

**ALBAN WAY GREENSPACE ACTION PLAN 2025-30
ENGAGEMENT RESPONSE DOCUMENT**

Below is a summary of comments received from the engagement process on the Alban Way Greenspace Action Plan 2025-30, carried out in August 2024.

Theme of comments	Response and outcome
<p><i>Access.</i> Comments about redesigning the path section at Orient Close and adding a bollard at the top of the zig zag section at (St Albans City station access)</p> <p>Remove chicanes at Hill End Lane “level crossing gates” and replace by bollards</p>	<p>Actions will be carried out if funding is available</p> <p>Chicanes were installed to slow cyclists on the approach to the road crossing and will not be removed. However, if budget is available, we will renovate and redesign on both sides of the crossing, allowing a gap of 3m between the front gate and the back gate</p>
<p><i>Rights of Ways.</i> Some stakeholders have proposed to make the Alban Way a public right of way.</p>	<p>SADC do not support need for dedication, there is no prospect of any alternative use.</p>
<p><i>Signage.</i> Comments about signage audit in general, including the replacement of on floor signage with conventional ones, replacing the Bespoke Code of Conduct and adding signage to specify which sections can be used by horse riders.</p>	<p>If funding available, we will design and install new shared use signage to replace existing Code of Conduct signage. Signage will contain website “https://www.defibfinder.uk/” and will consider carefully for accessibility including sections which can be used by horse riders and the continuing use of on floor signage to avoid clutter</p>
<p><i>Park furniture:</i> Several suggestions regarding adding more benches including Sheffield stands for bicycles and more bins</p>	<p>If budget is available, we will aim to have roughly a bench every 500m and some Sheffield stands in strategic locations. Unfortunately, it is not possible to add more bins</p>
<p><i>Safety.</i> Concerns about safety raised and suggestion of solar lighting.</p>	<p>Provision of artificial lighting on sections of the Alban Way was considered by the council in 2019/20 and is not supported. The area is very shady for solar lamps.</p>

<p>Also safety concerns regarding tree root damage to footpaths and tarmac with lumps at Camp Road bridge</p>	<p>If funding is available, we will carry out targeted surface repairs and will investigate if Camp Road bridge can be resurfaced</p>
<p><i>Impact of new developments.</i> Several comments about the need for developments to fund signage, maintenance and diversion routes during construction</p>	<p>SADC and HCC will seek to secure funding for the Alban Way from developments and developers should provide diversion routes during construction</p>
<p><i>Conservation and habitat management.</i> Some respondents agree that the Alban Way should be a green corridor with an increase in wildflowers, woodland management and rotational cutting of scrub.</p>	<p>This will be carried out if budget is available</p>
<p><i>Heritage and marketing.</i> No mention of the London Road Station/building</p>	<p>The building is currently used as a children's nursery and therefore outside of the scope</p>
<p><i>Flooding at Smallford Station</i></p>	<p>Investigation works undertaken by St Albans Council identified the cause of flooding to Alban Way to be directly linked to the saturated ground and high water table in the area. The gully/drain on Alban Way beneath the road bridge, connects to 2 soakaways on Alban Way. When the water table rise above the bottom of the soakaways, and when this coincides with heavy or prolonged rainfall, run-off from Station Road and the water course parallel with Station Road, finds its way on to Alban Way, which in turn overwhelms the gully/drain and the 2 soakaways, thereby flooding Alban Way. It is not an easy problem to solve but Hertfordshire County Council Highways would like to investigate a so far unresearched culvert on the west side of Station Road near the access road leading to O'Shea's yard. It is hoped this investigation will take place in Spring.</p>
<p>Incorrect statements about the privatisation of the railway, Charrington Place ramp ownership and street lighting locations and adding Open Spaces Society to the list of stakeholders</p>	<p>Amended in GAP</p>

<p>Some request to include crime data showing the number of reported incidents, improvements to the Nast Hyde end of the route and the upgrade of Longacres' access.</p>	<p>Outside of the scope of this GAP</p>
<p>Pollution from Pearce Recycling centre</p>	<p>This issue has been passed to SADC Environmental officers and SADC Waste Management officers</p>
<p>Engagement with residents of Orient Close so that the vegetation does not obstruct the AW path</p>	<p>Highways is an HCC matter, any issue to be reported as a highways fault via online fault reporting system.</p>
<p>There is a comment regarding the promotion of active travel.</p>	<p>Links included to Council's Local Transport Plan 2018-31(LTP4), Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) and The Welwyn Hatfield LCWIP in GAP</p>
<p>Suggestion to add a new objective about collaboration</p>	<p>Objective added "Work with and engage key stakeholders for the Alban Way"</p>