

### Appendix III: Summary of consultation responses

The cycling and walking consultation was held between the 10 August and the 5 October 2018. 122 responses were received in total which included comments from: Minster Gatehouse Museum, Faversham Town Councillors, Elmley Nature Reserve, Kent Community Rail Partnership, Swale Breeze Ride, the Swale Youth Forum, Bobbing Parish Council, Minster Parish Council, Warden Parish Council, Iwade Parish Council, Warden Parish Council, Faversham Footpaths Group, Faversham U3A Cycling and Walking Group and the Swale Footpaths Group.

Question	Summary of responses	Comments
<p>1. Where would you like to see a new cycling route in Swale?</p>	<p><b>112 responses</b></p> <p><u>General comments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From housing estates to the town centre, station and industrial estates</li> <li>• Should be widespread like in German towns</li> <li>• Direct cycleway to mainline stations (Rainham and Sittingbourne)</li> <li>• Would rather see bridle paths</li> <li>• To become part of everyone's daily life it should not be limited to A to B routes.</li> <li>• Routes which link to heritage</li> <li>• Large parks/grounds like in Gravesend</li> <li>• Routes to all secondary schools</li> </ul> <p><u>Faversham</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Connection from Faversham to Canterbury</li> <li>• Access to the Faversham showground from Chalkey Road to Staplestreet Road</li> <li>• Upgrade Whitstable/Graveney Road from Head Hill road into Faversham.</li> <li>• Along Whitstable road in Faversham with connection to recreation ground</li> <li>• Upgrade to Saxon Shore Way</li> <li>• All footpaths in Faversham</li> <li>• A299 to Waterham</li> <li>• Connection to A28</li> <li>• Widen path at Love Lane into dual access</li> <li>• Improved maintenance of national cycle route 1.</li> </ul>	<p>Noted and incorporated into action plan where feasible at this time.</p> <p>Where there are ongoing proposals for development such as at Key Street Roundabout the route has not been included in the action plan at this time.</p> <p>The action plan will however be reviewed annually, and if feasible, suggested proposals in this section will be added at a later date.</p>

