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A meeting of the **Cabinet** will be held in the Committee Rooms, East Pallant House on **Tuesday 7 November 2023 at 9.30 am**

MEMBERS: Mr A Moss (Chairman), Mr J Brown (Vice-Chairman), Mrs T Bangert, Mr D Betts, Mr B Brisbane, Ms J Brown-Fuller, Mr M Chilton and Ms H Desai

SUPPLEMENT TO AGENDA

- 9 **Consultation response to WSCC's draft Active Travel Strategy and Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (Pages 1 - 17)**
The Cabinet is requested to consider the report and its appendices and make the following resolution:

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Appendix 2:

WSCC Draft Active Travel Strategy and LCWIP

Consultation Survey

Introduction

We are seeking your feedback on two important strategies related to the way that we travel:

- Our draft Active Travel Strategy, which sets out our vision and goals for active travel in the county for the next decade and beyond.
- Our draft Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP), which identifies the key long-distance corridors where WSCC wants to invest in active travel.

Before you complete this survey, please read the draft strategies:

- The draft West Sussex Active Travel Strategy [is available here \(opens in a new tab\)](#).
- The draft West Sussex Local Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) [is available here \(opens in a new tab\)](#).

This survey will close on **Wednesday 15 November 2023 at 11:55pm**

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Section 1 – About you

Q1. Are you responding as...?

Please select the option that best describes you

- A resident from within West Sussex
- An elected representative (i.e. Parish, District, Borough, West Sussex County Council member, local MP)
- A representative of a local community group or residents' association
- On behalf of an educational establishment, such as a school or college
- On behalf of a place of worship or religious organisation
- On behalf of a health trust or health organisation
- On behalf of a transport operator
- On behalf of the emergency services
- A business owner or representative
- On behalf of a charity, voluntary or community sector organisation (VCS)
- A resident from outside the county
- Other, please specify

Q2. If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please tell us the name of your organisation. *Please write it below.*

Q3. How did you find out about this consultation?

Please select all that apply

- Social media
- West Sussex County Council website
- Email
- E-newsletter
- Article in local newspaper
- Word of mouth
- Other, please specify

Q4. Have you read the draft West Sussex Active Travel Strategy and draft West Sussex LCWIP?

- Yes, I have read both documents
- I have read the draft West Sussex Active Travel Strategy
- I have read the draft West Sussex LCWIP
- No, I haven't read either document

We recommend that you read the two documents before completing this survey.

Q4. Please tell us the first five characters of your postcode (e.g. if your postcode is PO19 1AA, please enter PO19 1)

Section 2 – Current travel habits

Q5. Thinking about your normal travel habits, on average, how often do you use the following methods of transport when travelling in your local area?

*Please select **one** option for each method of transport.*

	Five or more times a week	Three to four times a week	One to two times a week	Less frequently	Never use
Bicycle					
Walking					
Using a mobility aid such as a wheelchair or mobility scooter					
Bus					
Train					
Motorbike (including motor tricycle or motorised bikes and scooters)					
Private car – as a driver					
Private car – as a passenger					
Taxi – as a driver					
Taxi – as a passenger					
Van or lorry					
Other, please specify:					

Section 3 – (Draft) West Sussex Active Travel Strategy 2023-2036

The vision for the Active Travel Strategy is as follows:

‘Our transport network will be characterised by high-quality active travel infrastructure, focused on connecting people with places and activities via safe, direct, attractive, and coherent routes. People across the county will be informed and aware of their options for walking and cycling locally. Active travel will be increasingly commonplace for everyday journeys, delivering greater economic prosperity, improved quality of life for all those who live and work within the county, and supporting our pathway to net zero carbon’.

Q6. Overall, to what extent do you support or oppose West Sussex’s Active Travel Strategy vision?

- Strongly support
- Support
- Neither support nor oppose
- Oppose
- Strongly oppose
- Don’t know

To help us to achieve this vision, the Active Travel Strategy has the following objectives:

- Support the decarbonisation of our transport network
- Reduce the need to travel by motorised vehicles
- Boost physical and mental health and well-being through access to active travel routes across the county
- Support future economic prosperity and vibrant local communities

Q7. To what extent do you support or oppose the Active Travel Strategy objectives?

Please select one option for each objective

	Strongly support	Support	Neither support nor oppose	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know
Support the decarbonisation of our transport network						
Reduce the need to travel by motorised vehicles						
Boost physical and mental health and well-being through access to active travel routes across the county						
Support future economic prosperity and vibrant local communities						

Q8. Please write any comments that you have about the Active Travel Strategy vision and objectives in the box below:

Theme 1 – Determining our scheme priorities

Although there are numerous potential active travel schemes that could be implemented in the county, funding constraints pose a significant challenge. As a result, it is crucial for us to establish criteria for prioritising which active travel schemes should be developed.

