

Appendix II: Cycling and walking network action plan 2018-2022

The action plan below will help to assist in the planning and prioritisation of routes and improvements, as and when funding becomes available.

A consultation was held between the 10 August to the 5 October 2018 asking Swale residents where they would like to see new cycling and walking routes, and improvements to current infrastructure. The results of the survey have been used to help inform the action plan below. In addition, a number of actions from the previous Swale Cycling Strategy have been updated, where appropriate, as they continue to represent valid improvements to the network.

The proposals do not include all expected improvements to the cycling and walking network over the next four years. There will be opportunities and emerging issues which cannot be forecast by this document, which could lead to further improvements to the network, such as those identified by SBC's emerging Green Infrastructure Strategy and Air Quality Action Plan. Updates will therefore be made to this document at least annually during the duration of the *Swale Cycling and Walking Guidance Statement*.

Action	Proposal	Estimated Timescale			Potential funding sources	Delivery Partners
		Short Term (less than 5 years)	Medium term (5-10 years)	Long term (more than 10 years)		
Faversham						
F1	To support the Faversham Recreation Ground Bid to the Parks for People Improvement Programme which includes the restoration of historic walks and improved footpath services along boundaries.	✓			Heritage Lottery Fund and Big Lottery Fund	SBC
F2	Commission a cycling and walking audit of suggested improvements, the adequacy of current routes and options to improve connectivity with	✓			Sustainable Travel 'Access' Fund	KCC and SBC

	Canterbury.					
F3	To develop proposals to upgrade the current A2 path for shared use towards Sittingbourne.			✓	To be identified.	KCC, SBC and Faversham Town Council
F4	To develop proposals to improve connectivity to Canterbury.			✓	To be identified.	KCC, SBC, Canterbury City Council and Faversham Town Council
F5	Resurface and add signage for shared use from Arthur Salmon Close to Ospringe Road.		✓		S106 payments CIL	KCC and SBC
F6	Improve closed road barrier junction at Bysing Wood School to Hazebrouck Road to facilitate dual pedestrian and cycling use.		✓		S106 payments CIL	KCC and SBC
The Isle of Sheppey						
IOS1	Commission a cycling and walking audit to take into account changes brought about by new employment development, Lower Road improvement and connections to Barton's Hill Drive.	✓			Sustainable Travel 'Access' Fund	KCC and SBC
IOS2	To create a cycling and walking map of the Isle of Sheppey to highlight existing infrastructure, links to schools and links to visitor attractions. If successful, this pilot will be replicated for	✓			Explore Kent Funding	KCC and SBC

	the other areas in Swale.					
IOS3	Redevelop existing shared use path from Queenborough to Sheerness along Whiteway Rd and Brielle Way up to Newlands Road. There is also a potential to extend improvements to Blue Town.		✓		S106 payments CIL	KCC, SBC, Queenborough and Sheerness Parish Councils
IO4	To identify and work towards a cross-Sheppey shared use route, incorporating the new shared footway/cycleway which is being built as part of the A2500 Lower Road improvements between the A249 and Barton Hill Drive.		✓		TBC	KCC and SBC
IO5	To develop proposals for safety improvements at the A249, Sheppey Way and Lower Road junctions so that cyclists and pedestrians can safely access Sittingbourne and other areas of the Island.		✓		Sustainable Travel 'Access' Fund (as part of audit)	KCC and SBC
IO6	To develop proposals to improve connectivity to existing shared use routes on Scocles Road, Minster.		✓		Sustainable Travel 'Access' Fund (as part of audit)	KCC, SBC and Minster Parish Council
Sittingbourne						
S1	To create a north-south route from the Meads to Grove Park		✓		S106 payments	KCC, SBC and Bobbing Parish

	and to London Road, using current 'unofficial' route to improve the connection for the Meads development to services.				CIL	Council
S2	To improve facilities at Sittingbourne recreation ground to encourage shared use.		✓		S106 payments CIL	KCC and SBC
S3	To develop proposals to improve cycling and walking routes to Sittingbourne Town Centre and train station.		✓		S106 payments CIL	KCC and SBC
S4	To upgrade footpath for shared use between Stanhope Avenue to Highsted Road.		✓		S106 payments CIL	KCC and SBC
S5	To improve use of underpass between Lansdown Road to Great Easthall Estate, over Tonge Road, Murston.		✓		S106 payments CIL	KCC and SBC
S6	To support measures to improve the safety of cyclists and pedestrians at Swanstree Avenue/Highsted Road.	✓			N/A	KCC and SBC
S7	To improve walking and cycling across the A249 at the Key Street, Grovehurst and Bobbing interchanges.		✓		HIF/S106 payments	KCC and SBC