

Cycling and Walking Strategic Review Summary 2018

1. Underlying evidence and drivers for change

The drivers for this strategic review include National policy such as the DfT's Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy 2017, Defra's 8 Point Plan for National Parks 2016, the Sport England strategy a Sporting Future: A New Strategy for an Active Nation 2015-22 and the Public Health England (PHE) Strategic Plan 2016. Local strategies

Evidence includes the Local Transport Plans (LTPs) and Rights of Way Improvement Plans (RoWIPs) of our partner Local Highway Authorities as well as engagement work with the Local Access Forum and cycle forums. Additional supporting evidence has been generated by community Neighbourhood Plans, our Infrastructure Business Plan (IBP) and our developing Green Infrastructure Framework (GIF) which have identified a number of desired infrastructure schemes

2. Key issues

The most important key issues relate to development of the access network and the widening of the offer to a broader audience. In the next five years we would like to address:

- Severance caused by the major road network and gaps in the network which limit access opportunities from some urban areas.
- Infrastructure, information and facilities to improve the visitor experience
- Provision of more routes for inexperienced and vulnerable users
- Attracting people who could benefit from increasing levels of physical activity

3. Strategic outcomes

- **Outcome 5:** Outstanding visitor experiences are underpinned by a high quality access and sustainable transport network supporting improved health and wellbeing.
- Specific programmes will focus on improving infrastructure and facilities and developing initiatives to encourage inactive people to participate in outdoor activities.

4. Partnerships and delivery mechanisms

We will continue to work closely with partner local authorities and other organisations, including community groups, both locally and at a strategic level to achieve the strategic outcomes. Partnership mechanisms and funding sources include:

- enhancing network through new developments
- capital funding from Local Growth Fund (LEPs) and other sources
- collaborative project development and funding bids
- collaboration with public health trusts
- joint promotion with transport operators
- promotion and joint delivery of facilities with tourism partners

