

Agenda Item 4.)

Overview of Emergency Active Travel Measures in Exeter

Background and Approach

Secretary of State, 9th May, “**Requiring councils to cater for significantly more pedestrians and cyclists**”

During the pandemic and lockdown

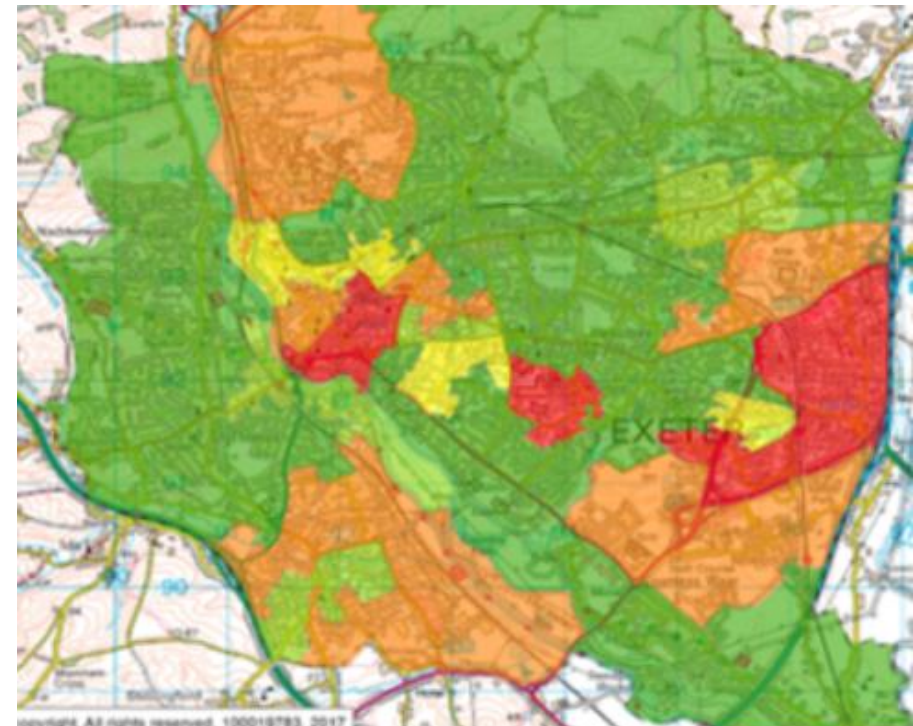
- 1.) Cycle flows increased by >50% during lockdown
- 2.) Reduced Traffic levels
- 3.) Reduced Public Transport capacity (Exeter 2nd highest PT use in UK cities <200,000 people in UK), so providing extra transport capacity

