

St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council

Report #01.2

Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Programme

1. Purpose of the report

1.1 To inform council of this Wiltshire Council (WC) programme development. Councillors Hatherell, Maslin and Clogg have been designated as local stakeholders on behalf of the council.

2. Background

2.1 The LCWIP is a long-term strategic infrastructure programme intended to contribute to government aims to double the number of journeys undertaken by cycle. The programme will support WC's own health and well-being agenda, inform its wider planning and design decisions and support future funding bids. It will identify the most important walking and cycling routes and offer a prioritised programme of infrastructure improvements to support them.

2.2 Atkins Realis have the contract to develop the programme for Malmesbury on behalf of WC and have produced a draft map of prioritised routes. A local stakeholder group has been reviewing that map and offering views on the routes identified, and some alternative and additional routes and improvements.

2.3 Only two of the currently prioritised routes impinge on this parish, although our residents could be impacted by others within the town itself. Those routes are up through Parliament Row/Burton Hill and over the A429 to the Primary Care Centre, and the crossing over the A429 to Aldi. Two other routes are more relevant to us, but not prioritised currently; from Baskerville to Milbourne and from Baskerville to Lea.

2.4 Comments on the suitability of these routes for walking/cycling, and what developments might be needed to make them more suitable, have been submitted to the coordinator of the stakeholder group for onward submission to Atkins Realis and WC. A map revised from stakeholder input will go out for public consultation in February.

2.5 Stakeholder feedback has proposed that the route to Lea be prioritised. While this would be likely to make a significant difference to safe and healthy travel to Lea school, this council is aware that landowner agreement and then costly widening and surfacing would be required to take this route on from the permissive path via the designated Right of Way to Southfield Farm and onward.

3. Options

3.1 No decisions are required at this stage of the process.

4. Financial Implications

4.1 There are no financial implications at this stage. Action on this programme would happen as future funding opportunities become available to WC.

5. Recommendation

5.1 For information only