

Kenilworth Cycling Schemes update

The group met earlier this month and have been active on a number of fronts.

Infrastructure:

Key schemes	
Clarke's Avenue Bridge	Consultation closed on 24th June with 86 responses. 71 were strongly supportive of the proposal 2 disagreed 1 strongly disagreed Useful feedback from regarding some safety concerns (for cyclists from cars) and an appetite for more provision. The road has also been recently tarmacked which was another issue that was reported to WCC. We are awaiting a timing plan from the County Council but it is possible that this could start quite quickly.
K2L	WCC has made the decision that the scheme should be built in stages from the Leamington end commencing by the end of this year. Forecast to complete up to Kenilworth by 2024/25.
Greenway to Coventry Road missing link	WCC Cabinet permission given to draw down from the HS2 Travel Fund subject to approval from HS2.
Abbey Fields Cycleway	WCC are looking at the junction configuration at either end of the park. It's expected that a paper outlining the potential routes will come forward to cabinet by the end of the year.
Other Schemes being explored	
Glasshouse Lane	Off carriageway shared route from Windy Arbour up to where the spine road joins. Will connect to the cycleways being built alongside the school. Feasibility Study.
St John's Crossing	Tiger crossing being explored as a shared use option. Current issue is the pavement width on the west side of Warwick Road. Feasibility Study.
Path Behind Birches Lane	Feasibility study
Warwick Road from the gyratory down to Wilshire Ave.	Shared use path. Feasibility study
Bertie Road/Station Road corner down to Waverley Road.	Two options being explored a) widening the pavement and making a shared use path b) creating an on-road contraflow.
Station Road (Warwick Road end.)	Looking at potential of allowing people on bikes to use it both ways. WCC to approach Town Council about moving the planters to allow access to cyclists.

Manor Road/Park Road crossing – improvement of visibility.	Idea of changing priority has been discounted. Other options being looked at now including raised table to make the cycle crossing more visible.
Finham Road through to Rawnsley Drive	Exploratory work being done and surveys carried out. Some potential land ownership issues to be explored but this would be a key link to the new school.
Woodmill Meadow	WDC have been asked to explore what would be required to open up the current pedestrian entrance to make it suitable for shared pedestrian/cyclist usage.
Crewe Lane	Initial scheme design is being reviewed – initial design considered not strong enough.

We are also organising an audit of the current cycle parking in the town with officers from WDC and WCC to identify easy improvements that could be made.

Promoting Cycling in the Town

Four members of the Cycling Delivery Group including Cllrs Milton & Dickson took part in the Kenilworth Carnival on July 2nd. Despite the rather wet weather it was a great occasion and we were pleased to win first prize in the category for entrants on bikes.



Less encouragingly we have had to postpone the Adult Cycle Training that was due to go ahead in June. The provider cancelled the booking without informing us due to low take up (just before we were about to do the publicity push.) We will look to rearrange another date hopefully on a Saturday.

Policy

WCC are currently consulting on the draft LCWIP. This is an extensive document which sets out priorities for the county. There is a specific section on Kenilworth and how schemes have been prioritised.

The Cycling Group will be pulling together a response as a group but it is also recommended that as many individuals as possible submit their feedback.