

Matters Arising – Appendix 1

SITTINGBOURNE AREA COMMITTEE

Subject	Active Travel Update
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Thank you to everyone who has continued to provide input and support for active travel in Sittingbourne.

The Sittingbourne Active Travel Fund Tranche 4 proposals were submitted to Kent County Council, competing with 87 other schemes. Unfortunately, the Sittingbourne proposals didn't make the Short List.

Active Travel Fund Tranche 4 was finally officially announced on Sunday 5th February, some five months later than expected and very different from the funding previewed in July 2022. Tranche 4 is no longer a £470m capital and £250m revenue multi-year fund, but a one year £200m construction fund. At this point, Swale Borough Council still has one bid in the process.

On 8th February, we received confirmation that Swale Borough Council has been awarded £40,000 from the Active Travel Capability Fund 2022/23.

Work on the Boroughwide Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan continues, and there is an Active Travel Drop-In event on Wednesday 15th March between 3pm & 7pm at the Swale Media Arts Centre, 34 High Street, Sittingbourne. Everyone is welcome - individuals and representatives from organisations & businesses - to come along and talk to us about walking, wheeling & cycling issues across Sittingbourne and tells us what needs doing to enable more people to move about the area under their own steam.