

ID/7 Question 5.2 2nd bullet What evidence demonstrates that the reduced package would result in acceptable outcomes and achieve the aim of Objective 7 and that part of the Bath vision (after 2.09) to *keep the city moving*?

1. One of Bath's great physical assets is its compactness. This means that any improvements to walking and cycling facilities can make a real contribution to keeping the City moving, especially if well integrated with the public transport system. However there remains a real and urgent need for other measures to reduce the number of all types of vehicles coming into and through the heavily congested city centre. The soundness of the strategy would be improved by reference being made to the importance of preventing unnecessary HGV movements through the historic core; the scope for consolidating deliveries to and from city centre businesses; and the need to achieve a better match between supply and demand on certain bus routes.
2. The aim of the proposed Parking Strategy as described in FPC1 (to discourage commuting by private car while maintaining a sufficient supply of short and medium term parking spaces for shoppers and visitors) is sound, but must be complemented by extending pedestrianisation and Shared Spaces in the historic core in order to improve the amenity for shoppers and visitors and to reduce the damage caused by high volumes of traffic to Bath's unique density of historic buildings.