

NCC-047707-20 Retford Cycling consultations and infrastructure

Dear Requester,

Further to your request for information under The Freedom of Information Act, please see below.

Individual schemes are consulted on as part of the scheme development process but there have been no cycling schemes implemented in Retford during the last five years.

Whenever possible the Council engages with stakeholders prior to submitting external funding applications for improvements but this is dependent on the time given to submit the bids. When such engagement is not possible before the bid submission stakeholders are given the opportunity to comment on the proposals as part of the scheme development. During the last five years one scheme in the Retford area has been included in an external funding bid, Randall Way, Retford which was included in the Active Travel Fund Tranche 2 bid proposals submitted to the DfT in August 2020. The timescales for submission of the bid did not allow for consultation with stakeholders prior to its submission but those schemes included within the Bid were selected from routes identified in the draft D2N2 LCWIP (which has been consulted on – see below). The Bid also stated that consultation would be undertaken with stakeholders as part of the scheme development; and [the consultation plan for the Active Travel Fund Tranche 2 proposals](#) has been published on the County Council's website.

Audits of existing cycling routes in the county are undertaken as part of wider programme development when funding permits (i.e. when external funding can be secured for such programmes). Audits of the existing cycling facilities in Retford and Worksop were undertaken during 2019 as part of the development of the [Travel Choice programme planned for delivery in Bassetlaw](#) (much of which has been delayed due to Covid-19). The outcomes from the audits informed the [Retford cycling map](#) which details the cycle routes in Retford and is available on the County Council's website.

Cycleways are included as part of the routine highway inspection regime for the whole county. The frequency of these inspections is dependent upon the hierarchy of the carriageway or footway upon which the cycleway is located. The hierarchies themselves are designated based upon the level of use, commercial, retail and residential properties and the proximity of key services such as schools, health centres, emergency services etc. Information on these frequencies and the methods involved can be found in the County Council's Highway Inspection & Risk manual:

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/media/1729316/highwayinspectionriskmanual.pdf>

Along with the identification of safety defects on the highway network, highway inspectors also identify locations where resurfacing works should be considered, and these are included on a 'candidate list' of sites for potential inclusion in future capital maintenance or structural patching programmes. Please email contactus@viaem.co.uk if you would like details of the condition of any specific cycle routes or to find out if they are included on a 'candidate list'.

The County Council has recently determined its [priorities for future investment in cycling](#) and further work is now underway to identify the specific routes that will be prioritised for potential future investment. This work includes the development of a D2N2 wide Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP); and more detailed technical analysis of routes in Nottinghamshire.

Working in partnership with Derby city, Derbyshire, and Nottingham city councils the D2N2 wide LCWIP is being developed to help identify and prioritise a strategic cycling network across the D2N2 area. During the development of the LCWIP, three consultation events were held with stakeholders (including representatives from Bassetlaw) to engage with professional, political, and user-group representatives to add their local knowledge, advice and scrutiny into the LCWIP. A more local detailed technical tool to help identify, evaluate and prioritise potential cycle route improvements, across the whole of Nottinghamshire, in a consistent way is also being developed by the County Council. Once these two pieces of work are complete, County Council members will consider the findings at a future Communities & Place Committee; and Committee's subsequent recommendations will determine which of, how, and when, such networks or individual improvements will be consulted on in the future.

We trust this now resolves your enquiry. Where we have not been able to provide details we expect that this information is not held by Nottinghamshire county Council at this time.

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<http://site.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/thecouncil/democracy/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/>

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Kind Regards
Complaints and Information Team
Nottinghamshire County Council
County Hall

Dear FOIA team,

Please could you provide me with information and statistics collected from Retford residents, or surveys carried out by NCC or its sub contractors or consultants with regards to the state, suitability, quality, connectivity, quality, safety, and opinions of cycling infrastructure in Retford and the surrounding area (e.g. the next villages within 5 miles).

If this information is available elsewhere, please accept my apologies, and please could you kindly point me to where I can find this information, as I have not been able to locate it.