

# Report on Reading Borough Council's (RBC) Draft Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) for the Planning Committee of Earley Town Council (ETC) including a Draft Submission

(Note: the numberings refer to paragraphs in this document, published by RBC: Reading Transport Strategy 2036: Sub-Strategy Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan 2020-30 READING BOROUGH COUNCIL in partnership with Wokingham Borough Council & West Berkshire Council November 2019)

## Background

RBC are developing a LCWIP as a sub-strategy of their Local Transport Plan (LTP4)

This is being done in partnership with West Berkshire Council and Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) [1.2]

The deadline for comments is 30<sup>th</sup> August 2020

The LCWIP covers the geographic area described as the Greater Reading Urban Area (GRUA), and includes Earley, Woodly and Winnersh [4.6]

The draft LCWIP network has been shared with officers at WBC (not councillors?) [5.6]

The LCWIP is to be integrated into WBC's LTP4 (as well as RBC's) [5.19]

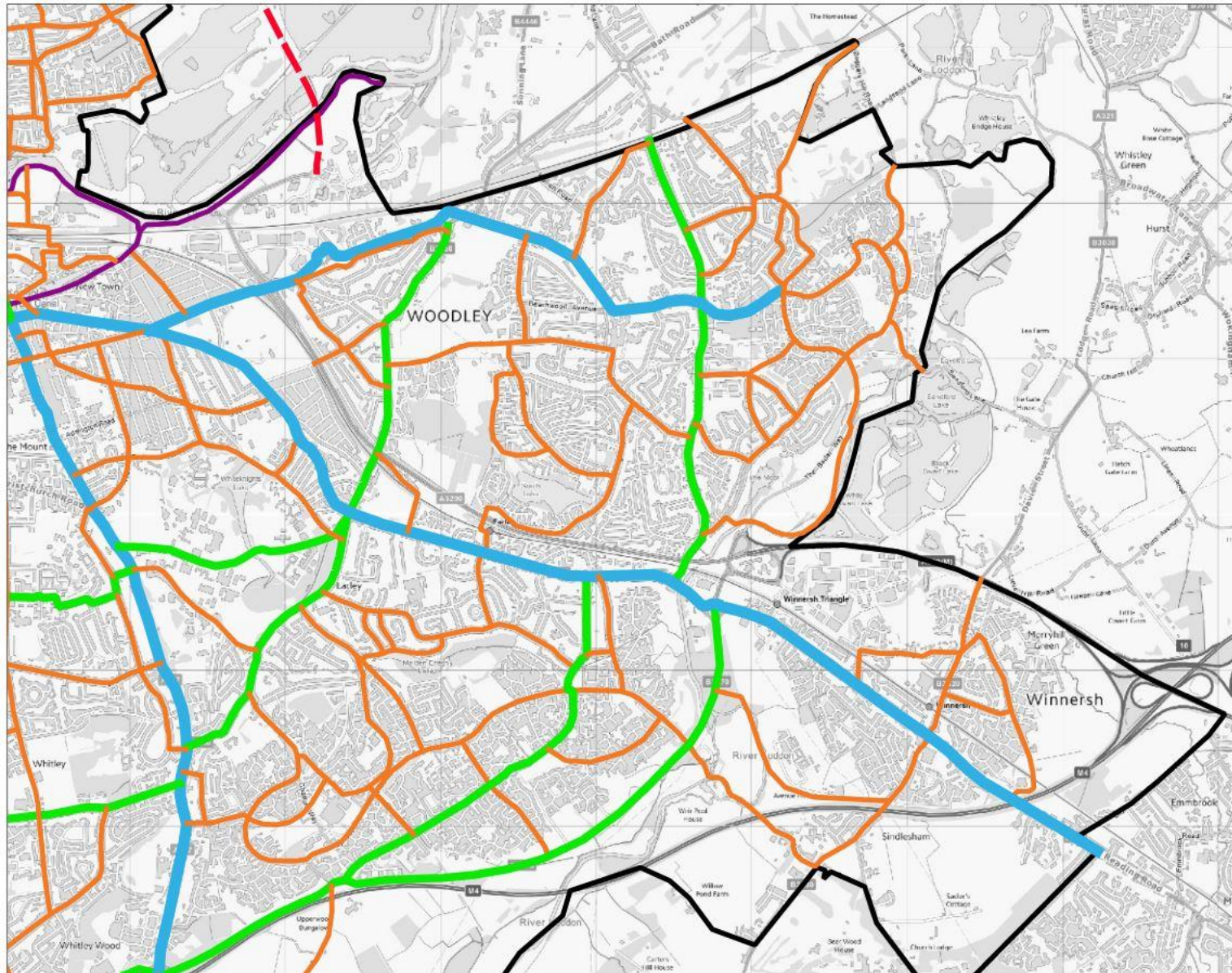
Funding for LCWIP schemes is to be sort from external bodies [7.2]

