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Report

AGENDA ITEM 4

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Local Access Forum's comments and advice are sought on the concept of the evolving Garden Way Project, part of the Aylesbury Garden Town initiative.

The Garden Way is proposed to create a linear park of connected green spaces around Aylesbury. It aims to encourage play, active travel, healthy lifestyles, growing food and outdoor leisure and as well as attracting wildlife. It aims to connect existing parks, public spaces, woodlands, waterways and heritage sites.

The route will be around 18km long, creating a loop around Aylesbury that follows and links into existing footpaths, footways, cycleways and bridleways spanning out from the town, such as the Grand Union canal towpath, Aylesbury Gemstone cycle routes and Waddesdon Greenway.

It will be connected to Stock Mandeville Hospital providing a route accessible for self-powered wheel chairs and mobility scooters and builds on the historic legacy of the Aylesbury as the home of Paralympic sport. Parts of the planned route currently passes across private land; some through formal green spaces within public ownership; and some within recreational land set-aside as part of housing developments. Management of the network could be through volunteers or community groups.

The Garden Way draft route is illustrated in Appendix 1 showing the proposed link roads to help clarify the location. Please bear in mind this is very much an early, outline design.

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