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Dear Sir / Madam

I write to inform you that a Meeting of the Thriving Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be held remotely by video-conferencing on Monday, 1 November 2021 at 10.00 am for the transaction of the following business:

1. **Apologies**
2. **Disclosures of personal interest (including whipping declarations)**
Members are reminded of their personal responsibility to declare any personal and prejudicial interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000, the Council's Constitution and the Members Code of Conduct. In addition, Members must declare any prohibited party whip which the Member has been given in relation to the meeting as per the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011.
3. **Active Travel Network Mapping (ATNM) Review (Pages 3 - 72)**
4. **Net-Zero Action Plan - Progress Update (Pages 73 - 78)**
5. **Report on the current position of the Sewerage Treatment Works (STW) programme (Pages 79 - 82)**
6. **To confirm the Minutes of the previous Meeting and to consider any matters arising from those Minutes (Pages 83 - 86)**
7. **To consider the Overview and Scrutiny Forward Work Programme (Pages 87 - 90)**

Members are reminded to sign the Attendance Register

A Translation Services will be provided at this meeting and those present are welcome to speak in Welsh or English at the meeting.

Yours faithfully



Miss Lowri Edwards
Corporate Lead Officer: Democratic Services

To: Chairman and Members of Thriving Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The remaining Members of the Council for information only.

Cyngor Sir CEREDIGION County Council	
REPORT TO:	Thriving Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee
DATE:	1 November 2021
LOCATION:	
TITLE:	Active Travel Network Mapping (ATNM) Review
PURPOSE OF REPORT:	To advise the Committee of the arrangements for the preparation of Active Travel Network Maps (ATNM), and to inform the Committee of the increasing Local Highway Authority network of Active Travel routes and infrastructure to the Highways Asset Management Plan (HAMP) which is likely have additional resource implications to enable ongoing maintenance.
REASON SCRUTINY HAVE REQUESTED THE INFORMATION:	<p>To review and approve the Ceredigion ATNM prior to submission to Welsh Government (WG) at end of December 2021.</p> <p>Public consultation ends 19th November 2021 and public comments will be reviewed with possible amendments to be made to the draft map prior to submission to WG.</p>
BACKGROUND:	
<p>The operative provisions of the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 commenced on 25 September 2014. The Act placed a number of statutory duties on Ceredigion County Council including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of existing routes maps (Section 3 of the Act) • Preparation of integrated network maps (Section 4 of the Act); • Securing continuous improvement of active travel routes; and • Annual reporting to Welsh Government. <p>The Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 defines Active Travel as a walking or cycling journey '<i>...made to or from a workplace or educational establishment or in order to access health, leisure or other services or facilities</i>'.</p> <p>Active travel can play a well-documented and significant role in supporting a number of key Welsh Government and County Council plans and policy objectives including economic development, health and well-being, land-use planning, equalities, air quality and carbon reduction.</p>	

Ceredigion's Existing Route Maps (ERM) were approved by the Minister in August 2016 and the first Integrated Network Maps (INM) gained Ministerial approval in February 2017. These maps are publicly available to view on the County Council's website at: <http://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/resident/travel-roads-parking/active-travel/>

There is a statutory requirement for the next edition of the INM (now known as Active Travel Network Maps showing 'Future Routes') - along with updated Existing Route Maps - to be submitted by local authorities three years following the previous edition with a revised submission date of **31st December 2021**. This is a rolling 3 year review process as stipulated in the Act.

Members will be aware that under the provisions of the Act, the Welsh Government appointed three Ceredigion settlements as 'Designated Localities' for active travel - these being: **Aberystwyth, Cardigan and Lampeter**.

The Welsh Government had produced the following documents and guidance for local authorities when planning and delivering active travel improvements:

- Statutory Guidance for the Delivery of the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013; and
- Design Guidance Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013.

These 2 documents mentioned above have now been superseded – on 16th July 2021 the Welsh Government have issued a revised 'Active Travel Act Guidance' document:

[Active Travel Act guidance \(gov.wales\)](http://gov.wales)

Planning and Delivery of Active Travel Schemes in Ceredigion

The development and construction of most active travel infrastructure schemes in Ceredigion is almost exclusively funded from applications to access Welsh Government capital grants, mainly Active Travel Fund and to a lesser extent Safe Routes in Communities.

The Welsh Government does not provide ring-fenced revenue funding assistance towards the maintenance and upkeep of new infrastructure, and it is a condition of accepting capital grant funding that the County Council becomes responsible for any future maintenance costs which clearly carries implications for service budgets.

All capital grant funding applications for active travel schemes are subject to a competitive application process, which are subject to application guidance and a Welsh Government assessment process based on a matrix for scoring against various criteria.

New routes predominantly for leisure/recreation purposes and routes outside of the three designated settlements and immediate active travel catchment area are thus likely to be unsuccessful and fail to attract funding.

During the last 2 years, there has been a greater Ministerial expectation that schemes deliver high levels of active travel use in order to achieve a substantial modal shift from car usage.

This provides a significant challenge to rural local authorities with low population numbers such as Ceredigion in so far as being able to demonstrate the high numbers that appear to be required for this purpose and may impact on the success of active travel grant applications.

Therefore, in order to meet the statutory duty to demonstrate continuous improvement, County Council capital funding budgets may be required to supplement external grant funding in the future.

Design and construction of new active travel infrastructure must comply with the Welsh Government's Active Travel Design Guidance.

This has implications in respect of wider footway standards and possible reallocation of road space in favour of pedestrians and mobility users and wider shared use path / cycle lane standards requiring a larger land take area and possible reallocation of road space in favour of pedestrians, mobility users and cyclists.

Scheme deliverability (including costs) may also be influenced on a location-by-location basis by security/ safety considerations, recently introduced SUDS Approval Body (SAB) drainage requirements and environmental and biodiversity mitigation measures.

The outcome of active travel scheme monitoring is reported to the Welsh Government on an annual basis and published on the County Council's website at:

<http://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/resident/travel-roads-parking/active-travel/>

This links clearly to the attached Draft HES Level 3 Business Plan Objective 4 – Maximise external Funding for Active Travel, Local transport and Highways Refurbishment (Ref: CS1, CS4, G1-G4) and making this sustainable needs to be addressed.

Re-Submission of Route Maps

In the previous Financial Year, the County Council was awarded £200,000 by the Welsh Government as ATF Core Allocation funding to enable development and design work, land acquisition and minor works.

A proportion of this ATF Core Allocation has been directed at meeting the requirement to prepare and submit Active Travel Network Maps. The process requires a review and audit of the current routes and public and stakeholder engagement to develop new or improved routes, and to this end, the Council procured Sustrans to assist with these activities.

A Stakeholder Engagement Plan was developed to demonstrate inclusivity and in line with corporate policy and guidance and this was submitted to the Welsh Government at the end of August 2020.

The Welsh Government has stipulated that all Welsh local authorities should use the 'Common Place' mapping tool for the community engagement work.

The engagement and consultation process is an opportunity for issues and barriers to making active travel journeys to be highlighted and also identify potential new active travel routes which could be added to the 'Future Routes Map' for Ceredigion.

The first phase of the ATNM consultation in Ceredigion ran for six weeks between 26 November 2020 and 6 January 2021 and was accessible through the online engagement platform Commonplace. In total, the consultation has seen:

- 675 people actively participating,
- 2663 individual visitors,
- 505 individual comments,
- 1619 agreements with existing comments.

The second phase of the consultation sought to obtain public feedback on the proposed Active Travel Draft Network Map. The second phase received a lower number of responses but still demonstrates considerable levels of engagement. Again, the Phase 2 consultation was made available through Commonplace and it was online for 3 weeks from 3rd to 22nd March 2021. In total, the consultation has seen:

- 328 people actively participating,
- 1533 individual visitors,
- 273 individual comments,
- 716 agreements with existing comments.

All Local Members were notified of the above consultations via Ceredigion Press Office and also via e-mail from Sustrans and were invited to contribute to the consultation.

Whilst not wishing to dismiss valid and helpful contributions, officers are aware that there will be significant expectations raised as part of the public engagement process and that there will be a need to focus contributions and manage those expectations.

The statutory 12 week public consultation period commenced on 27.08.2021 and will close on 19.11.2021: <https://ceredigion3.commonplace.is/>

The deadline for submission of Active Travel Network Maps was originally scheduled for 27th February 2021, but on 30th April 2020, the Deputy Minister wrote to local authorities advising them of a revised submission date of 30th September 2021, due to delays caused by the accumulated impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic elections and delays to the availability of the new Welsh Government Active Travel Mapping Platform.

On 14th October 2020, the Deputy Minister wrote to inform local authorities that the submission date had been further revised to 31st December 2021 to allow effective engagement in recognition of the continuing Covid-19 impacts and arrangements around the Senedd

elections in May 2021.		
WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS:	Has an Integrated Impact Assessment been completed? If, not, please state why.	No. No changes to service provision are planned as part of this activity.
	Summary:	
	Long term:	n/a
	Integration:	n/a
	Collaboration:	n/a
	Involvement:	n/a
	Prevention:	n/a
RECOMMENDATION (S):		
Committee is requested to recommend that Cabinet endorse the ATNM Review and future expansion of the Highway network and Asset management responsibilities in connection with Active Travel provision.		
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION (S):		
To enable the Council's statutory duties under the Active Travel (Wales) Act.		
Contact Name:	Steve Hallows	
Designation:	Service Manager – Highways Development	
Date of Report:	04.11.21	
Acronyms:	Active Travel Network Maps (ATNM) Highways Asset Management Plan (HAMP) Existing Route Maps (ERM) Integrated Network Maps (INM) Welsh Government (WG)	
Appendices:	1. Letter dated 14th October from Deputy Minister. 2. Direction amending timescales for the resubmission of existing route maps and Integrated Network Maps. 3. Overview of Maintenance issues. 4. Sustrans Report.	

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Local Authority Leader

14 October 2020

Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 – Submission of Integrated Network Maps

I wrote to you on 30 April to change the date of submission of the integrated network maps to 30 September 2021 and asked you to submit your outline plan for consultation and engagement in this process by the end of August 2020. I am pleased that I received stakeholder plans from each local authority and these have been reviewed by my officials.

Local authority officers have raised concerns that they will be unable to consult on their next round of maps during the pre-election period for the Senedd elections in May 2021, which severely constrains the time available to undertake consultation before finalising the maps in time for the September deadline. This is exacerbated by the ongoing challenge of restrictions linked to Covid-19.

As full and meaningful engagement with current and, more importantly, non- or infrequent users of active travel is at the heart of creating walking and cycling route networks that are resulting in a change in travel behaviour and mode shift, I am therefore issuing the attached direction to change the date by which integrated network maps need to be submitted to Welsh Ministers to 31 December 2021.

Officials have already put in place an on-line engagement platform, Common Place, which will be made available to all local authorities in the coming weeks and to which local authority officers were introduced in recent seminars. During this Autumn and Winter additional resources and engagement and communications support will be developed, and this will come on line in Spring 2021. I ask that your engagement plans are now revised to take advantage of the extra months and resources which will now be available for involving the whole breadth of potential active travel users thoroughly after May 2021.

Yours sincerely,

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Direction amending the timescale for the submission of integrated network maps (with a consequential change in the date for submitting further existing routes maps) under the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013

The Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013

To all county and county borough councils in Wales

Direction amending timescales for the resubmission of existing route maps and integrated network maps

The Welsh Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 4(6)(b) of the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 (“the Act”), make the following Direction.

Statutory background

Section 3(10) of the Act provides that once an existing routes map prepared by a local authority has been approved by the Welsh Ministers, the local authority:

- (a) must keep it under review,
- (b) may revise it, and
- (c) must submit it to the Welsh Ministers for approval on each occasion on which the local authority’s integrated network map is submitted for approval under section 4.

Section 4(1) of the Act provides that each local authority must:

- a) prepare an integrated network map, and
- b) submit it to the Welsh Ministers for approval.

Section 4(6) of the Act provides that a local authority must submit its integrated network map to the Welsh Ministers for approval:

- a) before the end of the period of 3 years beginning with the day on which this section comes into force, or
- b) if the Welsh Ministers by direction given to the local authority specify a date after the end of that period as the date by which it must be submitted to them, no later than that date.

The operative provisions of the Act were commenced on 25 September 2014 by the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 (Commencement) Order 2014. Under Direction from the Welsh Ministers the first edition of the existing route maps was submitted on the 22 January 2016, and the first integrated network maps on 03 November 2017.

Section 4(6)(a&b) of the Act requires that the next edition of the integrated network map should be submitted by local authorities three years following the previous edition, or no later than a date specified by the Welsh Ministers under Direction.

In view of circumstances beyond the control of local authorities at this time, Ministers consider it appropriate to extend the previously communicated date for submission of the next round of integrated network maps and updated existing routes maps. This is dealt with by the following Direction.

The Direction

In exercise of their power under section 4(6)(b) of the Act, the Welsh Ministers direct that the integrated network map required to be submitted by each local authority under section 4(6) of the Act to the Welsh Ministers for approval must be submitted to the Welsh Ministers for approval no later than **31 December 2021**. When submitting their integrated network map for approval by this date, each local authority must submit at the same time to the Welsh Ministers for approval the existing routes map required by section 3(10)(c) of the Act.



Signed by.....

Lee Waters MS, Deputy Minister for Economy & Transport, on behalf of the Welsh Ministers

Date: 14 October 2020

Maintenance of Active Travel Routes in Ceredigion – Overview Report

1. Introduction / Background

The Welsh Government introduced the **Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013** on 4th November 2013 and the Act commenced on 25th September 2014. The Act places a requirement on local authorities to continuously improve facilities and routes for walkers and cyclists and to prepare maps identifying current and potential future routes for their use. The Act also requires new road schemes to consider the needs of pedestrians and cyclists at design stage.

On 7th October 2014 the Welsh Government issued a document titled 'Statutory guidance for the delivery of the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013.

In December 2014 the Welsh Government issued a document titled 'Design Guidance' which is a supplementary document of the Act.

It is a term and condition of acceptance of Active Travel Fund / Safe Routes in Communities / Road Safety Grant / Local Transport Fund grant awards from the Welsh Government that all schemes must be designed in accordance with this Design Guidance.

These 2 documents mentioned above have now been superseded – on 16th July 2021 the Welsh Government have issued a revised 'Active Travel Act Guidance' document:

[Active Travel Act guidance \(gov.wales\)](https://gov.wales)

“Active travel is a key priority in the Welsh Transport Strategy – Llwybr Newydd – and is identified at the top of the sustainable transport hierarchy that guides all our transport activities.

Consequently, Llwybr Newydd the new Wales Transport Strategy sets a mode share target of 45% of journeys to be made by walking, cycling and public transport by 2040.”

