

LCWIP Working Group Minutes

Wednesday 5th October 2022 at 9am on Microsoft Teams

Present: Adrian Berendt, Cllr Julian Saunders, Cllr Eddie Thomas, Oliver Dann, Alastair Gould, Adrian Oliver, Miranda Palmer, Tim Stonor, Christopher Wright

In attendance: Louise Bareham (Town Clerk)

1) Apologies for Absence

An Apology for absence was received from Cllr Alison Reynolds.

2) Declarations of Interest

None

3) Minutes of the Meeting 6th April 2022

The minutes of 6th April 2022 were approved.

4) Matters Arising

Cllr Saunders reported he had confirmed with Miranda Palmer that KCC members were on the JTB and were able to accept the LCWIP.

5) FTC Survey on Active Travel Interventions

Adrian Berendt reported that approximately 100 responses had been received.

Additional comments had been made about Quay Lane and Brogdale Road/Watling Street junction.

There were two recommendations:

- 1) Add crossing points at Quay Lane and at the bottom of Brogdale Road
- 2) Address Railway level crossing severance

It was agreed to add these 2 issues to the LCWIP following consultation between Adrian Berendt and Adrian Oliver.

It was agreed to raise concerns about the development of new junctions for new housing developments under S278 Agreements of the Highways Act 1980.

6) Queen Elizabeth School Travel Survey

Adrian Berendt summarized the findings of the survey. The report was noted. Members agreed to approach Abbey School to carry out a similar survey.

7) Incorporation of Critical Junctions report findings into LCWIP

Adrian Berendt confirmed he had incorporated all the critical junctions into the LCWIP.

Miranda Palmer advised she would share the list of Critical Junctions with the Highways team to ensure the engineers would see it.

8) Stage 2 Report for Towns to Parishes Project

The group considered the report and, approved the recommendations and next steps outlined in the report.

In addition to earlier recommendations, two additional suggestions were:

- 1) Encourage KCC to reduce the speed limit on all rural lanes.
- 2) Consider re-opening the Quiet Lanes project from a decade ago, to see whether it would be possible to reduce fast rat-running through some of the lanes, maybe signing some as 'access only for motor vehicles'

Both suggestions could make the lanes more suitable for cycling (and walking / horse-riding) in a cost-effective way.

The main recommendation from Stage 2 is to concentrate efforts in stages 3 and 4 for cycle routes on 3 places:

- 1) Graveney /Goodnestone, where there seems to be a real possibility of the Solar Way being built and, thereby, enhancing NCN 1
- 2) Boughton, relatively close to Faversham on a strategically important cycle route to Canterbury which seems deliverable
- 3) Teynham, for similar reasons (close, deliverable, on the way to Sittingbourne)

9) Date of Next Meeting

A meeting date at the beginning of December would be confirmed.