Funding

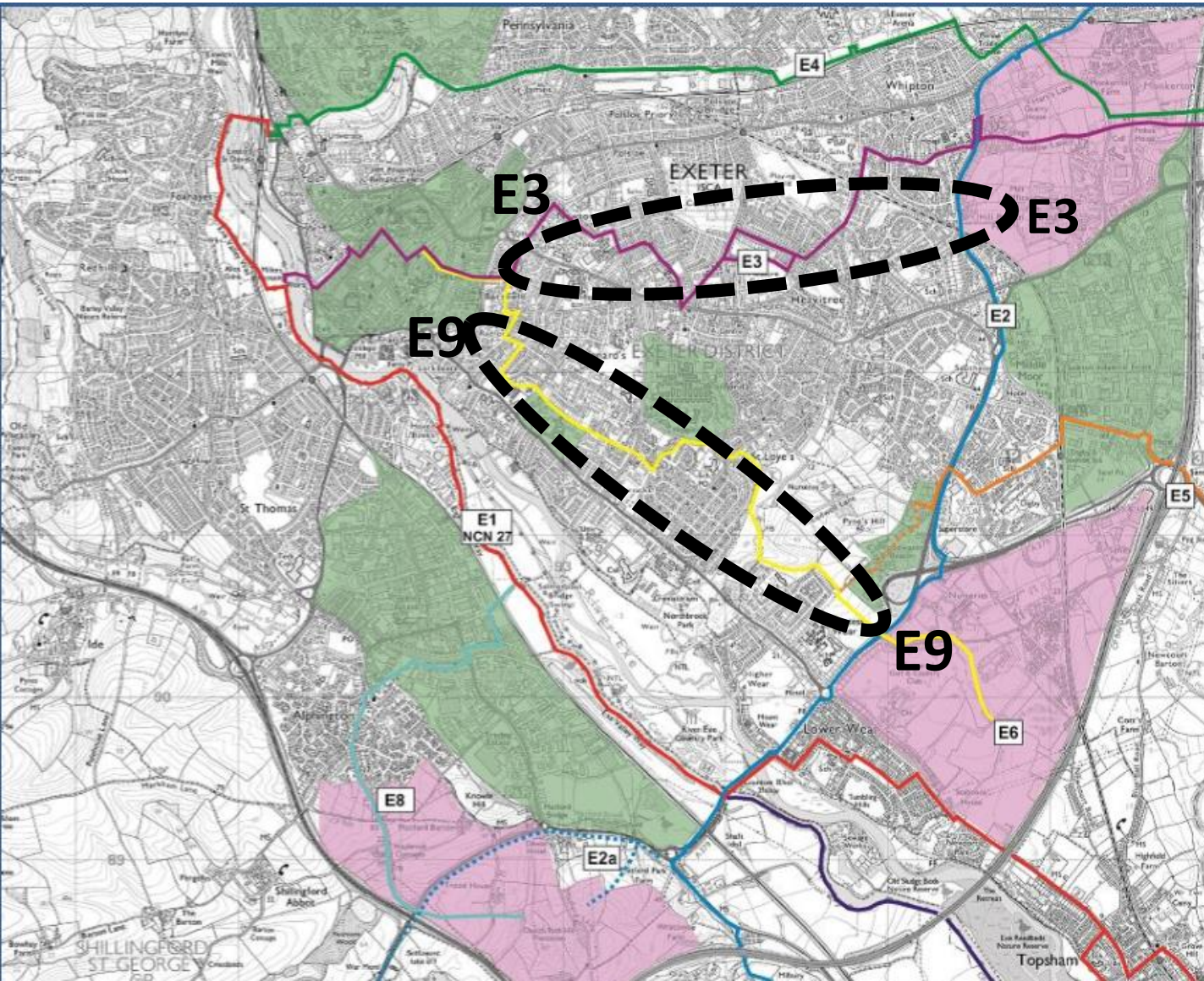
- Tranche 1 money (£338K) received 25th June.
- Indicatively £150K for Exeter
- 8 weeks to implement

Approach:

