

## **New Forest DC LCWIP Project Plan:**

The LCWIP will use the six stage process outlined within Department for Transport (DfT) guidance, as follows.

1. **Determining Scope** - Establish the geographical extent of the LCWIP.
  - Inception meeting to include discussion on the geographic extent and key geographic focus of the project; i.e. focus on rural and semi-rural environment or towns/links between towns. Understand NFDC and NFNPA ambitions for the final document.
  - Consideration of walking and cycling within towns/zones/countryside, including access/interchange with public transport, incl. seasonal services between e.g. Brockenhurst rail station and National Park
  - Governance and delivery arrangements to be discussed at the Inception stage; proportionate to the scale and complexity of the LCWIP, with consideration given to the level of cross-boundary liaison required.
  - Agreement on stakeholders to be involved.
  - Agreement on draft programme
  
2. **Gathering Information** - Identify existing patterns of walking and cycling and potential new journeys. Review existing conditions and identify barriers to cycling and walking.
  - Desktop exercise to include:
    - Review of current strategies and local policies with which the LCWIP should align including any forthcoming updates;
    - Gathering information on existing network and trips plans/update,
    - Input from NFDC to identify key trip attractors, local plan allocations etc.
  - Agree methodologies for next stages
  - Share a summary of this information with stakeholders ahead of stage 3
  
3. **Network Planning for Cycling** - Identify origin and destination points and cycle flows including desire lines. Audit existing provision identifying barriers and determine the type of improvements required. Convert flows into a network of routes and determine the type of improvements required. Key aim of this stage is to establish preferred cycle routes and improvements. Reference to latest Government guidance in preparing plan.
  
4. **Network Planning for Walking** - Identify key trip generators, including origin and destination points, core walking zones and routes. Audit existing provision, identifying barriers and determining the type of improvements required.

### For 3 and 4.

- HCC to run the Stakeholder workshops, likely to be online, with assistance from Sustrans, NFDC and NFNPA.
  - The workshops should take a 'blank sheet' mapping approach to network planning, to gain a better understanding of the area, and to ensure that all key trip attractors are included, with identification of the major barriers to walking and cycling. Existing networks would not be presented at this stage to ensure all ideas are captured.
  - Stakeholders will play a key role in the workshops
  - Production of network maps, including links with existing network, and highlighting primary and secondary routes, will be identified for audit and shared with key stakeholders for comment
  - On-site route audits will be undertaken for cycling routes and walking zones. This will produce high-level recommendations for further investigation/identification of funding opportunities.
5. **Prioritising Improvements** - prioritise improvements for both walking and cycling to develop a phased programme for future investment.
- Utilise the DfT prioritisation methodology together with the existing HCC LCWIPs to prioritise improvements and assign high level cost estimates.
  - Assessment using Active Mode Appraisal Tool if/as required.
  - Stakeholder agreement to Priority List.
6. **Integration and Application** - Integrate the Delivery Plan into local planning and transport policies and strategies. This stage to be discussed in more detail at the Inception meeting.

The LCWIP output will include a written report detailing the following:

- Potential for walking and cycling using key data sets and sources;
- Methodologies;
- Examples of best practice;
- Mapping of identified routes including key locations and trip attractors;
- Audit of each route with location specific suggestions for future investigation;
- Prioritised list of potential schemes/approach for identified routes;
- Preparation of high-level costs for implementation
- Identification of potential funding sources

**Indicative Project Programme below**

DfT LCWIP Stage	Activity/Event	Date	Activity Details
Determining Scope	Officer Meeting	Dec 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Officer workshop to discuss governance and stakeholder roles in the LCWIP</li> </ul>
	Inception meeting	Dec 2020-Jan 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessment of propensity for walking and cycling</li> <li>Methodologies prepared for discussion with Stakeholders</li> <li>Short publication for stakeholders setting out findings and approach to share ahead of workshops</li> </ul>
	Scoping and background information		
Gathering Information	Defining areas and gathering Information		
	Stakeholder engagement Stage 1		
Network Planning	Network planning and defining routes Stakeholder engagement – user groups (workshop)	Feb-May 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Workshop session 1 - prior to purdah period</li> <li>Initial mapping of routes</li> <li>Feedback session 1(dependent on purdah period)</li> <li>Defined network mapping for audits - including key walking zones</li> <li>Cycle network map</li> <li>Walking network map</li> <li>NFDC to review before progressing to next stage</li> </ul>
	Survey of potential routes		
	Auditing of existing and proposed routes	May/June 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Audits and write up of each route with recommendations</li> </ul>
Prioritising Improvements	Prioritising improvements	Summer 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HCC is developing a methodology for prioritising improvements, taking into account a number of factors including funding opportunities.</li> <li>HCC to explain the methodology and discuss how priorities were arrived at with NFDC/NFNPA. These will be reviewed following feedback from consultation.</li> <li>Tables outlining the cycling and walking infrastructure programme, including proposed intervention, priority &amp; high level cost</li> <li>Map of proposed interventions</li> </ul>
	Issuing of “consultation ready” reports		
Integration/ Application	Public Consultation	Early Autumn 2021	Additional amendments to be made to the document before issuing final version
	Adoption	End 2021	Consideration to be given to adoption of the document by HCC and NFDC.

