

To: Sevenoaks District Council Joint Transportation Board
By: KCC Highways and Transportation
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Subject: Active Travel Fund update
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Summary: This report updates Members on the Active Travel Fund - Tranche 3 and Tranche 4 Schemes in the Sevenoaks District.

1.0 Introduction and background

- 1.1 Over the past few years Central Government has launched a series of funding opportunities via Active Travel England for schemes that would increase walking, wheeling and cycling (active travel). KCC gathered priorities from Sevenoaks District Council and then submitted a bids for funding for a number of schemes across the district.
- 1.2 In Sevenoaks Town the East – West route was agreed to be funded by Active Travel England for Design and Construction.
- 1.3 In addition funding has also been provided for development of an Otford to Sevenoaks walking, wheeling and cycling route along the main A225 corridor.

2.0 Scheme updates

- 2.1 **Sevenoaks East-West walking, wheeling and cycling route - Active Travel Fund - Tranche 3**

KCC were successful in a bid for funding for £1.2m to develop detailed designs and construct an East/West walking, wheeling and cycling route which forms part of Sevenoaks District Council's Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP route 3). Sevenoaks District Council in conjunction with Kent County Council undertook a consultation in June and July 2023 and identified overall support for the scheme but raised some concerns with Bradbourne Park Road and St James's Road sections of the route. Further design work has been undertaken to alter part of the route to utilise the A25 and Oakdene Road.
- 2.2 Consultation on the amended scheme was open on 10 May 2024 and will run up until Monday 3 June 2024. The survey on the alternative route can be viewed on the following link: [Sevenoaks Town East to West Walking, Wheeling & Cycling Route - Sevenoaks District Council - Citizen Space](https://engagement.sevenoaks.gov.uk/strategic-planning/east-to-west-2/) .
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- 2.3 Running in conjunction with the above consultation is a proposed Traffic Regulation Order for Bradbourne Vale Road which proposes to amend existing waiting restrictions to accommodate the alternative route. The consultation along with plans can be viewed on: [Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks in the District of Sevenoaks - Amendment 58: Waiting Restrictions | Let's talk Kent](#)

(<https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk/bradbourn-vale-road-sevenoaks-amendment-58-waiting-restrictions>)

- 2.4 KCC are also seeking overall scheme approval from Active Travel England to enable the scheme to proceed with construction (subject to the local consultation). This will take place over the May and June and forms part of the Grant governance.
- 2.5 Once we have all the approvals to proceed we will phase the delivery initially constructing small junction improvements on the residential streets. Construction is likely to start late June 2024.
- 2.6 **Otford to Sevenoaks walking, wheeling and Cycling route - Active Travel Fund - Tranche 4**
Kent County Council has received £184,000 from Active Travel England to develop the above route to improve walking, wheeling and cycling. Sevenoaks District Council are leading on this work and have commissioned consultants to look into the options relating to a proposed route between Otford and Sevenoaks as part of the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (Route 1).
- 2.7 Outline designs and local engagement has and continues to take place. A Steering Group made up of local Councillors has been set up to guide the project and further consultation will be undertaken once the plans have developed further.
- 2.8 The aim of the project is to develop the designs and have support for a scheme so that we are in a position to bid for future construction funding opportunities.

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