

Monmouthshire

Local Access Forum

AGENDA ITEM: 3

SUBJECT: ACTIVE TRAVEL CONSULTATION

MEETING: MONMOUTHSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

DATE: 22 JULY 2021

1. PURPOSE:

- 1.1 To allow the Local Access Forum to comment on the updating of the Active Travel Network Map (ATNM); these maps show where walking and cycling routes are identified.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

- 2.1 For the Forum's consideration and views.

3. BACKGROUND:

- 3.1 Legislation is in place requiring all local authorities in Wales to continuously improve their Active Travel routes, and plan how routes will join up to form networks so that people can more easily get around by cycle or as a pedestrian. The legislation requires that councils consult the public during the process of updating their Active Travel Network Map (ATNM); these maps show where walking and cycling routes are identified.
- 3.2 The definition of Active Travel in the legislation does not cover walking and cycling purely for pleasure, although it could significantly enhance leisure activities by helping link up networks.
- 3.3 Welsh Government criteria is primarily (but not exclusively) based on settlements with a population of more than 2,000. In Monmouthshire this means Abergavenny, Caldicot (including Rogiet and Portskewett), Chepstow, Gilwern, Magor with Undy, Monmouth, and Usk.
- 3.4 This exercise was first undertaken 3 years ago and must now be refreshed.
- 3.5 The Active Travel Officer, Sue Hughes will outline the proposals, however the consultation information is substantial and it would therefore be helpful if LAF members could review it prior to the meeting, so that we can have a focussed discussion on any issues identified.
- 3.6 The background to the consultation is at <https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/about-active-travel/> and the Active Travel Network Maps can be viewed at <https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/local-active-travel-routes/>.
- 3.7 Specifically we are seeking views on
 - Whether we have identified the correct routes for improvement (future routes) and those that meet the agreed standards (existing routes)

- If we have identified all the appropriate new routes
- Whether you agree with the routes called Primary Routes. These are the suggestions for key corridors that have the greatest potential for encouraging the public to travel less by car and more through Active Travel modes
- Cycling and walking facilities or policy issues that might need addressing

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