

POLICY REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT PANEL REPORT

REPORT TO:	Regeneration and Development Panel		
DATE:	10 th January 2023		
TITLE:	Countywide Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan		
TYPE OF REPORT:	Update		
PORTFOLIO(S):	People and Communities & Regeneration and Development		
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REPORT SUMMARY/COVER PAGE

PURPOSE OF REPORT/SUMMARY:
An update in relation to the emerging Countywide Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) ahead of public engagement in Quarter 1 2023.
RECOMMENDATIONS:
To note the update.
REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:
To ensure the Panel are kept up to date with progress.

REPORT DETAIL

Overview

Norfolk County Council (NCC) has secured a revenue grant from the Department of Transport to support the development of a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) for Norfolk.

The purpose of the Countywide LCWIP is to help identify and prioritise short, medium and long term active travel infrastructure schemes which will enable increased levels of cycling, walking and wheeling in the county.

Increased levels of cycling and walking can provide many benefits such as improving air quality, reducing congestion, addressing inequalities, improving physical and mental health.

LCWIP's support the Government's ambition for 50% of all journeys in towns and cities to be walked or cycled by 2030 as outlined in the Department for Transport Gear Change paper.¹

LCWIP's have already been produced for Kings Lynn, Greater Norwich and Great Yarmouth. The Countywide LCWIP will build on these plans.

The NCC Active Travel team will present an overview of the emerging plans which will be included with the Countywide LCWIP and focus on proposals located within the King's Lynn and West Norfolk district.

Specifically, the presentation will include an overview of indicative active travel network proposals for Hunstanton & Heacham and Downham Market as well as wider connectivity proposals which build on and connect with existing trails and cycling networks across the county.

NCC intend to hold a 6-week period of public engagement commencing in Quarter 1 2023 which will include an online survey and a limited number of public events. One of the public events will be held in Hunstanton.

The public engagement will include network proposals for a total of 20 towns across Norfolk, including Hunstanton & Heacham and Downham Market, as well as broader strategic network schemes which connect rural communities with key services and is intended to help identify the priority routes in preparation for future funding opportunities.

ⁱ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cycling-and-walking-plan-for-england>