area. 591
299. Yes. I would use it with my young children if the playground was improved. 594

Surrounding area, able-bodied, aged 65+

300. Great project, will help to get us all moving as we all need, inline with thinking on obesity! Lots of spin offs to get us fit. 596
301. It would be good to take my son there to play as we like to shop and café in Battle. 597
302. It would be good to see more made of this open space. 598
303. The covered shelter along the pathway would be good for the elderly and slower walkers. 600
304. Would be good of use to all ages especially as a safe place for children to run about, rollerblade, scoot and ride a bike. Would be an ideal place for children to learn to ride a bike. 601
305. A worthwhile project to provide safe environment to enjoy walking, cycling and a green area away from the very heavy traffic in Battle. 602
306. I think that is a very good start towards the provision of a safe fitness facility in the area. 603
307. Safe places to walk will encourage more people to take exercise. 607
308. A great idea. Good to have a place to walk in the winter not on a boggy footpath. 609
309. Anything to encourage people to exercise and enjoy the trees, nature, being outside. 610
310. All or any of these solutions proposed would be great for the community, to see the area being used all year round. 616
311. I am a member of Battle Walkers for Health so a path would be most beneficial for all year round walks. 617
312. Would help encourage people to be outside whatever the weather. 619
313. Would be in favour only if the path is part of an overall plan incorporating a bridge over the stream at the entrance to Mansers Shaw for the benefit of the disabled and pram users. 620

- 314. Could nature puzzles or information on models be positioned at different stations along the pathway? Egerton Park has interactive models dotted around the play park. 621
- 315. I believe this would make a lovely area more useful to older people. It would provide a safe open area for exercising. 622
- 316. Great incentive to exercise routinely and gain confidence to use my bike more. Perfect safe environment for the young to learn to enjoy cycling over a lifetime. 624
- 317. A benefit to young people to learn to ride a bike in safe conditions. 625

Elsewhere, disabled, aged 36-64

- 318. I cycle in and around Battle regularly and the traffic congestion is very unpleasant for cyclists. A path would be very welcome. 626

Elsewhere, disabled, aged 65+

- 319. I am part sighted. I do not live near Battle. 627

Elsewhere, mobility Impaired, aged 12-18

- 320. It's probably a bit boring having to read all these questionnaires so have a break to look at this bunny. 629

Elsewhere, able bodied, aged 12-18

- 321. It will help students exercise. 632
- 322. Rolling. 634
- 323. Even though I would not use Battle Health Pathway that much I think it is a brilliant idea for people wanting to stay fit and healthy or just to simply walk to town. My suggestions are to have at least 4 huts for shelter on the way. 636
- 324. I wouldn't use it. 637
- 325. I don't have an opinion because I am leaving. 643
- 326. People will abuse the path eg stick chewing gum on it. 644
- 327. Don't do it. 645
- 328. Because it would be the community together. 646
- 329. Because it's a good idea and it would be useful for lots of people. 647
- 330. I wouldn't use it. 649
- 331. Its not needed, it is flat ground. 650
- 332. Not at all. I don't live nearby. 654
- 333. Too far away from me. 661
- 334. I do not know the full on impact if passed. 679
- 335. I don't live in Battle. However, I am in favour of the idea, as long as it does not cost too much. 680
- 336. Outdoor gym. 683

- 337. I do not live near Battle. 684
- 338. I have not been on the Battle rec recently. 685
- 339. Because I would like to get more exercise. 686
- 340. I do a lot of cycling and would enjoy a new path. 687
- 341. More people will exercise so I think it's a really good idea. 688
- 342. I don't live in Battle so I don't know what is best for it. 689
- 343. I like the idea of this. 691
- 344. Because when its muddy you can't get your shoes muddy. 694
- 345. I think it would be nice if there could be 2 routes. One for beginner cyclists and another for able cyclists. 695
- 346. I think we should have a couple of exercise equipment eg treadmill, rowing machine. 698
- 347. Cross country, getting to high street. 701
- 348. Not really sure what it is. 702

