

PLACE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
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WALKING DESIGN STANDARDS AND CYCLING DESIGN STANDARDS

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1. Oxfordshire's Cycling and Walking Design Standards were last updated and adopted in 2017. Although they are therefore relatively up to date, there have nonetheless been some significant changes and enhancements to thinking, strategy and guidance on cycling and walking at a national level. These include publication of 'Gear Change - A bold vision for cycling and walking' in 2020 and subsequently 'National Cycling Infrastructure Design Standards (commonly referred to as LTN 1/20)'. These support the general ambition to significantly increase cycling and walking levels, which has also now been established as a top priority for this Council.
2. It is important that Oxfordshire's own Design Standards are updated to reflect this, and ensure that the highest quality infrastructure is achieved for our Active Travel Network, whether constructed by the Council or provided as part new developments. This includes ensuring that these standards are reflected across all transport schemes. We are therefore working on updated standards for both Cycling and Walking, which are both planned to be updated by March 2024. To be successful, development and approval of these must involve our Stakeholders and partners, and we are keen to involve Place Overview & Scrutiny Committee both in having overview of and helping shape these standards, e.g., through a Transport Working Group or other involvement.
3. Our next step is to develop a timeline for engagement on, finalisation and approval of our proposed new standards, which can be shared with this Committee to help decide how it can best input