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Dear Liz

Here attached are proposals from Sustainable Crediton Transport Group as agreed at our recent meeting.

Yours

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Mid Devon Green Infrastructure Strategy.
Proposals by Sustainable Crediton Transport Group March 2011

As fuel prices continue to rise, a Crediton to Exeter cycle route will become increasingly important for day to day needs as well as for tourism. Encouraging people to cycle more, and make it safer for them to do so, is an essential part of building greener infrastructure.

Crediton is a regular stopping place for the increasing numbers of Land's End to John O'Groats (Lejog and Jogle) cyclists, and therefore safer cycling in the town is important for reasons of tourism and the wider economy as well as for local residents.

Therefore these three proposals from Sustainable Crediton Transport Group focus on cycling.

1. An east – west route for cyclists, safer than the A377, from Crediton end of the Sandford Cycle path at bottom of Jockey Hill, along Belle Parade and Parliament Street to the Town Square.

As at Topsham, where a contraflow system is working, we recommend a contraflow for cyclists and signs so that priority is clear at the narrow section by the cob wall.

Altering the apron of pavement outside the Library may bring a better view of the road ahead.

These measures will slow traffic, helping to ensure the safety not just of cyclists, but also pedestrians and park-users. The present one-way system is widely ignored by cyclists, who currently use the pavement or the road to the danger of themselves, other road users and pedestrians. The simple measures suggested here bring immediate safety benefits, as well being a long-term improvement and a very small first step on a safe cycle route from Crediton to Exeter.

2. More cycle stands to enable cyclists to use town centre shops and cafes.

3. Further planning for a cycle path from Lord's Meadow Leisure Centre to Westacott Cottages. This will encourage cyclists and link with the proposed Sustrans route to Exeter.