Lee Waters MS
Deputy Minister for Climate Change

2. Current Scenario / Issues

- Maintenance issues – vegetation creep and overgrowth – path width reduced and route signage / safety signage is obscured – photo examples are shown below
 - Figures 1 – 4:** Show the Ystwyth Trail (Ceredigion's 'flagship' cycle route) where vegetation has grown over the years to the extent that the route now appears enclosed and uninviting for users.
 - Figures 5 – 7:** Show the Ystwyth Trail where vegetation creep has reduced path width to less than 2m, though the path was constructed to 3m width.
 - Figures 8 – 9:** Show the Rheidol Trail with overhanging branches and vegetation reducing available path width.
- Currently Active Travel / Cycle routes receive a single swathe cut back a year. This does not address vegetation creep over path edges or clearing vegetation at height which is a potential user safety issue. Vegetation at height also obscures route direction and safety / warning signage.
- A private contractor has the maintenance contract for some routes, however some active travel route maintenance is also undertaken internally when resources allow. There is potential flexibility to undertake additional maintenance work during winter months, subject to increased resource which is likely to require additional funding

- CCC Highways Maintenance have limited resources and specialist equipment to deal with reactive maintenance issues on cycle routes, particularly leaf-fall, fallen branches / trees and vegetation creep, and a pro-active maintenance programme could help prevent issues reaching the scale of intervention required at present.
- Public consultation responses – both Active Travel consultations undertaken to date (2016 and 2021) received responses highlighting lack of maintenance on cycle routes.
- There is inevitably an additional / increasing path network and associated Active Travel facilities and infrastructure to maintain e.g. cycle shelters, public bike repair stations and cycle pumps etc. (**Figures 13 – 18**).
- The Highways network is increasing annually (Active Travel and Safe Routes, sections of new footway serving new developments and in particular estate Section 38 adoptions) – yet the maintenance budget and resource has reduced and has not kept pace with the expanding network. The Highways Asset Management Plan (HAMP) should reflect this and highlights additional resource that is required.
- As an example of the expanding network, in recent years the following new paths were constructed:

Rhiwgoch Footway	950 metres of new footway added to Public Highway
Bow Street to Penrhyncoch	2km of new shared use path added to Public Highway
Llanbadarn to Penweddig School	275 metres of new shared use path added to Public Highway

Responses received as part of the current Active Travel Network Mapping Review has led to the following proposed Future Routes added to the Network which represent a very significant increase to be added to Public Highway for future inspection and maintenance:

Waunfawr to IBERS	Approximately 2km's
Llandre to Borth	Approximately 3km's
Llechryd to Cardigan	Approximately 2km's
Lampeter to Llangybi	Approximately 6km's

The Council has recently submitted an application to the Department for Transport (DfT) 'Levelling Up Fund' for an ambitious programme of several long distance rural cycle routes – enhancement of existing routes (e.g. The Ystwyth Trail) as well as new or extended routes (e.g. The Llanerchaeron Trail, connecting Aberaeron with the new Dyffryn Aeron School in Felinfach measuring approximately 11km's).

3. Matters for Consideration

Active Travel is at the forefront of the current Welsh Government agenda to achieve modal shift from car usage to contribute to the decarbonisation of travel and transport, promote healthier and more active lifestyles, contributing towards cleaner air and the various issues associated with Climate Change.

There are a number of actions that may be considered, such as:

- Dedicated Maintenance resource to maintain Primary Active Routes on a more regular cyclical basis and Secondary Routes on a less frequent cyclical basis. There is potential for this work to remain 'in-house' or be allocated to an external contractor.
- CCC Parks and Gardens have potential flexibility to undertake additional maintenance work during winter months, subject to increased resource.
- Maintaining cycle infrastructure i.e. Cycle Shelters (includes annual washing / cleaning) and Bike Repair Stations & Cycle Pumps.

Active Travel routes must be constructed to WG Active Travel Design Standards e.g. minimum 500mm gap between street furniture to the back edge of shared use paths; minimum 2.4m mounting height for signage – maintenance needs to ensure these standards are maintained to ensure people are encouraged to use these routes safely under the Active Travel and Climate Change agenda.

The Committee is asked to note the Report and the steps that Officers are taking to address implications of the expanding Active Travel network. The existing budgets for Highways Maintenance (Revenue) may be insufficient to maintain the existing network to the expected standards, noting the future and expanding network as highlighted in this report. Without further resources, the condition of existing routes will deteriorate further, thus rendering them less usable, unsafe and not fit for purpose to encourage increased levels of Active Travel and meet the Council's duties under the Active Travel Act.

Gari Jones

Engineer – Safe & Active Travel

Highways & Environmental Services

12.08.21

Revised 05.10.21

Figure 1: Ystwyth Trail at Rhydyfelin May 2013:



Figure 2: Ystwyth Trail at Rhydyfelin July 2021:



Figure 3: Ystwyth Trail at Rhydyfelin May 2013:



Figure 4: Same location July 2021:



Figure 5: Ystwyth Trail July 2021:



Figure 6: Ystwyth Trail July 2021:



Figure 7: Ystwyth Trail near Tynygraig Jun 2013

This section was originally constructed as a 3 metre wide path provision, yet lack of adequate and regular maintenance has reduced this to single-track, because continual vegetation creep has forced users to the middle of the trail:



Figure 8: Rheidol Trail June 2021:



Figure 9: Rheidol Trail June 2021:

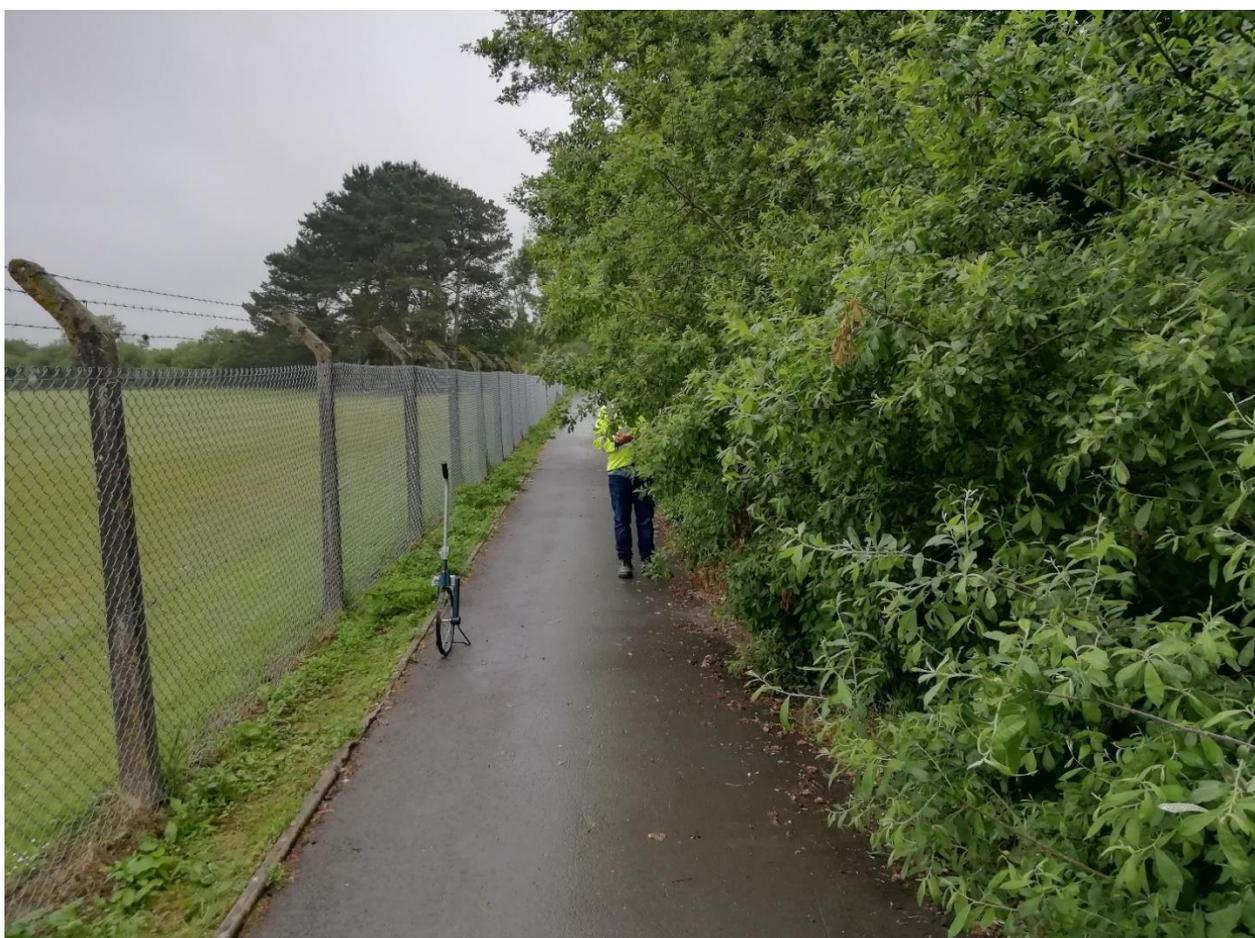


Figure 10: Bow Street to IBERS Shared Use Path

May 2021 - This path was constructed in early 2019 and is already showing signs of vegetation creep over the path edges:



Figure 11: July 2019 – Path edging visible below:



Figure 12 IBERS to Penrhyncoch Shared Use Path

Photo below demonstrates how quickly vegetation creep can occur as this path was recently constructed in 2020.



Figure 13: Cycle Shelter and Public Bike Repair Station and Cycle Pump near Aberystwyth Rail Station – May 2018:



Figure 14: June 2020:



Figure 15: Queen's Road, Aberystwyth Cycle Shelter – May 2018:



Figure 16: July 2021:



Figure 17: July 2021:



Figure 18: Baker Street Cycle Rack and Cycle Pump:



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Ceredigion Active Travel Network Maps Consultation

Pre-Statutory Report for Elected Members and Internal Stakeholders



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Glossary of Key Terms

Key Term	Description
Active Travel	Active travel is a term used to describe walking and cycling for purposeful journeys. According to the Active Travel Act Wales 2013, 'walkers and cyclists' include disabled people and mobility users.
Active Travel Network Maps (ATNMs)	Under the Active Travel Act, Local Authorities have a duty to map Existing and Future routes for walking and cycling within localities specified by Welsh Government.
Basic Network	A term used to describe all routes within an area available to walkers and/or cyclists.
Commonplace	Welsh Government provided online engagement platform.
Designated Localities/Towns	Built up areas defined by Welsh Government for which the mapping duty applies.
Existing Route	Refers to a route that has been audited against a set of Welsh Government specified criteria and deemed suitable for walking, cycling or both.
Future Route	Previously referred to as Integrated Network Routes (at 2017) and now referred to as 'Future Routes'. These refer to routes that either do not yet meet the threshold of the Welsh Government specified criteria, do not yet exist, or have not yet been audited.
Mesh Network Density	Welsh Government outline an aim for 'comprehensive' networks within the designated towns within 15 years. If a town is imagined as a grid, comprehensive is described by the Welsh Government as an Active Travel Standard route for every 250m (in addition to the Basic Network of available routes).
Propensity to Cycle Tool (PCT)	It is an online and interactive planning support tool to provide an evidence base to inform investment in cycling.

WeITAG	An appraisal process for transport projects in Wales that considers the problem and assesses potential options that could provide a solution against a range of criteria.
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Part 1: Overview

Dear Elected Member/Stakeholder,

Ceredigion County Council (CCC) commissioned Sustrans Cymru to undertake a review of the Active Travel Network Maps (ATNMs) in Ceredigion, in accordance with the duties outlined within the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013¹ (referred to as the Act).

CCC has undertaken Stages 1 and 2 of the engagement process, and are preparing for the statutory element of the process, as required under the Duties of the Act.

Aim of this Update

This update aims to provide Members and internal colleagues with results from Phase 2 of the Engagement process, and incorporation of recommendations for Active Travel Route proposals to be taken to Statutory Consultation as a result of Phases 1 and 2 (recommended routes for addition are discussed in Part 4 of this report).

The Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013

'Active Travel', as defined within the Act, refers to walking and cycling for everyday utility journeys (e.g. journeys to places of education, the shops or to work). The scope of routes considered under the Act therefore do not apply to recreational and leisure routes, unless they also provide sufficient evidence as a utility journey.

Designated localities/towns are covered under the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013, and in Ceredigion these have been identified by Welsh Government as:

- Aberystwyth
- Cardigan
- Lampeter

(This can include nearby settlements where there is clear potential and evidence for Active Travel journeys to the nearby designated towns).

The maps applying to the above towns aim to show a proposed comprehensive network of active travel routes for walking and cycling modes – which under the statutory duties of the Act must be submitted to Welsh Government in late 2021 for approval.

¹ <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/anaw/2013/7/contents/enacted>

As a minimum, routes must connect to all existing and planned schools within the areas cited above. Routes should be well justified against robust evidence sources (described in further detail within Part 3).

It is the Council's understanding that routes included on the map approved by Welsh Government, will be eligible for applications for funding to the Welsh Government's Active Travel Fund (although the successful outcome of applications for funding will be subject to providing sufficient evidence to support a 'Case for Change'). Some routes identified may be dependent on developer contributions, or liaison with external parties such as the Welsh Government and its Trunk Roads Agent and/or landowner agreements.

The proposals show existing routes that are currently suitable for active travel use, as well as those that have potential to meet the minimum active travel standards with improvement.

The process so far has included extensive (Phase 1 and 2) public and stakeholder engagement, desktop study and site visits/audits of the proposed routes and related facilities to produce a draft network for submission. This report is split into four sections:

Part 1 provides a brief introduction to Active Travel and scope of this review.

Part 2 provides an overview on the engagement activities undertaken by CCC to obtain broad feedback from communities, stakeholders, delivery partners and members of the public.

Part 3 describes the process undertaken to get to the networks to be presented at the statutory consultation.

Part 4 describes the recommendations for updates to the proposed network (compared to that proposed at Phase 2) for CCC consideration.

Where are we in the process?

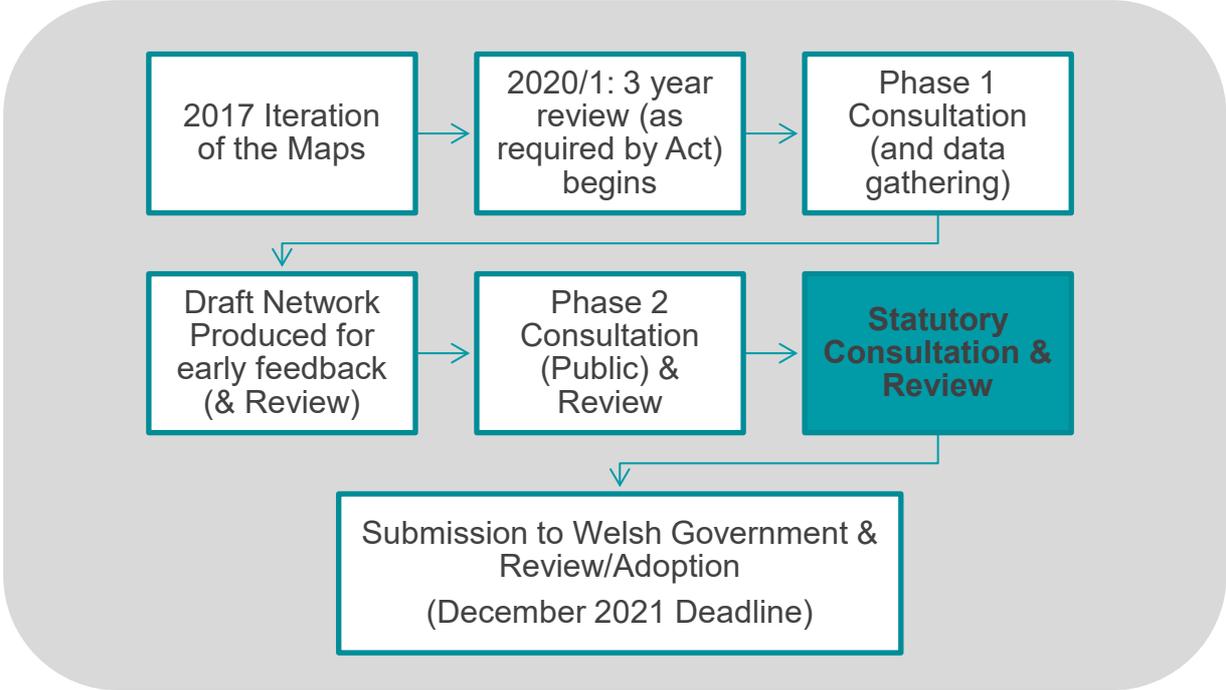


Figure 1: Process development stages

Part 2: Engagement Summary

The Importance of Engagement

Amendments to the Welsh Government's Draft Active Travel Delivery Guidance² place an emphasis on the importance of consultation and engagement in the development of Active Travel Network Maps (ATNMs).