We are proposing to use several different measures to help us prioritise which active travel schemes will be developed. Please review the list of potential measures below to let us know how strongly you support or oppose each one being used’.

The Government's LTN 1/20 guidelines provide guidance on how to build high-quality cycle infrastructure and are available on the [Government website \(opens in a new window\)](#).

Q9. How far do you support or oppose each of the indicators below, which will help inform the prioritisation of which active travel schemes will be developed? Please tick one box per row.

	Strongly support	Support	Neither support nor oppose	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know
The proposal is an LCWIP scheme						
The scheme has already attracted evidence of support through a public engagement period						
The scheme meets national design guidelines, such as LTN 1/20						
The scheme contributes to a wider, integrated active travel network						
The scheme is supported by key stakeholders						
The scheme is supported by external funding contributions						
The scheme supports the Government's national objectives for active travel						

Theme 2 – Delivering active travel infrastructure

Once we have determined which schemes to prioritise, the next stage is to deliver these schemes.

Active travel infrastructure includes cycle tracks, bike racks, pedestrian and cycle crossings, and wider pavements.

Q10. We intend to follow a number of principles when designing active travel schemes. How far do you support each of these principles? Please tick one box per row.

	Strongly support	Support	Neither support nor oppose	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know
All schemes meet national guidelines for accessibility, connectivity and inclusivity						
We will collaborate with district and borough						

	Strongly support	Support	Neither support nor oppose	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know
councils on ensuring that new developments are designed with active travel in mind						
All schemes incorporate environmental considerations						
Maintenance of walking and cycling routes should be considered from the start and costs accounted for						
Walking routes to schools and in between transport hubs (i.e. bus stops, train stations) should be supported						
New and re-designed footways should be wide and smooth, with places to stop and rest, and with dropped kerbs and the correct tactile paving at any crossing points.						
Shared footways should be avoided on new roads and junctions						
The growing role of e-bikes and e-scooters should be considered, in line with government guidance						
We should help people to make journeys that include a number of modes of transport, e.g. creating walking routes that link with public transport interchanges and providing secure cycle parking in convenient and visible locations						

Theme 3 – Supporting travel behaviour change

West Sussex County Council realises that in addition to providing high-quality infrastructure, initiatives to encourage people to walk and cycle is essential. We have worked with schools, employers, and industry bodies to promote national events that encourage walking and cycling. But we recognise the need to do more, and to build on existing programmes and introduce new ones that reflect national best practice and foster greater collaboration with industry and community partners.

Q11. How far do you support each of the behaviour change initiatives below, which West Sussex County Council has included within the Draft Active Travel Strategy? Please tick one box per row.

	Strongly support	Support	Neither support nor oppose	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know
Continue to work closely with employers, schools and industry partners						
Focus initiatives where infrastructure improvements are planned or being implemented, or audiences are more receptive						
Develop targeted communications and promotions						
Develop cycling skills among adults and children						
Improving travel alternatives to encourage people to reduce private car use						
Implement measures to decrease the use of private cars for some journeys, e.g. traffic calming, changes to parking						
Additional enforcement powers to protect dropped kerbs on key walking and wheeling routes						

Theme 4 – Embedding our strategy

Measuring our performance

Given the strategy covers the next decade, we expect new issues and opportunities to emerge. Therefore, we will monitor progress and consider how the strategy may need to change over time.

Q12. How far do you support or oppose each of the plans to measure the performance of the strategy? *Please tick one box per row.*

	Strongly support	Support	Neither support nor oppose	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know
Review the West Sussex Transport Plan every five years, and produce interim monitoring reports						
Monitor the impact of active travel schemes and usage						

Q13. How would you like to be kept updated about our progress in delivering the strategy?

- Reports, available online
- Email bulletins
- Articles on the County Council website
- Social Media posts
- Newsletters (online or sent to your door)
- Other (please describe)

- I would not like to be kept updated

Q14. Do you have any further comments on the Draft Active Travel Strategy?

Section 4 – Draft West Sussex Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)

The Draft West Sussex LCWIP is a sister document to our Active Travel Strategy, with a related vision and objectives to improve active travel in the county.

The Draft West Sussex LCWIP looks in detail at six new longer-distance active travel corridors that would connect West Sussex communities together. Our district and borough councils are also developing their own LCWIPs, which cover routes within towns – typically focused on radial routes and key corridors serving town centres, employment and transport hubs, and planned development locations.

The routes contained within the West Sussex LCWIP and the district and borough LCWIPs will help determine our future priorities for active travel and which schemes are included in future delivery programmes. By aligning and coordinating our efforts at county and local levels, the aim is to provide a safe, convenient and sustainable network for getting around, whether for leisure, commuting, or other purposes.

Q15. Overall, to what extent do you support or oppose the draft West Sussex LCWIP?

- Strongly support
- Support
- Neither support nor oppose
- Oppose
- Strongly oppose
- Don't know

The Draft West Sussex LCWIP focuses on six new longer-distance corridors that would connect communities together. Our district and borough councils are developing their own LCWIPs, which cover routes within towns – typically focused on radial routes and key corridors serving town centres, employment and transport hubs, and planned development locations.

Details of these routes can be found in the draft West Sussex LCWIP, which can be accessed from the documents tab on the Your Voice West Sussex webpage.

Q16. To what extent do you support or oppose the following LCWIP objectives?

Please select one option for each objective

	Strongly support	Support	Neither support nor oppose	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know
To contribute to achieving the West Sussex Active Travel Strategy objectives						
To determine the council's priorities for investment in active travel routes that connect people with places and activities						
To deliver active travel infrastructure that supports the effective integration of transport and land use policy and plans						
To provide a mechanism for the on-going development and prioritisation of active travel infrastructure in partnership with District and Borough authorities						

Q17. Please write any comments that you have on the LCWIP vision and objectives in the box below:

Q18. The County Council LCWIP has identified six strategic cycle route corridors as part of the first wave of schemes.

- A264 Crawley to Horsham
- A259 Emsworth to Chichester
- Selsey to Chichester Greenway
- A259 Bognor Regis to Chichester
- A24 Findon Valley to Washington
- Littlehampton to Worthing

How likely are you to use these routes if they are implemented?

Please select one option for each scheme

	Definitely use	Might use	Might or might not use	Might not use	Definitely won't use	Don't know
A264 Crawley to Horsham						
A259 Emsworth to Chichester						
Selsey to Chichester Greenway						
A259 Bognor Regis to Chichester						
A24 Findon Valley to Washington						
Littlehampton to Worthing						

Q19. Are there any other longer-distance corridors that connect West Sussex communities together that you would like to see developed? If so, please provide details in the box below.

Q20. Do you have any further comments about the draft Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan?

Section 5 – Inclusivity

Please provide us with some information about yourself. We do this to make sure that we are reaching people from many different backgrounds and viewpoints. It is not compulsory to do so, but you can be assured that all the information you do provide will be kept completely confidential. No identifiable information about you will be passed on to any other bodies, members of the public or press.

Q21. Which of these age groups applies to you? *Please select one option*

- 12 or under (please do not answer any further questions)
- 13 – 14
- 15 – 19
- 20 – 24
- 25 – 34
- 35 – 44
- 45 – 54
- 55 – 64
- 65 – 74
- 75 – 84
- 85 +
- Prefer not to say

Q22. What is your biological sex? *Please select one option*

- Male
- Female
- Prefer not to say

Q23. To which of these ethnic groups do you feel you belong?

Please select one option, source: 2021 Census

- White British
- White other
- Mixed
- Black
- Asian
- Chinese
- Gypsy/Irish Traveller
- I prefer not to say

Other*

**Other – If your ethnic group is not specified on the list, please describe it here:*

Q24. What is your religion?

- No religion
- Christian (including Church of England, Catholic, Protestant or any other Christian denominations)
- Buddhist
- Hindu
- Jewish
- Muslim
- Sikh
- I prefer not to say
- Other*

**Other*

Q25. Are you currently pregnant or have you been pregnant in the last 26 weeks?

- Yes
- No
- I prefer not to say

The Equality Act 2010 describes a person as disabled if they have a long standing physical or mental condition that has lasted, or is likely to last, at least 12 months; and this condition has a substantial adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities. People with some conditions (cancer, multiple sclerosis and HIV/AIDS, for example) are considered to be disabled from the point that they are diagnosed.

Q26. Do you consider yourself to be disabled as set out in the Equality Act 2010? Please select one option

- Yes
- No
- I prefer not to say

Q27. If yes, please state what your disability is.

- Physical impairment
- Sensory impairment
- Mental health issue
- Learning disability
- Long-term illness
- I prefer not to say
- Other (please specify)

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire; your feedback is important to us. All feedback received will be reviewed and considered in developing our proposals.

We will report back on the feedback we receive, but details of individual responses will remain anonymous, and we will keep your personal details confidential.

Closing date for responses: Wednesday 15 November 2023 at 23:55pm

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