



# Buckinghamshire LCWIP

Introductory Presentation for Community Boards

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# What is a LCWIP and why develop one?

Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) are evidence-led, long-term plans to identify cycling, walking, and wheeling improvements. 'Wheeling' is an emerging term to refer to adapted cycle, wheelchair and mobility scooter users.

The LCWIPs Technical Guidance document was published in 2017. It sets out the recommended six stage process for developing LCWIPs. Since its publication, and in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been a growing national interest in walking, cycling and wheeling and an emphasis on the importance of high-quality infrastructure. This is reflected in national infrastructure design guidance and policy documents.

By developing LCWIPs, local authorities are able to take an informed network-based approach to planning and delivering this infrastructure.

The design and delivery of infrastructure often requires external funding. LCWIPs can be used to guide future investment decisions and support funding bids.

## LCWIPs provide:

### Network Plans

Identifying preferred routes for further development

### Prioritised Programme

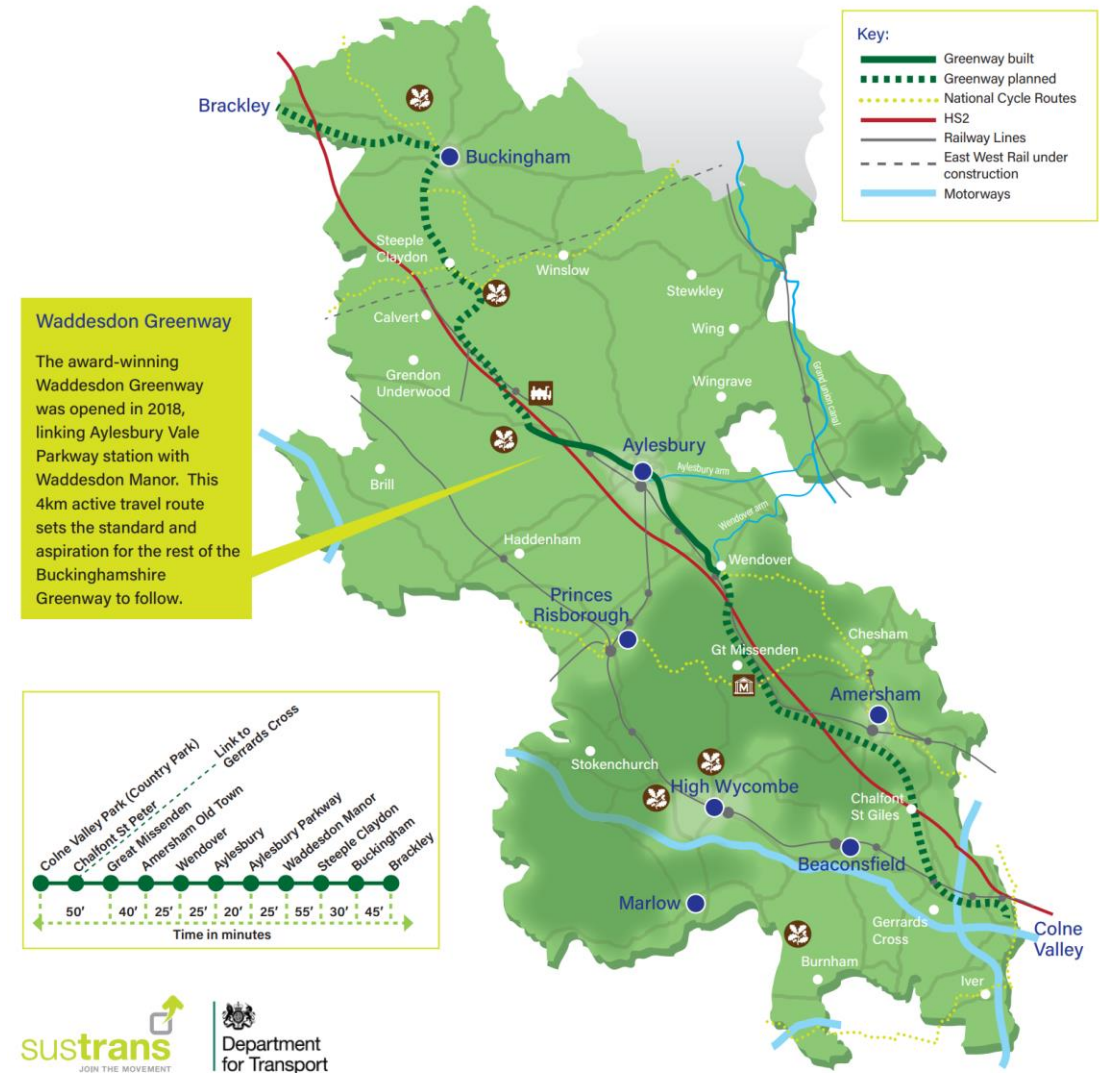
A list of infrastructure improvements for future investment

