



Tandridge Cycle Network

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KEY ISSUE:

To inform the Committee of progress by the Tandridge Cycle Network Task Group, set up recently to develop opportunities for cycling in Tandridge, coordinate the implementation of schemes and monitor the success of new schemes against Local Transport Plan (LTP) objectives.

SUMMARY:

This report outlines a strategy for the development of cycling in Tandridge and proposes a programme for implementation over the next 12 months.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee is asked to agree:

- (i) The strategy for implementation of a cycle network in Tandridge.
- (ii) That the Task Group be delegated responsibility for the ongoing development of proposed priorities and monitoring of the strategy.
- (iii) That the Task Group provide regular reports on progress to the Local Committee.

INTRODUCTION and BACKGROUND

1. Surrey County Council's current LTP stated that an additional 1,000 km of cycle route should be created by 2005. In order to meet this target, it was recommended that Districts develop plans for local cycle networks. Initial feedback suggests that this target will not be met across Surrey.
2. Local Transport Plan 2 (LTP2) is currently being developed in consultation with residents and stakeholder groups. This document will provide a strategic framework for Surrey County Council's Local Transportation Services over the next 5 years. The main aims of LTP2 are:
 - To tackle congestion,
 - To improve air quality,
 - To improve road safety, and
 - Increase accessibility.
3. Tandridge Local Transportation Service is responsible for developing a bid, which will show how LTP2 targets are to be implemented. This plan should identify how facilities for cyclists and opportunities to cycle safely in Tandridge will be progressed over the 5-year period covered by LTP2.
4. In September 2004, a Member/Officer Task Group was convened to progress opportunities for cycling in Tandridge, coordinate the implementation of schemes and monitor the success of new schemes against LTP objectives.

ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY

5. The Task Group proposed the following strategy for developing cycling in Tandridge over the next five years:
 - Increase the provision of cycle parking at stations, town centres, community facilities, and schools.
 - Develop, implement and complete key continuous routes in the District, as shown in **Annex ONE**.
 - Promote cycling by the production of local route maps, highlighting local places of interest.
 - Monitor the impact of any new facilities/routes. For example, numbers cycling, the effect on congestion, accessibility and road safety.
6. In the short term, the Task Group proposes to oversee and monitor the completion of the following schemes:
 - Warlingham to Titsey Hill cycle route,
 - Godstone to Caterham cycle route,
 - Increasing cycle parking provision in Lingfield and Caterham, and
 - Investigate the feasibility and design of an off-road route from High Street, Godstone, to the junction of the A25 and A22.

CONSULTATIONS

7. In 2003, consultation took place on a draft Cycle Network for Tandridge. Responses to this consultation were limited, however, those that did respond all supported the development of a network of routes within the District, with the most support being for off-road routes.
8. A series of Cycle Guides have recently been produced and distributed via the Contact Centre, and locally at the Council Offices, Libraries, and via Schools. These Guides were distributed in June to all County Councillors, District Councillors, and Parish Councils, with a request for comments or additional ideas to be forwarded to the Mobility Manager.
9. Consultation on cycling objectives within LTP2 is currently taking place. To date, Cycle Forums around the County have favoured the development of:
 - local cycle route networks,
 - continuous routes, rather than ad hoc pieces of work, and
 - the promotion of leisure routes in rural areas,all of which are supported by the approach suggested for Tandridge.
10. It is intended that the Task Group oversee local consultations where appropriate. The Tandridge Cycle Forum, part of the LA21 group, will be consulted on all new schemes. In addition, the new Local Transportation Service website (part of www.surreycc.gov.uk) provides an opportunity for members of the public to make comments on the development of cycling in the District.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

11. The funding of cycling schemes is allocated from the Local Transport Plan, and prioritised according to the degree to which schemes meet the objectives described previously.
12. The Tandridge Local Committee has allocated £10,000 for the development of the Tandridge Cycle Network in 2004/2005.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

13. The provision of safer cycle routes in Tandridge could support an increase in local cycle journeys, thus supporting local environmental initiatives, and current LTP objectives. It is envisaged that local businesses will be consulted on any new schemes and could benefit from the development of leisure routes in particular.

CONCLUSION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

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14. To date, much work has been completed on a proposed cycle network in Tandridge, with little to show for this 'on the ground'. The strategy proposed by the Task Group is one that focuses on the delivery of cycle facilities and routes where these are required to both encourage more cyclists, and develop a network of key, continuous routes in the District.
15. The strategy proposed assumes that, providing better facilities and continuous routes, and effective promotion of new schemes, will encourage an increase in cycling locally.
16. To ensure that Tandridge meets the requirements of LTP2, it is recommended that the Tandridge Cycle Network Task Group work with the Mobility Manager to coordinate, prioritise and monitor the development of cycling objectives within the LTP2 allocation.

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