Elsewhere, able bodied, aged 19-35

- 349. I believe this is a great project for all the community. Unfortunately I don't live in Battle but would use it during visits to the town. 706
- 350. It would be nice to use the pathway when I visit Battle. I would like to run and walk around the local area. 709

Elsewhere, able bodied, aged 36-64

- 351. The area is big enough to accommodate it. The path along the road at the moment is so narrow that you worry about coming too close to passing lorries that could clip you with the wing mirrors plus the back route has steps, hard for pushchair users and road is dangerous for walking children. The exercise equipment will help the less well off. 711
- 352. A top plan. I can't wait to see it open. 712

Elsewhere, Able Bodied, 65+

- 353. I live in Pembury. We have a recreation ground with a pathway which is used regularly. 714
- 354. Any improvement to cycling amenities has to be supported. 715
- 355. A pathway would make easy walking all year round. Good idea. 717

Appendix C

Interactive display results

Post-its notes transcription from the workshop in the Guide Hut.

Flipsheet

Your ideas - Please use post-it notes to comment on the route and possible features.

1. Childrens Park Run - 2km (4 laps) every week – Sunday am (it's a world wide event) - look it up.
2. Lunchtime walks for workers in Battle.
3. Kids cycling proficiency.
4. Engage with Beech Estate.
5. Great opportunity to include local arts!
6. Good start to promote cycling in Battle.

Plan

7. Is there enough car parking space to allow for increased visitor numbers?
8. Make it cover a larger area around perimeter for a quieter walk.
9. Plant shed or natural vegetation
10. Put the picnic area here? [just south of tennis court] Overlooks football pitch. Nearer to car park and loo.
11. What about a bumpy track here [just south of Guide Hut]
12. 100% support if this access path is improved [ford in ravine to south of site]
13. Where do we need netting? What about the view? [south of football ground]
14. A few pieces of equipment together would be good. [North West corner of site]
15. Equipment in one, maybe 2 places [North West corner of site]
16. Like the idea of a covered shelter [North West corner of site]
17. While adult exercise kit should be a good idea, wherever I've seen it installed I've never seen it being used. [west of football ground]
18. I like wooden gym equipment on Hastings seafront.

Appendix D

Consultation Plan

Battle Health Pathway Consultation Plan

DRAFT 8 December 2015

Based on a meeting on Monday 9 November 2015 at 1500 hours at The Almonry, High Street, Battle. Present:

- Battle Health Pathway Project Group (BHPPG); Sue Burton, Vikki Cook, Glenna Favell, Paula Fisher
- Earthscapes Design Associates (EDA); Jeremy Linden
- Nick Wates Associates (NWA); Jane Freund, Nick Wates

Plus feedback from all on a draft

Purpose of consultation

- To demonstrate that the proposed health pathway will be well used and appreciated by a range of users
- To find out if there is any opposition to the proposals and if so how much and on what grounds.
- To give local people the opportunity to suggest ideas for improving the proposals.

Who should be Consulted?

Potential users as mentioned in the brief. Including but not limited to:

- Walkers: Strollers (elderly), Power walkers, Utility (from A-B), toddlers
- Roller bladers
- Wheel-chair users: electric and manual
- Cyclists: Learners and experienced, Utility, Leisure
- Scooters: Learners, experienced
- Push-chair users
- People accessing outdoor gym equipment
- Football spectators - may use path to stand and watch games
- Visually Impaired people
- Runners: In training, exercising

Neighbours, those living near the site.

- Aston Fields Residents Association,
- Residential homes and sheltered accommodation units

Schools

- Battle Abbey School,
- CE Primary School,
- Claverham Community College (TN33 postal code only),
- Ninfield school

Nurseries and playgroups

Authorities and agencies

- Battle Town Council,
- East Sussex County Council,
- NHS
- Rother District Council,

Potential funders

- Big Lottery – Reaching Communities
- Rother District Council – Community Grants Scheme
- Veolia

What to consult about?