### Background Report

Explaining the process followed and analysis undertaken

# Buckinghamshire LCWIP

- The Council has existing and emerging local area LCWIPs for Aylesbury Garden Town, Buckingham and High Wycombe. A LCWIP for Chesham is being produced locally.
- We are now developing a Council-wide LCWIP that will outline a high-level strategic network across Buckinghamshire; the **'Buckinghamshire LCWIP'**
- Using data, evidence, and stakeholder engagement, the Buckinghamshire LCWIP will identify an aspirational high-level network of future walking, wheeling, and cycling corridors across the Council area. It will incorporate and build upon the emerging **Buckinghamshire Greenway** flagship north-south network spine (see adjacent map).
- The Buckinghamshire LCWIP will adopt a 'to and through' approach to developing the network, focusing on strategic connections between settlements rather than local routes that are wholly within settlements.



Buckinghamshire Greenway

# Why are we developing the Buckinghamshire LCWIP?

An authority-wide LCWIP will:

- ▶ Provide a clear and prioritised plan of infrastructure improvements that will shape the Council's delivery approach
- ▶ Support the emerging Local Transport Plan 5 and Local Plan
- ▶ Help the Council achieve a range of its priorities and policy objectives (for example, tackling climate change, improving air quality, creating healthy and well-connected communities)
- ▶ Bring together existing local strategies and key high-potential aspirations into one plan
- ▶ Outline good infrastructure design practice, tailored to the Buckinghamshire context
- ▶ Provide an evidence base for funding bids to national government

# How are we developing the Buckinghamshire LCWIP?

We are using the 16 Community Board areas to sub-divide Buckinghamshire to inform the LCWIP and ensure a consistent network planning approach across the Council area.

The LCWIP will consider corridors that can support links to:

- employment
- education
- public transport hubs and networks
- town and village facilities
- countryside and visitor attractions
- neighbouring authority areas

The LCWIP will also identify opportunities to link local settlements and networks with the Buckinghamshire Greenway, the proposed flagship north-south network spine.

