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Council launches public consultation on a Buckinghamshire-wide Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan

Buckinghamshire Council is pleased to announce the launch of a public consultation on its proposed Buckinghamshire Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP). This ambitious plan aims to identify priorities for enhancing and expanding cycling, walking and wheeling networks across Buckinghamshire, with the overall aim of providing increased transport choices, promoting healthier lifestyles, reducing traffic congestion, and contributing to environmental sustainability.

The council has already developed local LCWIPs for Aylesbury Garden Town, Buckingham, and High Wycombe, with each recommending ways to improve walking, cycling and wheeling infrastructure in those towns. However, there is currently no comprehensive LCWIP that covers the whole Buckinghamshire Council area.

The Buckinghamshire LCWIP aims to address this by identifying key priorities for new or improved infrastructure that will connect towns and villages, making cycling, wheeling and walking safer, more accessible, and more convenient for residents and visitors alike. The council is now seeking feedback from the public to ensure that the plan meets the needs and expectations of the community.

We are committed to creating a more sustainable and connected Buckinghamshire. Working with partners, we have delivered several new walking, cycling and wheeling projects in recent years. The Buckinghamshire LCWIP will help us to continue to do this, setting out a network-based plan for providing high-quality infrastructure that encourages more people to choose walking, cycling and wheeling for their everyday journeys.

"The LCWIP has so far been shaped by engagement with Councillors and Community Boards, which has helped to us to identify where new and improved infrastructure may be most needed. However, we value the input of our residents, visitors and stakeholders in shaping this plan. Your feedback will help us identify priority areas, understand local needs and deliver improvements that make a real difference to our communities.

"The delivery of improvements will require us to secure external funding. The Buckinghamshire LCWIP will support applications for funding, guide future investment and help to develop schemes that will all be subject to further development and public consultation as they are taken forward and as funding becomes available.

Key objectives of the Buckinghamshire LCWIP:

- Improving the attractiveness of walking, cycling and wheeling, with a network that links key destinations such as schools, workplaces, shops, public transport and leisure facilities.
- Giving people alternative options for travel other than by car.
- Responding to climate change and tackling emissions.
- Promoting health and wellbeing and access for all, accommodating future growth supporting local economies.

The council invites all residents, businesses, and community groups to participate in the consultation process, which will run from 2 September to 13 October 2024.

The consultation, including the printable survey and address for posting it, are available via [buckinghamshire.gov.uk/LCWIP](https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/LCWIP)

A series of in-person events will be held to discuss the LCWIP and answer questions. Details of these events can be found on the consultation webpage.

Following the consultation period, all feedback will be carefully reviewed and incorporated into the final Buckinghamshire LCWIP. The finalised plan will guide future investments and developments in walking, cycling and wheeling infrastructure across Buckinghamshire.

For further details about the LCWIP consultation or to request alternative formats of the consultation materials, please email: transportstrategy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Don't get stuck in a jam! – Remember to check before you travel

Motorists in Buckinghamshire are being advised to take some simple but important steps before they travel in the county over coming weeks and months, and to check road and traffic updates to avoid getting stuck in a jam.

An unprecedented rise in required roadworks and other works involving external companies is affecting large sections of the county's roads network at the present time. This means that the potential for queues and slow-moving traffic is greatly increased.

Buckinghamshire Council is investing more than £110m in the highway network across the county with a large programme of improvement and repair works ongoing. Alongside this, other roadworks and disruption is being caused by a growing number of works being carried out by external companies. While the council can control the timing of some roadworks, it is not always possible to plan every piece of work. Utility companies often need to repair faults or carry out upgrades to pipes and cables. Some of this work needs to be carried out at very short notice. The council is not able to stop this work and instead aims to liaise with the companies involved to attempt to minimise disruption where possible. Other external projects such as HS2 and East West Rail are also causing disruption across the network.

To help drivers reduce their chance of getting caught in a traffic jam, the council is reminding people of some quick and easy ways to check ahead before they travel.

