

## BOROUGH OF KETTERING

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<b>Wards Affected</b>	Barton Seagrave, Burton Latimer, Desborough Loatland, Desborough St. Giles, Rothwell	12 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	
<b>Title</b>	<b>CYCLING FACILITIES</b>		

### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide an update for the forum, following its discussion at the last meeting on the subject of cycle routes provision.

### 2. INFORMATION

2.1 At the last meeting, some members expressed concern that there was a disconnect between the strategy and the implementation in respect of new cycle route provision.

2.2 The newly adopted North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy sets out the outcomes necessary to deliver sustainable growth to the area. One such outcome is to create 'More Walkable Places and an Excellent Choice of Ways to Travel.' To help achieve this, various policies are contained within the Joint Core Strategy, and links are made with the Northamptonshire Local Transport Plan. The specific Joint Core Strategy policies are:

- Policy 1 – Presumption in favour of Sustainable Development
- Policy 8 – North Northamptonshire Place Shaping Principles
- Policy 15 – Well Connected Towns, Villages and Neighbourhoods
- Policy 16 – Connecting the Network of Settlements
- Policy 19 – The Delivery of Green Infrastructure

The link to that document:

<http://www.njpu.org.uk/publications/docdetail.asp?docid=1573>

2.3 In addition to the policies above, supporting the Joint Core Strategy is a piece of work entitled the Urban Structure Study. This recognises disconnected areas of our settlements and provides a focus to remove blockages and barriers to sustainable movement by improving connectivity between existing and new neighbourhoods, including encouraging more walking and cycling. Town and Parish Councils are encouraged to make representations to help shape emerging planning policy, the next Plan being the Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan.

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- 2.4 The Council has also agreed a Cycling Strategy and Masterplan to help increase cycling in the Borough. This was originally agreed in 2005, the 2005 Cycling Strategy, and Rural Plan Master Plan and is provided here:-

[http://www.kettering.gov.uk/downloads/file/1451/kettering\\_borough\\_cycling\\_strategy](http://www.kettering.gov.uk/downloads/file/1451/kettering_borough_cycling_strategy)

[http://www.kettering.gov.uk/downloads/file/1452/kettering\\_borough\\_cycling\\_strategy\\_-\\_rural\\_masterplan](http://www.kettering.gov.uk/downloads/file/1452/kettering_borough_cycling_strategy_-_rural_masterplan)

The Council and its partners also produced a Cycle Map in 2011, a link to that is provided below:

<http://www.kettering.gov.uk/info/200123/cycling/720/cycling>

Northamptonshire County Council, as Highways Authority, is consulted on planning applications and together we often seek improvements to those schemes and/or contributions towards off-site works. An example of this can be provided through the on-going development by Redrow Homes at Polwell Lane, Barton Seagrave. There have been some issues with the original pathway installed some time ago, Redrow Homes will be rectifying these issues, using Kettering Borough Council's land under licence. Both Northamptonshire County and Kettering Borough Councils will continue to consider how they can improve and encourage cycling through development, and improve connectivity in general throughout the Borough's settlements.

### **3. RECOMMENDATION**

That the forum notes the update on cycle route provision in the borough

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#### Background Papers:

None