Keep it simple. Focus on three main questions:

- Are you in favour?
- How would you like to use it?
- Any ideas and suggestions?

Consultation on detail can be included in the workshop or done later.

Consultation Materials

A simple combined flyer/questionnaire (with similar feel to the White Rock Gardens example). To include: Project description, layout plan, consultation opportunities, questionnaire.

Display boards to include: Project details and options, with opportunities to comment using post-it notes and sticky dots.

Consultation events

A Have Your Say consultation day on a Saturday (23 Jan 2016) with three components; A Drop-in stall in the Memorial Hall foyer (9.00 to 12.00); A Drop-in workshop in a building on site (13.00 to 15.00); Walk the Route guided tour (13.30 – 14.00).

Consultation period = mid Jan to mid Feb (closing date for questionnaires 19 February).

Branding –

An independent project under the umbrella of Battle Local Action Plan (BLAP), supported by Earthscapes Design Associates (EDA) and Nick Wates Associates (NWA).

Tasks and Responsibilities

<i>Deadline</i>	<i>Tasks</i>	<i>Who</i>
End Nov	Prepare draft flyer/questionnaire content	BHPPG (meet 26 Nov)
	Book venues	BHPPG /PF/GF
	Prepare mailing lists (email and post)	BHPPG
	Prepare door knocking and delivery routes	BHPPG
	Advertising	BHPPG
Mid Dec	Prepare artwork for flyer/questionnaire	Earthscapes with NWA
	Plan artwork for workshop	Earthscapes with NWA
End Dec	Sign off flyer artwork	All
	Arrange flyer printing	BHPPG
Mid Jan	Hand deliver flyer	BHPPG
	Post and email flyer	BHPPG (with NWA?)
	Facebook posting	BHPPG
	Set up venues and rota	BHPPG with NWA & EDA
	Arrange refreshments	BHPPG
23 Jan	Facilitate consultation day. Arrive Memorial Hall by 8.30. Nick, Jane, Jeremy and at least 1 BHPPG member to be on duty at all times.	NWA with BHPPG & EDA
Mid Feb	Collect questionnaire responses	BHPPG
End Feb	Questionnaire results (count and type)	BHPPG
Mid Mar	Draft report for comment	NWA
	Meeting only if required	All
End Mar	Final report	NWA

Materials and equipment on 23 January

NWA to provide: A1 or A0 boards, flipchart, signage, post-it notes, sticky dots and symbols, pens.

EDA to provide:

A1 plan of proposed pathway; Google Earth plan indicating context of pathway; Photos/illustrations (not exclusive) to include: Edible planting; Additional pathways for practice by children; Adult activity zone & teenage meeting hut to be placed on site of existing play area at north west entrance; Local artists to provide seats/artpieces/climbing structures; Picnic area alongside path at south boundary of site; Sports nets (may be requirement of H&S); Solar lights.

BHPPG to provide:

Table (for Memorial Hall entrance); A board (for pavement); Flyers/questionnaires (500?); Any relevant display material (please specify); Refreshments; ballot box (for posting completed questionnaires).

Appendix E

Facebook screenshots

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Battle Health Pathway

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Battle Health Pathway
Community

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172 people like this
Jan Stephens and Jane Freund

Invite friends to like this Page

ABOUT

Battle Health Pathway is a proposed all-weather track around Battle Recreation Ground for walkers, runners, cyclists and push chairs too.

PHOTOS



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**Battle Health Pathway**
January 8 at 10:00am ·

A Consultation Event about the Battle Health Pathway is taking place on Saturday 23rd January. There are two opportunities to come and share your ideas and have your say. The first is taking place between 9am - 12 noon in the Battle Memorial Hall Foyer on Battle High Street, and from 1pm - 3pm in the Guide Hut on the Recreation Ground, North Trade Rd, where you can walk around the recreation ground. Please come and show your support and complete a questionnaire. Leaflets containing information about the project including the questionnaire will be at the Library and the Memorial Hall from Saturday 9th Jan. You can also email battlehealthpathway@hotmail.com for a electronic version.

