

NEW FOREST ACCESS FORUM

Meeting: *Monday 01 June 2015*

Agenda item 8: *Hampshire Cycling Strategy*

In August last year the Forum submitted comments on a proposed Cycling Strategy for Hampshire. HCC subsequently reconsidered the proposed nature of the Cycling Strategy and a report was taken to the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment on 20 January to agree an appropriate way forward.

To ensure it is in the best position to support locally developed initiatives, feed into regional and national initiatives, and to take advantage of future funding opportunities, it was agreed that there is the need to consider walking alongside cycling as part of a wider approach by HCC to the active travel agenda. It was therefore proposed for a Walking Strategy and a Cycling Strategy to be developed.

The [draft Cycling Strategy](#) is now open for consultation, the closing date for responses is 29 July 2015. The draft Walking Strategy is due to be open for consultation in mid-June.

Cycling Strategy overview

The County Council has prepared a draft document setting out its cycling strategy which aims to provide a clear statement on the County Council's overall aspirations for cycling.

The strategy aims to cover a wide range of topics, including tourism, health and wellbeing, recreation, sport and infrastructure. The County Council would like to hear the views of everyone who uses the roads, including cyclists, drivers, pedestrians and public transport passengers.

The strategy is purposely strategic and 'high-level' in nature with the intention that it links the County Council's broader policies to local strategies, delivery plans and the planning and implementation of cycling measures with local partners.

This will reflect and strengthen the importance of any existing cycling and active travel strategies developed by local authorities in the County.

Download the draft strategy document - [Draft cycling strategy](#) 