

Consultation on the draft Warwickshire Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan

About this consultation

Warwickshire County Council would like to find out what people think about plans for improving infrastructure for walking and cycling, both for transport and recreation, and to feedback on the draft version of the Warwickshire Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP).

The draft LCWIP has been developed following an online survey in 2021 (<https://warwickshirelcwip.commonplace.is/>) which asked people to identify what types of walking and cycling improvements they would like to see, and where.

This consultation is an opportunity for people who live, work, study and travel in Warwickshire to comment on various aspects of the draft plan, and help to refine and prioritise outline proposals for walking and cycling schemes.

The aim of the Draft Warwickshire LCWIP is 'to create a safe and attractive environment for walking and cycling, so that they become the natural choices for shorter journeys and outdoor recreation in Warwickshire'.

Warwickshire County Council would like to find out if people agree with this aim and some of the general principles of the LCWIP as well as provide an opportunity for comment on specific walking and cycling scheme proposals and priorities.

Feedback from the consultation will be used to produce an amended LCWIP. It is intended to progress this to formal adoption later in 2022.

Warwickshire County Council is also working on a new Local Transport Plan, to include an Active Travel Strategy. The LCWIP can operate as a standalone plan, but will also help us deliver Local Transport Plan objectives and Active Travel Strategy policies.

Responses are welcomed from all residents and any interested individuals, groups or organisations. More detailed information is provided below to assist with responding to the consultation.

What is a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan?

A Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) is an evidence-based report which sets out a programme of prioritised improvements to enable more walking and cycling for everyday journeys. It is based on [guidelines](#) set out by the Department for Transport in 2017.

Walking and cycling are ideal modes of transport for short local trips, and convenient options for regular exercise. They are low-cost, accessible, healthy, environmentally friendly and efficient. Encouraging more walking and cycling will help Warwickshire County Council achieve its ambition of making Warwickshire the best it can be by contributing to a thriving economy, helping people to live safely, healthily, and happily and building a sustainable future.

A Warwickshire LCWIP will enable the County Council and partners to:

- demonstrate a clear commitment to walking and cycling by identifying and prioritising infrastructure improvements
- build on previous improvements to walking and cycling infrastructure
- respond to demand by local communities for better facilities
- provide high quality infrastructure to meet the demands of a growing population
- ensure that consideration is given to cycling and walking within both local planning and transport policies and strategies
- make the case for future funding for walking and cycling infrastructure, including Active Travel funding from Department for Transport and developer contributions

Background

The draft Warwickshire LCWIP responds to a number of key challenges:

Challenge	Opportunities
1: COVID-19 and the impacts on health, travel and economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to continue the increase in local walking journeys (for everyday journeys and leisure trips) • to maintain interest in cycling, particularly less confident riders and people who have bought new bikes • to sustain the reduction in travel demand due to working from home • to promote short journeys to local/ independent retailers and food/ beverage businesses • to develop packages of walking and cycling activities as part of sustainable tourism (days out and holidays)
2: Climate Change and Air Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to promote walking and cycling as low carbon alternatives to single-occupancy car journeys, and invest in walking and cycling infrastructure • to trial e-bikes and e-cargo bikes for last mile freight deliveries • to reduce emissions and poor air quality through investment in sustainable travel modes and low emission vehicles and supporting infrastructure
3: Population growth (including increases in older and school age populations) and associated pressures on highways and local services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to seek developer funding for high quality walking and cycling infrastructure and wider transport improvements • to expand cycle training and road safety programmes in schools and community settings • to support more accessible and inclusive walking and cycling facilities
4: Health and wellbeing – particularly physical inactivity and obesity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to promote walking and cycling as active travel modes and leisure activities, and invest in walking and cycling infrastructure • to work with health partners to promote walking and cycling activities including cycle training and exercise on prescription
5: Safety – perceptions of safety and actual risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to provide safer infrastructure for walking and cycling • to continue to invest in a casualty reduction programme • to extend the reach of Warwickshire’s Safe and Active Travel programme to more schools, workplaces and communities • to provide more training for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers • to work with Police on addressing concerns about personal safety

