

Kenilworth Town Council Cycling Delivery Group
29th February 2024

Infrastructure

The WCC LCWIP (Local Cycling Walking and Infrastructure Plan) has now been approved by the cabinet. This should provide officers with extra leverage when applying for funding for schemes.

A list of schemes within Kenilworth is included as an appendix to this report.

A 'programmed' scheme is an infrastructure scheme with allocated funding, where design work is well progressed, and it is in the WCC delivery programme (with implementation expected within next 2 years). However, it may require additional funding and further design work and could be paused to allow for better co-ordination with other local projects or additional community input.

A 'potential' scheme is an infrastructure scheme where an opportunity has been identified through the LCWIP information gathering and consultation process. All potential schemes have been prioritised; those identified as Very High or High Priority would be expected to be delivered in short-term or medium-term (next 5 years); other Medium and Low Priority potential schemes could be delivered as funding and development opportunities arise (next 10 years).

Kenilworth School

The majority of the issues relating to school roadworks were discussed at the last Town Council meeting at which Cllrs Leventhal, Insley, Stevens & Richard Dickson reported back on their meeting with WCC in December, and proposed next steps, which are being followed up directly with WCC and Kenilworth School.

One major issue concerning cycling is the safety issue for bikes entering the School site, because i) the cycleway entrance is blocked by the electric gates and is too narrow for bikes to enter properly and ii) bikes therefore approach by road but in doing so clash with vehicles exiting in both directions, as bikes have to cross traffic exiting without good visibility. Cllrs Leventhal & Insley along with Zoe Bell have met on site with WCC officers and the Head of Kenilworth School. WCC have indicated that they do not consider this issue is their responsibility, and the School design team have indicated that at present there are no plans to alter the design. Cllr Leventhal & Cllr Drew have a follow up meeting on site with WCC and the school to try to resolve this impasse.

Relatedly, the Stansfield Grove roundabout may present a potential opportunity to resolve or mitigate this problem by limiting the traffic exiting the school from turning right (and narrowing the lane of traffic from 2 to 1 lane), as traffic could then use the roundabout to turn right back to Glasshouse lane if needed. The Group resolved to press WCC (Allison Kennedy) again for designs for the Stansfield Road roundabout to be provided so that the group can ensure that the designs of the roundabout function properly for cyclists. This issue will be raised again at the meeting mentioned above.

Overall, the Group wished to record its very strong frustration and disappointment on this issue, and the broader road safety issues (such as lack of crossing at Knowle Hill and lack of pavements in the immediate vicinity of the school, as well as proper walkways further afield) which have been created at the school development - with a clear lack of joined up thinking between different developments, despite the critical importance of road safety and active travel for young people in the town.

Clean Air Day

Further to the update provided to last Town Council, Cllrs Insley & Leventhal have been busy with plans for Clean Air Day, which are developing well - with the purpose being to raise awareness of air quality as an environmental and health issue, and to encourage the Kenilworth community to take up active travel for as many possible journeys in and around town as possible. This is a joint initiative between KTC and WDC, with support from WCC Safe and Active Travel team.

Date - Sunday 16 June 2024. 10am - 3pm, Warwick Road and environs.

There will be an active travel loop for walking, wheeling and cycling in the vicinity (exact route to be confirmed) with a limited area of road closed from approximately 10am - 1pm

The plan is for an inclusive whole community event - with stalls, entertainment, food, drink, active travel activities and lots of fun for all -with an opportunity to get active and enjoy a car-free environment for part of the day.

Anyone interested in getting involved or having a community or local business stall, with a focus on active travel or sustainability is invited to get in touch via cycling@kenilworth.org.uk. The team involved would like to thank Miles Wyatt-Smith for all his support with the project management to date

WDC Cycle Parking Working Group

A cross-party and cross-council group has been established by WDC to look at the provision of cycle parking across the district. This includes representatives from the district and county council, the four town council and Cycleways. The first meeting was held on 16th February.