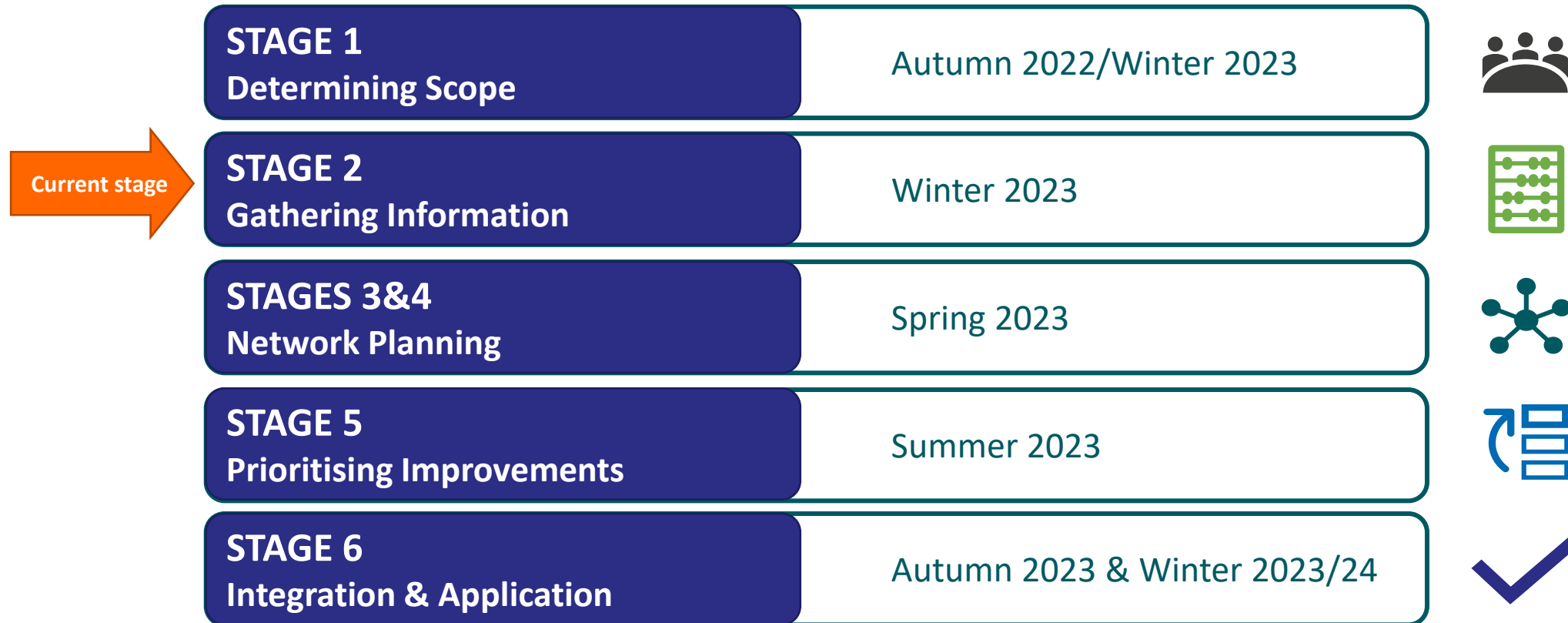
The LCWIP will *not*:

- provide detailed route plans for each village/town in a Community Board area; or
- include every aspiration
- guarantee funding for the delivery of a scheme

All proposals that are identified in the final LCWIP will be subject to further work (design, funding, engagement, etc.)

# How are we developing the Buckinghamshire LCWIP?

We are following the recommended 6-stage process outlined in the LCWIP guidance. We are currently at Stage 2.



# Next Steps

Alongside this presentation, a Profile has been produced for each Community Board area.

- ▶ The Profile summarises data, including: local population; key origins and destinations for travel; travel patterns; physical geography; existing active travel infrastructure; committed schemes and local aspirations for new active travel infrastructure. The contents of the Profile are being used to help understand the current context of each Board area and inform the LCWIP network planning.
- ▶ Following Local Member input, we are inviting all Community Boards areas to review their Profile and let us know of any additional local aspirations, focusing on links 'to and through' settlements. Each Community Board can send a response using the Microsoft form: [bit.ly/BucksLCWIPEngagement](https://bit.ly/BucksLCWIPEngagement). A supporting file (i.e. a map) can be submitted via email if required.
- ▶ Using the data analysis and information received, we will start the LCWIP network planning process.
- ▶ As we progress through the 6 LCWIP stages, further input will be sought from Members, Community Boards, stakeholders, and communities via targeted engagement and wider public consultation.

# Useful Links

For further information about national government's approach to LCWIP's and national design guidance for active travel infrastructure:

[Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan Guidance](#)

*DfT 2017*

[Local Transport Note \(LTN 1/20\) Cycle Infrastructure Design](#)

*DfT 2020*

[Gear Change – A Bold Vision for Cycling and Walking](#)

*DfT 2020*

For further information about LCWIPs and active travel plans in Buckinghamshire:

[LCWIPs and the Buckinghamshire Greenway](#)

[Buckinghamshire Council secures £397k through the Capability and Ambition Fund](#)