The principles embedded within the guidance consider that Active Travel Networks developed with communities and by existing and future users, are more likely to be used and therefore the impact of any infrastructure delivered is likely to be greater.

The guidance suggests a multi-phased approach to engagement, with the first opportunity being at route identification stage. A second opportunity for engagement should take place following completion of the outline design to provide stakeholders a further opportunity to refine the scheme design. For ATNM's developed under the Active Travel Act, there must be a statutory 12 week public consultation period.

Multi-phased Engagement Process

So as to ensure delivery of a rigorous and meaningful engagement process, Ceredigion County Council began a delivery of engagement during November 2020, being the first Local Authority (LA) to launch the public consultation through the Welsh Government provided platform 'Commonplace'.

In order to receive reliable feedback and to give people the opportunity to stay involved throughout all stages of the consultation process, Ceredigion chose a multi-phased approach of engagement. This goes beyond the minimum requirements of the Active Travel Delivery Guidance, but this approach was considered highly desirable so as to demonstrate that Ceredigion County Council had followed a fully inclusive process.

² <https://gov.wales/active-travel-guidance>



*Figure 2: Online Engagement Platform
(<https://ceredigion.commonplace.is/> screenshot 6.1.2021)*

The first phase of the ATNM consultation in Ceredigion ran for six weeks between 26 November 2020 and 6 January 2021 and was accessible through the online engagement platform Commonplace. The initial consultation asked specifically about barriers people face on their everyday journeys when walking or cycling.

The initial phase has seen a significant response rate, especially when considering the difficult circumstances for public engagement due to Covid-19 restrictions. In total, the consultation has seen:

- 675 people actively participating,
- 2663 individual visitors,
- 505 individual comments,
- 1619 agreements with existing comments.

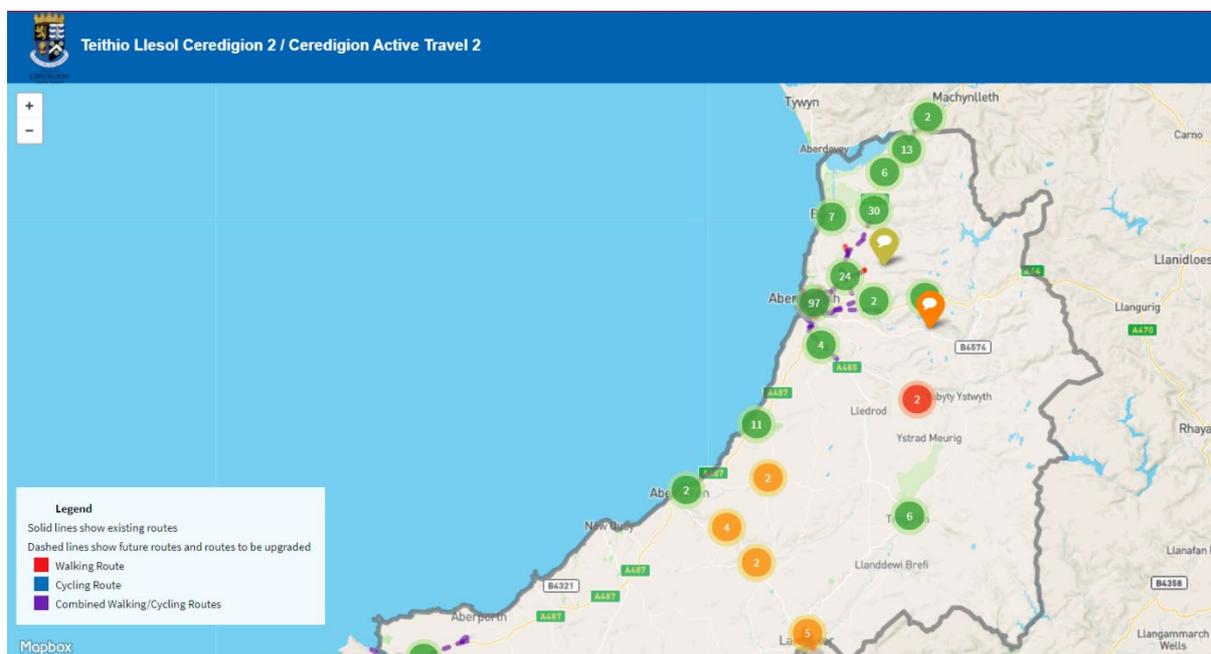


Figure 3: Commonplace Phase 2, Feedback on the Active Travel Draft Network Map (<https://ceredigion2.commonplace.is/>, screenshot 22.3.2021)

The second phase of the consultation sought to obtain public feedback on the proposed Active Travel Draft Network Map. The second phase received a lower number of responses but can still demonstrate considerable levels of engagement. Again, the Phase 2 consultation was made available through Commonplace and it was online for 3 weeks from 3rd to 22nd March 2021. In total, the consultation has seen:

- 328 people actively participating,
- 1533 individual visitors,
- 273 individual comments,
- 716 agreements with existing comments.

Stakeholder mapping

An in-depth stakeholder mapping process formed the starting point of the consultation to make sure all audiences suggested within the Active Travel Delivery Guidance were included (i.e. children and young people, seldom heard groups, groups with protected characteristics, people who feel unable to travel actively now, as well as key stakeholders, delivery partners, wider public and persons that had requested to be consulted). An anonymised version of the stakeholder list was shared with the local Sustrans volunteer network in Ceredigion to identify missing stakeholder groups.

Engagement Activities

Email Campaign

To accompany the launch of the consultation an email campaign reached out to over 240 local groups, community hubs, charities, sports clubs, businesses, adjoining local authorities, police stations, Elected Members, Community and Town Councillors, etc. (Complete list of groups contacted is listed in Appendix A).

Social media

The launch was promoted through a press release across print and online media in Ceredigion and across the Sustrans social media channels (Twitter and Facebook) through repeated media posts (2.12.2020, 17.12.2020, 6.1.2021, 8.1.2021, 3.3.2021, 4.3.2021).

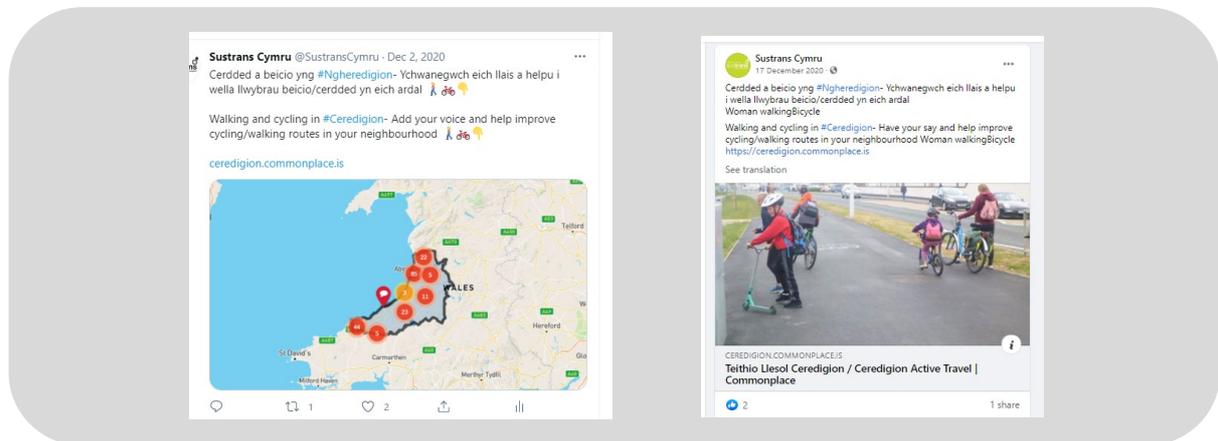


Figure 4: Phase 1 consultation: Facebook/ Twitter posts via Sustrans Cymru, Screenshots Dec 2020

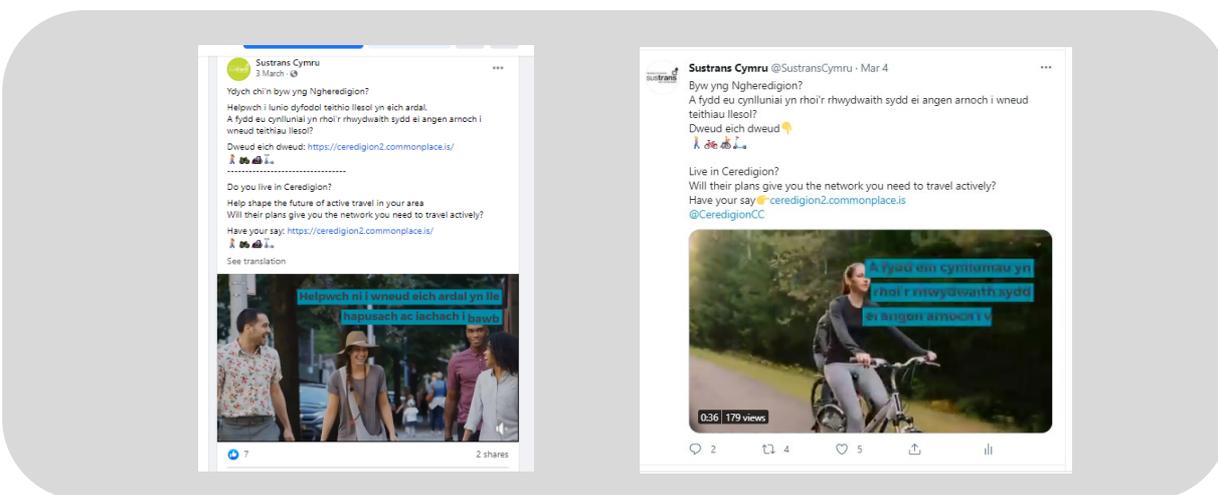


Figure 5: Phase 2 Consultation: Twitter/Facebook posts via Sustrans Cymru, Screenshots March 2021

Over 25 local groups were contacted directly through personal messages via Facebook.

Paper copies of Consultation map and survey

To ensure accessibility of the consultation for as many people as possible, a paper version of the consultation map and survey in both English and Welsh was made available through mail to individuals upon request.

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Where have you placed your comment?
Eg. street name, school name

What is your connection to this place?

Go to school here Come shopping here
Live here Work here
As a transport interchange/hub Go to College/University

Other: _____

What are you commenting on?

Road Pavement/footpath
Cycle lane (on road) Cycle parking
Cycle path (off road) Junction
Walking & Cycling shared path (off road) Crossing

Other: _____

What is the issue you are commenting on?

Lack of safe route for walking Street furniture
Hard to cross the road Poor lighting
Behaviour of road users Poor air quality
Lack of secure bike parking Pavement parking
Behaviour of other path users Heavy traffic
Lack of safe route for cycling Barriers to access
Poor signage/route hard to find Speeding

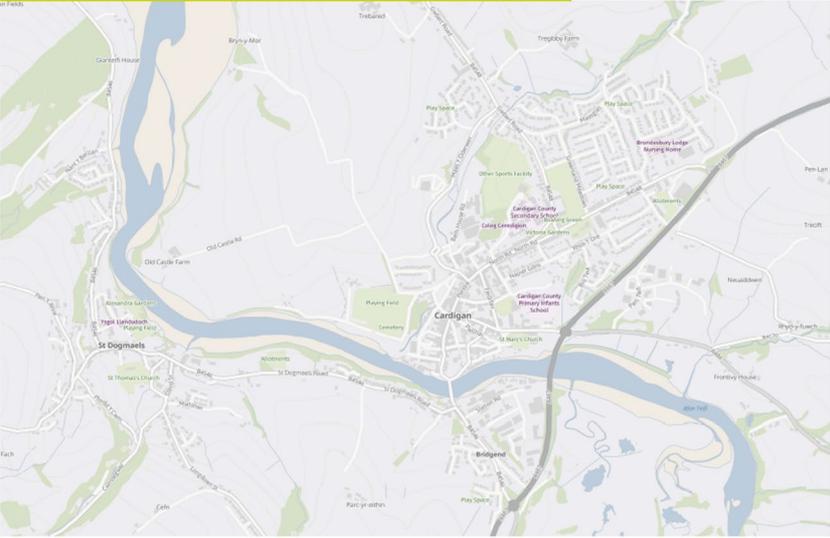
Other: _____

What is the issue you are commenting on?

Improve path surface Add dropped kerbs
Add cycle parking Slow down traffic
Connect pavements Repaint lane stripping
More seating Better enforcement
Remove barriers More cycle lanes
Restrict traffic or close road Better signage
More facilities for disabled Pedestrianise
Widen footpath/pavement Add/improve crossing
Remove pavement clutter Safer junction

Other: _____

Mark a location on the map where you want to comment.



Any other comments?

Figure 6: Example of paper map and survey questions, sent out to individuals on request.

Printed Posters

Printed posters were distributed to the main post offices, libraries, and bicycle shops in the designated settlements.

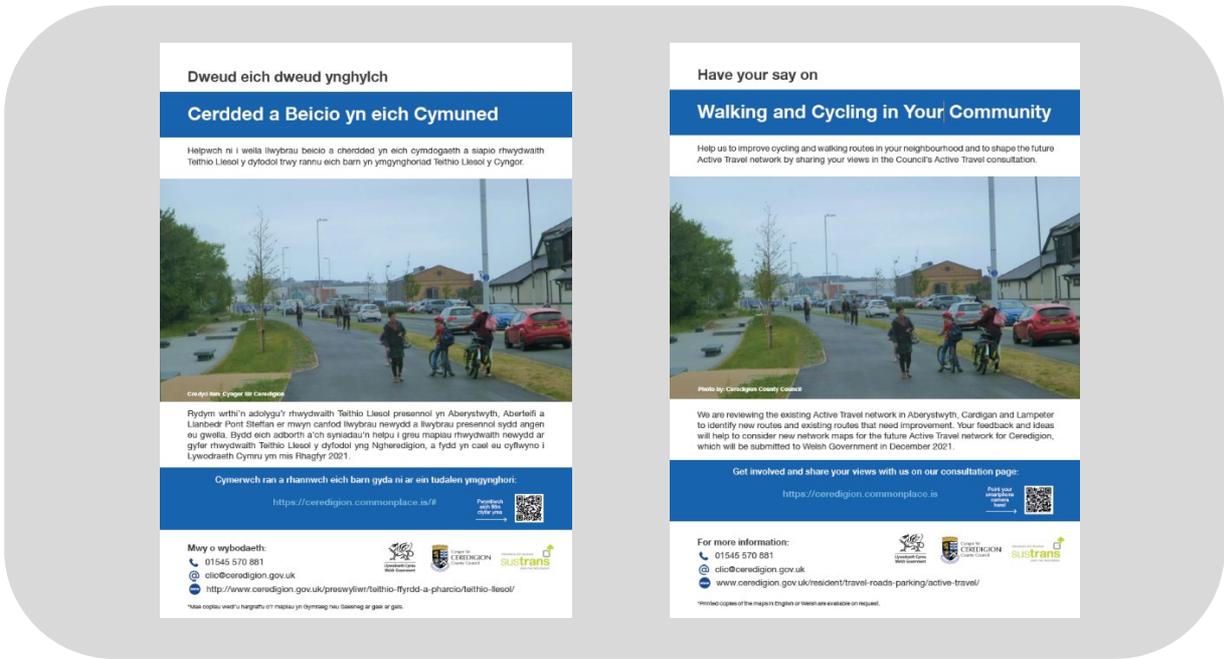


Figure 7: Consultation poster (print version and digital flyer in Welsh and English), distributed to libraries, post offices, and bike shops.

