

Sheppey Area Committee meeting: February 2024 – Matters arising

No.	Item	Background	Progress on actions
1.	Active Travel update	<p>SBC had received funding from the Capability and Ambition Fund for a feasibility study to improve connectivity between Minster, Sheerness, Queenborough and Halfway. The Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) was progressing, funding had been received to do detailed route mapping.</p> <p>The Active Travel Coordinator advised that consultants WSP have completed analysis work for the Sheppey Towns Active Travel Connectivity Feasibility Study and held a Community Engagement Workshop at the Healthy Living Centre on Wednesday 18 October 2023. Based on the feedback, a draft network has been drawn up and categorised as Primary and Secondary (primary being the most direct route connecting to key destinations with the secondary routes joining up the network). The network will be audited towards the end of November. Further funding is being sought to extend the work.</p>	<p>The Sheppey Towns Active Travel Feasibility Study has been completed. Through stakeholder engagement and route auditing, a walking, wheeling and cycling network has been developed with a range of key improvements identified, backed up by robust data analysis – essential for any future funding bid. SBC has received additional funding from KCC’s Active Travel England’s Capability Fund allocation to undertake additional work which will include more detailed route audits and produce outline design work for two routes. The funding will also enable this work to be integrated into the Swale Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP).</p>
2.	Grovehurst Roundabout	<p>The Active Travel Coordinator was asked to provide updates following the Grovehurst Roundabout Task Force meeting.</p>	<p>The formation of the Swale Traffic Forum will address issues such as Grovehurst Roundabout. To be discussed further under item 9 on the agenda.</p>
3.	Sheerness- Marine Town & Mile Town	<p>The Senior Conservation & Design Officer advised that both the reports are scheduled to</p>	<p>The Policy & Resources Committee has unanimously agreed to adopt both the</p>

	Conservation Area Review	be presented to Planning and Transportation Policy Working Group on 23 November 2023 and to the Policy and Resources Committee on 7 February 2024.	conservation Areas on 7 February 2024. It is envisaged that the adopted versions of both the Conservation Areas will be published on Swale Borough Council website by spring 2024.
4.	Sheerness sea wall	Concerns were raised about movement in the Sheerness sea wall in the Ship-on-Shore area. The Director of Regeneration & Neighbourhoods said she would follow-up on this matter after the meeting.	The Environment Agency advised they did go out and inspect the seawall and whilst it was clear that some movement had taken place, the concrete blocks were quite solid. They would continue to monitor and were organising for more in-depth asset condition surveys to be carried out this winter as part of the Medway Estuary & Swale Strategy (MEAS) programme works. They would keep SBC officers updated.