

# **Farnham Infrastructure Programme Farnham Board Meeting Item 5.1 Farnham Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) Report**



# Farnham Infrastructure Programme

## Farnham Board Meeting

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<b>DATE:</b>	24 MARCH 2023
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	TIM OLIVER – BOARD CHAIRMAN
<b>LEAD OFFICER:</b>	ELAINE MARTIN – PROGRAMME MANAGER
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	FARNHAM LOCAL CYCLING AND WALKING INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

### Summary of issue:

Following discussions at the December Farnham Board, it was agreed that a further workshop would be held with officers and councillors from Surrey County Council (SCC), Waverley Borough Council (WBC) and Farnham Town Council (FTC), to gather feedback on the draft Farnham Local Walking and Cycling Improvements Plan (LCWIP) report. The draft Farnham LCWIP Report has been revised to take into account the feedback shared at this workshop.

The Farnham Infrastructure Programme Team is now looking for endorsement from the Farnham Board. Following this, the Farnham LCWIP will be taken to SCC's Cabinet Member for Transport, Infrastructure and Growth for Gateway sign off.

### Programme Team Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Farnham Board:

1. Note the workshop held with Surrey County Council, Waverley Borough Council and Farnham Town Council officers and councillors on Monday 30 January 2023,
2. Note the changes to the Farnham LCWIP Report, taking into account feedback from officers and councillors,
3. Provide their endorsement of the Farnham LCWIP as a Strategic Investment Plan, noting that further engagement will be carried out with stakeholders as part of further feasibility work on the routes.

# Description:

The Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) is a Department for Transport (DfT) initiative. It is the foundation for a safe, high-quality, countrywide active travel network. Its objectives are to increase the number of people cycling and walking by making these viable and attractive modes of transport for everyday journeys.

The Farnham LCWIP, consistent with other Surrey County Council LCWIPs, is planned to be a 10+ year programme. Once funding opportunities are secured, the proposed improvements can progress to preliminary and detail design phases for implementation.

During the duration of the project, a number of meetings and workshops were held with representatives from SCC, WBC and FTC, local cycling and walking groups, schools representatives and other local stakeholder groups as well as councillors.

A further workshop was held with councillors and officers from SCC, FTC and WBC on Monday 30 January 2023, to gather feedback on the draft Farnham LCWIP Report shared to the December Farnham Board.

Amendments have been made to the Farnham LCWIP to address concerns raised at the workshop held on Monday 30 January 2023 regarding the potential for conflicts between walking and cycling. An executive summary has been updated within the report to clarify infrastructure constraints and opportunities for the proposed routes and corridors.

The maps within the report have also been amended to show the scoring of the cycling routes and walking corridors as part of preliminary corridor assessments, undertaken using a Multi-Criteria Assessment Framework (MCAF), rather than identifying these as the 'prioritised or phased' routes. The MCAF, developed by Atkins, considered each of the individual corridors against a number of metrics, such as: active travel demand, the potential to deliver a high-quality and inclusive route, safety issues that could be addressed, and connections to other active travel routes. Details of the MCAF process can be found within the Farnham LCWIP report.

The previously named 'proposed designs' have now been renamed as concept drawings. These had been produced to give an indication of examples of typical walking and cycling interventions that could be introduced on the highest scoring routes and corridors, to illustrate what could be implemented (noting actual interventions would be determined following further feasibility on specific routes). These concept drawings have been included in the appendices of the LCWIP report.

Following these changes, the Farnham Infrastructure Programme team is now seeking endorsement of the Farnham LCWIP as an investment plan from the Farnham Board, noting that further engagement will be carried out with stakeholders as part of further feasibility work on the routes.

## What happens next:

The highest scoring schemes will be reviewed for deliverability in readiness for the feasibility stage, this will include stakeholder and public consultation of the priority routes. The intention is that Farnham LCWIP will then be combined with the Waverly wider LCWIP.

Capital funding for detailed design and construction of the Farnham LCWIP routes is not yet secured. The following funding streams will also be considered for LCWIP scheme delivery:

- DfT Active Travel Fund
- Levelling Up Fund
- National Highways Designated Funds
- Strategic CIL allocations
- Developer Funding

It should be noted that this does not preclude any priority routes identified in the Farnham LCWIP being developed alongside other projects within the Farnham Infrastructure Programme or private development schemes.

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