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5 people like this. [Top Comments](#)

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**Battle Health Pathway** As time goes by it becomes more obvious that people with mobility difficulties would have access to a green space which is currently very,very limited in Battle at the moment.
[Like · Reply · January 15 at 6:36pm](#)

**Susan Linton** I think it would be disastrous to have dogs, walkers, people who are less able to walk well, wheelchairs and cyclists on the same path. Only this morning I was nearly killed by a cyclist who thought that riding on a pavement was ok. Cyclists need to be kept separate or have their own cycleway - and stick to it.
[Like · Reply · Yesterday at 7:43am](#)

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**Battle Health Pathway**
December 8, 2015 ·

Questionnaires are coming out in mid January and we need a big response to make it a worthwhile consultation! Please share and ask people to LIKE our page as it all helps towards the evidence that shows that Battle needs and wants an all weather path for everyone to benefit from. Thanks!!

Like Comment Share

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Write a comment...



Battle Health Pathway
November 3, 2015 ·

Work on progressing Battle Health Pathway continues and the next step is to have a consultation event in Battle to find out what people like and how the scheme can be improved. Watch this space and we will let you know when the event is, and how you can join in!

Like

Comment

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10 people like this. [Top Comments](#)

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Write a comment...



Teresa Rapley I hope you have a great response to the upcoming consultation process. I'm looking forward to seeing the proposals.
Like · Reply · November 3, 2015 at 9:27pm



Norma Lyons Great idea good for dry dog walking also
Like · Reply · 1 · January 16 at 6:35pm



Battle Health Pathway updated their profile picture.
August 18, 2015 ·



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Battle Health Pathway added a new photo.
August 18, 2015 ·

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Appendix F

Information flyer 2015



In association with Battle Town Council

Imagine if you could walk, cycle, scoot, run and stroll around Battle Recreation Ground....

IT WOULD BE FUN!

Battle Local Action Plan (BLAP) Group plans to build a circular all weather route around Battle Recreation Ground



How can you help?

- *Join the project group * Make a donation *
- * Hold a fundraising event *

Get in touch via battlehealthpathway@hotmail.com

Visit www.facebook.com/BattleHealthPathway

Cheques payable to BLAP,
c/o The Almonry, High St, Battle TN33 0EA

1066 Cycle Club generously funded this flyer



Appendix G

Flyer questionnaire 2016

Questionnaire

Please complete one form per person (including children) and tick all that apply.

1. How would you like to use the Battle Health Pathway?

- | | | |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> walking | <input type="checkbox"/> running/jogging | <input type="checkbox"/> exercise equipment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> cycling | <input type="checkbox"/> getting to town | <input type="checkbox"/> children's activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> learning to ride a bike | | <input type="checkbox"/> rollerblading/scooting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> enjoying nature/surroundings | | <input type="checkbox"/> other – comment below |

2. How often do you complete 30 minutes of moderate exercise?

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 or more times a week | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 or 2 times a week |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 or 4 times a week | <input type="checkbox"/> less than once a week |

3. Would the Battle Health Pathway help you exercise more?

- | | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> yes | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> don't know |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|

4. Would you like a covered shelter with seating along the pathway?

- | | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> yes | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> don't know |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|

5. Are you in favour of the Battle Health Pathway?

- | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> yes | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> don't know |
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6. Your reasons, comments and/or suggestions:

A. Do you live and/or work in or near Battle?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> in Battle | <input type="checkbox"/> in the surrounding area | <input type="checkbox"/> no - elsewhere |
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B. I am:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> disabled | <input type="checkbox"/> mobility impaired | <input type="checkbox"/> able-bodied |
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C. Age:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 0 - 11 | <input type="checkbox"/> 12 - 18 | <input type="checkbox"/> 19 - 35 | <input type="checkbox"/> 36 - 64 | <input type="checkbox"/> over 65 years |
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Please email your response to battlehealthpathway@hotmail.com or post it to Battle Health Pathway c/o The Almonry, High Street, Battle, TN33 0EA or return it to your BHP representative by **19th February 2016**. **Thank you.**

Battle Health Pathway

Have Your Say



Drop-in Events

Saturday 23rd January 2016

9am - 12 noon
Memorial Hall Foyer
81 High Street
Battle TN33 0AQ

1pm - 3pm
Guide Hut, Recreation Ground
North Trade Road
Battle TN33 0EX

1.30pm - 2pm Walk the pathway



BattleHealthPathway - battlehealthpathway@hotmail.com

What is the Battle Health Pathway?

When it is wet, Battle Recreation Ground seems inaccessible to all but the very agile and people who don't mind getting their shoes muddy!

But a solution is being considered

- A surfaced pathway around the recreation ground providing all year round access to everybody
- A path designed to allow for pushchairs, mobility scooters and wheelchairs
- An enjoyable walking experience particularly suitable for those unable to walk on rough or slippery surfaces
- A safe place for young people to learn the lifelong skill of cycling (the route would be about 0.5 km (550 yds), so not attractive to experienced cyclists)
- A traffic free route for local schools
- Activity and exercise areas
- A future link with the proposed Battle Schools Greenway

The pathway (possible route shown on map overleaf) would be used by people of all ages - walkers, runners, cyclists, young scooter users, people with mobility difficulties, people working to regain fitness and those with children in push-chairs.

A project group has been formed with representatives from Battle Town Council, Battle Local Action Plan and Battle residents. Your input will help them to produce the best design.

We are now seeking your ideas, comments and support:

- Please come to the Drop-In Events on Saturday 23rd January 2016 to find out more.
- Please complete and return the questionnaire overleaf.



The entrance to Battle Recreation Ground

The pathway could pass by the seats



The pathway can also pass near the Guide Hut

The pathway could curve past the oak tree and then alongside the football pitch



Appendix H

Other publicity

Battle Observer 15/1/2016

Rye Observer undated

Environment

Event to consult on health pathway

A consultation event into the proposed Battle Health Pathway is to take place on Saturday, January 23.

The first session will take place in the Battle Memorial Hall foyer, High Street, Battle, between 9am and noon.

The second will take place in the Guide Hut on Battle Recreation Ground, North Trade Road, between 1pm and 3pm.

All are welcome to go along and complete a questionnaire.

Leaflets containing information about the project, including the questionnaire, are currently available at Battle Library and Battle Memorial Hall.

Alternatively, email battlehealthpathway@hotmail.com for an electronic version of the leaflet.

Consultation



Residents have say over pathway

The Battle Health Pathway Project Group's 'have your say' events were well attended on January 23.

Members of the public, many from Battle, were able to see the different ideas for the proposed pathway.

Landscape architect Jeremy Linden, consultation facilitators Nick Wates Associates and the BHP project team, were available throughout the day to answer questions and hear comments.

People of all ages gave their opinions and thoughts on how the pathway could be an attractive development in Battle.