The shape of a Terms of Reference has been agreed for the group to look at:

- Resident needs (public and domestic)
- Standards and design (security, comfort, location, aesthetics and heritage environment)
- Funding
- Planning and delivery

The initial action will be to identify sites across the district which conform to the various regulatory specifications (accessibility, design, maintenance etc) which will be provided by WDC and WCC.

Edward Langley Fardon

The group are keen to see the legacy of Edward Langley Fardon (the inventor of the world's first all metal framed, spoked wheel bicycle) to be marked in some way.

Operation Close Pass

The group were pleased to hear that Operation Close Pass will be coming to Kenilworth this year thanks to support from the SNT.

Proposed action to be supported by Town Council.

To write to the portfolio holder at WCC:

- To express the group's concern and frustration at the continued slow progress of improved active travel infrastructure.
- To ask WCC to appoint a Site Delivery Officer who can take responsibility for leading schemes in Kenilworth, especially around the school, and with the authority to influence the coordination of activities across authorities at the highest level.
- To seek reassurance from WCC that with the number of infrastructure schemes scheduled for consultation in Spring Summer 2024 that sufficient officer resource will be made available.

Appendix - Infrastructure Programme

Existing routes – recently completed schemes

Project LCWIP ref.	Description	Timeline
Clarkes Avenue to Farmer Ward Road	Footbridge improvements and	Works completed April 2023.

	permissive cycle access	
Kenilworth School S278 works, Lyes Lane and Glasshouse Lane	Footway/ cycle track, crossings, traffic calming and speed limit reduction	Works completed October 2023

Programmed schemes

Project	Description	Notes
(K2L) A452 Kenilworth to Leamington, south of B4115	Footway/ cycle track adjacent to road and crossing	Ongoing design work for all sections of K2L and workshops for stakeholders. Works almost complete for Section 1A (Kenilworth Road, Leamington Spa). See WCC website
S278 scheme for Persimmon Homes on A452 Leamington Road	Programmed	Expected to start 2024
Glasshouse Lane	Footway/ cycle track adjacent to road	S278 schemes for Miller Homes and Vistry developments
Stoneleigh Road (Dalehouse Lane to A46)	Footway/ cycle track adjacent to road	Major junction improvements – construction ongoing see WCC website

Potential Schemes			
K12 A429 Coventry Road/ Kenilworth Road, Crackley	Cycle track between Kenilworth Greenway and HS2 site. WCC has commissioned detailed design work from WCC Engineering Design Services team. Delivery timescales subject to HS2 programme.	Very High	Next steps: complete detailed design, undertake local engagement, secure HS2 Road Safety Funding Local engagement spring/summer 2024 subject to design work. Construction dependency on HS2.
K14 Abbey Fields	Path/ cycle track through open space and crossing	Very high	Paths: proposed widening of existing east-west paths. WDC and WCC have commissioned Sustrans to prepare designs. Further discussion with Historic England needed. Some discussions with Friends of Abbey Fields Park. Crossings: Bridge Street and Borrowell Lane. WCC has commissioned WSP to prepare designs. Next steps: WCC and WDC to review designs. Consultation in Spring 2024. Awaiting discussions with Historic England and identifying funding.
K19 Kenilworth E-W route (Glasshouse Lane)	Footway/ cycle track adjacent to road, on-carriageway route and crossing	Very high	WCC has commissioned WSP to prepare designs for cycle track along Glasshouse Lane between Windy Arbour and Lyes Lane to connect into new spine roads through housing developments and link with new school. Some discussions with developer about integration of schemes – delivery timescales subject to S278 programme and road space availability. S106 funding to be secured. Next steps: WCC to review designs and

