



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

Report

AGENDA ITEM 4

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Title: Buckinghamshire Greenway including the Misbourne Greenway

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Comments and support is sought from the Local Access Forum the concept of the Buckinghamshire Greenway and Misbourne Greenway.

Buckinghamshire Greenway

This is a strategic vision for a walking and cycling route stretching from Milton Keynes and Brackley to Uxbridge and Heathrow Airport (see Appendix 1). It has the potential to unlock economic growth through increased connectivity and tourism benefits; reduce congestion on the road network through modal shift; and dramatically improve public health outcomes through increased physical activity. While the Greenway provides the spine, with the main growth hub centred in Aylesbury, a network of local links between towns and villages would connect people and places which are currently isolated and inaccessible by non-car modes. Building on Buckinghamshire's heritage as 'Birthplace of the Paralympics', the route would be disabled accessible and would offers opportunities for boosting cycling tourism and access to the AONB.

The first phase of the route, between Aylesbury Garden Town and Waddesdon Manor was completed in 2018, with over 70,000 trips recorded within the first year. Sustrans has recently allocated a further £2m for construction of two sections of Buckinghamshire Greenway by 2021, a river crossing within Aylesbury Garden Town ("the Haydon Hill link") and part of the southern section of the route ("the Misbourne Greenway").

Misbourne Greenway

This stretch connect Wendover and Uxbridge (see Appendix 2), with partners including the National Trust, Sustrans, Chiltern Society and Buckinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership (BLEP). A planning application has recently been submitted by Greeways and Cycleroutes for the Wendover to Great Missenden. The Chiltern Society have given an 'in principle' agreement to take on the majority of path maintenance, with Sustrans being responsible for more major surfacing repairs.

There is good support from walkers and cyclists, but with no provision for access by equestrians there is evident concern from the horse riding community.

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