

TO: SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DATE: 9 December 2013

SUBJECT: Swale Cycling Strategy

BY: KCC Head of Transportation and Development

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: A report discussing the consultation on the draft Swale Cycling Strategy

Decision Required: Subject to the views of Members, it is recommended that further work is undertaken on the suggestions put forward during the consultation with a view to adding these to the Swale Cycling Strategy

Introduction

Members may recall that at the meeting in June the Board approved the draft Swale Cycling Strategy for consultation.

Discussion

The consultation was undertaken by means of a link from the cycling pages of the KCC website, and a flyer to councillors and community groups.

The response has been quite subdued, but 10 responses have been received: 3 from organisations and 7 from individuals.

Comments received were as follows:

Question		
Are you broadly in support of the policies?	Yes 8	No 1
If No, please state why	5 comments that Sheppey is poorly served by cycle routes, 1 comment that the policies are too limited	
Do you broadly agree with the route proposals?	Yes 5	No 4
Additional comments	Only caters for new developments 3 comments that more routes needed on Sheppey No routes proposed from Newington Faversham Recreation ground should be preserved from all vehicles	
Which routes would be your priorities?	The Meads to Grove Park and London Road Sittingbourne Recreation Ground Laburnum Place to London Road and Station Lansdown Road to Great Easthall Bysingwood School to Hazebrouck Road Lomas Road to Swale Way bridge over Milton Creek	

Suggestions for new routes	Gore Court Road, High Street, Homewood Ave, Borden Lane, Chalkwell Road, routes to secondary schools Sheerness / Bluetown / Queenborough Minster Lees to Eastchurch and Leysdown Reopen the Sheppey Light Railway line as a cycle route	
Is there adequate secure parking?	Yes 3	No 6
Suggested locations	Isle of Sheppey Faversham Town Centre	
Additional comments	Should be a long term strategy to develop new routes each year and make them mobility scooter accessible. No routes proposed for Sheppey, yet we pay taxes too. Coaching and training to be offered to people from school age upwards Not sufficient link ups with villages shown, so no safe routes to the routes proposed. Would be helpful if footpath reference numbers were shown on the drawings.	

Recommendation

It is recommended that further work is undertaken on the suggestions put forward with a view to adding those that are feasible to the strategy.

Financial Implications

It is intended that the Strategy would feed into proposed developments and that the measures within it will either be provided direct by developers or by contributions to the transportation element of the Community Infrastructure Levy.

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