- Connect up Key employment areas
- East West employment axis



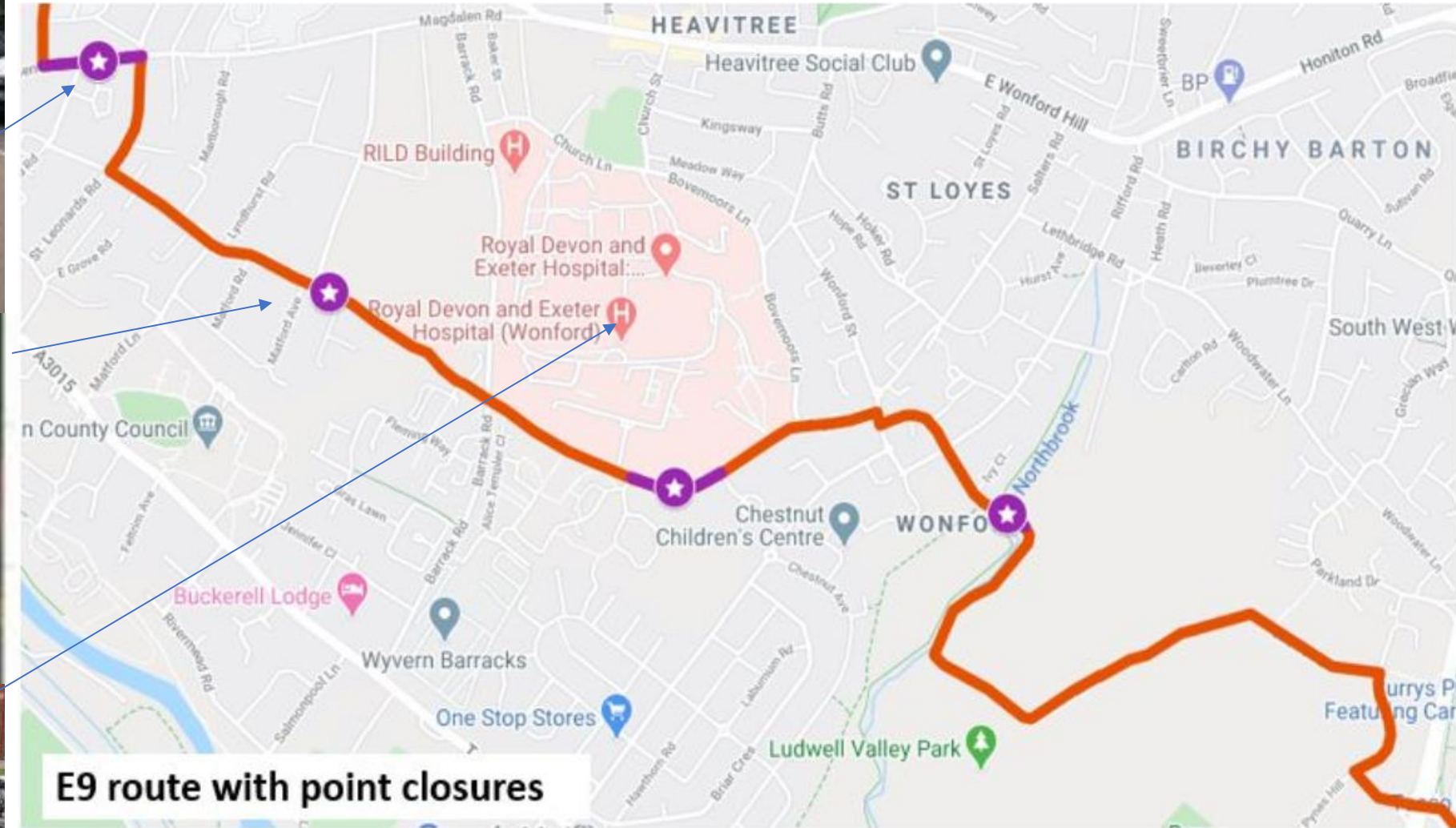
Pop Up Proposals- Strategic Cycle Map



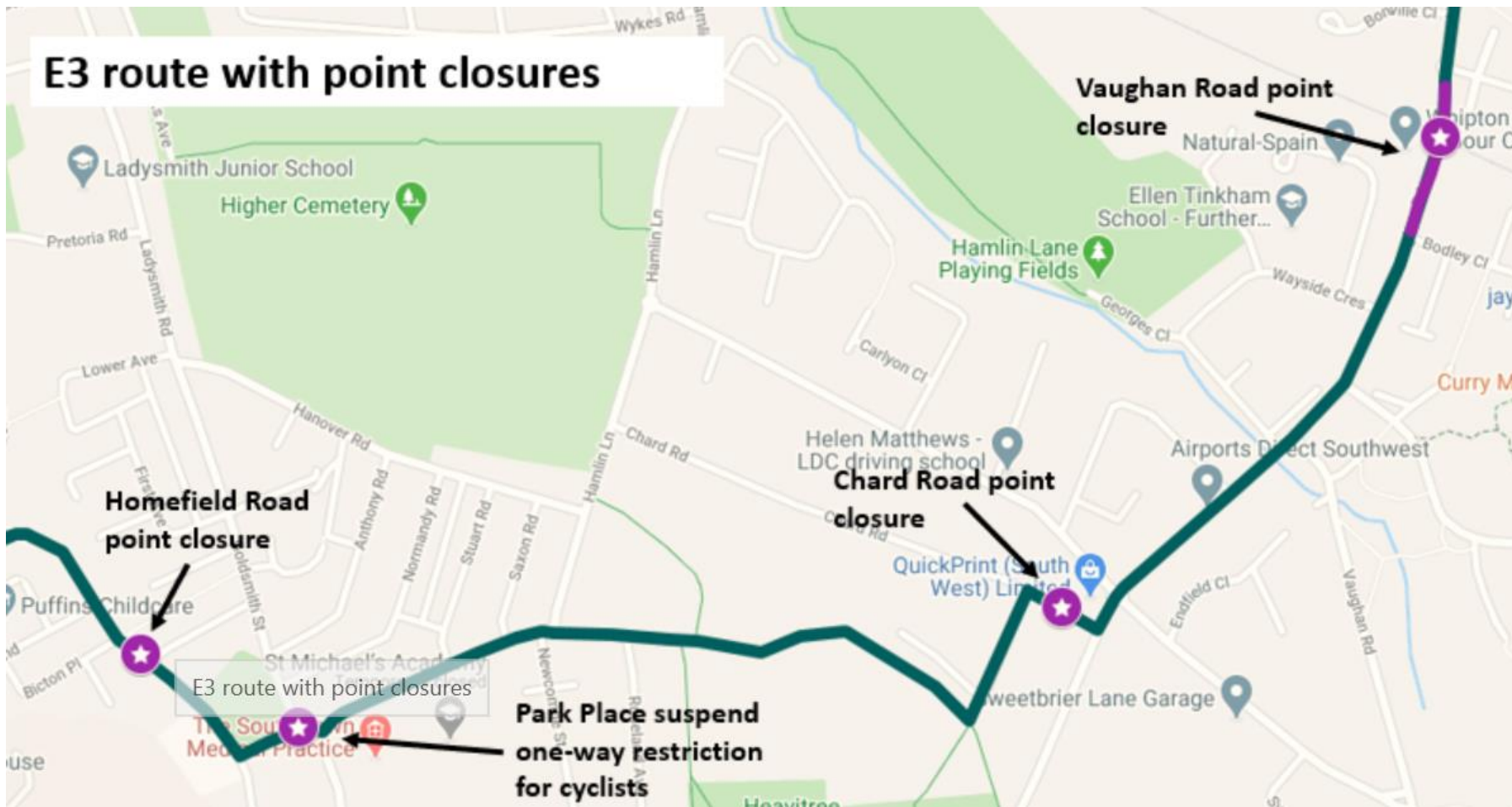
Mirrors E3 and E9 Strategic Cycle Routes
(Walking and Cycling Multi Use Strategy)