<p>6: Public transport – access, frequency and flexibility</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to provide safe and attractive passenger waiting facilities and cycle parking • to investigate cycle hire and scooter hire for first mile and last mile of longer journeys by public transport • to consider carriage of bikes on rural bus services
<p>7: Historic towns and spaces – constraints on highway space and need for compromises in design standards and additional approvals</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to reduce traffic and on-street parking and reallocate road space to walking and cycling • to reduce noise and pollution through investment in sustainable travel modes and low emission vehicles • to trial innovative approaches to design solutions
<p>8: Access to jobs and services – and need to promote equality and to rebalance rural and urban opportunities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to promote walking and cycling as active travel modes for short journeys in towns to access education, training and employment, and combining with public transport for longer journeys • to support rural tourist economy by offering walking and cycling activities for days out and holidays • to provide safe and attractive passenger waiting facilities and cycle parking for public transport
<p>9: HS2 and major infrastructure projects – impacts of construction and development</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to work with partners to mitigate impacts • to ‘future-proof’ developments by integrating high quality walking and cycling infrastructure and wider transport improvements within design and delivery
<p>10: Lack of funding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to seek efficiencies through partnership working, prioritisation, phasing and prudent management • to seek developer funding for high quality walking and cycling infrastructure and wider transport improvements • to recognise the value for money and wide range of benefits (health, social, environmental, economic) of walking and cycling projects • to maintain a pipeline of schemes, in preparation for new funding opportunities

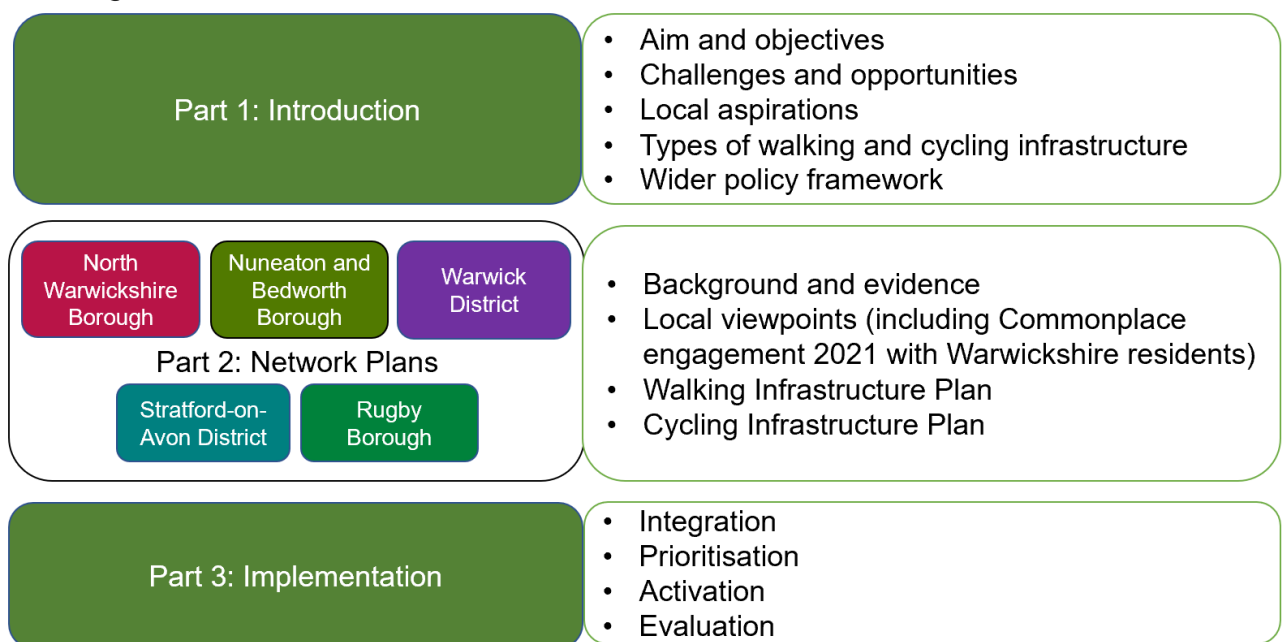
How is the LCWIP set out?

A link to the draft LCWIP is provided below ('supporting information'). It is a lengthy document. To help navigate the document it has been split into three sections.

- **Part 1 – Introduction.** The introduction sets out the background, methodology and extent of Warwickshire's LCWIP.
- **Part 2 – Network plans.** This section sets out proposed network plans for walking and cycling in Warwickshire and provides the evidence and information used to develop these. There is a Part 2 document for each of the five districts and boroughs in Warwickshire.
- **Part 3 – Implementation.** The implementation section provides a prioritised list of cycling schemes, along with an explanation of the methodology used to prepare these.

Each part contains information and evidence in line with the [guidelines](#) set out by the Department for Transport in 2017.

