

CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

Council Meeting 5th October 2021

Eastgate Active Travel Scheme

Dear Councillors,

In summer 2020, following the announcement of Government funding available for temporary **Active Travel Schemes**, Councillors and communities were asked to make suggestions for projects in their area. The funding specified that projects had to be on road and offer high standards of cycling and walking provision for cyclists and pedestrians. Proposed changes to roads to make them more pedestrian and/or cycle friendly included one-way systems, cycle lanes and modal filters. Modal filters prioritise those walking or cycling and in some cases taking the bus whilst preventing private motor vehicles travelling through certain points on local roads. A number of schemes were implemented as part of the first tranche of funding over late summer/autumn 2020.

We are now looking at implementing further experimental and time-limited Active Travel schemes as part of ‘tranche 2’. However, we recognise that the initial ideas were now put forward around a year ago and views may have changed, new Councillors have been elected and the level of interest in these interventions may now differ. As such, we are getting in touch with Councillors and Town/Parish Councils to request feedback – are the proposed changes something you would support and see a need for in your area? Do you see the proposal as a temporary measure or is it a change you would like to see made permanent at some point in the future. Is there still a need, now that private motor traffic levels have risen and are now estimated to be 70% of pre-pandemic levels? **We are looking to you to provide a steer on these proposals by the end of September 2021.**

Some Active Travel ‘tranche 2’ proposals are the subject of a survey-based consultation which will continue through to 15 September 2021, about which Councillors have been previously contacted. (The above proposals are generally schemes where we would anticipate more of an impact on traffic flow e.g. modal filters on roads in cities.) We would also welcome your feedback on these ideas, however, the reason for this message today is to specifically enquire about the smaller scale projects proposed in your area.

We would also like to offer a technical drawing of the proposal in your area for your review and feedback. Please find attached.

At this point, we would like to make it clear that funding limitations mean that not all proposals – whether part of the survey or not – will be taken forward. Similarly, there are still scheme proposals being worked up by our technical consultants in certain areas e.g. Ely, St Neots, Wisbech where we are looking to pursue separate conversations with members prior to consultation and engagement.

Timescales

For clarity, the timescales for Active Travel Fund programme is outlined below:

From Summer

Engagement with Councillors including briefings and start of non-statutory consultation via survey

Minor projects move forward with localised engagement including liaison with the relevant local Councillors over the next 9 months

Autumn County Council Highways and Transport Chair and Vice Chair in liaison with the Highways Director (who have been delegated decision making on this subject) consider the range of feedback and choose which proposals to take forward within budget limitations

Early Winter Creation of Traffic Regulation Orders and associated statutory consultation takes place

Late Winter 2022 Temporary/Experimental schemes put in place. In the case of ETROs, statutory consultation takes place whilst changes are in place in order to allow for changes to the Order from ongoing feedback

Summer 2024 Expiry of 18 month long Traffic Orders

If you have any questions about the Active Travel Schemes, please do get in touch via transport.delivery@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

Kind regards,

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