

**South Cambridgeshire District Council
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| Lead Cabinet Member | Lead Cabinet member for Planning |
| Subject Matter | Response to Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) |
| Ward(s) Affected | All Wards |
| Date Taken | Tuesday, 27 July 2021 |
| Contact Officer | Claire Spencer, Senior Planning Policy Officer (claire.spencer@scambs.gov.uk) |
| Date Published | Tuesday, 27 July 2021 |
| Call-In Expiry/Exempt from call-in | Tuesday, 3 August 2021 |
| Key Decision? | No |
| In Forward Plan? | No |
| Urgent? | No |

| Purpose / Background |
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| <p>Purpose To agree the response to the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) Consultation currently being undertaken by Cambridgeshire County Council. It is proposed to be a joint response with Cambridge City Council.</p> <p>The consultation material is available online: https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/cc-c-local-cycling-and-walking-infrastructure-plan-consultation-2021</p> <p>The deadline for comments is 27 July 2021.</p> <p>Background The Cambridgeshire Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) forms part of the Government's aim to increase walking and cycling, particularly to school, in the UK by 2025, as outlined in the first Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy (2017).</p> |

The Department for Transport advised that local authorities who have plans will be well placed to make the case for future investment.

LCWIPs are a new approach to identifying cycling and walking improvements required at the local level. They should enable a long-term approach to developing local cycling and walking networks, ideally over a 10 year period and should:

- identify cycling and walking infrastructure improvements for future investment in the short, medium and long term
- ensure that consideration is given to cycling and walking within both local planning and transport policies and strategies
- make the case for future funding for walking and cycling infrastructure

The aim is to build on the already high levels of cycling in Cambridge and to spread the cycling culture out to the rest of the County whilst encouraging more walking by improving journeys in town centres and to schools and employment areas. Walking and cycling routes to transport hubs are particularly important and feature strongly in the routes proposed for improvement.

The LCWIP is split into two sections Cycling and Walking and addresses the following:

Cycling

All of the trips from the 2011 Census Data were mapped, establishing the cycling distance for each trip.

These were analysed using a propensity to cycle tool, which established that peak distance for cycling is 2km, majority between 1km and 5km.

The modelling factored in future growth and planned developments.

The number of additional people cycling was divided by the distance of any proposed scheme to calculate the value of each proposed scheme (for comparative purposes).

The report provides a list of most highly scoring links - translated into routes. Additional routes were added to fill gaps identified from planning and transport strategies (this includes Active Travel trial schemes in response to Covid-19).

Appendix 1 shows the mapped routes for each district – the existing network as well as planned and funded schemes

The design of routes will refer to current guidance and acknowledge constraints of land, landscape, heritage, drainage and local priorities – with an ambition to exceed standards where possible particularly where forecast to be high levels of usage. In urban areas, where space is more constrained, there may be a focus on reducing traffic and speeds.

Appendix 2 outlines the prioritisation matrix. In South Cambs the top three schemes include Girton to Cambridge, Cambourne to Cambridge, Sawston – Whittlesford – Whittlesford Parkway / Duxford.

Walking

Identified schemes from County Council's Transport Investment Plan (TIP). Many routes overlap with cycleways.

Appendix 4 includes maps of proposed priority walking routes and core zones – for Cambridge and Cambourne

The focus is on making routes safer, more pleasant and attractive. The rural area takes into account Rights of Way improvement Plan (2016).

Appendix 5 includes an audit of routes by Sustrans.

Appendix 6 outlines walking prioritisation matrices.

Main Issues:

The LCWIP builds on the Local Transport Plan 2020 – a strategy of investing in world-class walking and cycling facilities, which will create sustainable travel opportunities, reduce traffic flows and improve air quality through encouraging people to walk or cycle rather than drive for shorter journeys. The LCWIP should also help with delivering the outcome of the GCP Citizen's' Assembly on Transport, which included encouraging cycling and walking.

The LCWIP is a tool for securing funding from Government for cycling and walking improvements. Although, given the already high levels of cycling within Greater Cambridge and the Government's scoring methodology it is uncertain how successful Cambridgeshire would be.

The LCWIP acknowledges Cambridge City Council's Making Spaces for People work. The modelling factored in future population growth in committed planned developments, and the LCWIP acknowledges significant trip generators outside central area such as the Biomedical Campus, West Cambridge and Science Park. It shows routes to secondary schools and colleges outside city centre and trip generators include neighbourhood centres (e.g. Chesterton and Cherry Hinton High Streets).