	<p><u>Isle of Sheppey</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Connection for Minster to Sittingbourne</li> <li>• Anywhere in Sheppey</li> <li>• Route across Sheppey connecting East to West ends of the Island potentially via the Lower Road or Minster Leas down Jenkins Hill</li> <li>• Improved access to Neats Court</li> <li>• Upgrade to the proposed England Coast path</li> <li>• From Queenborough to Harty Ferry via Eastchurch</li> <li>• Kingsborough Manor into the Eastchurch village</li> <li>• Minster to Eastchurch, Warden and Leysdown</li> <li>• Scrapesgate to Power Station Road, Minster</li> <li>• Scocles Road Minster</li> <li>• Connection to services</li> <li>• Queenborough to Lower Road</li> <li>• From Bluetown to Queenborough, and from the Lees to Leysdown via extension of promenade in front of cliffs. Providing protection for land and property, together with new walking, and cycling route</li> <li>• Sheppey Bridge to Queenborough or Minster to avoid traffic</li> <li>• An extension of The Leas, via sheerness promenade to Queenborough route</li> <li>• Barton's Point</li> <li>• Near Highsted Road leading round</li> </ul> <p><u>Sittingbourne</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tunstall and surrounding area</li> <li>• Easy route to connect to surrounding countryside</li> <li>• Between Newington and surrounding villages</li> <li>• Sittingbourne to Medway Towns</li> <li>• A2 from Bapchild to Key Street, with connections to Bobbing Hill and Rooks View</li> <li>• Sittingbourne to Faversham footpath along A2</li> <li>• Sittingbourne to Detling Hill and Maidstone</li> <li>• Rodmersham countryside</li> <li>• Murston to Conyer</li> <li>• Upchurch to Sittingbourne</li> <li>• Sittingbourne High Street and town centre</li> </ul>	
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<p>2. Where would you like to see a new walking route in Swale?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Iwade and surrounding areas</li> </ul> <p><b>106 responses</b></p> <p><u>General comments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct footpaths to mainline stations (Rainham and Sittingbourne)</li> <li>• Maintain the existing paths</li> <li>• A safe park/grounds like Jeskyn's or Mote Park</li> <li>• No where</li> </ul> <p><u>Faversham</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bridle paths around Graveney</li> <li>• Faversham and Sittingbourne</li> <li>• Faversham Creek Path</li> <li>• Maintain A2 footpath between Bapchild and Faversham</li> <li>• Redirect Saxon Shore Way around Faversham Creek</li> </ul> <p><u>Isle of Sheppey</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shared use route on the old Sheppey light railway</li> <li>• Along busy roads such as Lower Road and Neats Court</li> <li>• Sheppey Way between Iwade and the Kingsferry Bridge</li> <li>• Minster beach to Leysdown</li> <li>• Support for the England Coast Path</li> <li>• Minster to Eastchurch, Leysdown and Warden Bay</li> <li>• Kingsborough manor into Eastchurch village</li> <li>• Towards the Costcutter and St Georges school in Minster</li> <li>• Scocles road minster</li> <li>• In front of cliffs with extension to promenade to Leysdown.</li> <li>• Isle of Harty</li> <li>• Reinstatement of footpath between Harty and Elmley</li> <li>• Rushenden to Queenborough</li> <li>• Halfway to Neat Court</li> <li>• The railway track route from Scrapsgate road to roundabout at Power Station road.</li> <li>• Garrison Point to Bartons Point &amp; the canal bank</li> <li>• Furze Hill public footpath along towards Barton Hill</li> <li>• Lower Road</li> </ul>	<p>Noted and incorporated into action plan where feasible at this time.</p> <p>The action plan will however be reviewed annually, and if feasible, suggested proposals in this section will be added at a later date.</p>
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	<p><u>Sittingbourne</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tunstall and surrounding area</li> <li>• Sittingbourne to Doddington</li> <li>• Linking Eden Village with Highsted Road</li> <li>• Across Key Street Roundabout</li> <li>• Lower Halstow to Upchurch</li> <li>• Library car park</li> <li>• Highsted Road to Rodmersham</li> </ul>	
<p>3. Is there adequate secure parking at these locations?</p>	<p><b>87 responses</b></p> <p>38 respondents said that there was adequate secure parking, and 49 said that there was not.</p>	<p>Results noted and will be used to build evidence base for future bids for improvements to the cycling and walking network.</p>
<p>4. Are there any current cycling or walking routes which you feel need to be improved or upgraded? If so, please explain in the box below.</p>	<p><b>104 responses</b></p> <p><u>General Comments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Many pavements/shared-use routes are blocked by car parked on them.</li> <li>• Improved signage on country roads</li> <li>• Overgrowing vegetation, encroaching crops and fallen trees need to be cleared.</li> <li>• Dog fouling on paths</li> <li>• The Saxon Shore Way needs to be maintained</li> <li>• More signs on existing routes with times to nearby destinations</li> <li>• Clean paths</li> </ul> <p><u>Faversham</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bysing Wood Road is nearly unusable due to tight turns and need to give way to traffic at every side road.</li> <li>• NCR1 from Faversham to Graveney</li> </ul> <p><u>Isle of Sheppey</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incomplete on old bridge at Sheppey</li> <li>• Lower Road is too dangerous</li> <li>• Isle of Harty Trail is excellent but surface is breaking up in places and exposing steel foundations</li> <li>• The sea front bicycle track from minster leas to Garrison point is a terrific bike track except near the Catholic Church you have to dismount and climb up and down some steep steps. This could be corrected by</li> </ul>	<p>Noted and incorporated into document, particularly section 4 about improving and maintaining routes.</p> <p>Current issues will be reported to the relevant agencies so that solutions, where possible, can be made.</p> <p>The action plan will be reviewed annually, and if feasible, suggested proposals in this section will be added at a later date.</p>

	<p>installing a new walkway at the estuary side of Neptune terrace.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Queenborough lines to Barton's Point could be improved by paving the surface as it causes punctures.</li> <li>• Wider cycle friendly gates leading from Muswell manor to the Ferry</li> <li>• Footpath from Blue Town to Queenborough</li> <li>• Crossing from seafront to Barton's Point</li> <li>• Scocles Road, Minster</li> <li>• Remove steps between Blue Town and Queenborough.</li> <li>• Sharp stones, glass and other detritus make changes of a puncture more likely.</li> <li>• Sheerness sea front lines needs to be replaced.</li> <li>• The Fleet in Sheerness is overgrown and full of litter.</li> </ul> <p><u>Sittingbourne</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pathways at back of Tunstall church can become muddy and un-walkable in winter. Bark chips may fix issue.</li> <li>• Cycle paths are not connected</li> <li>• NCR1 through Sittingbourne, especially Murston and Lower Halstow needs to be maintained and re-routed</li> <li>• Footpaths in Iwade around Iwade are overgrown and need cutting back.</li> <li>• Also on the Saxon Shore Way near the lakes near Iwade one area is impassable due to fly tipping, possibly on private land.</li> <li>• Old A249 cycling lane because it is never cleaned you can't even ride on it because all the rubbish and debris make it unsafe</li> <li>• Chestnut street</li> <li>• Path past water treatment could be widened and levelled</li> <li>• Parking on cycle path at Fox Hill</li> <li>• Bell Road so that trees do not make slope</li> </ul>	
<p>5. What do you feel would most help you to consider cycling or walking to work or school?</p>	<p><b>112 responses</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safer cycling and walking routes, away from traffic</li> <li>• Cycle paths between schools</li> <li>• Bark chipped footpaths (where muddy)</li> <li>• Clear cycle paths</li> <li>• Less aggressive drivers</li> <li>• Secure storage and showers</li> <li>• Cycle paths to employment locations</li> </ul>	<p>Comments noted and have been used to inform the approach of the document.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If other people did so as to reduce number of cars</li> <li>• Clearing/enforcement of dog fouling along paths.</li> <li>• Better signposting</li> <li>• Lighting in places and benches</li> <li>• CCTV with cycle parking</li> <li>• Fix potholes</li> <li>• Awards or praise</li> <li>• Less air pollution</li> <li>• Signs advertising healthy consequences and where the most scenic cycle routes.</li> <li>• Zebra crossings, broader paths</li> <li>• Walking buses</li> <li>• More local road safety messaging</li> </ul>	
6. Do you have any other suggestions for alternative measures or facilities which could encourage cycling and walking (such as bike hire schemes)?	<p><b>106 responses</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secure bike parking in car parks</li> <li>• Benches as resting places on walking routes</li> <li>• A reward scheme for walkers and cyclists</li> <li>• Bike Hire</li> <li>• Consult with and follow Sustrans design principles</li> <li>• Traffic free days in towns</li> <li>• Park and bike schemes</li> <li>• Hold business and Council meetings where staff must cycle or walk.</li> <li>• Organised group bike rides</li> <li>• Traffic calming</li> <li>• Pedestrianise town centres</li> <li>• Police could adopt the close pass initiative</li> <li>• Mandatory cycle to work scheme</li> <li>• Electric bike hire schemes</li> <li>• Restrictions on cars and lorries</li> <li>• More cycle parking</li> <li>• An area for cycle training or racing</li> <li>• Motivational signs</li> <li>• Sculptures on routes</li> <li>• Cheaper bikes</li> <li>• More country parks</li> </ul>	Comments noted and will be used to inform the document. Responses will also be useful to provide evidence which demonstrates local interest in these measures, if opportunities to develop similar interventions arise.
7. Do you have any	<b>106 responses</b>	Comments noted and have been

<p>additional comments to make about cycling and walking in Swale?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supportive that Council is addressing these issues</li> <li>• Cycle and walking routes need to be safer</li> <li>• There needs to be provision to get teenagers interested in cycling as a sport</li> <li>• Cycling and walking can encourage people to lead healthier lifestyles</li> <li>• Cycling and walking need to be seen as a way to reduce traffic congestion</li> <li>• Work with organisations such as British Cycling</li> <li>• Develop more health walking groups like in Iwade</li> <li>• Use traffic calming to make roads safer</li> <li>• Maintain public rights of way</li> <li>• Make more paths shared use</li> <li>• Please help horse riders with bridleways</li> <li>• Improve promotion and signage of routes</li> <li>• Utilise past studies in developing this work</li> <li>• A footpaths booklet would be welcome</li> <li>• Learn from best practice elsewhere in the county</li> </ul>	<p>incorporated where possible into the approach of the document.</p>
<p>8. Have you made at least one active travel journey or part journey in the last week?</p>	<p><b>112 responses</b></p> <p>94 respondents said that they have made at least one active travel or part journey in the last week, and 18 said that they did not.</p>	<p>Results noted and will be used to build evidence base for potential bids. They will also provide a useful baseline for the results of future user surveys to be compared against.</p>
<p>9. Have you made at least one active travel journey or part journey by bicycle in the last week?</p>	<p><b>111 responses</b></p> <p>65 respondents said that they had not made at least one active travel journey or part journey by bicycle in the last week, and 46 said that they had.</p>	<p>Results noted and will be used to build evidence base for potential bids. They will also provide a useful baseline for the results of future user surveys to be compared against.</p>