

Potential shared cycleway and footway provision on Burley Road, Oakham, Rutland

Frequently asked questions – June 2021

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Why are we doing this?

- In 2020 the Department for Transport (DfT) announced a new grant called the 'Emergency Active Travel Fund – tranche 2'.
- RCC have been successful in securing just over £36,000 through this fund.
- The objective of the fund is to help local authorities provide safer walking and cycling provisions, whilst in the short term helping to provide alternative means of travel to the bus, during the Covid 19 pandemic. In the longer term, it is hoped that providing such infrastructure will help encourage more sustainable and active modes of travel – helping to reduce our impact on the environment.

How was this route chosen?

- Our grant bid response (to question 4 of the grant) outlines the method used to identify the proposed potential route along Burley Road, Oakham. Our bid response is available on the [Transport Strategy section of our website](#).
- In summary, the Burley Road scheme was selected ahead of other schemes through a prioritisation process as follows:
 - Stage 1 – screening: potential routes were checked to ensure they could meet the grant requirements.
 - Stage 2 – scoring: Points were allocated to potential routes for meeting various criteria, such as access to education, services and employment.

- Stage 3 - Sense checks: From stage two, the top 5 routes were sense checked and further prioritised by considering:
 - Cycling and walking potential (using data where available),
 - Whether the route offers a useful route, ideally linking with existing parts of the network to enhance connectivity
 - The cost and time required to deliver the scheme.

How will feedback be taken into consideration?

- All feedback received will be compiled and reviewed, alongside findings from the wider Future Rutland Conversation.
- A short summary report will then be prepared and circulated to members of the Council's Highway and Transport Working Group for their consideration.
- The report, along with the decision outcome will also be uploaded to the [Transport Strategy section of our website](#).

When will the scheme be constructed?

- If the scheme is approved, construction will take place by 31st March 2022.

How much is the scheme going to cost and who is going to pay for it?

- The exact cost can't be confirmed until after the detailed designs are produced. Detailed designs won't be produced unless the scheme is approved – with a decision not being made until after the public consultation.
- The current estimated scheme cost is £50, 000.
- Of this £36,000 will be provided by the Department for Transport (DfT) using the Emergency Active Travel Fund – Tranche 2 allocation, with any shortfall made up by Rutland County Council (if the route is approved).
- If the scheme is approved, any shortfall will come from RCC's Integrated Transport Capital Funding pot – an allocation we receive from the DfT to deliver road safety and integrated transport schemes.
- The decision making process regarding use of the Integrated Transport Capital Funding is outlined in report number 25/2021 which went to [Cabinet on 16 February 2021](#).

What about other routes?

- During late 2021 we will be working on our Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP). Our LCWIP will identify the existing gaps in our walking and cycling network and set out a mechanism for prioritising potential new routes – should funding become available.

- A significant amount of background work has already taken place to identify gaps in our network, however, we would welcome your input. As such, later in the year we will be holding a further engagement opportunity to find out where you think there are gaps.

How is consultation taking place?

A separate Consultation and Communication Plan has been prepared for this scheme and can be found on the [Transport Strategy section of our website](#). This plan outlines in detail who we are consulting and how.