The report provides a list of most highly scoring links - translated into routes. Additional routes were added to fill gaps identified from planning and transport strategies. In South Cambs the top three schemes include Girton to Cambridge, Cambourne to Cambridge, Sawston – Whittlesford – Whittlesford Parkway / Duxford.

Due to the methodology used, which relies on Census 2011 data and the propensity to cycle (using 2km as a benchmark), the report outcomes are Cambridge-centric and fail to consider the greater range provided by electric cycles. This does not reflect local strategies and aspirations which seek to improve the village to village connectivity in the rural area and first and last mile trips to travel hubs including local bus stops and/or connectivity into planned routes such as GCP Greenways.

It is anticipated the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority will undertake a refresh of the Local Transport Plan later in the year, which will provide the Council an opportunity to comment on the future transport strategy.

Proposed response points:

That the Council support the principle and purpose of the LCWIP, intended as it is to improve cycling and walking across the County over the next 10 years.

Urge the County to give careful attention to the many detailed comments being made on the draft LCWIP by the public, cycling and walking organisations, parish councils, residents' associations and developers.

That the LCWIP should state as a matter of principle that it will have careful regard to, and seek to enable the implementation of, development proposals included in adopted plans (including Local Plans, Area Action Plans and Neighbourhood Plans).

The Councils urge the County Council to engage the public, cycling and walking organisations, parish councils, residents' associations and developers through the route options and detailed

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| <p>design process.</p> <p>The Councils support that the design of new cycle routes will have regard to current guidance, especially the Department for Transport's LTN 1/20 Cycle Infrastructure Design (DfT) and 'Gear Change' document (2020) as well as considering the Sustrans Handbook for Cycle Friendly Design and LTN 1/12 Shared Use Routes for Pedestrians and Cyclists.</p> <p>The Council has some points of clarification and comments on the detail contained within the LCWIP for example to ensure consistency with the Councils adopted and emerging plans and strategies.</p> |
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| <p>Declaration(s) of Interest <i>Record below any relevant interest declared by any executive Member consulted or by an officer present in relation to the decision.</i></p> |
| <p>None</p> |

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| <p>Dispensation(s) <i>In respect of any conflict(s) of interest declared above, record below any dispensation(s) granted by the Council's Standards Committee.</i></p> |
| <p>None</p> |

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| <p>Consultation <i>Record below all parties consulted in relation to the decision.</i></p> |
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| <p>Other Options Considered and Reasons for Rejection</p> |
| <p>The Council could choose to not respond to consultation.</p> |

| Final decision | Reason(s) |
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| <p>That the Joint Director for Planning and Economic Development and Lead Member for Strategic Planning and Transport agree the proposed response to the LCWIP Consultation.</p> <p>A parallel decision is being considered by Cambridge City Council to be agreed by 2 August, and delegated authority is given to the Joint Director for Planning and Economic Development to agree any minor amendments to the response agreed by the City Council that are consistent with the response.</p> | <p>To provide the Councils' comments to this consultation.</p> |

| Signed | Name (CAPITALS) | Signature | Date |
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| Lead Cabinet Member | Signed copy available upon request from Democratic Services (democratic.services@scambs.gov.uk) | | |
| Chief Officer | | | |

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| <p>Further Information</p> <p><i>Appendices</i></p> <p><i>Appendix A: Proposed joint response by South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridge City Council Councils to Cambridgeshire County Council on the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)</i></p> |
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Background Papers

Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan:

<https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/7736/widgets/27624/documents/12521>

Appendix 1 – Cycle links

<https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/ccc-local-cycling-and-walking-infrastructure-plan-consultation-2021#folder-27624-6352>

Appendix 2 – Cycling Prioritisation Matrices

<https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/ccc-local-cycling-and-walking-infrastructure-plan-consultation-2021#folder-27624-6353>

Appendix 3 – Prioritised Cycle Route Maps

<https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/ccc-local-cycling-and-walking-infrastructure-plan-consultation-2021#folder-27624-6354>

Appendix 4 – Walking Maps

<https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/ccc-local-cycling-and-walking-infrastructure-plan-consultation-2021#folder-27624-6356>

Appendix 5 – Walking Route Audit Tool

<https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/ccc-local-cycling-and-walking-infrastructure-plan-consultation-2021#folder-27624-6357>

Appendix 6 – Walking Prioritisation Matrices

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