



Planning and Highways Committee

Cycle Network Plan Update

4th August 2020

Agenda Item 19

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. To update Committee on the progress of the Cycle Network Plan.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. That Committee notes the report.

3. Background

- 3.1. On 14 July 2020, Strategy and Resources Committee received a report on improving cycling infrastructure across the town by commissioning a Cycle Network Plan for Sutton Coldfield. Committee resolved to recommend to Full Council that the Plan be developed and presented to Birmingham City Council (BCC) for inclusion in Emergency Active Travel Fund Tranche Two proposals.
- 3.2. On 21 July 2020, funding for the Cycle Network Plan was approved and Urban Movement were subsequently commissioned.
- 3.3. To be considered for funding, projects needed to be submitted to BCC by 24 July 2020.

4. Progress of Cycling Network Plan

- 4.1. On 23 July 2020, a network planning virtual workshop was held with officers from Birmingham City Council covering Transportation and Highway teams, as well as officers leading on the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan¹.
- 4.2. Led by Urban Movement, the workshop reviewed cycle desire lines across Sutton Coldfield, the barriers to movement impeding these, the location of existing and potential new crossing points, and opportunities to create Low Traffic Neighbourhoods.
- 4.3. On 24 July, a virtual workshop for residents and community organisations was held to review the Cycle Network Plan and comment on proposals developed following the meeting with BCC. A total of 21 residents either attended the workshop or provided comments on cycling in Sutton Coldfield, with attendees ranging from individual residents to representatives of local cycling clubs.
- 4.4. The Cycle Network Plan was shared with Birmingham City Council on 24 July 2020 following feedback from the community workshop and has been included in BCC's Emergency Active Travel Fund Tranche Two proposal.

¹ https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20013/roads_travel_and_parking/1942/walking_and_cycling_strategy_and_infrastructure_plan

- 4.5. The submitted proposals can be found in [Appendix A](#).
- 4.6. The Town Council is currently awaiting feedback from BCC on the Cycle Network Plan and the potential for funding to be allocated to deliver part or all of the proposed cycling infrastructure improvements.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1. That Committee notes the report.

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