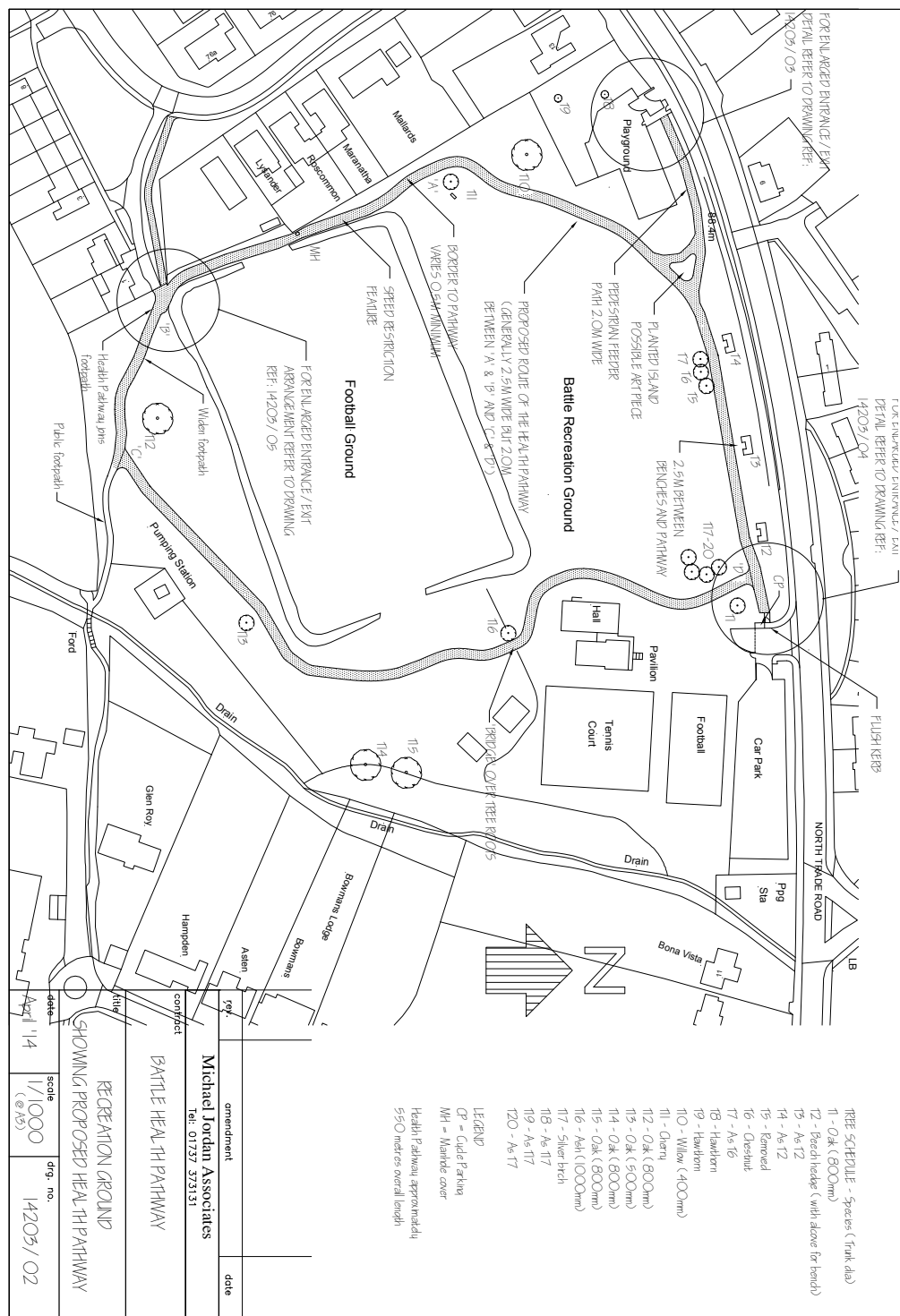
The afternoon session included a muddy 'walk the pathway' with the architect.

More than 60 questionnaires were completed during the day.

The Battle Health Pathway consultation closes on February 19. Leaflets with the questionnaire are available at Battle Library and Battle Memorial Hall, or get in touch via email at battlehealthpathway@hotmail.com for an electronic version.

Appendix J

Display material – Site plan



Appendix J

Display material – Connections



Appendix J

Display material – Plan for public consultation



Appendix J

Display material – Earthscapes statement

We recognise that each landscape has a language and that humanity plays an integral part in the ecological and aesthetic language of that space.

The language can be understood by local observation, involvement and sensitive response. We may replace our imposition on the landscape by a site specific understanding of the local ecology and history of the site.

