



Cambridgeshire Active Travel Strategy survey 2022

GDPR statement

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1. Are you responding as (please select all that apply)

- County Councillor
- District Councillor
- Organisation
- Parish/ Town council
- Other (please specify)

2. Please specify your name and/or organisation / parish / town council. If you do not wish to provide your details, please write NA here.

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Active travel strategy vision

Active travel will be embraced in all transport policies, projects, investment and development in Cambridgeshire, prioritising cycling and walking and associated travel modes. We will create a well-connected, safe and inclusive active travel network that will become the 'go- to' travel option for many journeys.

3. How far do you agree/disagree with the Active Travel Strategy for Cambridgeshire's vision?

(Choose any 1 option)

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

4. Please provide any comments on the Active Travel Strategy for Cambridgeshire's vision

The proposed vision incorporating the 4 Es of Embrace, Enhance, Expand and Encourage is welcomed, although it reads as though this will all be achieved. Whilst an ambitious strategy is appropriate, the ability and evidence to deliver on all 4 Es is not clearly detailed in the strategy itself.



Active travel strategy objectives

1. Embrace a clear deliverable vision for a high quality, safe and connected active travel network across Cambridgeshire that will enable and encourage journeys currently being made by car to be taken by foot or cycle. This will support achieving Net Zero Carbon by 2045, and a healthier, more active Cambridgeshire.
2. Focus on shorter local journeys, as well as capturing the increased potential for longer journeys to be taken by active or sustainable travel modes alongside e-bikes and public transport. An integrated network will better connect both urban and rural communities to local facilities, improving social inclusion, physical and mental health, and wellbeing.
3. Deliver significant step-change in active travel provision across the county, by improving internal processes and collaborative working with key partners and developers. We will ensure safe active travel is embedded and prioritised in all future decision-making, projects, schemes, and policies at all levels.
4. Ensure the existing and future Active Travel network is fit for purpose by;
 - A. Ensuring active travel is planned as part of all transport schemes and developments at the outset; and
 - B. Exploring new ways to prioritise maintenance of existing active travel infrastructure, addressing the importance that well maintained routes have on sustained use; and
 - C. Embedding a 'whole life cycle' approach to scheme development, ensuring all new schemes are designed and funded to minimise the ongoing maintenance cost.
5. Explore new ways to promote and encourage active travel and support initiatives that create behaviour change and modal shift to active travel modes, including the issue of 'knowing what's out there'. Look holistically at the shared experience and influences that make walking or cycling an attractive option as a form of travel.



5. How far do you agree/disagree with the Active Travel Strategy objectives?

(Choose any 1 option)

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

6. Please provide any comments on the draft objectives for the Active travel strategy.

The objectives are welcomed although their deliverability in real terms across both urban and rural areas of Huntingdonshire is not sufficiently detailed.

Detail on the delivery of the five objectives and how success will be measured is not stated. There is also lack of detail on how the varying landscape of Cambridgeshire will be addressed.

Of specific note are:

Objective 1 which refers to achieving Net Zero Carbon by 2045. This is considered to be too late and should be brought forward to 2040. As noted in the Council response to the Local Transport and Connectivity Plan, a 2045 goal will not allow sufficient time for final interventions on any unresolved challenges in the last window of opportunity up to the government's 2050 target. This jeopardises reaching the 2050 national deadline with further action still needed.

Objective 2 which prioritises shorter local journeys as well as recognising potential longer journeys by active or sustainable transport including public transport. Rural communities, of which there are many in Huntingdonshire, require greater attention in the strategy alongside work on public transport requirements.

7. How far do you agree/disagree that the policies in the Active Travel Strategy are the right ones to deliver its vision and objectives?

(Choose any 1 option)

Strongly agree

Agree



Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

8. Please provide any other comments on the draft policies. If there are any topics/issues not covered where a policy would be useful, please include this below. Please refer to policy numbers or page numbers where applicable.

The policies set out under the headings of the 4 Es are generic and vague in nature. Some of the policies are related to matters applicable solely to CCC as the Local Highways Authority. Others will entail collaborative working with partners and the community. They must be considered in more detail to determine if they are achievable or if they create unintended consequences they may have on other areas of work, including Local Plans.

