

ITEM: 05-CYCLE ROUTE – A4, MAIDENHEAD

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1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the proposed cycle route along the A4 between Maidenhead Bridge and the town centre.**

2. Supporting Information**Background**

- 2.1 At the Maidenhead Cycling Workshop on 6th November 2013, the need for a cycle route to connect the town centre to the Riverside area of Maidenhead was identified. A draft scheme was subsequently prepared, which was presented to the Cycle Forum on 5th March 2014.
- 2.2 Members of the Cycle Forum raised some concerns about the proposed design, so a dedicated workshop was arranged to capture all issues relating to the scheme and to agree how the design could be amended to address these issues.
- 2.3 Following the workshop, the cycle route was revised from a two-way, off-carriageway, segregated cycleway on the south side, to accommodate 2.0m wide, on-carriageway cycle lanes with bus stop bypasses.
- 2.4 It is proposed that the section in front of the King's Quarter development will be a hybrid cycle route, with the footway retained at its current level at the rear, and the cycle route at an intermediate level between the footway and carriageway.
- 2.5 Provision has been made for cyclists within a proposed slip road from the A4 into Moorbridge Road, and there will be a link from the existing cycle route across Town Moor to the cycle lane on the northern side.
- 2.6 The layout for the A4 cycle route scheme has been revised to accommodate agreed changes to the Oldfield Road roundabout, where the Lassell Gardens access will be made two-way.
- 2.7 The scheme is intended to form part of a longer-distance cycle route linking Maidenhead and Slough. The Royal Borough and Slough Borough Council submitted a joint bid to the Thames Valley Berkshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP). The LEP has given conditional approval for funding 2016/17 subject to preparation of a successful webTAG compliant business case.
- 2.8 The Council is working with Slough Borough Council to develop a business case for the scheme in order to secure the conditional funding that has been allocated by the LEP. Data collection will be completed before the summer holidays and the business case will be worked up for ratification in September. It is intended that this will be presented to the Thames Valley Berkshire Local Transport Body for approval in November 2015.
- 2.9 Elements of the scheme will be progressed in the interim period. For example, the Moorbridge Road slip road and Maidenhead Bridge Gateway will be progressed in

2015/16. These schemes and the Stafferton Way Link Road scheme will be designed so as to facilitate delivery of the cycle route scheme.

- 2.10 It should be noted that Buckinghamshire County Council has been working on a proposal for a cycle route along their section of the A4 between Maidenhead Bridge and the boundary with Slough Borough. They have been successful in securing funding through the Thames Valley Buckinghamshire LEP, subject to preparation of a satisfactory business case. They are looking to progress their scheme in a similar time frame to the Maidenhead and Slough sections. They intend to consult on proposed designs over the summer.
- 2.11 The three local authorities are meeting regularly to discuss scheme development. It has been agreed that once complete, the scheme will be promoted jointly across the three local authorities.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 It is recommended that members of the Cycle Forum note progress with the scheme.**

APPENDIX 1: SCHEME DRAWING