- **Use Point Closures to create Quiet Corridors.**
- **The closures**
 - **Avoid main A and B roads**
 - **Avoid public transport routes (where possible)**

Measures So Far - E9 & Magdalen Rd



Measures So Far - E3



Vaughan Road

Only vehicle crossing of railway between Hamlin Lane and Hill Barton

Traffic diverted onto other routes

Part of route to East of Exeter growth point (via Hill Barton Crossing, Hollow Lane, Redhayes Bridge)

Reduce traffic past Whipton School

Public Response

Lots of Correspondence, more positive than Negative (and more positive than expected)


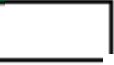

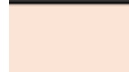
Total Written Comments	173
Positive	57%
Negative	43%

Typically, negative after installation, but over time increasingly positive

- **E9** very positive Response, especially Ludwell Lane and Wonford Road
- **Magdalen Road** – Public in support. Mixed from Traders, 70:30 support before. Still some objectors.
- **E3** - very positive at City Centre end (despite initial issue with lane behind Homefield Road)
 - More mixed at eastern end – **especially Vaughan Road**

Progress So Far

Project	Action
Pop up cycle Parking	City Centre, RD&E, Topsham, Whipton, Heavitree & ST Thomas 13x toast racks, each providing 5 stands/10 spaces
E9 cycle route	Point Closures at Wonford Road, Dryden Road and Ludwell Lane
E9/Magdalen Rd	Footway widening, One way westbound and contraflow cycle lane
E3 cycle Route Part 1	Point Closures at Homefield Road, Chard Road and Vaughan Road. Allow contraflow cyclists in Park Place
E3 cycle Route Part 2	<i>Ladysmith Road/ Hamlin Lane, No entry northbound/southbound</i>
	Polsloe Road Temporary crossing and upgraded cycle route
City Centre – Fore St	Potential footway widening and One way. Push Back from traders- likely to be modest changes
City Centre cycle lanes	South St– contraflow cycle lane. Plan to be circulated to traders
	North St– contraflow cycle lane (too complex for temporary scheme)
Cowick St	footway widening/inbound bus stop
Ebikes	Expansion of Docks at County Hall and Cranbrook
	Dockless sites. In progress (Digby/ Topsham and City Centre)

-  Installed
-  Halted/**abandon?**
-  In Progress
-  tbc

Lessons Learnt

- Some pushback!
- Traders typically less receptive to changes
- Traffic Management not very attractive
- Maintenance costs higher than expected

Proposed Next Steps

- 1.) Liaise with traders on Fore St, South St**
- 2.) Discussion with Local Members on Cowick Street**
- 3.) Emerging Proposals for Balls Farm Road**
- 4.) A decision from HaTOC on E3/E9 and Magdalen Road**
 - Allow a settling in period for current measures, No further changes
 - Consult on E3 Heavitree proposals in Autumn, after schools term starts
 - Any changes and amendments following that consultation
- 5.) Develop Tranche 2 permanent Proposals**

Recommendations

Recommendation: It is recommended that:

- (a) Current installed pop-up measures remain in place until at least 13th October 2020.**
- (b) The current changes are consulted on, with any decision on their permanency to be brought in front of a future HaTOC.**
- (c) Decisions to approve any new Pop up schemes and further changes to existing schemes to be delegated the Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment, in consultation with the Chair of HATOC and the local member.**