

Town Council Cycling Group Report

7th April 2022

The group met in March to discuss plans for the year ahead and have an update on recent activity.

An important step was meeting as a group with Alison Kennedy and Dan Morris from the Highways Team at WCC on March 4th. We were also joined by Graham Folkes-Skinner from WDC.

We reviewed current cycling provision within the town and also helped officers to understand some of the key destinations within Kenilworth (and beyond) that are important to connect. This included routes on the existing plans but also new areas of interest like Stoneleigh and the employment land around the airport.

In the afternoon the group went out to visit areas across the town where there is potential for additional provision or changes, in particular with reference to the new school. These included:

- Station Road
- Clarkes Ave Bridge & St John's Street crossing
- Pathway behind Birches Lane
- Windy Arbour/Birches Lane/Glasshouse Lane
- Kenilworth School (new site)
- Rawnsley Drive/Finham Road/Dalehouse Lane viaduct
- Daleshouse Lane/Mill End
- The Common/Woodmill Meadow
- NCN Route 52 junction at Park Road
- Bridge Street/Abbey Fields/Borrowell Lane
- Castle Farm Sports Centre

It was a useful exercise and we are grateful for the support of officers who are now looking at the design and feasibility of potential changes.

Clarkes Avenue

We are expecting the press release regarding the consultation to be going out shortly.

Abbey Fields Cycle Route

We have now had two site visits with WDC, the second one being with WCC. WDC's preferred route still appears to be to use as much existing infrastructure as possible. Further widening and safety measures are being investigated around the swimming pool area. WDC are also seeking to engage with Historic England to understand their views about the potential route.

Cycle Training for families and adults

We are lining up some sessions for adults and families who want to build their confidence with cycling on the road. These will be run by a professional company and it is possible that they will be paid for by WCC. We are aiming for early May.

LCWIP

Last year we collectively submitted views to the consultation on the LCWIP (Local Cycling, Walking, Infrastructure Plan.) The subsequent draft is likely to be published for consultation in May.