

Why have we developed Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans?

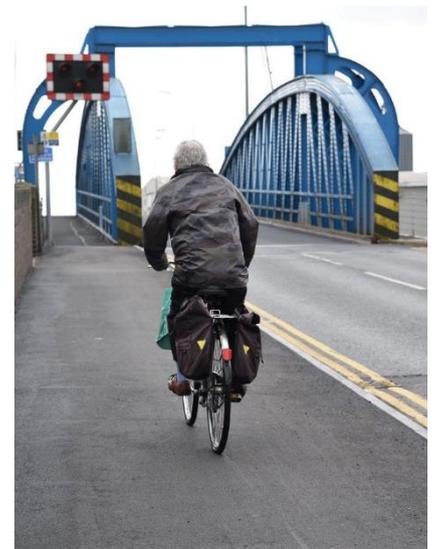
In April 2017 the Department for Transport (DfT) published a new national Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy (CWIS). This recommended that local authorities should develop Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) for their area. Given the structure of the Council's Local Transport Plan (LTP) with a focus on targeting investment on key settlements, LCWIPs have now been developed for the 14 main settlements to update and replace the previous LTP individual transport strategies.

What is the government hoping to achieve?

The government's ambition for cycling and walking in England is to: "make cycling and walking the natural choices for shorter journeys, or as part of a longer journey". Government guidance places the priority on encouraging the shift from shorter car journeys to walking and cycling, so the focus is on commuter and utility routes around urban areas rather than longer distance leisure routes.

The CWIS aims to increase walking and cycling activity, reduce the rate of cyclists killed or seriously injured on England's roads, and increase the percentage of children aged 5 to 10 that usually walk to school.

In order to help Local Authorities contribute towards meeting these national objectives, the CWIS recommends that Councils develop LCWIPs. These are a new, strategic approach to identifying cycling and walking improvements required at the local level. They enable a long-term approach to developing local cycling and walking networks and form a vital part of the government's strategy to increase the number of trips made on foot or by cycle.



What does an LCWIP include?

LCWIPs have been developed for the following 14 settlements in the East Riding, providing consistency with the settlement network included in the East Riding Local Plan:

Principal Towns:

Beverley
Bridlington
Driffield
Goole

Major Haltemprice Settlements:

Anlaby/Willerby/Kirk Ella
Cottingham
Hessle

Towns:

Elloughton/Brough
Hedon
Hornsea
Howden
Market Weighton
Pocklington
Withernsea

Each of the 14 East Riding settlement LCWIPs includes the following:

- Network plans for walking and cycling which identify priority routes and core zones for further development;
- A prioritised programme of infrastructure improvements for future investment; and
- An explanation of the underlying analysis carried out and a narrative which supports the identified improvements and network.

Each LCWIP runs between 2018 and 2029 to tie in with the existing LTP Strategy and Local Plan, and includes a three year Implementation Plan of schemes (from 2018/19 to 2020/21) to support and enhance the development of high quality walking and cycling networks in each settlement.

Examples of the types of schemes in the forthcoming LCWIP programme include:

- New/improved pedestrian crossing facilities;
- Additional dropped kerbs and tactile paving;
- New lengths of footway and footway/cycleway, or improvements to existing facilities (such as widening);
- Additional secure cycle parking facilities; and
- Improved signage for walking/cycling routes.

While issues such as public transport connectivity and road safety are also important considerations for each of our towns and villages, these issues are addressed through the wider thematic strategies that also form part of the LTP.

The primary aim of the LCWIPs is to increase walking and cycling by encouraging residents to make short local trips on foot or by bike rather than travelling by single occupancy private car, particularly in the peak hours. Encouraging more trips to be made using active travel modes and reducing associated car use has a number of advantages. These include reduced traffic congestion and associated carbon emissions, healthier residents and an improved local environment and streetscape.



How will LCWIP schemes be funded?

There is no specific government funding for delivering LCWIPs but East Riding of Yorkshire Council has allocated part of our overall Local Transport Plan grant funding to deliver a programme of improvements to pedestrian and cycling facilities around each of the 14 LCWIP settlements.

How will the LCWIPs be monitored?

Monitoring of the LCWIPs will use the following indicators:

- The percentage of people walking to work;
- The percentage of people cycling to work;
- The percentage of pupils age 5 to 10 usually walking to school.
- The first two will be measured using census data and the third from an annual survey in local schools.



Who can I contact about the LCWIPs?

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