

Planning Committee

Title:	LCWIP Working Group Update
Date:	14 January 2025
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Purpose of Report

1. To inform the committee about progress made by the LCWIP Working Group (LCWIP-WG) since 10 December 2024.

Update from OCC Steering Group meeting

2. Since the last report to the Planning Committee there have been no meetings of this working group. However, the project has progressed to the next stage.
3. At last report the LCWIP was between Stages 2 (Gathering Information) and Stages 3&4 (Network planning for walking and Cycling).
4. Since then, the consultants leading on the project have analysed all the relevant data collected through desk-based evidence and local knowledge gained through a Map & Pin exercises to develop draft maps for both cycling and walking.
5. The draft routes were plotted in an online map that showed:
 - 5.1. Draft walking and cycling routes split into the following categories, which are as per the recent Abingdon LCWIP. We have also attached more detailed definitions.
 - **Primary:** walking and cycling routes linking key destinations where higher demand is anticipated. Often using the most direct alignments.
 - **Secondary:** walking and cycling routes with local importance, typically linking to local trip generators, providing connections between primary routes or providing less direct alternatives.
 - **Restricted:** walking and cycling routes that are not currently accessible for both walking and cycling (i.e. footpaths where cycling is not permitted.)
 - **Future:** walking and cycling routes that do not currently exist, such as routes through future development sites. These are subject to change and are therefore indicative only.
 - **Potential School Street:** streets which have been identified as being suitable for school street style interventions and therefore included as part of the LCWIP.
 - 5.2. Draft Core Walking Zones
 - 5.3. The beginning sections of SATN (Strategic Active Travel Network) routes that link to the study area to show how the LCWIP routes would provide connections to these.
6. Comments from members of the OCC Steering group were requested by **5th January 2025**. The Environmental Project Officer also sent details of this consultation to members of LCWIP working group, with the offer of support to add comments to the online map, if support was needed. No one took up this offer, but members of the working group did choose to comment, with a total of 35 comments being added.

7. The consultants are now reviewing the feedback before finalising the route alignments and making a start on the route auditing, which will include testing the routes on the ground – both cycling and walking them – to make sure that what they have mapped on paper is in line with reality.
8. Estimated timescales & next steps are outlined below.

Confirm route alignments Visit study area to carry out on-site audits	January 2025
Summarise + present auditing results and begin process of identifying design recommendations Steering Group Meeting 3	February 2025

Action Required

- i) ***To note the report***