



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

Report

AGENDA ITEM 4

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Title: Active Travel and Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs)

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An overview will be provided on progress towards developing an overarching Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) for Buckinghamshire. LCWIPs are strategic documents aiming to outline the shape of future cycling, walking, and wheeling networks. 'Wheeling' includes wheeled mobilities such as wheelchairs, mobility scooters and adapted cycles. LCWIPs commonly contain:

- a proposed network of walking, cycling and wheeling infrastructure for further investigation and development;
- a prioritised programme of infrastructure improvements; &
- a report explaining the process to be followed and analysis underpinning the LCWIP.

In Buckinghamshire, town-level LCWIPs have been, or are being, developed for Aylesbury Garden Town, Buckingham and High Wycombe. A Chesham LCWIP is being developed locally. An outline of the overarching Buckinghamshire LCWIP, currently in development, will be provided. The Buckinghamshire LCWIP will identify a network of priority inter-settlement links [shown as indicative 'straight lines'] and will provide an evidence base to support the emerging Local Transport Plan 5 and Local Plan.

Central government have encouraged local authorities to increase walking and cycling infrastructure and participation. Local authorities are asked to follow national infrastructure design guidance to access national government funding, [including Local Transport Note 1/20], now administered by a new national inspectorate and funding body, Active Travel England (ATE). The Council is reliant on securing external funding and has successfully secured funding through Active Travel England in recent years.

The Forum will be aware from previous presentations that the Council, in partnership with bodies such as Sustrans, the Chiltern Society and Greenways & Cycleroutes, has been successful in delivering the Waddesdon Greenway and Waddesdon School link. The Misbourne Greenway [Wendover Dean to Great Missenden] is being delivered by Sustrans and is nearing completion. These Greenways form phases 1 and 2 of the Buckinghamshire Greenway, a flagship vision for a north to south active travel spine that follows the general alignment of HS2 between the Colne Valley and Silverstone.