There is reference to other strategic and policies on page 26, but not evidence to support why the policies stated have been chosen and prioritised. Specific reference is made to District Council Local Plans and transport strategies but not specifically their supporting evidence, including Infrastructure Delivery Plans. Regard to the transport studies commissioned by local communities, such as work undertaken by Ramsey and Godmanchester Town Councils, should be had in developing county-wide strategy.

Action plan

The Active Travel Strategy for Cambridgeshire is supported by an Action Plan of schemes and interventions to help meet the vision and objectives of the Strategy. The action plan consists of two tiers of identified schemes that makes up the core vision for a connected active travel network across Cambridgeshire. A third tier of further work is recognised that will help identify additional schemes to further enhance and expand the active travel network across the county. Delivery of the Action Plan is dependent on availability of funding.



9. How far do you agree/ disagree that the active travel action plan of schemes and interventions will help deliver the vision and objectives of the Active Travel Strategy for Cambridgeshire over time?

(Choose any 1 option)

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

10. Please provide any comments on the active travel action plan e.g. new scheme/study suggestion or suggested removal of a scheme/study.

The High Level Action Plan outlines 14 actions to be developed in the short term to support the vision and objectives of the Strategy. The Strategy states that responsibility for completing these actions lay with a range of teams and partners. It is considered that this should show the relevant CCC team as lead for each project action and separately other parties who will need to be involved.

ATAP02 references an Active Travel Toolkit for New Developments to be adopted across all authorities and to be delivered by March 2023. It is not clear there has been any discussion on this with the Huntingdonshire Local Planning Authority (LPA) to date.

ATAP 06 references the Transport Investment Plan (TIP) to be reviewed. This should be shown as led by CCC with involvement from the TIP Group, including District Councils.

A number of included actions could impact on LPA consideration of planning applications. Matters need to be appropriately developed and shared for comment and considered in terms of the impact on housing deliverability and viability.

Given the priorities outlined in AT06 (Applying the Road User Hierarchy) and AT23 (Reprioritising road space for active travel), we would welcome further exploration of possibilities of trialling modal filters in relevant locations in Huntingdonshire.



The Tier 1 and 2 active travel schemes which have been identified and prioritised are only shown on a map. A full action plan should be provided giving clarity on key elements, such as who will lead, timescales, cost, funding, and how and why it has been prioritised above other projects. It is also unclear how partners or communities can submit new proposals.

As Tier 1 is directly linked to the Cambridgeshire LCWIP, the Council asks that its response to the CCC's LCWIP consultation be considered alongside this response. The LCWIP was discussed by HDC at Cabinet on 15th July 2021 [Minute 18 refers](#) .

The final response was submitted on 23 July 2021 via email at transport.delivery@cambridgeshire.gov.uk . This included reference to the Propensity to Cycle tool used that did not highlight significant activity in the Ramsey area and, in light of this, that schemes identified previously for the Ramsey area be reviewed and considered further under the LCWIP methods. In doing so this would include projects for the market town of Ramsey being included within Tier 1.



11. Please indicate your age range

(Choose any 1 options)

- Under 15
- 15-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65-74
- 75 and above
- Prefer not to say

12. Do you consider yourself to have a disability or health condition that affects the way you travel?

(Choose any 1 options)

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

13. What is your sex

(Choose any 1 options)

- Male
- Female
- Prefer not to say



14. Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?

(Choose any 1 options)

Yes

No

Prefer not to say

15. What is your ethnic group?

(Choose any 1 options)

Asian or Asian British includes Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Chinese or any other Asian background

Black, Black British, Caribbean or African includes Black British, Caribbean, African or any other Black background

Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups includes White and Black Caribbean, White and Black African, White and Asian or any other Mixed or Multiple background

Other ethnic group includes Arab or any other ethnic group

White includes British, Northern Irish, Irish, Gypsy, Irish Traveller, Roma or any other White background

Thank you for taking the time to complete our survey.



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