- Get live traffic updates – use the <https://one.network/> website which shows current and planned future works. You can also sign to receive alerts.
- Use your satnav – even if it is a journey you regularly make, satnavs will usually pick up on congestion and traffic issues, allowing you to adapt your route.
- Consider other travel options such as walking or cycling. Even if just for part of your journey.
- Follow us on social media for up-to-date information on emergency works or unexpected road closures and diversions – Facebook – Buckinghamshire Highways, X - @bucks_highways

We know there are a lot of roadworks taking place across the county at the moment and at times all of us will be frustrated by more traffic, longer journey times and diversions. If we can help it, we don't want people to get stuck in traffic jams unnecessarily and so we are suggesting some simple actions they can take to make their journey easier.

Council inspectors are out and about seven days a week ensuring that companies carrying out works are completing them to schedule and not breaking the terms of their permit. A record number of enforcement notices and fines have been issued for roadworks that have been non-permitted and/or run over time.

For more information about planned roadworks and closures across the county, visit the website: www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/check-before-you-travel

For Bucks Sake! Don't litter in Buckinghamshire

Buckinghamshire Council adopts new county-wide Local Heritage List

Buckinghamshire Council has adopted 1,466 new heritage assets onto its county-wide heritage list. The council has developed a Local Heritage List to protect some of the most important sites in the county that contribute to the character and heritage of Buckinghamshire.

There have been more than 3,440 nominations from members of the public for inclusion on the list, which resulted in a team of volunteers working alongside the council's staff helping to assess sites and enrich records. In January 2023, 771 sites were brought forward for adoption in Phase 1. A further 1,466 sites have been added, bringing the total number of locally listed assets to 2,237.

The Local Heritage List identifies locally significant heritage sites and celebrates their contribution to local identity and character. These sites include historic buildings (houses, chapels, agricultural and industrial

buildings), archaeological sites (upstanding earthwork remains and buried sites), formal gardens, public open spaces, public works of art, monuments, and street furniture.

This is different to statutory listing and designations (e.g., Grade I, II and II* Listed Buildings, Scheduled Monuments, and Registered Parks and Gardens), which are assessed nationally by Historic England.

Some of the sites going forward for adoption in the Local Heritage List are:

- [Amersham Railway Station and platforms](#)
- [Benjamin North & Sons former furniture factory, Piddington](#)
- [Oakley Airfield bomb storage area](#)
- [Hedsor House, Hedsor](#)
- [Mushroom Tree Shelter, East Claydon](#)
- [Rawlings Dell Borehole](#)
- [Ludwig Guttman statue \(founder of Paralympic Games\)](#)
- [Anul gana miku uchi murugan kovil temple](#)

We are very pleased that we've been able to progress our Local Heritage List and adopt a further 1,466 sites.

This is thanks to the hard work of our Heritage & Archaeology Team and the many volunteers who have worked, who have collated and assessed the hundreds of sites nominated by local communities.

The Local Heritage List will help us protect local heritage assets for future generations to enjoy. For instance, assets on this list will be recognised and considered in any future planning applications."

To view a list of nominated sites, please visit the [Buckinghamshire Local Heritage List website](#)

- Total nominations assessed to date = 2,670. Of this number, 1,466 are 'candidate ready' for adoption. Of the 1,466 ready for adoption, 1,363 are buildings, 1 parks and gardens, 76 landmarks/art, 26 other/archaeological.
- In March 2021, Buckinghamshire Council was one of 22 Local Planning Authorities awarded a grant of £70k from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.

The council have also ran a series of online and in-person [talks and events](#) and working parties with volunteers, including Cultural Heritage Students from the Royal Agricultural University and the Young Archaeologist's Club. So far, they have engaged with over 40 groups and organisations, including 17 parish councils and other stakeholders, such as Transport for London, the Canals & Rivers Trust and the Chilterns Conservation Board

