

ITEM: 08 CYCLING CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2015/16

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1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 This report seeks the Cycle Forum's views about schemes to be included in the 2015/16 Cycling Capital Programme.

2. Supporting Information**Background**

2.1 Maidenhead: The cycling workshop held in November 2013 identified priorities including:

- New cycling bridge at Ray Mill Island
- River Thames to Town Centre cycle route
- Routes to Maidenhead town centre (e.g. surface crossings of the A4, use of existing subways under the A4 / A308, new bridge link to Kidwells Park, and an improved crossing on Stafferton Way and link to the town centre).
- Routes through Maidenhead town centre (e.g. contra-flow cycle lanes on Queen Street and High Street)
- Improvements to Forlease Road
- Parking at Maidenhead Station

2.2 Windsor: The cycling workshop held in November 2013 identified priorities including:

- Improvements to the A308 cycle route
- Cycle Route along Dedworth Road / Clarence Road
- Improvements to the cycle route between Clewer Village and the town centre
- Permitting cycling in the pedestrian link between Vansittart Road and Alma Road.
- Measures on River Street / Thames Avenue
- Cycle route along Arthur Road
- Cycle routes between Windsor and Ascot
- Increased cycle parking in the town centre
- Parking at Windsor rail stations

2.3 Ascot / Sunnings: The cycling workshop held in March 2014 identified priorities including:

- Extending the route along Ascot High Street
- Improving links to Windsor Great Park
- Upgrading St George's Lane / Wells Lane
- Upgrade Bridleway 1 past Coworth Park
- Creating cross-boundary links to The Lookout

2.4 An internal capital bid has already been submitted to construct the cycle route along the A4 between the River Thames and Maidenhead Town Centre. This will connect with the Moorbridge Road gateway, which is being constructed in 2014/15.

2.5 A further provisional bid has been submitted for £100,000 for additional cycling schemes in 2015/16.

3. Analysis

3.1 Maidenhead: Routes within Maidenhead town centre are largely reliant upon development of the Opportunity Sites. Work has started on the Chapel Arches development, which will include construction of a contra-flow cycle lane along the eastern part of High Street. Discussions are progressing with the developers of The Landing, with a public consultation on the draft proposal expected imminently. This will affect King Street, Queen Street and Broadway. Construction of a bridge link to Kidwells Park is reliant upon development of the West Street Opportunity Area, which is some way off at present.

3.2 Improving links from the south will need to be coordinated with the Stafferton Way Link Road works. It is feasible that a new toucan crossing over Stafferton could be delivered in 2015/16.

3.3 Cycle parking at Maidenhead station is being upgraded in 2014/15 as part of the Local Sustainable Transport Fund Programme and also as part of the Crossrail works. Further funding for cycling facilities has been earmarked via the Thames Valley Berkshire Local Enterprise Partnership as part of the Maidenhead Transport Interchange project, which with construction planned for 2017-2019.

3.4 Windsor: The A308 cycle route is being widened in the vicinity of Windsor Racecourse as part of the 2014/15 capital programme.

3.5 A study of the Dedworth Road corridor has been undertaken and is the subject of a separate report to the Cycle Forum.

3.6 Improvements to the Clewer Village to town centre route are being implemented as part of the 2014/15 programme, as is the Vansittart Road to Alma Road scheme.

- 3.7 River Street and Thames Street are likely to be considered as part of a wider traffic management scheme in future years.
- 3.8 There is insufficient space for a cycle route along Arthur Road with current levels of parking and traffic movements.
- 3.9 The Council is submitting an internal capital bid for a feasibility study looking at cycle routes between Ascot and Windsor in 2015/16.
- 3.10 Cycle parking in Windsor town centre is being enhanced as part of the 2014/15 capital programme, including facilities at William Street and the Coach Park. The Council is also liaising with South West Trains over possible improvements at Windsor and Eton Riverside Station.
- 3.11 Ascot / Sunnings: A scheme is currently being developed for Ascot High Street between Heatherwood Roundabout and Ascot Town Centre.
- 3.12 St George's Lane has been improved recently to tackle the worst of the drainage issues and the Public Rights of Way Team are consulting on possible prohibition of motor vehicles. If successful, this would make it easier to upgrade the route for cycling.
- 3.13 The Council will liaise with Surrey County Council, the Crown Estate and local landowners regarding improvements to Bridleway 1 and access to Windsor Great Park to ascertain whether this scheme is achievable.
- 3.14 Similarly the Council will liaise with the Crown Estate and Bracknell Forest Council regarding cross-boundary links.

4. Conclusions

- 4.1 Many of the priorities identified at the Cycling Workshops are actively being progressed. Many of the schemes involve complex negotiations with third party landowners and are unlikely to progress to the implantation station in 2015/16. However, the following schemes could be considered for funding in 2015/16:
- Stafferton Way toucan crossing (£60k)
 - Upgrading St George's Lane / Wells Lane (£40k)

5. Recommendation

- 5.1 **It is recommended that members of the Cycle Forum note and agree the proposed Capital Programme.**