

Cycling Strategy: Horton & Wraysbury

1. Description of the Area

The parishes of Horton and Wraysbury are located at the eastern end of the Royal Borough on the north side of the River Thames. They include the villages of Horton, Wraysbury and Hythe End. The area has two rail stations – Sunnymeads and Wraysbury - which lie on the Windsor to London Waterloo railway line.

2. Local Destinations

The following have been identified as the main cycling destinations within the local area:

Community:

- Wraysbury Club
- Wraysbury Container Library
- Wraysbury Village Halls

Education:

- Wraysbury Primary School

Employment:

- Horton Trading Estate / Horton Depot
- Wraysbury Village Centre

Leisure:

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Shopping:

- Wraysbury Village Centre

Transport:

- Sunnymeads Station
- Wraysbury Station

Cross-boundary links are important for these communities – Slough and Langley lie to the north, Heathrow Airport to the east and Staines-Upon-Thames lies immediately to the south. These are important destinations for commuting, education and shopping trips. Links to Windsor are also considered to be important.

3. Existing Cycling Activity

[Strava Heat Maps](#) provide some indication as to cycling levels in other parts of the parish, but the data must be treated with a degree of caution, since the Strava smartphone apps tends to be used by sports cyclists rather than utility cyclists. Therefore, the results are not necessarily representative of everyday cycling activity.

Notwithstanding these caveats, the heat maps show that there are a number of routes that are currently well-used by cyclists, including:

- B376 Welley Road / Staines Road / Wraysbury Road

- Coppermill Road
- Datchet Road
- High Street
- Horton Road
- Stanwell Road
- Station Road

4. Existing Cycling Infrastructure

There are no sections of the National Cycle Network that pass through the area.

There is a cycle track that runs along the eastern edge of Horton Road for nearly 1km.

Horton Bridleway 4 runs parallel to Horton Road between Drift Way in Colnbrook and Foundry Lane in Horton.

Public cycle parking has been provided at the following locations:

- Wraysbury Station
- Wraysbury Village Halls

Horton village centre is traffic calmed with speed cushions and full-width humps and is subject to a 30 mph speed limit.

Wraysbury village centre is traffic calmed with speed cushions and full-width humps and is subject to a 20 mph speed limit.

5. Key Issues

The following issues have been identified from a desktop audit, site visits and previous correspondence:

- Cycle links within the area and to adjacent areas are poor.
- None of the destinations identified in Section 2 are served by the current cycle route network.
- There is no direct cycle link to Windsor.
- There is no direct cycle link to Staines-upon-Thames, although Surrey has constructed a route up to the Borough boundary, with on-carriageway cycle lanes on either side of the B376 Wraysbury Road.
- A lack of available highway land is a key constraint to providing more cycle routes.
- Flooding is a key issue that restricts the construction that can be used in some places.
- Many of the destinations listed in Section 2 do not have cycle parking.

6. Road Safety

The following cyclist casualties have been recorded in the area during the five years 2009 - 2013:

- Zero fatal
- Zero serious
- Three slight casualties.

There are no locations with more than one incident.

Wraysbury Primary School currently takes part in the borough's Bikeability training programme.

7. Action Plan

A number of potential actions have been identified to respond to the issues identified in the audit. These will be consulted upon internally and with key stakeholders including ward members, parish councils, the neighbourhood plan group, the cycle forum, and neighbouring local authorities.

Action	Responsibility
1. Install cycle parking in Wraysbury Village Centre	Transport Policy
2. Construct a new cycle route along the east side of the B376 Staines Road between Wraysbury village boundary and Hythe End village boundary.	Transport Policy
3. Investigate whether a new cycle route can be constructed between the Hythe End roundabout and the borough boundary with Surrey.	Transport Policy