

# Windermere & Bowness Chamber of Trade

This report has been submitted by Barry Butler who attended the consultation meeting on behalf of the Chamber.

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## **CRESCENT ROAD CONSULTATION**

Meeting held on the 30<sup>th</sup> October 2006 at Marchesi Centre.

Draft proposals drawn up by:-

MTI/NWDA	-	Economic
CC	-	Highways
CTB	-	Enhancement of heritage and attractions

Brief to	-	Improve environment
	-	Economic position
	-	Improvements for shoppers and pedestrians
	-	Improvements of quality for visitors

There is a separate parking study being carried out.

The consultants Capita Symonds said they were looking at best practice and the use of natural materials for the streets etc. However at the end of the meeting they said there was not the money to improve the streets and majority would remain as black tarmac.

The produced two options not a lot different to those produce following the Traffic Management Plan in the late 1990s but with one or two twists.

The consultants had not done a measured survey and were not aware that angled parking in Crescent Road was not possible or that two way traffic diverted through College Road with a new pavement on the Phoenix side would not be feasible especially if parking was to be retained.

Both schemes had their problems and the Consultants went away with the view that neither was acceptable to those present.

All those present wanted to see physical improvements to both Crescent Road and Main Road as well as to Ellerthwaite Square along with improved lighting, signage, street furniture and seating.

Many thought improvements to Ellerthwaite Square could go ahead prior to improvements to the other roads.

They appeared to be suggesting that nothing would be done until the junctions to the A591 were agreed.