Engagement with Elected Members, Town and Community Councils

In order to obtain early feedback on the draft route maps, stakeholders were invited to preview the draft ATNM after Phase 1 consultation before they were released to public in consultation Phase 2 on 3 March 2021. The draft maps could be accessed online and internal stakeholders were encouraged to view and comment on the proposed route maps.

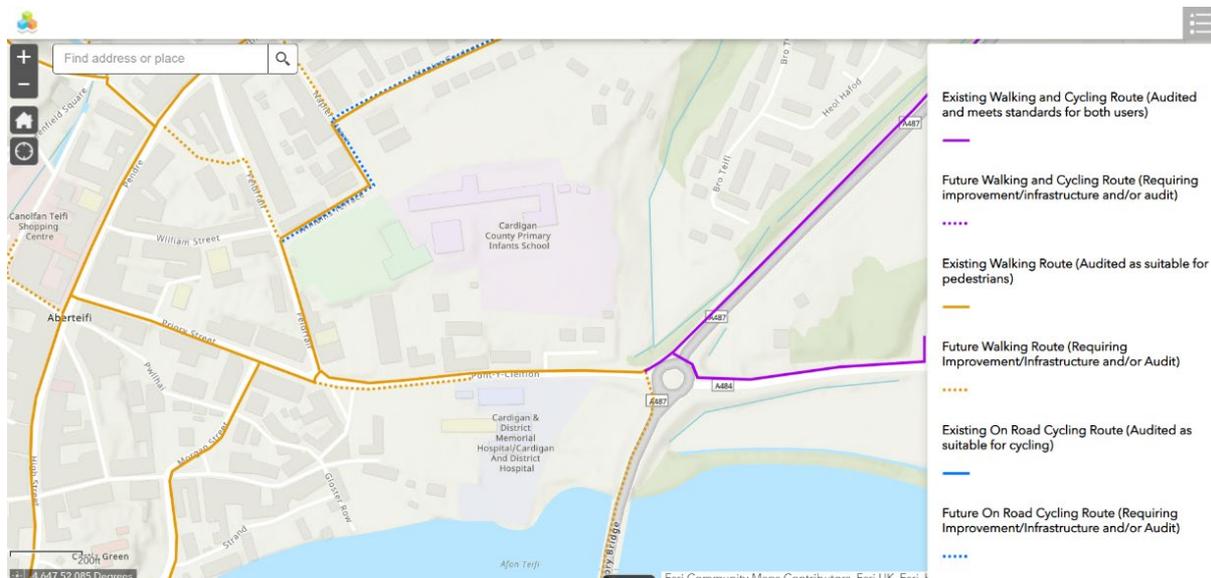


Figure 8: Draft route map for walking & cycling, accessible for all Internal Stakeholders through GIS-based online map. Screenshot, 20.02.2021

An interim report was shared with the internal stakeholders at the same time, providing an overview of the ATNM process, an update on the consultation and giving guidance on how to view and provide feedback on the draft network maps of Ceredigion. The report was shared with all Elected Members on 18 February 2021.

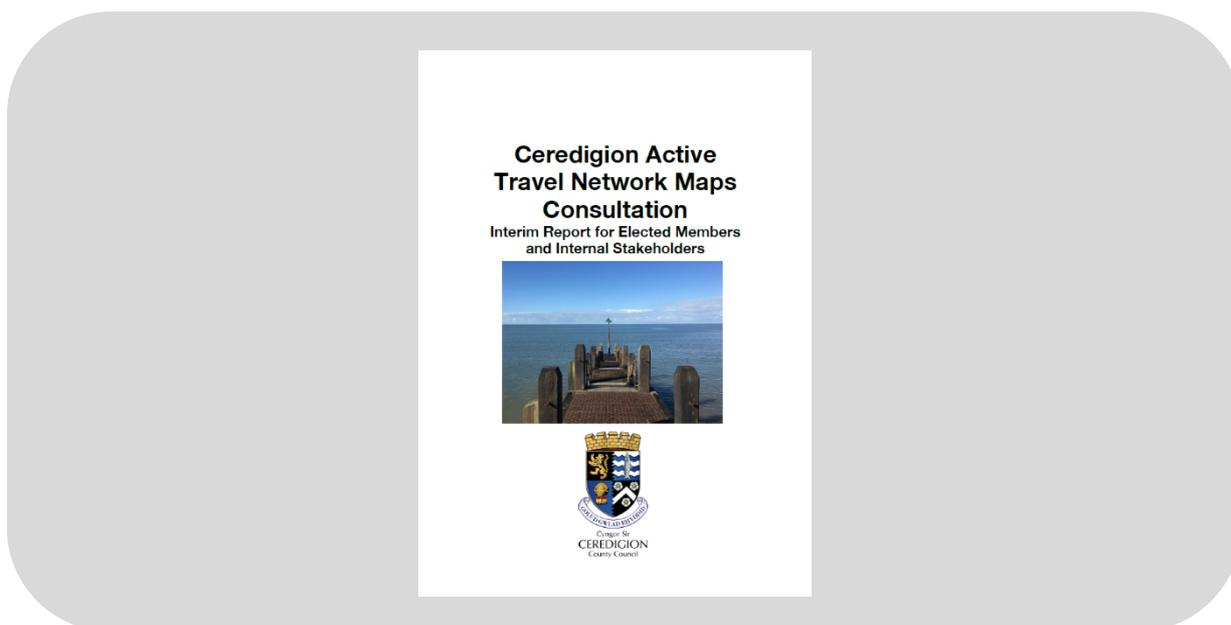


Figure 9: Interim report for Elected Members and Internal Stakeholders

Engaging people with protected characteristics

On behalf of Ceredigion Council, Sustrans reviewed the demographic, geographic and equalities data on respondents after the first phase of engagement, matching them with Census 2011 data in order to identify underrepresented groups/areas to help focus further engagement activities during statutory consultation. The results showed overall good matches between respondents and population data, with only small discrepancies in the engagement levels of people under 24 and people aged 65 and over. As a result, engagement activities in Phase 2 focused more on these underrepresented groups.

The Royal Institute for the Blind, Guide Dogs Cymru and the Welsh Council for the Blind were consulted with on several occasions to provide opportunities for **visually impaired people** to give their feedback. Coordinated through the Wales Vision Forum, people with sight loss gave their feedback through an online questionnaire, by post, at virtual member forums and over the telephone. To receive specific feedback on barriers that **people who are living with deafblindness** face, direct conversations took place with a member of Deafblind Cymru.

To promote the consultation among **young people** and **vulnerable groups**, conversations and meetings took place with the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales, the Children's Commissioner for Wales and the Council for Voluntary Youth Work.

In addition to this, a promotional video targeted at young audiences was made and shared through social media specifically with groups and organisations working with young people, such as Ceredigion Youth Service, Aberystwyth University, University of Wales Trinity Saint David, Coleg Ceredigion, Urdd Ceredigion, Youth Forum Penparcau, etc.



Figure 10: Promotion video on the consultation targeted at young people, shared through Twitter/Facebook. Screenshot 3.3.2021

To promote engagement among **young and older people** as well as **women**, a bilingual flyer and poster was shared specifically with groups with a focus on young people and on older people, such as the Age Cymru Dyfed, U3A local groups, Merched Y Waw, West Wales Care Partnership, Ceredigion 50+, etc.



Figure 11: Flyers/Posters for Phase 2 Engagement, focused on groups with protected characteristics

Please see Appendix A for a full list of groups contacted and directly involved in this consultation.

Focused engagement in Lampeter

The commonplace Phase 1 datasets showed a very low level of feedback from Lampeter residents. Based on this, an additional 30 groups and organisations in Lampeter were contacted with launch of the Phase 2 consultation. The local ward members were also contacted directly and encouraged to promote the consultation on the draft network in Lampeter.

Sustrans Cymru recommends that engagement activities in Lampeter should be extended during statutory consultation, e.g. through letter drops or face-to-face engagement in the town centre of Lampeter, if permitted - dependent upon Covid restrictions.

Engagement with schools

Engagement with schools was undertaken and it combined a variety of activities: 14 Primary Schools, 3 Secondary and 1 '3 to 19' School within and adjoining the three designated settlements were contacted in an initial email campaign with follow-up phone calls and emails. Students of Y5 and older, families and carers were invited to provide their input through an online survey, which was individualised for each school. The school survey was live for five weeks from 20th April to 28th May 2021.

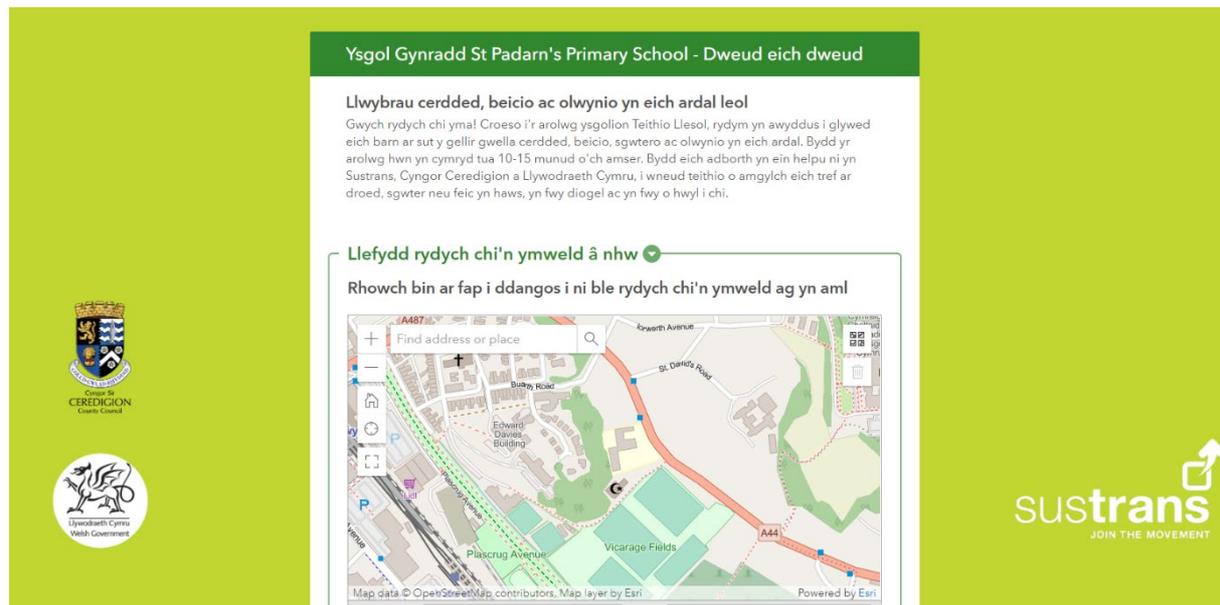


Figure 12: School specific online survey, example of Ysgol Gynradd St Padarn's Primary School, screenshot 20.4.2021.

If teachers wished to expand on the consultation and Active Travel in general during their lessons, they were provided with additional material, such as a bilingual lesson plan on Active Travel and the ATNM consultation, a home learner guidance (guidance for students currently unable to attend school) as well as bilingual instructional/informative videos that could be shown in the classroom. Two schools were provided with further resources and follow up activities upon their request.

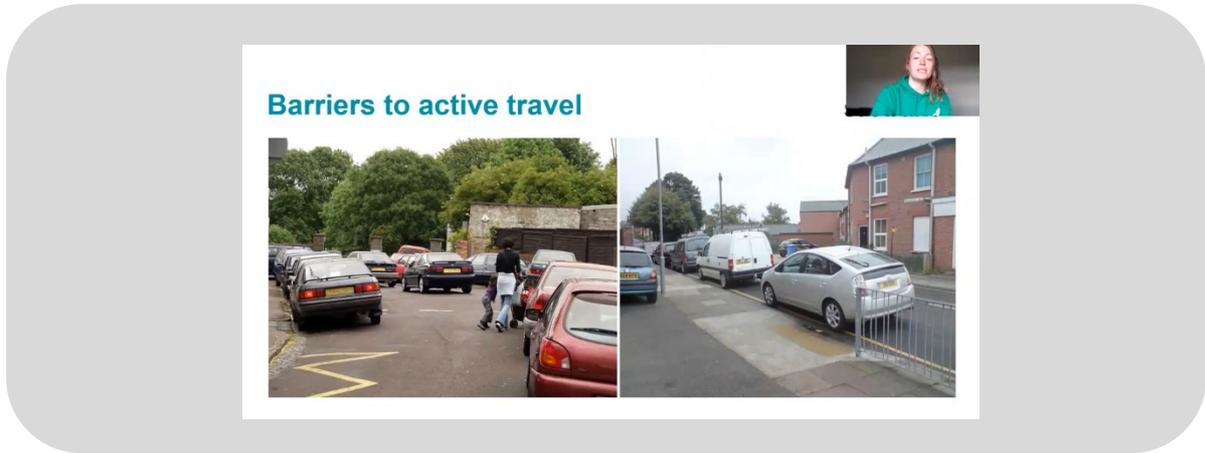


Figure 13: Instructional video on Active Travel and the ATNM Consultation, Screenshot YouTube 25.5.2021

The online survey was completed by 252 students from 9 different schools:

Schools	Respondents
Ysgol Gymunedol Talybont - Welsh Survey	14
Ysgol Comins Coch – English Survey	19
Ysgol St Padarn’s – English Survey	6
Ysgol Plascrug – English Survey	33
Ysgol Gynradd Llechryd - Welsh Survey	52
Ysgol Gynradd Llechryd – English Survey	8
Ysgol Gymraeg - Welsh Survey	51
Ysgol Gyfun Gymunedol Penweddig – Welsh Survey	19
Ysgol Gynradd Llanilar - Welsh Survey	44
Ysgol Gynradd Penllwyn - Welsh Survey	6

Table 1: Schools’ Survey responses

Part 3: Developing the Network & Draft Maps

The network development process has begun from a base of the 2017 iterations of the network maps submitted to, and accepted by, Welsh Government (provided on the CCC webpages via this link: <https://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/resident/travel-roads-parking/active-travel/>). Please note the maps are being updated as part of this process, and those accepted at 2021 will supersede the previous versions. To develop this network for the 2021 iteration, we have investigated three main sources of evidence, outlined within Table 2.

Activity	What has this involved?	Why is this useful for network development?
Desktop Study	Collating data to help justify route alignments, including (but not limited to): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Locations of key trip attractors - Locations of potential barriers - Commute flows - Ward statistics (including population density) - Identifying new developments since 2017 	This has allowed us to identify likely priority routes (in associated with site visits and engagement feedback) for consideration. This has also allowed us to support alignments with a robust evidence base that will aid in justifying the route alignments when presented to Welsh Government for approval.
Site Visits	Visiting routes during 2020 (outside of lockdown restrictions) to record existing and potential for improvements.	Has allowed us to ensure the 2017 iteration of the map is still valid (e.g. routes are still suitable for walking/cycling), and explore any alignments that justify addition. This also, in combination with desktop study and engagement feedback, highlights any deliverability constraints for proposed routes.

Activity	What has this involved?	Why is this useful for network development?
Engagement Feedback (process described within Part 2)	Commonplace Data, ongoing liaison with stakeholder groups and school-specific engagement via the Sustrans West and Mid Wales Active Journeys Officer.	Key to the network development as feedback from everyday users (e.g. may identify considerations missed at time of site visit)

Table 2- Activities Undertaken to Develop the Network

Mapping systems have allowed datasets to be collated for each of the designated towns in Ceredigion. Snapshots of the network are shown within the following Figures (note: for clarity, not all layers considered are shown on these examples).