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			undertake local engagement. Developer to schedule construction of spine road and cycle links . Local consultation spring/summer 2024 subject to design work. Dependency on S278 works on Leamington Road.
K15 Kenilworth E-W route (Greenway, Mill End, Finham Drive and Rawnsley Drive)	Footway/ cycle track adjacent to road, on-carriageway route and crossing	High	WCC has commissioned WSP to prepare designs. Next steps: WCC to review designs. Local engagement spring/summer 2024 subject to design work.
K05 Stoneleigh Road (Gibbet Hill - Kings Hill Lane)	Footway/ cycle track adjacent to road	Medium	No progress to report
K06 Stoneleigh Road (Kings Hill Lane to Dalehouse Lane)	Footway/ cycle track adjacent to road	Medium	No progress to report
K09 Dalehouse Lane	Footway/ cycle track adjacent to road HS2 commenced work in 2023 on overbridge which includes space for future footway/ cycle track.	Medium	Next steps: HS2 works continue until summer 2026
K10 B4115 Ashow Road near Stoneleigh Business Park (Rocky Lane to Stoneleigh)	Footway/ cycle track adjacent to road	Medium	No progress to report
K11 Burton Green (Kenilworth Greenway NCN 523)	Path/ cycle track through open space	Medium	No progress to report
K13 B4103 Castle Road/ Clinton Lane	On-carriageway cycle route	Medium	No progress to report
K16 Crewe Lane	Footway/ cycle track adjacent to road and on-carriageway route	Medium	No progress on main scheme (road closure of Crewe Lane). Some discussions between WCC, WDC and KTC about corner of Knowle Hill and Crewe Lane and footway extensions Next steps: WCC to consider feasibility and costs of footway construction
K17 Kenilworth E-W route (Whitemoor Road/ Leyes Lane)	Footway/ cycle track adjacent to road, on-carriageway route and crossing	Medium	No progress to report
K18 Kenilworth E-W route (Thornby Avenue, Newfield Avenue,	Footway/ cycle track adjacent to road, on-carriageway route and crossing	Medium	No progress to report

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Mountbatten Avenue)			
K20 East Kenilworth development - new roads	Footway/ cycle track adjacent to road	High (3rd party)	No progress to report
K21 East Kenilworth development - greenways	Path/ cycle track through open space	High (3rd party)	No progress to report
K22 Thickthorn development	Footway/ cycle track adjacent to road	High (3rd party)	No progress to report
K23 Station Road	Path/ cycle track through open space and on-carriageway route	High	Road closed for pedestrian access only near Warwick Road Next steps: WCC to commission further design work on contraflow between Bertie Road and Priory Road when resources available.
K24 A452 Warwick Road (Kenilworth town centre)	On-carriageway cycle route	Medium	No progress to report
K25 Warwick Road (Wilkshire Road to St John's)	Footway/ cycle track adjacent to road and on-carriageway route	High	Consultation completed for 30mph speed limit. Lighting design underway. WCC has commissioned design work from WCC Engineering Design Services team for cycle track. Next steps: WCC to review designs Local engagement Spring/Summer 2024 subject to design work being completed.
K26 Warwick Road (Leek Wootton to Wilkshire Road)	Footway/ cycle track adjacent to road	Medium	No progress to report
K27 Paths, Bullimore Wood	Path/ cycle track through open space	Medium	No progress to report
K29 Rocky Lane	Path/ cycle track through open space	Medium	No progress to report
K30 Kenilworth links (St Johns)	On-carriageway cycle route	Medium	No progress to report
K31 Kenilworth E-W route (Hermitage Way)	On-carriageway cycle route	Medium	No progress to report – can follow on from scheme K19 (Glasshouse Lane)
K32 Farmer Ward Road	On-carriageway cycle route and crossing	Medium	No progress to report
K33 The Wardens Paths	Path/ cycle track through open space	Medium	No progress to report
K34 NCN52 (Kenilworth Greenway - University of Warwick)	Path/ cycle track through open space	High	No progress to report – linked with development plans at University of Warwick
K35 Westwood Heath - Kenilworth Greenway	Path/ cycle track through open space	High	WCC has commissioned Sustrans to prepare feasibility designs for multi-user route. Some discussions with HS2 about

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			integration of schemes – delivery timescales subject to HS2 programme. Next steps: WCC to review Sustrans report
X13 Kenilworth Greenway (NCN523) (Burton Green - Berkswell)	Multi user traffic-free route	High (3rd party)	HS2 diverted route opened 2023, connecting to Berkswell Station