

Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan

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Originating Authority	Joint
Final Decision Taker	Joint
Exemption	Non-exempt
Classification	For Information

Recommendation:

- That the report be noted.

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Tunbridge Wells Borough Council is preparing a Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan or an LCWIP. This report updates the JTB on the progress of this work to date.

2 Background

- 2.1 The preparation of an LCWIP follows an approach set out by the Department for Transport using specific analysis tools to develop:
- a network plan for walking and cycling
 - a prioritised programme of improvements
 - a report setting out the analysis undertaken
- 2.2 Having an LCWIP will enable the Borough to apply for any funding that becomes available under the Government's Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy as well as any other relevant funding streams. It will also assist with negotiating s106 agreements with developers.
- 2.3 The LCWIP will update the Borough Cycling Strategy and form an important part of the Borough Transport Strategy Review, in support of the Local Plan.
- 2.4 The work undertaken to date includes an assessment of 5 cycling corridors, that were included in the Cycling Strategy, and audits of 16 pedestrian routes (shown in Appendix 1). At present only a limited number of routes have been assessed and these are all focused around Royal Tunbridge Wells Town

Centre. However, we are keen to undertake further work in some of the other Borough settlements when time and resources allow.

- 2.5 Following the recent visit to London Borough of Waltham Forest by KCC and TWBC Councillors and Officers, there is support for delivering improvements for pedestrians and cyclists in the borough in order to create better streets and facilitate modal shift for shorter journeys (see report in Appendix 2 prepared by Tunbridge Wells Bicycle User Group – TWBUG).
- 2.6 In addition, the Transport Assessment for the Local Plan is likely to identify a requirement for improved cycling infrastructure as part of a package to support growth in the borough.

3 Recommendation

- 3.1 Members are asked to note the report. An update report will be brought to the next JTB meeting.

Appendices to the Report

- Appendix 1: LCWIP Routes Assessed
- Appendix 2: TWBUG Report on visit to LB Waltham Forest

Background Papers

- None