A Basemap showing key destinations and settlements was used to then overlay with suitable data, as shown in Figure 14.

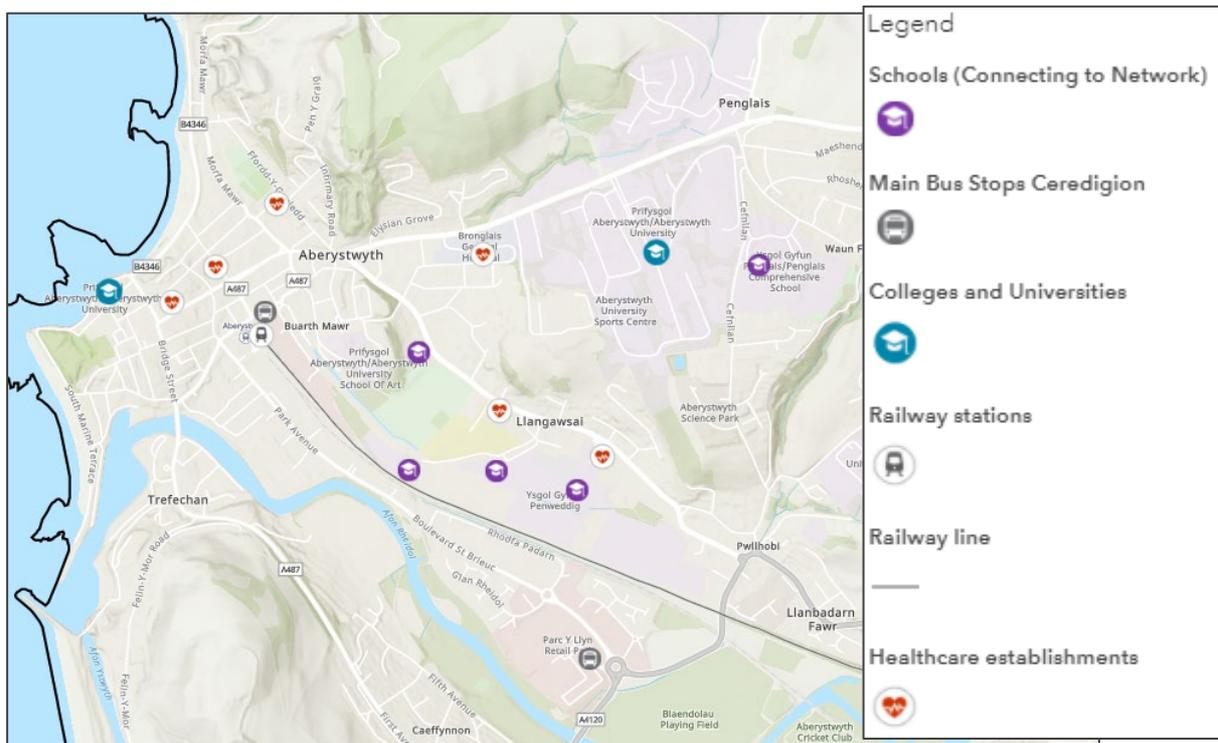


Figure 14 -Example of Overlaying Data

The route map that was published in 2017 showing the Existing and Future (previously 'integrated') routes identified for walking and cycling is shown in Figure 15.

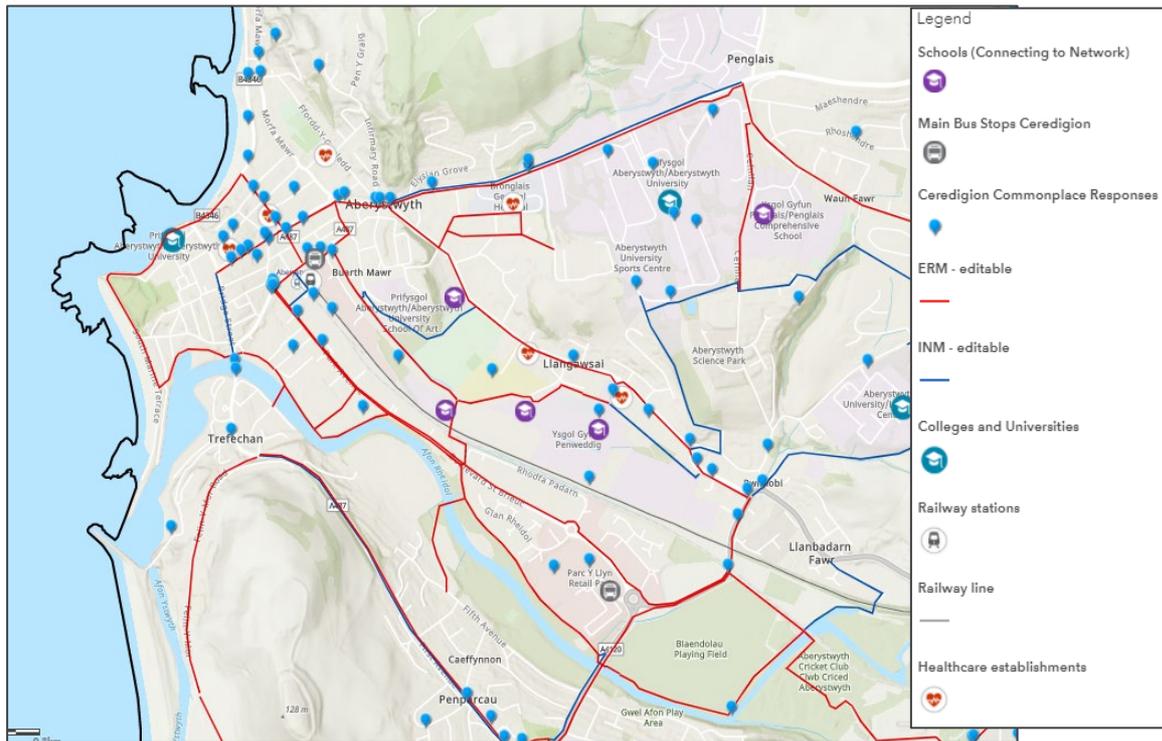


Figure 15 - Overlay of existing network routes (2017 iteration)

Future routes have been identified based on a combination of desktop study, site visits and engagement feedback, and shown in Figure 16.

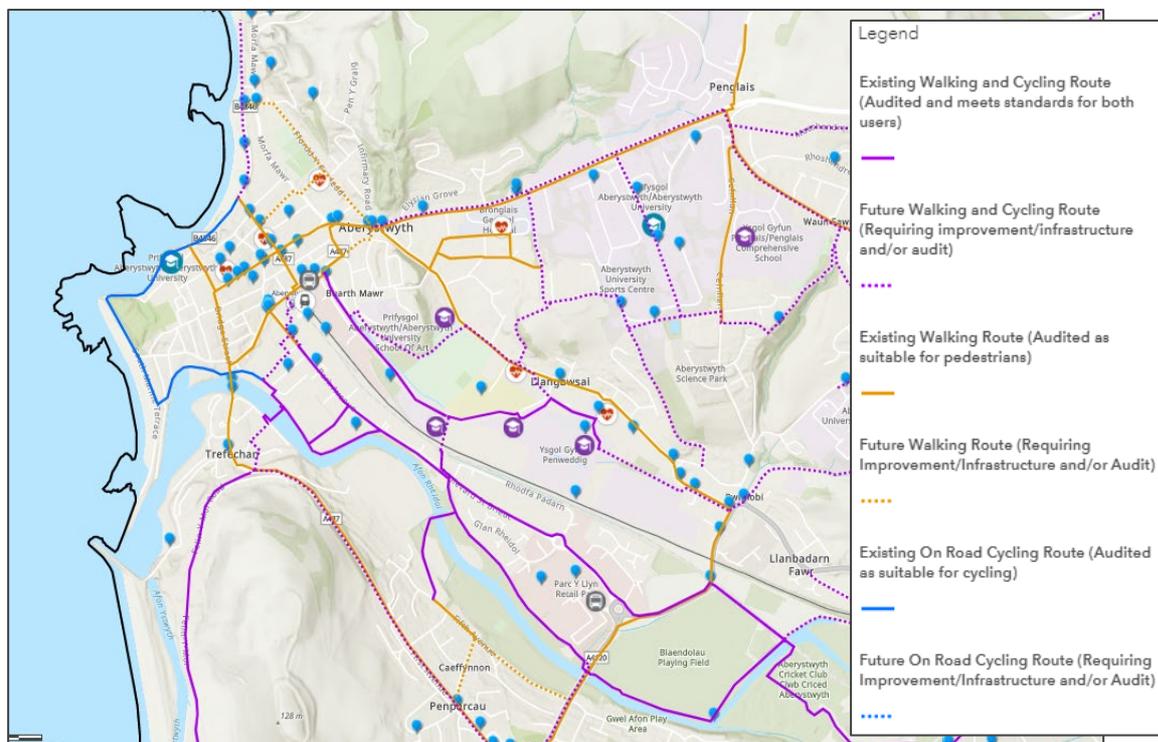


Figure 16 - Addition of Routes for Consideration in 2021 update (Phase 2)

These draft routes proposals were then submitted for a Phase 2 review, to ensure the map accurately reflected the engagement feedback from Phase 1. Detailed results from Phases 1 and 2 are described within Part 2 of this report.

To ensure the comments were taken into account, they were added to a GIS mapping system, with the previously proposed routes overlaid.

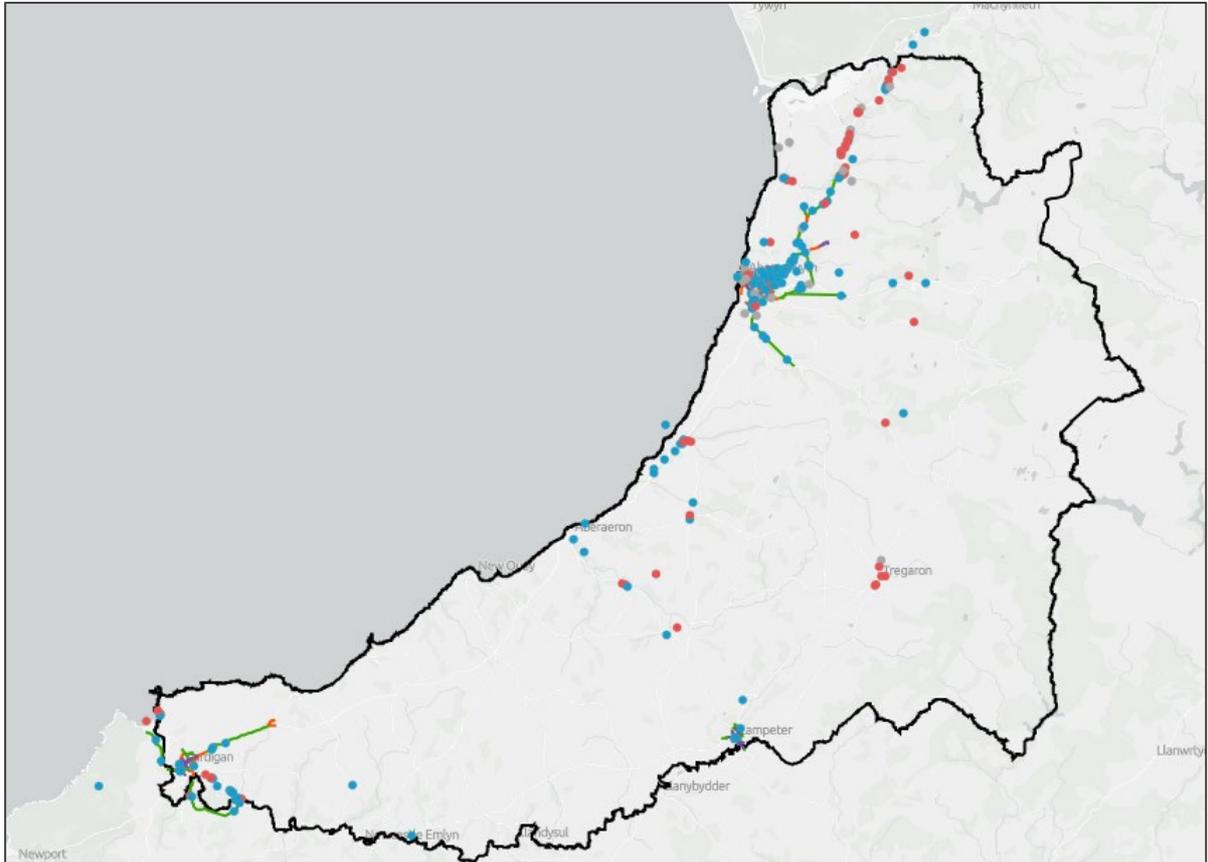


Figure 17 – Comments overlaid against network proposals (and in process of review)

Overall, respondents were found to agree with the route proposals where they were commenting upon a route already identified, although suggestions for specific designs to consider along certain route sections were received and should be considered at the detailed design stage.

Part 4: Network Recommendations

As a result of the feedback received throughout Phases 1 and 2 of the engagement, as well as site visits and desktop study, the following recommendations are proposed.

Recommendation 1: Routes already identified on the Map proposed at Phase 2 remain for the Statutory Consultation.

Overall 69% percent of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that the overall proposed network as presented on the Map would enable them to walk/cycle more for everyday journeys.

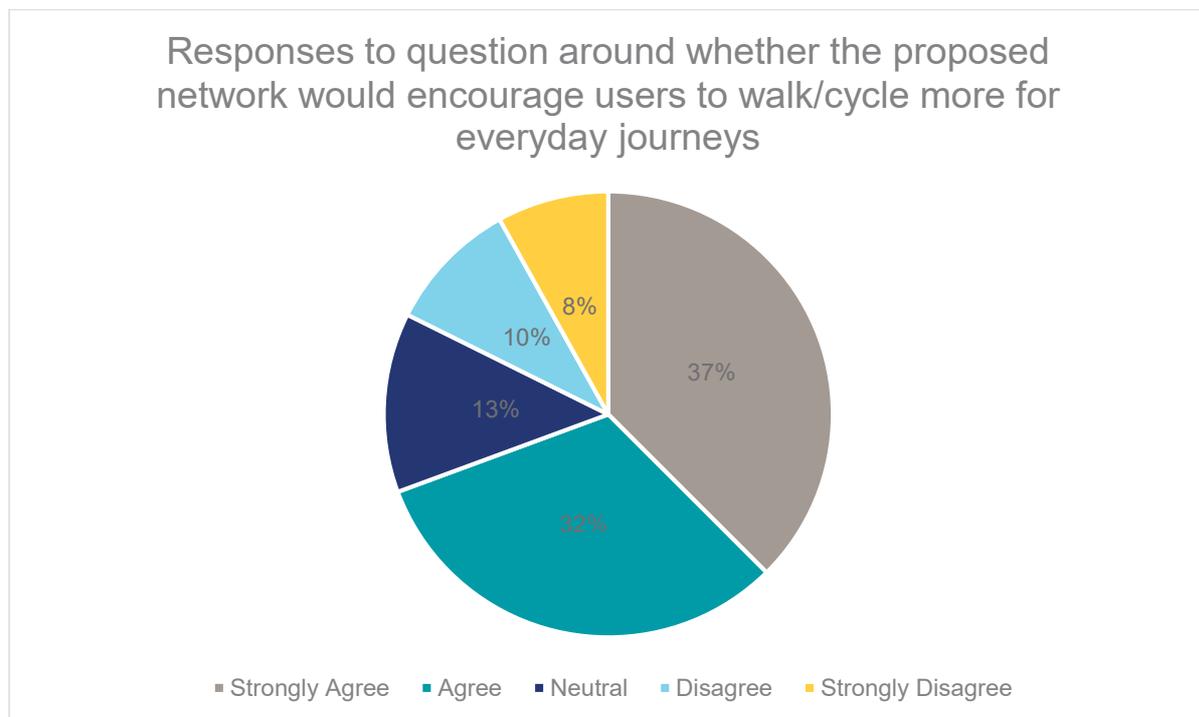


Table 3 – Percentage of respondents to question if the proposed network would encourage them to walk/cycle more for everyday journeys.

