

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. Schemes include:

- 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 provides filtered permeability for cyclists at either end of the cul-de-sac at the eastern end of Altwood Road. It offers a quicker and more direct route for cyclists travelling between Norden Road and Altwood Road. This scheme has been completed.

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 was found within the local area, making use of the available developer contributions. This involves 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 complaints from residents about conflict with cyclists at property accesses. The footway is not wide enough for segregated shared use, but it is proposed that bollards be used to deflect cyclists away from the accesses. The scheme is currently out to consultation – a copy of the plan is attached in Appendix 1.

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. Construction is programmed for March 2014.

Monkey Island Lane

- 2.6 The original scheme involved surfacing Monkey Island Lane between the link to Monkey Island Bridge and the Monkey Island Hotel access. This scope of the scheme was subsequently extended to allow surfacing as far as the Bray Lake access. Although this is a public bridleway, it is also a private street and frontagers have a right to be consulted on the changes. Consultation is complete, and no objections were received. The scheme is currently on hold pending works by South East Water to provide a new connection to their water treatment facility, which is planned for March / April 2014. A request will be submitted to slip the funds and supplement from the 2014/15 budget, with a view to completing construction in 2014/15.

A308 Maidenhead Road, Windsor

- 2.7 This scheme involved 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 were no other public pay phones in the area, a public consultation was required for the proposed removal. No objections were received and so BT were instructed to remove the phone box. The scheme has been completed.

Cycle Routes in Ascot / Sunnings

- 2.8 A number of cycle links have been proposed through the Ascot and Sunnings Neighbourhood Plan to link the villages in the south of the borough to Charters School. An initial feasibility study highlighted numerous difficulties in achieving a link to the school and this scheme is currently on hold. Local ward members have been consulted to try and reach agreement on how funds should be allocated.

Other Schemes

- 2.9 In addition to the above, there are a number of other schemes being progressed:
- 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 scheme also includes amendments to the signing on the other sections to ensure that the existing ‘no cycling’ restrictions are enforceable. Construction is programmed for March 2014.
 - Windsor & Eton Riverside Station – Again, funded from the Participatory Budget, this scheme involves providing additional cycle parking at the rail station. A meeting has taken place with South West Trains and the Council’s Conservation Officer to identify a suitable location and design that is in keeping with the station’s listed building status. A proposal is being developed by South West Train’s contractors.
 - Fifield to Maidenhead Cycle Route – At the July 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. As identified above, it has been proposed to extend the surfacing scheme for Monkey Island Lane to include the section between the barrier and the Bray Lakes access. Feasibility work is underway to look at how conditions can be improved for cyclists on the section between Bray village and Hibbert Road.

3. Recommendation

Members of the Cycle Forum are invited to note the contents of the report and highlight any issues or concerns where appropriate.