We encourage and place great store in local consultation and involvement to identify a response that encourages local ecology, local arts and local needs.

Earthscapes Design Associates

Appendix J

Display material – Ideas from elsewhere – cycle parking



Cycle Parking

Appendix J

Display material – Ideas from elsewhere – fitness safety



Outdoor adult fitness area



Road safety markings
Children's practice area



Adult fitness area, road safety markings and cycle practice area

Appendix J

Display material – Ideas from elsewhere – seating



Seating - sustainable use of timber

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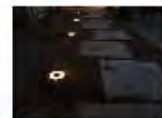
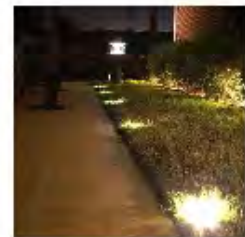
Display material – Ideas from elsewhere – shared-use



Shared use cycle paths and signage

Appendix J

Display material – Ideas from elsewhere – shelters & lights



Covered Shelters



Solar ground lights

Appendix J

Display material – Ideas from elsewhere – speed restriction



Chicanes



Surfacing to reduce speed



Undulating surface

Other methods to reduce speed may include:

- Narrowing of path with rock chicane
- Use of planted islands



Signage will provide pedestrian priority

Speed Restriction

Appendix J

Display material – Ideas from elsewhere – sports net & picnic



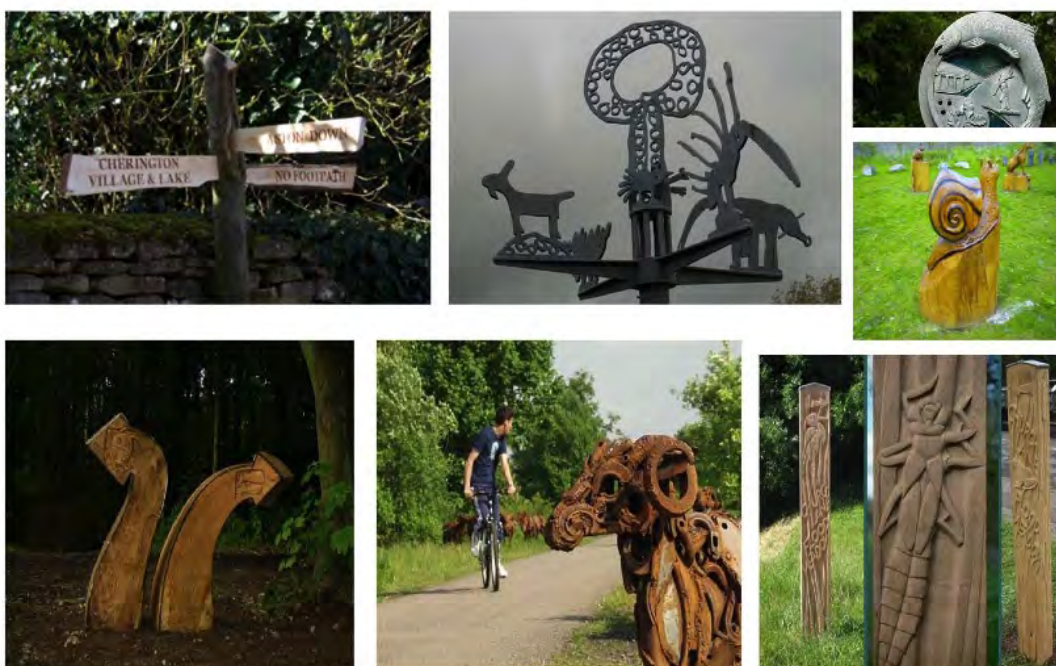
Sports net at base of sports field



Picnic area and tables

Appendix J

Display material – Ideas from elsewhere – waymarkers



Waymarkers

Appendix J

Display material – Ideas from elsewhere – wildlife



Native planting for wildlife



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