Some routes have been recommended for realignment, although the start/end point remains (see recommendation 2).

The audit score sheets associated with the Existing Routes have been provided within a separate excel spreadsheet to CCC.

Respondents were also asked if their comment related to a 'Missing Route'. These were subsequently reviewed and recommendations as to whether they should be included were made (see Recommendation 2).

The comments resulted in the following route sections being reviewed, with recommendations for addition/realignment as follows.

Recommendation 2: Addition of the following 'missing' routes onto the map proposed for Statutory Consultation.

- CER-FR-AB-642: Marine Terrace & North Road

- This route aims to address comments received about a need to improve network connections within the Town Centre area for cyclists and pedestrians, most likely via separated footway and possibly on carriageway cycleway provision, subject to measures which ensure traffic flows and speeds are appropriate.
- The benefits of inclusion of this route include enabling walkers and cyclists to connect to the existing routes on the seafront, with proposed/existing routes along Penglais Hill towards the Waunfawr area. The route would also connect Aberystwyth University sites, health clinic, the Bandstand, tennis courts and high density residential area of the town. It would also connect to the starting point of a popular recreational route to Constitution Hill (enabling potential recreational route users to undertake the 'utility' section of the journey as a pedestrian or cyclist rather than using the car).
- At the Welsh Government review stage, the network will be assessed to ensure coherence, particularly within built up areas with high potential for modal shift. Without inclusion of the CER-FR-AB-642 route, there is a risk associated within the town centre section of Aberystwyth that the proposed network will be rejected on the basis that it is not deemed coherent enough (particularly for the cycle network, where the previous proposals ended at the bottom of Penglais Hill and the junction of Marine Terrace and Terrace Road). The inclusion of CER-FR-AB-642 will allow CCC to bid for funds to investigate improvements in more detail to connect the existing/future sections.

- CER-FR-AB-643: Penglais Hill to Aberystwyth Station (Rear) via Poplar Row

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- This route aims to address comments received concerning the need to improve network connections between proposed routes and key trip attractors and onward routes within the town centre area, specifically linking up Penglais Hill proposals with the Station area (and onward routes to the Ystwyth and Rheidol Trails). Some of this route is already considered as 'Existing' for pedestrians, however, if accepted, provision on the future route map would indicate a desire to improve the situation for pedestrians, and provide a connection for cyclists.
 - Other benefits are that the route will support other aspirations in the area, such as by illustrating a desire to connect the Penglais Hill/Waunfawr/IBERs proposals eventually into the transport interchange, enabling more attractive multi-modal journeys and promote better access to passenger transport services.
 - Exact design options will require further study, but the route has significant potential for modal shift. Route options will require liaison with the Welsh Government Trunk Road Agent.
 - At the Welsh Government review stage, the network will be assessed to ensure coherence, particularly within built up areas with high potential for modal shift. Without inclusion of CER-FR-AB-643 there is a risk associated within the town centre section of Aberystwyth that the proposed network will be rejected on the basis that it is not deemed coherent enough (particularly for the cycle network, where the previous proposals ended at the bottom of Penglais Hill, the end of Park Avenue and the end of Plascrug Avenue). The inclusion of CER-FR-AB-643 will signify to Welsh Government a desire to improve provision for walkers/cyclists along the TRA487 sections, and allow CCC to bid for suitable design improvements for the Poplar Row sections.

- **CER-FR-AB-645: Talybont to Ceredigion/ Powys County Boundary**

- The route has been added in response to strong support received during the Phase 2 consultation, as well as a separate petition which has been sent to CCC in support. The route alignment aims to connect settlements along the TRA487 North of Aberystwyth to the Powys county boundary (linking to the Powys Network), complementing shorter-term proposals to link IBERs with Waunfawr. The route is likely to be a longer-term aspiration due to the length and likely deliverability challenges, which will require liaison with the Welsh Government Trunk Road Agent which manages the road.

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- If this route is not included, then there may be a risk encountered at the public statutory consultation stage, where strong support has already been evidenced as part of earlier informal stages of the consultation.

- **CER-FR-AB-646A & 646B: Borth to Llandre**

- This proposal has been split into two sections to acknowledge recent footway improvements between the TRA487 Junction and Lon Glan-Fred (the future route provision is therefore classified as both walkers and cyclists from Lon Glan-Fred to Borth, and for cyclists only from Lon Glan-Fred to the start of the shared use facility to the South (this is to account for the fact that the route is already existing for pedestrians)).
- Proposal would connect Borth with recently improved provision between Llandre and Bow Street, to connect into the IBERs route (and onwards via proposals to Aberystwyth). Benefits to this route are that it would connect Borth (population approximately 1400) with the network. There are also significant seasonal fluctuations to help justify inclusion due to Bryn Owen Park and other trip attractors along the seafront to the North. The Propensity to Cycle Tool (PCT) supports the inclusion of the route (with a potential 34% rise in cyclists under the E-Bike scenario, if appropriate provision is built).
- The proposal may also support future bids for the proposed Waunfawr to IBERs connection, as for this route (646A/B) to realise full potential, it should be considered as part of an area-wide intervention to improve connections from settlements to the North into the nearest service settlement of Aberystwyth.
- The most direct route would be along the B4353, although this may prove challenging to deliver due to width constraints, however, a public right of way also exists North of the B4353 which may provide a suitable option for a section of the route (this would require further study through the WeITAG Stages).

- **CER-FR-CA-020 – CER-FR-CA-024 Cardigan Town Routes**

- These route proposals have been added in response to overall comments received about the coherence of the network within the town centres (the comments specifically reference Aberystwyth routes, but a review of the network for similar opportunities also identified cycling connections within Cardigan to ensure coherence for cyclists to reach key trip attractors).

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- The most likely provision for cyclists along these town centre routes would be on carriageway, however the addition onto the ATNM would enable CCC to bid for funding to improve road safety for active travel users in this area. The town centre network would enable connections from the Future Route proposals to trip attractors within the town (including the shops, leisure centre, primary school, health centre, bus station, market and recently installed cycle parking facilities at the Mwldan Theatre and Cinema).
 - If this route is not included, then there may be a risk encountered at the Welsh Government review stage, where the network will be assessed to ensure coherence, particularly within built up areas with high potential for modal shift. Without the network of routes associated with CER-FR-CA-020/021/022/023/024 there is a risk associated within the town centre section of Cardigan that the proposed network will be rejected on the basis that it is not deemed coherent enough (particularly for the cycle network, where the previous proposals ended at the Pont-y-Cleifion roundabout, Bridge Street and Rhodfa'r Felin).
- **Realignment of proposed route into Llechryd to allow CCC to apply for Welsh Government funding to investigate most appropriate routing in further detail (e.g. via A484 or Cilgerran) (CER-FR-CA-013)**
- This route proposal has been realigned based on feedback received during Phase 2 of the consultation. Previously this was shown as a connection via Cilgerran, however, comments alluded to the indirectness of the proposal, particularly for pedestrians. The addition of this route allows for CCC to bid to WG for funds to appraise route options.

A number of comments were also received that did not relate to specific route alignments, but related facilities that also help to enable Active Travel, for example, cycle parking, which should be considered alongside future route improvements.

In accordance with the Active Travel Act Guidance, the routes proposed have been classified into **Primary, Secondary and Local Routes** - see Table 4 below - with their classification status available on the DataMapWales system.

Route Classification	Definition (as outlined within the Active Travel Act Guidance 2020) for Walking	Definition (as outlined within the Active Travel Act Guidance 2020) for Cycling
Primary	Busy urban shopping and business areas and main pedestrian routes	The key corridors between neighbourhoods/ residential areas and a town or city centre; routes between districts and neighbourhoods; cycle routes which are (or will be) used by a great many cyclists. Links to main public transport interchanges.
Secondary	Medium usage routes through local areas feeding into primary routes, local shopping centres etc.	The links between the primary routes; links to trip attractors such as schools, colleges, employment sites; cycle routes which are an attractor for a more limited range of users; routes which may cater for fewer cycle journeys than the primary routes but are still of strategic importance within the network. Links to local public transport interchanges and stops.
Local Routes (Cycling) Linking/Local Access Routes (Walking)	Linking local access footways through urban areas and busy rural footways. Footways associated with low usage, short estate roads to the main routes and cul-de-sacs.	All other all-purpose roads, greenways and bridleways that are not necessarily part of a designated route (e.g. many residential streets). This basic network of local routes (see para 14.4), although lower in the hierarchy, forms an important part of the cycle network, providing secondary and tertiary routes connecting to the strategic routes.

Table 4 –Primary/Secondary and Local Route Classifications

Routes have also been prioritised into Short, Medium and Longer term aspirations depending on the classifications above and a number of criteria as outlined within the Active Travel (Wales) Guidance.

[To include Table 5 once prioritised]

Appendix A: List of Groups Contacted

Stakeholder	Group	Phase 1	Phase 2	Engagement Activity
CCC Public Rights of Way Team	CCC	✓	✓	email
CCC Planning Development Section	CCC	✓	✓	email
CCC Highways Maintenance Section	CCC	✓	✓	email
WG Network Management officers for Active Travel on Trunk Roads	CCC	✓	✓	email
North and Mid Wales Trunk Road Agent officers for Ceredigion	CCC	✓	✓	email
Pembrokeshire County Council (in respect of the county border town of Cardigan)	CCC	✓	✓	email
Carmarthenshire County Council (in respect of the county border town of Lampeter))	CCC	✓	✓	email
Ceredigion Youth Service	CCC	✓	✓	email
UN LLAIS CYMRU / ONE VOICE WALES	CCC	✓	✓	email
Local Access Forum	CCC	✓	✓	email
All Elected Members (42)	CCC	✓	✓	email campaign/ letter/ Interim Report
All Town and Community Councils (51)	CCC	✓	✓	email campaign/ Interim Report
Protected Characteristics				
Ceredigion 50+ Forum	Age	✓	✓	email campaign
Age Cymru Dyfed	Age	✓	✓	email campaign

Care Society	Age	✓	✓	email campaign
Ceredigion Disability Forum	Disability	✓	✓	email campaign
Disabled People Together	Disability	✓	✓	email campaign
DASH Ceredigion	Disability	✓	✓	email campaign
West Wales Care Partnership	Disability	✓	✓	email campaign
West Wales Intergrated Autism Service	Disability	✓	✓	email campaign
Autism Initiatives Ceredigion	Disability	✓	✓	email campaign
Aberystwyth Town Football Disability	Disability	✓	✓	email campaign
Accessibility Aber Uni	Disability	✓	✓	email campaign
Cymdeithas Ceredigion i'r Deillion/ Ceredigion Association for the Blind (Aberystwyth and Cardigan)	Disability	✓	✓	email campaign
Disability Wales	Disability	✓	✓	email campaign
Snap Cymru	Disability	✓	✓	email campaign
Wales Council for Deaf People	Disability	✓	✓	email campaign
Stroke Association Ceredigion	Disability	✓	✓	email campaign
Royal National Institute of Blind Cymru	Disability	✓	✓	liaison through RNIB
Wales Council of the Blind	Disability	✓	✓	email & meeting
Guide Dogs Cymru	Disability	✓	✓	email & meeting
Aberystwyth Wheelchair Basketball Club	Disability	✓	✓	email campaign
Welsh Vision Forum	Disability	✓	✓	liaison through RNIB
Bi Cymru	Diversity	✓	✓	email campaign
Race Council Cymru	Diversity	✓	✓	email campaign
Stonewall Cymru	Diversity	✓	✓	email campaign
West Wales Anti-Racism Network	Diversity	✓	✓	email campaign
Ceredigion Women's Institute	Gender	✓	✓	email campaign
Merched Y Wawr Aberystwyth	Gender	✓	✓	email campaign
Mind Aberystwyth	Health	✓	✓	email campaign

Hafal Ceredigion	Health	✓	✓	email campaign
Peoples Practise Aberystwyth	Nature	✓	✓	email campaign
Ceredigion Local Access Forum	Nature	✓	✓	email campaign
Starlings Aberystwyth	Other	✓	✓	email campaign
Gweini	Religion	✓	✓	email campaign
Aberystwyth Masjid Mosque	Religion	✓	✓	email campaign
Lampeter University Mosque	Religion	✓	✓	email campaign
CAVO	Volunteering	✓	✓	email campaign
Wales Council for Voluntary Action	Volunteering	✓	✓	email campaign
University Aberystwyth Student Union	Young People	✓	✓	email campaign
University of Lampeter Student Union	Young People	✓	✓	email campaign
Family Information Service Ceredigion	Young People	✓	✓	email campaign
Ceredigion Youth Service (Youth Clubs in Cardigan and Lampeter)	Young People	✓	✓	email campaign
Active Young People (part of Ceredigino Actif)	Young People	✓	✓	email campaign
Children's commisioner for Wales	Young People	✓	✓	email campaign
Scouts Ceredigion	Young People	✓	✓	email campaign
Youth Parliament	Young People	✓	✓	email campaign
Yr Urdd Comms	Young People	✓	✓	email campaign
Yr Urdd Llangrannog	Young People	✓	✓	email campaign

Shelley Childs at Aber Cycle Fest / Ystwyth CC	Young People	✓	✓	email campaign
Extinction Rebellion Aberystwyth (620 members)	Young People	✓	✓	email campaign
Aberystwyth University	Young people	✓	✓	email campaign
Shelley Childs at Aber Cycle Fest / Ystwyth CC	Young people	✓	✓	email campaign
Primary/Special Schools, all (45)	Young people		✓	Online survey for schools
Secondary Schools, all (8)	Young people		✓	Online survey for schools
Groups/ Organisations/ Businesses				
Advancing Aberystwyth (BID group)	Business	✓	✓	email campaign
Wales TUC Cymru	Business	✓	✓	email campaign
South Wales Chamber of Commerce	Business	✓	✓	email campaign
Chamber of Commerce Aberystwyth/ Cadw Calon Aberystwyth	Business	✓	✓	email campaign
Health Challenge Wales	Health	✓	✓	email campaign
Planet Health Cymru/ Institute of Welsh Affairs	Health	✓	✓	email campaign
Bronglais Hospital	Health	✓	✓	email campaign
Civic Society Aberystwyth	Other	✓	✓	email campaign
Wales & West Housing Ass.	Housing	✓	✓	email campaign
Ceredigion Housing Options	Housing	✓	✓	email campaign
Tai Ceredigion Cyf	Housing	✓	✓	email campaign
Mid-Wales Housing	Housing	✓	✓	email campaign
The Wildlife Trust North Ceredigion	Nature	✓	✓	email campaign
The Wildlife Trust, Aberystwyth Botanical Society	Nature	✓	✓	email campaign
The Wildlife Trust South Ceredigion	Nature	✓	✓	email campaign
Woodland Trust Wales/ Coed Cadw	Nature	✓	✓	email campaign