RBC will take the lead on schemes in its GRUA [7.6] but WBC will be represented on a steering group [7.7]

ETC is not on the list of stakeholders to be consulted [Appendix I]

## Scope


Routes identified in the LCWIP study [Appendix C]:




**KEY**

- Strategic
- Orbital
- Local
- Leisure
- - - Third Thames Crossing
- LCWIP Boundary

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**EAST READING LCWIP  
CYCLE ROUTES**

The identified cycle routes have been scored on 8 criteria on a 1-5 scale (so out of a maximum of 40) [Appendix G]

Scheme Reference	Route	Section (From)	Section (To)	Description	Criteria								Total Score	
					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
					LTP4 Theme - People and Places	LTP4 Theme - Healthy Lifestyles	LTP4 Theme - Clean and Green	LTP4 Theme - Inclusive Growth	LTP4 Theme - Smart Solutions	Deliverability	PCT flows	Estimated scheme cost		

These are cycle routes identified by the study within the ETC area:

The routes are labelled “S” strategic, “O” orbital with their score in {brackets}

2 Strategic (blue)

1. S6 {30} – Wokingham Rd
2. S7 {27} – London Rd

4 Orbital (green)

1. O9 {24} – Elm Rd/Wilderness Rd/Church Rd/Pitts Ln
2. O1 {22} – Lower Earley Way
3. O10 {21} – Cutbush Ln/Gipsy Ln/Meadow Rd
4. O11 {21} – Loddon Br Rd

Local routes (orange)

1. LO3 {22} – East Reading

i.e. The highest scoring routes are the best fit with the 8 criteria

## Future work

Ask WBC:

- What are their LTP4 proposals for Earley, with particular reference to cycling and walking
- Are strategic walking routes part of the WBC LCWIP, given that they are not mentioned in RBC's?
- What is the timescale and likelihood of schemes S6, S7, and O1, O10 and O11, being undertaken? They are joint schemes between RBC and WBC.
- Has WBC undertaken an assessment of existing cycle paths and walking routes following the criteria used in RBC's LCWIP [Appendix D]?
- What is the proposed timetable for a cross-Borough LCWIP?
- Could improved signage for cyclists and walkers on the existing identified routes be investigated?
- To recognise the importance of consultation with Town and Parish Councils
- To ask why ETC was not considered a stakeholder for a transport study in its area
- To ask whether the routes identified by RBC would score differently when set against the policies in WBC's upcoming LTP4, and thus change the priorities
- To ask if a study of inappropriate vehicle through routes (rat runs) would be part of their LCWIP

## Draft Submission

- We strongly support any improvements to cycling and walking provision both in Earley and for routes linking Earley to its neighbours
- We note that strategic walking routes within Earley, such as the approaches to Earley station, appear to be outside the scope of this study
- We note that ETC was not considered a stakeholder for this study
- We welcome any improvements to orbital routes that would improve cycling connections between Maiden Erlegh, North Earley and Woodley
- We welcome any improvements on London Rd and Wokingham Rd that would help cycling and walking
- Any incentives and initiatives aimed at supporting people in making the switch to cycling and walking and promoting the benefits of these healthy lifestyle choices are important. Earley Town Council Planning Committee would welcome being one of the consultees for future development of cycling and walking routes/improvements, where appropriate.