

Matters Arising – Appendix 1

SHEPPEY AREA COMMITTEE

Subject	Active Travel Update
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Thank you to everyone who has continued to provide input and support for active travel on Sheppey.

The Sheppey Active Travel Fund Tranche 4 proposals were submitted to Kent County Council, competing with 87 other schemes. The Sheppey proposals made the initial cut to a Medium List, but unfortunately didn't make the Short List.

Active Travel Fund Tranche 4 was finally officially announced on Sunday 5th February, some five months later than expected and very different from the funding previewed in July 2022. Tranche 4 is no longer a £470m capital and £250m revenue multi-year fund, but a one year £200m construction fund. At this point, Swale Borough Council still has one bid in the process.

On 8th February, we received confirmation that Swale Borough Council has been awarded £40,000 from the Active Travel Capability Fund 2022/23. £15,000 of which is specified to "assist with the Scheme Planning and Design of Sheerness – Minster area improvements".

This funding is considered to be early feasibility stage design of schemes, to the point of bidding for capital funds, including early plans sufficient for bid stage assurance against Active Travel England design tools. This project will be commissioned as soon as possible to ensure that we have the evidence for the next tranche of Active Travel Funding.