NRW	Nature	✓	✓	email campaign
Open Spaces Society Wales	Nature	✓	✓	email campaign
Bwlch Nant yr Arian	Nature	✓	✓	email campaign
Dyfed Powys Police	Public body	✓	✓	email campaign
Aberystwyth Police Station	Public body	✓	✓	email campaign
Cardigan Police Station	Public body	✓	✓	email campaign
Lampeter Police Station	Public body	✓	✓	email campaign
Mid & Westwales Fire Rescue Services	Public body	✓	✓	email campaign
Hywel Dda University Health Board	Public body	✓	✓	email campaign
The National Library of Wales	Public body	✓	✓	letter & printed poster
Aberystwyth Town Library	Public body	✓	✓	letter & printed poster
Cardigan Library	Public body	✓	✓	letter & printed poster
Lampeter Library	Public body	✓	✓	letter & printed poster
Lampeter (University of Wales Trinity Saint David)	Public body	✓	✓	letter & printed poster
Aberystwyth Main Post Office	Public body	✓	✓	letter & printed poster
Cardigan Main Post Office	Public body	✓	✓	letter & printed poster
Lampeter Main Post Office	Public body	✓	✓	letter & printed poster
Ceredigion Actif	Sports	✓	✓	email campaign
West Wales Cycling Racing Team Aberaeron	Sports	✓	✓	email campaign
British Athletics Club Aberystwyth	Sports	✓	✓	email campaign
Sarn Helen	Sports	✓	✓	email campaign

Aberteifi/ Cardigan running Club	Sports	✓	✓	email campaign
Clwb Athletau Aberystwyth	Sports	✓	✓	email campaign
Aberystwyth Harriers Athletic and Running Club (Uni)	Sports	✓	✓	email campaign
Ceredigion Footpath Working Party	Sports	✓	✓	email campaign
Plascrug Leisure Centre Aberystwyth	Sports	closed due to Covid 19		
Leisure Centre Cardigan	Sports	closed due to Covid 19		
Leisure Centre Lampeter	Sports	closed due to Covid 19		
Community Transport Association (Wales)	Transport	✓	✓	email campaign
Bus users Cymru	Transport	✓	✓	email campaign
Wales Council for Voluntary Action	Volunteering	✓	✓	email campaign
Sustrans Network of volunteers in Ceredigion	Volunteering	✓	✓	email campaign
Living Streets Cymru	Walking & Cycling	✓	✓	email campaign
BikeBikeBike Cardigan	Walking & Cycling	✓	✓	letter & poster
Cyclemart Lampeter	Walking & Cycling	✓	✓	letter & poster
Cycle Works Aberaeron	Walking & Cycling	✓	✓	letter & poster
Summit Cycles Aberystwyth	Walking & Cycling	✓	✓	letter & poster
Afan Outdoor Leisure	Walking & Cycling	✓	✓	letter & poster
Halfords Aberystwyth	Walking & Cycling	✓	✓	letter & poster
Ramblers Aberystwyth	Walking & Cycling	✓	✓	email campaign
Ramblers Cardigan	Walking & Cycling	✓	✓	email campaign

Ramblers Lampeter	Walking & Cycling	✓	✓	email campaign
Velo Teifi	Walking & Cycling	✓	✓	email campaign
Cycling UK Tallardd Cyclists	Walking & Cycling	✓	✓	email campaign
West Wales Walking for Wellbeing	Walking & Cycling	✓	✓	email campaign
Ystwyth Cycle Club	Walking & Cycling	✓	✓	email campaign

Social Media

Stakeholder	Group	Phase 1	Phase 2	Engagement Activity
Aberystwyth Wheelchair Basketball Club	Disability	✓	✓	facebook message
Lampeter University Mosque	Diversity	✓	✓	facebook message
West Wales Anti-Racism Network	Diversity	✓	✓	facebook message
Merched Y Wawr Aberystwyth	Gender	✓	✓	facebook message
Ceredigion Ladies Football League	Gender/ Sports	✓	✓	facebook message
Lampeter Ladies' Football Team	Gender/ Sports	✓	✓	facebook message
Breeze Ceredigion	Gender/ Sports	✓	✓	facebook message
Visit Lampeter	Other	✓	✓	facebook message
Love Lampeter	Other	✓	✓	facebook message
What's on in Ceredigion	Other	✓	✓	facebook message
Aberissues	Other	✓	✓	facebook message
WE SAY NO TO CARDIGAN TOWN TRAFFIC DIVERSION	Other	✓	✓	facebook message
Lampeter Round Table	Other	✓	✓	facebook message

Cardigan Wales Community	Other	✓	✓	facebook message
Lampeter Rugby Club	Sports	✓	✓	facebook message
Clwb Seiclo Caron Cycling Club	Walking & Cycling	✓	✓	facebook message
Cycling UK Tallardd Cyclists	Walking & Cycling	✓	✓	facebook message
West Wales Walking for Wellbeing	Walking & Cycling	✓	✓	facebook message
Ystwyth Cycle Club	Walking & Cycling	✓	✓	facebook message
Sarn Helen Running and Cycling Club	Walking & Cycling	✓	✓	facebook message
Lampeter Ramblers	Walking & Cycling	✓	✓	facebook message
Exstinction Rebellion	Young People	✓	✓	facebook message
Lampeter Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers	Young People	✓	✓	facebook message

Focused Engagement Phase 2

	Group	Phase 1	Phase 2	Engagement activity	Group actively promoting consultation
National Groups					
Older People's Commissioner	Age	✓	✓	personal email	✓
Age Cymru	Age	✓	✓	personal email	
Disability Wales	Disability	✓	✓	personal email	☐
RNIB	Disability	✓	✓	personal email & meetings	✓

Welsh Guide Dogs	Disability	✓	✓	personal email & meetings	✓
Welsh Council of the Blind	Disability	✓	✓	liaison through RNIB	✓
Wales Vision Forum	Disability	✓	✓	liaison through RNIB	✓
Leonard Cheshire	Disability	✓	✓	personal email	
Diverse Cymru	Diversity	✓	✓	personal email	✓
Ramblers	Walking & Cycling	✓	✓	personal email	✓
Living Streets Cymru	Walking & Cycling	✓	✓	personal email	✓
Future Generations Officer	Young People	✓	✓	personal email	✓
Children's Commissioner	Young People	✓	✓	personal email	✓
Council for Voluntary Youth Work	Young People	✓	✓	personal email	
Welsh Youth Parliament	Young People	✓	✓	personal email	
Tros Gynnal Plant / Plant a Theuluoedd	Young People	✓	✓	personal email	
Ceredigion Safe Stars	Young People	✓	✓	personal email	
Children in Wales	Young People	✓	✓	personal email	
Local groups					
West Wales Care Partnership	Age	✓	✓	personal email	
Age Cymru Dyfed Cardigan/ Aberystwyth	Age	✓	✓	personal email	
Ceredigion 50+	Age	✓	✓	personal email	
Côr Meibion Cwmann	Age		✓	personal email	
Corisma	Age		✓	personal email	

U3A Cardigan	Age	✓	✓	personal email	
U3A Cardigan	Age		✓	personal email	✓
U3A Aberystwyth	Age	✓	✓	personal email	
U3A South Wales network	Age		✓	personal email	
Lampeter Chamber of Trade	Business		✓	personal email	
Dewis Cymru	Health		✓	personal email	
Hafal Crossroads	Health		✓	personal email	
African Community Centre	Diversity		✓	personal email	
Race Council Cymru	Diversity	✓	✓	personal email	✓
Ethnic Minorities and Youth Support Team Wales	Diversity	✓	✓	personal email	✓
Travelers/ Gypsy liaison officer	Diversity		✓	personal email	
Diverse Cymru WestWales	Diversity	✓	✓	personal email	
Custard Queens Women's Institute	Gender		✓	personal email	
Merched y Wawr	Gender		✓	personal email	
Ceredigion Ladies Football League	Gender		✓	personal facebook message	
Lampeter Ladies' Football Team	Gender		✓	personal facebook message	
Longwood Community Woodland	Nature		✓	personal facebook message	
Lampeter Community Hall	Other		✓	personal facebook message	
Royal British Legion	Other		✓	personal facebook message	
Lampeter Classics Society	Other		✓	personal facebook message	
Lampeter Round Table	Other		✓	personal facebook message	
Lampeter Motor Club	Other		✓	personal facebook message	

Lampeter 41 Club	Other		✓	personal facebook message	
Rotary Club	Other		✓	personal facebook message	
Transition Llambed	Other		✓	personal facebook message	
Lampeter Agricultural Society	Other		✓	personal facebook message	
Amnesty International Lampeter Group	Other		✓	personal facebook message	
Lampeter Town Twinning	Other		✓	personal facebook message	
Muslim Community (Mosque)	Religion		✓	personal facebook message	
Lampeter Bowls Club	Sports		✓	personal facebook message	
Lampeter Football Club	Sports		✓	personal facebook message	
Sarn Helen Running and Cycling Club	Sports		✓	personal facebook message	
Lampeter Rugby Club	Sports		✓	personal facebook message	
Lampeter Fencing Club	Sports		✓	personal facebook message	
CAVO	Volunteering	✓	✓	personal email	
Lampeter Ramblers	Walking & Cycling		✓	personal facebook message	
Ceredigion Youth Service	Young People	✓	✓	personal email	✓
Ceredigion Youth Service	Young People	✓	✓	personal email	✓

Lampeter Cubs	Young People		✓	personal facebook message	
Family Centre and Toy Library	Young People		✓	personal facebook message	
Gwerin y Coed	Young People		✓	personal facebook message	
Ysgol Bro Pedr	Young People		✓	personal facebook message	
Extinction Rebellion Aberystwyth	Young People			personal facebook message	
Youth Forum Penparcau	Young People		✓	personal facebook message	
Area 43, Cardigan	Young People			personal email	
Coleg Ceredigion	Young People	✓	✓	personal email	✓
Coleg Ceredigion	Young People	✓	✓	personal email	✓
Uni Aberystwyth	Disability	✓	✓	personal email	
Uni Aberystwyth	Sports	✓	✓	personal email	✓
Uni Aberystwyth	Young People	✓	✓	personal email	✓
Uni Aberystwyth	Young People	✓	✓	personal email	
CFFI Ceredigion Young Farmers	Young People		✓	personal facebook message	
Urdd Cymru / LINK	Young People		✓	personal email	
Urdd Ceredigion	Young People	✓	✓	personal email	✓
Lampeter Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers	Young People		✓	personal facebook message	

Lampeter Uni	Young People	✓	✓	personal email	✓
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Lampeter Uni	Young People	✓	✓	personal email	✓
Scouts Ceredigion	Young People	✓	✓	personal facebook message	

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Cyngor Sir CEREDIGION County Council

REPORT TO: Thriving Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

DATE: 01 November 2021

LOCATION: Online

TITLE: Net-Zero Action Plan – Progress Update

PURPOSE OF REPORT: To provide a progress update as to the actions set out within the Net Zero Action Plan

REASON SCRUTINY HAVE REQUESTED THE INFORMATION: It was agreed that a periodic progress update would be provided to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

BACKGROUND:

The meeting of Ceredigion County Council on 20 June 2019 (Full Council 20 June 2019) agreed to:

- Commit to making Ceredigion a net zero carbon Local Authority by 2030
- Develop a clear plan for a route towards being net zero carbon within 12 months
- Call on Welsh and UK Governments to provide the necessary support and resources to enable effective carbon reductions

Further to this, on the 5th March 2020, Ceredigion County Council declared a global climate emergency, committing to meeting the most significant challenge facing our county and our planet.

The Net Zero Action Plan was approved by Scrutiny (May), Cabinet (May) and Full Council (June) in 2021 and as part of this it was agreed that periodic updates would be provided on progress to date.

The focus of the Plan is currently upon operational energy usage and emissions (Scope 1 and 2 emissions), as these are routinely recorded and calculated annually as part of the annual review of the Carbon Management Plan.

CURRENT SITUATION:

Carbon Footprint

Operational emission figures for 2020/21 financial year have now been calculated and are as follows:-

Carbon Management Plan 3						
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Buildings	5,557	5,177	4,909	4,125		
Streetlighting	518	436	326	255		
Fleet	1,867	1,802	1,762	1,602		
Business Mileage	761	735	642	180		
	8,649	8,150	7,639	6,161		
		5.77%	6.27%	19.35%		

The above equates to a cumulative 28.77% reduction against a 15% target (2017/18 to 2020/21)

All service areas saw emission reductions during 2020/21, when compared to the previous financial year. The table below notes emissions & cost by category/service area.

Category		2019/20		2020/21	
		tCO ₂	Cost £	tCO ₂	Cost £
Buildings and Street Lights	Civic buildings	502	£289,722	373	£171,490
	Education	2,689	£915,166	2,391	£782,179
	Leisure	523	£191,275	389	£135,156
	Social Care	565	£187,067	510	£164,633
	Libraries & Community	236	£84,074	173	£60,034
	Other buildings	232	£90,014	198	£73,793
	Other miscellaneous	162	£99,224	91	£37,085
	Streetlights	326	£188,917	255	£163,362
Transport	Fleet	1,762	£660,763	1,602	£530,142
	Business Mileage	642	£1,032,307	180	£297,738
Total		7,639	£3,738,529	6,161	£2,415,610

The most notable reduction was in relation to business mileage (travel undertaken by staff in their own vehicles), which was reduced by 71.96% when compared to the previous financial year.

In 2020/21 total cost of energy and fuel reported within the scope of the Carbon Management Plan was £2,415,610. Ceredigion County Council spent £1,322,919 less on energy in 2020/21 than they did in the previous financial year (2019/20) – this equates to a 35.39% spend reduction.

Although overall spend on energy decreased during 2020/21, we have seen year on year increases in the utility and fuel prices. Contract prices are likely to rise further in future years, however the way that we procure energy should mean that we limit the large record-breaking price increases we are currently seeing. The increasing utility prices, further highlight the need for emission reductions across the Authority and further supports the business case for schemes for schemes.

Carbon Management and Climate Change Group – the attendance list has been updated to include representatives from all political parties, as well as expanded to additional service areas to ensure that the Net Zero Action Plan is integrated throughout the Authority.

Electric Vehicle Charging – Two Grants have been received, which will look at increasing the EV charging infrastructure within the County.

- 1) We have been successful in our application for grant funding from the Welsh Government this financial year, and have been awarded the sum of £420k from the “Ultra Low Emissions Vehicle Transformation Fund” (ULEVTF) which will be used for the development of a Ceredigion Strategy in alignment with the Growing Mid Wales Energy Strategy for the development of ULEV work programmes, which will include further charging points being located in car parks across the County – this funding will need to be spent before the end of March 2022.
- 2) WG/ WLGA EV charging grant in the sum of £300,000. This is specifically for installation of EV charging in Council Depots, to support the decarbonisation of fleet.

Purchase of Green Energy – CCC already procures ‘green’ electricity via the corporate electricity contract. There is further scope to look at procurement of ‘green’ gas, as well as liquid fuels (e.g. LPG or biodiesel), although there is little benefit in regard to the carbon accounting figures, it could be considered best practise to ensure that the utilities we do use come from ‘green’ sustainable sources.

Renewables – A land asset review undertaken by the Welsh Government Energy Service has looked at various sites for renewables, these are mostly subject to significant grid constraints. It has however highlighted that there is going to be a need to ensure that renewable installations are adequately sized and that locations are chosen dependant on their ability to use the energy generated on site.

Canolfan Rheidol car park has been identified as a potential location for solar canopies. The initial scheme looked at would provide 258kW of solar PV, which would satisfy 33% of the building’s electricity usage and provide a £29,000 electricity reduction for the site. Grid connection estimates suggest that it would be more beneficial to reduce the size of the scheme to utilise any generation on site – the scheme is being reviewed.

Renewables are also routinely being introduced as part of building refurbishment works and also 21st Century Schools programme.

Net Zero Buildings – New extension at Llwyn yr Eos School, has the potential to become the Council’s first net-zero building. Ground source heating and solar panels have been installed as part of the scheme and it is hoped that this will set a benchmark for future building works undertaken by the authority in future.