The diagram below shows how the LCWIP is set out.



How the LCWIP has been developed

In creating the proposals for walking and cycling in Warwickshire a range of different data and information sources were considered. These are set out in more detail in the Part 2 LCWIP documents where the data is analysed, and a commentary provided on how this data and information has been used to help inform the cycling and walking network plans and future schemes.

There are five part 2 documents, one for each of the five districts and boroughs in Warwickshire. These contain network plans which identify potential walking and cycling routes and core walking zones for further development.

The Warwickshire LCWIP is a countywide plan, and does consider recreational opportunities and links between settlements. However, it focuses on areas with the greatest potential for short journeys on foot or by bike. This is in line with the Government's technical guidance on LCWIPs which states that cycling has potential to replace trips made by other modes up to 10km. The Warwickshire Local Transport Plan 2011-26 suggests acceptable distances for walking, with a maximum distance of 2km for journeys to work or school.

The LCWIP provides an indication of the types of infrastructure that could be developed for specific schemes. However, these are indicative and will be subject to further feasibility work, which will reflect the responses from this consultation.

Supporting Information

The consultation seeks views on the overall purpose of the LCWIP as well as schemes and priorities in local areas. Other information documents have been provided to explain the background and thinking that has led to the current proposal.

These documents are:

- [Draft Warwickshire LCWIP](#)
- LCWIP Frequently Asked Questions document. This will be reviewed and updated in response to feedback received
- LCWIP Equalities Impact Assessment

There are also a series of core supporting documents which set out the policy background to this LCWIP:

- [Warwickshire County Council Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan survey \(2021\)](#)
- [Warwickshire County Council Plan 2022-27](#)
- [Warwickshire Local Transport Plan 2011-26](#)
Warwickshire County Council Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee Cycling Infrastructure Task and Finish Group [Report to Cabinet](#) (October 2018)
- Department for Transport (2020): [Gear Change](#). A bold vision for cycling and walking
- Department for Transport (2020): [LTN 1/20 Cycle infrastructure design](#).
Department for Transport (2017): [Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans. Technical Guidance for Local Authorities](#)

How to take part

- Where possible, feedback should be submitted online via the survey available at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ask
- Paper copies of the consultation, alternative formats such as Easy Read or help completing the survey can be requested by phone, 01926 412395, or by email: contactcommunitiesgrp@warwickshire.gov.uk.
- Feedback can be sent directly to Warwickshire County Council by emailing tpu@warwickshire.gov.uk or writing to LCWIP Consultation, Warwickshire County Council, Transport Planning, Shire Hall, Warwick, CV34 4RL.
- The LCWIP reports and feedback forms can be requested in alternative formats. The feedback forms will be available online and as printed copies at in-person information events

Information events

In-person: A number of daytime information events have been scheduled (see below for dates and locations). These will be attended by Council officers who will provide more information about the proposals and respond to questions. Officers will endeavour to capture any feedback at information events, but written responses using the online survey or as described above are strongly encouraged.

Date	Time	Event	Location
Monday 20 th June	10am-5pm	Public drop-in session	Royal Priors Shopping Centre, Leamington, CV32 4XT
Tuesday 21 st June	10am-1pm	Public drop-in session	Coleshill Town Hall, High Street, B46 3BG
Tuesday 21 st June	2-5pm	Public drop-in session	Atherstone Library, Long Street, CV9 1AX
Friday 24 th June	10am-1pm	Public drop-in session	Hatters Space, Upper Abbey St, Nuneaton CV11 5DN
Thursday 30 th June	2-5pm	Public drop-in session	Town Hall, Sheep Street Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6EF
Friday 1 st July	11.30am – 2.30pm	Public drop-in session	St Peter & St John Church, Clifton Road, Rugby CV21 3QP

Online: An evening [online webinar](#) has also been arranged on Thursday 21st July at 7pm-8.30pm. The online event will be recorded and made available after the event on www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ask.

Closing date

The online consultation survey will open on 17th June 2022 and close on 14th August 2022. All responses need to have been received by 15th August 2022.

What will happen after the consultation?

Once the consultation closes, the County Council will carefully consider the feedback received and a consultation report will be prepared which outlines the consultation process and analyses and summarises the feedback received. An amended LCWIP will be presented to Warwickshire County Council's Cabinet for consideration later in 2022.

Privacy statement.

Following the end of the consultation the results will be published and this may include quotes of comments.

No personal details will be captured from the online survey, therefore any comments taken from online survey responses will be anonymous.

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