

Address to Highways Decision Meeting, 14 December 2023 re Didcot LCWIP

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An LCWIP is a key document to aid the walking, wheeling and cycling development of a town. It identifies the schemes that will be candidates for funding from DfT, developers, the council or other sources.

We're pleased to see the Didcot LCWIP come forward as the seventh LCWIP in Oxfordshire, as a joint product between the County Council, Systra and the local community with an active steering group and over 400 people inputting to the various stages of consultation. Harry Davis at OCC, Nicola Wyer at South and Vale, and Agnese Polonara and James Walker at Systra have done a great job in developing a plan that covers both the strategy and the details.

We're particularly pleased to see the Annex 2 Consultation report, showing the consultation inputs, and the responses on how these have been included in the plan.

Also of note are the breadth of the plan, including Milton Park and villages near Didcot, and how it includes future transport and development schemes.

With much growth planned for Didcot, it is essential that a plan for sustainable transport is in place as soon as possible, or we'll see more cars and more carbon. We'll not dwell on HIF1 today. This plan covers the walking and cycling aspects very well. We hope you will approve this LCWIP and implement it.

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