21st Century Schools Programme - As part of the programme, when looking to build new schools, Ceredigion County Council will work towards decarbonisation and net-zero buildings.

WG Reporting Methodology – This documentation has been released since the production of the Net-Zero Plan. We are currently working to calculate our entire carbon footprint, which goes beyond just the scope 1 and 2 emissions noted within the Carbon Management Plan. It will also look at emissions from Transport, waste and the procurement of goods and services. This data should be available in time for the next update.

Grid Infrastructure – It is widely noted that grid constraints in Ceredigion mean that large scale renewable schemes are not viable, it can also has the potential to hinder roll-out of EV charging infrastructure and slow economic growth. It is therefore important that we continue to have meaningful and constructive dialogue with both WG and the County’s District Network Operators (DNO), ensuring that the grid capacity issues within the County are addressed. These conversations are ongoing and are being had in a number of formats; CLAW, WGES, Mid Wales Regional Group, PSB, WPD Stakeholder Workshops etc.

Has an Integrated Impact Assessment been completed? If not, please state why

Summary:

Long term: The Zero Action Plan will support the Council’s 2030 net zero carbon ambition

Integration: Will help integrate and embed emission reduction across the Authority

Collaboration: The Council is already working in collaboration with a number of public bodies in relation to carbon reduction and delivery of emission reduction.

Involvement: The Climate Change and Carbon Management Group is well established and attended by both Members and officers, this provides a good initial forum for stakeholder engagement, but scope for wider involvement following publication of the net-Zero Action Plan

Prevention: The Action Plan supports implementation of actions and measures to reduce carbon emissions that contribute to reducing the effects of climate change

WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS:

RECOMMENDATION (S): To note the progress in relation to actions set out within the Net-Zero Action Plan

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION (S): To support the Council's commitment to becoming a net zero Local Authority by 2030 and reducing the effects of climate change.

Contact Name: Bethan Lloyd Davies
Designation:
Date of Report: 12/10/2021
Acronyms:

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Cyngor Sir CEREDIGION County Council

REPORT TO: Thriving Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

DATE: 1st November 2021

LOCATION: ZOOM

TITLE: Report on the current position of the Sewerage Treatment Works (STW) programme

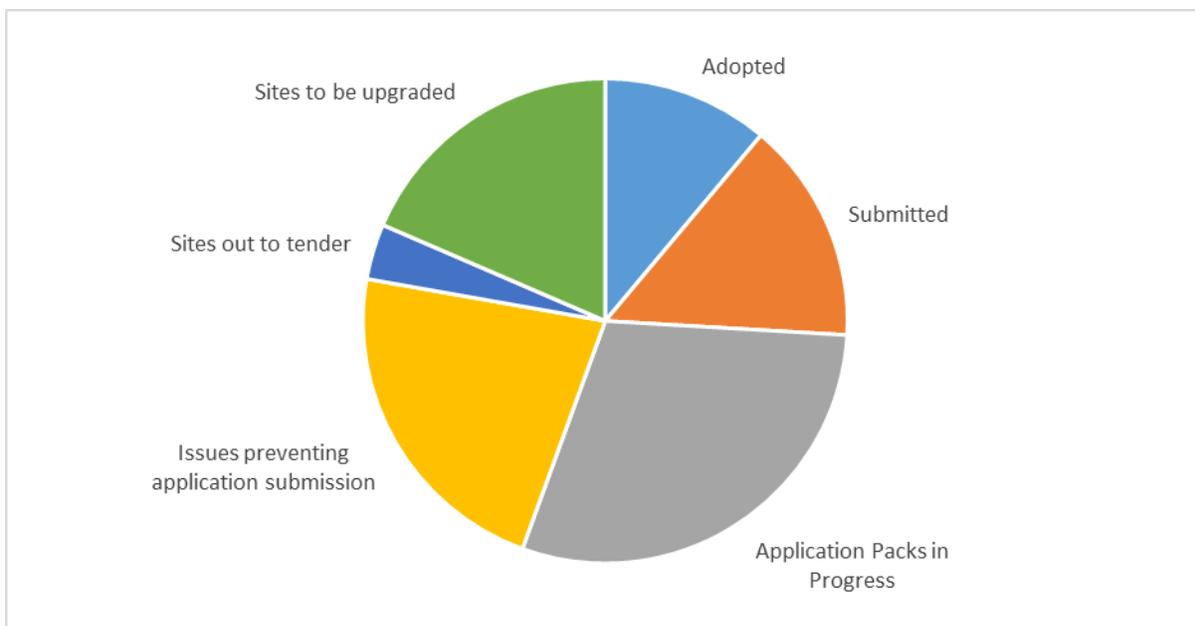


Figure 1. Snapshot of current status of Ceredigion County Council Sewerage Treatment Works

To date 3 STW 's have been adopted by Dwr Cymru Welsh Water, (DCWW) namely Tan y Groes, Bettws Bledrws and Blaencelyn.

4 STW applications have been submitted to DCWW and awaiting further communication from them. These are Olmarch, Ponrhydygores, Abermagwr and Bronant.

There are 8 application currently being collated for future submission, these are:-

- Capel Dewi
- Coed y Bryn

- Cwmcou
- Llandyfriog
- Sarnau
- Swyddffynnon
- Ysbytty Ystwyth
- Brynhoffnant

There are 6 sites that have issues that require resolution from other departments in regards to land issues, access and easements in order for the adoption process to progress :-

- Blaenannerch (Easement issues, resolution in progress),
- Blaenporth (Illegal connection),
- Lledrod (Land Issue Barcud),
- Llwynygroes 1 (Confirmation from WW on land requirement)
- Rhydowen (Land Issue)
- Glan Ifor, Glanrhyd, requires a design of a purpose built pumping station, it is intended to undertake this work through design and build contract. No progress has been made on this since the last report.

Bro Tygwydd, Llandygydd, site upgrade design has been completed and the scheme has been tendered. The tender has been evaluated and will be awarded imminently. A consultation with the residents affected by the scheme is being arrange for November.

Works not completed

- Tregroes (land acquisition),
- Llangwryfon (access issue),
- Cilcennin (land acquisition),
- Llwynygroes 2
- Pentregat (unable to find suitable watercourse).

Has an Integrated Impact Assessment been completed? If not, please state why

WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS:

Summary:

Long term:

Integration:

Collaboration:

Involvement:

Prevention:

RECOMMENDATION (S):

To note the report.

Contact Name:

Lyndon Griffiths

Designation:

Corporate Manager - Property Services, Economy and Regeneration

Date of Report:

21/10/21

Acronyms:

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Minutes of the Meeting of THRIVING COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

held at the held remotely via video-conference on Friday, 1 October 2021

PRESENT; Councillor Marc Davies (Chairman), Councillors Euros Davies (Vice-Chair), John Adams-Lewis, Clive Davies, Gareth Davies, Gethin Davies, Ifan Davies, Meirion Davies, Rhodri Davies, Elizabeth Evans, Keith Evans, Gwyn James, Lyndon Lloyd MBE and John Roberts

Also in attendance: Councillors Dafydd Edwards, Rhodri Evans, Alun Williams, Gareth Lloyd. Ray Quant, Catrin Miles, (Cabinet Members), Councillors Ceredig Davies, Elaine Evans and Dan Potter.

Officers in attendance: Russell Hughes-Pickering, Corporate Lead Officer, Economy & Regeneration, Lowri Edwards, Democratic Services, Corporate Lead Officer, Rhodri Llwyd, Corporate Lead Officer, Highways & Environmental, Lisa Evans, Standards and Scrutiny Officer, Dwynwen Jones, Overview and Scrutiny Officer, Iona Davies and Carol Thomas (Translators), Megan Lewis, Communications Officer, Hannah Rees, Governance Officer.

(10.00 am - 12.30 pm)

11 Apologies

There were no apologies received.

12 Disclosures of personal interest (including whipping declarations)

Members are reminded of their personal responsibility to declare any personal and prejudicial interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000, the Council's Constitution and the Members Code of Conduct. In addition, Members must declare any prohibited party whip which the Member has been given in relation to the meeting as per the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011.

There were no disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests (including whipping declarations) from Committee Members. Councillor Ceredig Davies, Observer, disclosed a personal and prejudicial interest and advised the Committee that he has received dispensation from the Ethics and Standards Committee to speak only.

13 Safe Zones

The Chair welcomed Russell Hughes-Pickering and Rhodri Llwyd to the meeting. Russell provided a presentation to the Committee outlining the following:

- Why?
- Survey Feedback
- Original Plans

- Adjusted Plans
- Photographs
- What happened elsewhere
- Trader Feedback
- Next Steps

Russell advised the Committee that due to an emergency situation regarding the Covid pandemic, a wide range of measures had to be put in place to protect the County's population and visitors, one of which was implementation of Safe Zones in Aberystwyth, Aberaeron and New Quay during June / July 2020. Following implementation, the first consultation took place between 31.7.2020 and 10.8.2020 and the second from 26.10.2020 and 21.12.2020. It was reported that good responses were received from this consultation exercise.

The presentations also provided a summary of other feedback received through Clic, from Members, the Disability Forum as well as the engagement surveys. An explanation was given of the measures put in place and how they were adjusted in response to feedback. Photographs were presented to show how the Safe Zones evolved from their implementation to the present time. Photos were also presented to show examples of similar measures elsewhere.

Russell then presented a summary of positive feedback from those trading outdoors. This showed the measures maintained and created jobs and that there was a desire from traders to build on these opportunities in the future.

Russell concluded by setting out the next steps which included engagement with local Members and Cabinet Members in October, followed by a report to Scrutiny in November, further engagement with Members in November and a report to Cabinet in December or January. If supported an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) would be introduced. This involves an on-going six month consultation period to allow for further feedback and adjustment. Members were then provided the opportunity to ask questions which were answered by Russell or Rhodri.

Main points raised are as follows:

- Committee Members agreed that regular communication with Local Members and Members of neighbouring Wards should have taken place early in the process. The Committee requested that in future early member discussions take place prior to any future decisions regarding Safe Zones;
- That the concerns raised by the older generation and those who are disabled are considered and reflected in proposals;
- That sufficient parking for the older generation and those who are disabled are provided at all times;
- That access for large lorries and delivery drivers are considered in future;

- Ensure that there is clear access for emergency services especially those with a town centre base location so that they can swiftly respond to emergency call outs;
- Consider Local Residents views prior to any future decisions;
- That consideration is given to providing more signage on the outskirts of Cardigan Town, to avoid unnecessary traffic through town;
- Members previously provided written views outlining possible unintended consequences. These don't appear to have been considered when implementing the safe Zone arrangements. Committee requests that these views are taken into account prior to any future decisions in relation to Safe Zones;
- That the Regeneration plans for all the Towns in the County, following the effects of Covid, are considered in future;
- Bear in mind that the Older People's Commissioner for Wales will be undertaking a review in the near future regarding the Blue Badge Scheme and whether there are sufficient parking spaces in all Towns;
- During discussion, Committee Members asked it to be noted that Staff from the Waste Collection Service should be praised for their hard work and commitment during the past very difficult 18 months; and;
- A request is made that cones and barriers that are no longer necessary are collected from Cardigan Town Centre.

Russell advised that relevant Members and Cabinet Members will be involved in future discussions commencing in mid October 2021. Following which a further report will be presented to the Thriving Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the 4th November 2021 prior to Cabinet.

14 To confirm the Minutes of the previous Meeting and to consider any matters arising from those Minutes

It was agreed to confirm as a true record the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th July 2021 and there were no matters arising therefrom.

15 To consider the Overview and Scrutiny Forward Work Programme

It was agreed to include for the 4th November 2021 Committee meeting a report on the transfer of sewage plants from Ceredigion County Council to Dwr Cymru. It was agreed to invite a representative from Dwr Cymru to this meeting.

The Impact Covid has had on all Towns needs to be considered at a future meeting.

The Chairman thanked Members for attending the meeting and thanked the Officers for presenting the information and for ensuring the smooth running of the meeting.

**Confirmed at the Meeting of the Thriving Communities Overview and
Scrutiny Committee held on 4 November 2021**

Chairman: _____

Date: _____

Cyngor Sir CEREDIGION County Council

REPORT TO: Thriving Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

DATE: 1 November 2021

LOCATION: Virtual Meeting

TITLE: Draft Forward Work Programme 2021/22

PURPOSE OF REPORT: Review the current work programme of the Committee

REASON SCRUTINY HAVE REQUESTED THE INFORMATION: The forward work programme of the Committee is reviewed and updated at each meeting

BACKGROUND:

Overview and Scrutiny Committees oversee the work of the Council to make sure that it delivers services in the best way and for the benefit of the local community.

The role of Overview and Scrutiny is to look at the services and issues that affect people in Ceredigion. The process provides the opportunity for Councillors to examine the various functions of the council, to ask questions on how decisions have been made, to consider whether service improvements can be put in place and to make recommendations to this effect.

Scrutiny plays an essential role in promoting accountability, efficiency and effectiveness in the Council's decision making process and the way in which it delivers services.

The main roles of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees:

- Holding the cabinet and officers as decision-makers to account
- Being a 'critical friend', through questioning how decisions have been made to provide a 'check and balance' to decision makers, adding legitimacy to the decision making process
- Undertaking reviews of council services and policy
- Undertaking reviews to develop council services and policies
- Considering any other matter that affects the county
- Ensuring that Ceredigion is performing to the best of its ability and delivering high quality services to its citizens
- Assessing the impact of the Council's policies on local communities and recommending improvement
- Engaging with the public to develop citizen centred policies and services

Effective Overview and Scrutiny can lead to:

- Better decision making
- Improved Service Delivery and Performance
- Robust Policy Development arising from public consultation and input of independent expertise
- Enhanced Democracy, Inclusiveness, Community Leadership and Engagement
- Adds a clear dimension of transparency and accountability to the political workings of the Council
- Provides an opportunity for all Members to develop specialist skills and knowledge that can benefit future policy making and performance monitoring processes
- Creates a culture of evidence based self-challenge

CURRENT SITUATION:

Questions to consider when choosing topics

- Is there a clear objective for examining this topic?
- Are you likely to achieve a desired outcome?
- What are the likely benefits to the Council and the citizens of Ceredigion?
- Is the issue significant?
- Are there links to the Corporate Strategy
- Is it a key issue to the public?
- Have the issues been raised by external audit?
- Is it a poor performing service?

Choosing topics

Overview and Scrutiny Committees should consider information from the Corporate Strategy, Improvement Plan, Strategic Plan, Service Plans, the Corporate Risk Register, budget savings – proposals and impact, Quarterly Corporate Performance Management panel meetings and departmental input in choosing topics and designing their Forward Work Programmes, as well as any continuing work.

RECOMMENDATION (S):

To review and update the current Forward Work Programme.

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Overview and Scrutiny Draft Forward Work Programme 2021/22

Committee	Item (description/title)	Invited Speakers	Purpose i.e. monitoring, policy, recommendation
Thriving Communities			
26 May	Carbon Management Annual Report	Lyndon Griffiths	
15 July	Highways Inspections Code of Practice	Rhodri Llwyd	
1 October	Safe Zones	Rhodri Llwyd / Russell Hughes Pickering	
1 November	6 monthly update on Achieving Net Zero by 2030 Active Travel Report on the current position of the Sewerage Treatment Works (STW) programme	Lyndon Griffiths Rhodri Llwyd Lyndon Griffiths	

8 November	Safe Zones	Rhodri Llwyd / Russell Hughes Pickering	
<u>2022</u> 20 January	Car parking in towns – look at financially; location; annually; seasonally. Update on Ash Dieback Refuse collection		
25 February Budget Preparation 9:30am	Budget Preparation		
Future meetings	Rivers and flooding Use of Open Spaces		