

Following on from previous communications, please see below a progress update on the Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils active travel consultation, and how information obtained through this consultation is being used.

The engagement of the consultation was very successful, with a total of 1881 responses (a mixture of 'comments' and 'agreements') received.

All of these contributions have now been reviewed, and below is a summary breakdown of the gathered information and what has been done to date with this information:

- 16 comments relating to other districts, which have been passed on to other relevant local authorities.
- 11 suggestions of locations for a Quiet Lane initiative, which have been passed on to Quiet Lanes Suffolk.
- 12 comments requesting more cycle parking in particular locations, which have been passed on to Suffolk County Council for consideration for investment.
- 18 comments relating to existing infrastructure (cycle paths or pavements) that require maintenance to improve accessibility and useability.
- 19 comments relating to the cycling and walking infrastructure provision of ongoing or upcoming developments, which have been passed on for the attention of the Planning Team and Travel Plan process.
- 41 comments giving general feedback, thoughts or suggestions regarding cycling and walking across the districts – not location specific, but some useful insights that will help with the narrative of the Active Travel vision.
- 64 comments relating to the state or condition of the road network – including reports about potholes, road surface issues, suggestions about highway signage or speed limits. These have been passed on to Suffolk highways.
- 101 comments relating to improvements needed on the existing Public Rights of Way network – including better signage, clearer designation or mapping, clearing vegetation growth or removing/fixing stiles, which will be passed on to the Rights of Way team at Suffolk County Council.

475 comments were received relating to the need to improve or provide new infrastructure in a particular place in order to improve the safety of Cycling or Walking. This is the kind of information that will help develop the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP). These comments have been translated/geographically condensed into approximately 250 schemes for inclusion in the LCWIP. These potential LCWIP schemes are now being prioritised, using a 'scoring matrix' which assesses the schemes against criteria including deliverability, effectiveness, policy objectives and economic factors. This process will produce a prioritised list of schemes for the LCWIP, a draft of which should be available by the end of November.

If you have any further questions or queries regarding the LCWIP development, please don't hesitate to contact Katherine Davies (Tel: 01449 724659; Mob: 07707 301655; email: Katherine.davies@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk).