

## Policy & Programmes

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Dear Oxfordshire County Council,

Thank you for inviting responses on the Wallingford Area Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP). We would like to take this opportunity to express our strong support for infrastructure planning for active travel to promote modal shift. We welcome these proposals to make walking and cycling easier and more enjoyable in the Wallingford Area which forms a destination for both existing and future residents in our district, including those from Didcot and Abingdon. Providing safe active travel links between Wallingford and its surrounding villages and Vale of White Horse will support the uptake of longer distance active travel commuting and leisure travel.

We would also like to confirm our support for the delivery of further LCWIPs across our own district, notably for the Wantage & Grove, which is close to completion, and Faringdon. We also welcome ongoing review and revision of existing LCWIPs, which are currently present in: Abingdon-on-Thames and Didcot.

We recognise the value of walking and cycling infrastructure, not only to help active travel for work and other purposes, but also because it supports leisure journeys as well. It is well documented that levels of activity correlate positively with health and well-being.

The LCWIP proposals support our [Vale of White Horse Council Plan](#) through promotion of sustainable travel for “climate and nature recovery”, the proposed schemes help to promote “healthy, sustainable, and inclusive communities” and identify “infrastructure [that] people need”. Enabling active travel through new and improved infrastructure supports our [Nature and Climate Action Plan](#) target, which is to be a carbon neutral district by 2045.

The LCWIP proposals also align with our existing and emerging Local Plan policies which seek to promote the use of active travel, including [Core Policy 33: Promoting Sustainable Transport and Accessibility](#) and [Core Policy 35: Promoting Public Transport, Cycling and Walking](#) (Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 Part 1) and Policy IN2 – Sustainable transport and accessibility (emerging [South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse Joint Local Plan 2041](#)).

Yours sincerely

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