

ITEM: CYCLING CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE

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1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 This report provides an update on how the Council is progressing with delivery of its cycling capital programme.

2. Supporting Information**Background**

2.1 The Royal Borough has approved a cycling capital programme to the value of £142,000 to be funded from S106 developer contributions, including the following schemes:

- Altwood Road Maidenhead - £10,000
- Boyn Grove Park, Maidenhead - £20,000
- Norreys Drive, Maidenhead - £40,000
- Monkey Island Lane, Maidenhead - £15,000
- A308 Maidenhead Road, Windsor - £15,000
- Cycle routes in Ascot / Sunnings - £45,000

Altwood Road

2.2 This scheme is intended to provide filtered permeability for cyclists at either end of the cul-de-sac section at the eastern end of Altwood Road. This will provide a quicker and more direct route for cyclists travelling between Norden Road and Altwood Road. A provisional scheme has been developed and will be circulated for comment at the meeting.

Boyn Grove Park

2.3 This scheme was intended to provide a link from the signal-controlled crossing of the A4 near Wootton Way through the park to the Boyn Grove Community Centre and new library. Although initial discussion with Leisure Services had been positive, they subsequently decided that the scheme would be too intrusive and the scheme has had to be abandoned.

2.4 An alternative scheme has been found within the local area, making use of the available developer contributions. This would involve extending the existing shared use footway / cycleway along the north side of the A4 between Sandisplatt Road and Highway Avenue. The route is already being used as a de facto cycle route, so it is therefore proposed to formalise this. There have been a number of complaints from residents about conflict at property accesses, so it is proposed to introduce a segregated shared use facility for this section, with cyclists on the outside of the footway. The Cycle Forum will be consulted upon the design in due course.

Norreys Drive

- 2.5 This scheme will provide a segregated shared route linking new and existing employment sites on the southern side of Norreys Drive to the existing cycle route network at Kendall Place. A provisional scheme has been developed and will be circulated for comment at the meeting.

Monkey Island Lane

- 2.6 This scheme involves improving the surface of Monkey Island Lane between the link to Monkey Island Bridge to the Monkey Island Hotel access. Although this is a public bridleway, it is also a private street and frontagers have a right to be consulted on the changes. Land searches have been completed to identify the affected landowners. A scheme will be developed shortly.

A308 Maidenhead Road, Windsor

- 2.7 This scheme involves the removal / relocation of a BT public telephone box from the middle of the shared path at the junction of the A308 and the pedestrian path to Clewer Village. Given that there are no other public pay phones in the area, a public consultation was required for the proposed removal. This period expired on 15 September. No objections have been received and so BT will be instructed to remove the phone box.

Cycle Routes in Ascot / Sunnings

- 2.8 A number of cycle links have been proposed to link the villages in the south of the borough to Charters School. An initial feasibility study highlighted difficulties in getting cyclists to the school gates. Alternative options are currently being considered, which may require the purchase of private land. Legal advice is being sought before agreeing a way forward.

Other Schemes

- 2.9 In addition to the above, there are a number of other scheme in development, including:
- Peascod Street, Windsor – Funded from the Participatory Budget, this scheme involves opening up the central section to cyclists and exempting cyclists from the one-way restriction. The opportunity will also be taken to clarify the signing on the other sections. A provisional scheme has been developed and will be circulated at the meeting for comment.
 - Fifield to Maidenhead Cycle Route – At the last meeting of the Cycle Forum, it was decided that a route would be developed along Monkey Island Lane as an alternative to the A308 shared footway / cycleway between Fifield and Maidenhead. Designs for this scheme will be developed later in the financial year.

3. Recommendation

Members of the Cycle Forum are invited to:

- i. consider the designs circulated at the meeting**
- ii. highlight any issues that they would like to see addressed**
- iii. identify any changes to be incorporated into the scheme designs.**