

RNP -- COMMUNITY PROJECTS—CYCLING/FOOTPATHS WORKING PARTY

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of the RNP -- **COMMUNITY PROJECTS—CYCLING/FOOTPATHS WORKING PARTY** held at 2:00pm on 30 May 2024, in the Radlett Centre, 1 Aldenham Avenue, RADLETT.

Present: E Samuelson (Chairman), A Cole, J Whiting & D Hougie.

Officer: P Evans (Council Manager).

Also present was E Turner (Strategy & Programme Manager | Highways Strategy & Implementation | Growth & Environment).

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Bor Cllr L Selby & Cllr D Lambert.

2. Agree minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2024.

These were agreed and signed by E Samuelson as a true record of what was discussed.

3. Presentation on the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP).

E Turner introduced herself and the reason behind this plan. This initiative was driven by Herts County Council (HCC) as they are responsible for footpaths and highways in the county, which are used for cycling and walking.

HCC have involved each of the ten borough & district councils in the county. The idea is to have a plan that is local as well as being strategic, once in place the plan could attract funding from the DfT towards implementing the plan. Hertsmere Borough Council (HBC) are one of the last to be looking to draft a LCWIP and so the process has changed due to feedback from previous plans.

In HBC the plan is currently at the 'scoping' stage with the main group tracking journeys and investigating routes from residential street to retail centres, train stations, places of work and leisure facilities. A map was shown of these routes for the borough to all members of the working party. Some of these routes will be explored further to see if there are any improvements that can be made to incorporate safe cycling/walking in order to increase the amount of people using the route. This will then be part of the plan and a bid made for funding.

Emma was asked if she had seen the RNP. She confirmed she had and it had been used in the early research. She was asked if this plan would become involved in the HBC Draft Local Plan. She stated that it was not part of the current plan as it covered a longer period than the LCWIP but that the final LCWIP might incorporate some schemes where Section 106 funding was available.

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Members of the group then discussed with Emma various routes that they felt should be given priority for safer cycling/walking.

- Harper Lane to Radlett Rail Station
- Watling Street south towards Allum Lane
- Shenley Hill
- Theobald Street to Borehamwood plus;
- The Beryl Bike Scheme.

The group emphasised that wherever possible dedicated cycling lanes were needed rather than lanes shared with pedestrians.

Emma then added that there was a six week consultation period on the latest LCWIP which lasted until 26 June. She encouraged everyone, including APC, to respond. She also made a list of local societies and sports clubs within the Parish that the department might contact for further feedback as well.

Action – Everyone to send their comments to P Evans to collate and forward to HBC before the deadline date of 26 June.

Next Steps

Once all responses have been received, they will be collated and adjustments made. The department at HBC/HCC will then audit the routes (walking and cycling) before further consultation takes place in Winter24/Spring 2025.

4. Next meeting.

P Evans will circulate dates for the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.10pm

ChairmanDate