

Agenda

Economy, Skills, Transport and Environment Scrutiny Board

Wednesday, 16 November 2022 at 5.00 pm
In Committee Room 1, Sandwell Council House, Oldbury

1 Apologies for Absence

To receive any apologies for absence.

2 Declarations of Interest

Members to declare any interests in matters to be discussed at the meeting.

3 Minutes

7 - 14

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2022.

4 Additional Items of Business

To determine whether there are any additional items of business to be considered as a matter of urgency.

5 Towns Fund Update

15 - 32

To consider and comment upon the reports relating to the Towns Fund Update.



6 **Black Country Cycling and Walking
Infrastructure Plan** 33 - 44

To consider and comment upon reports relating to the Black Country Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan.

7 **Cabinet Forward Plan and Work Programme** 45 - 60

Standing item to consider the scrutiny of items on the Cabinet Forward Plan and the Work Programme of the board.

Kim Bromley-Derry CBE DL
Managing Director Commissioner

Sandwell Council House
Freeth Street
Oldbury
West Midlands

Distribution

Councillor Simms (Chair)
Councillors Taylor (Vice - Chair), Abrahams, Chambers, Fenton, Gavan,
Giles, Z Hussain, Kaur, Owen and Rahman

Contact: democratic_services@sandwell.gov.uk

Information about meetings in Sandwell



If you are attending the meeting and require assistance to access the venue, please contact Democratic Services (democratic_services@sandwell.gov.uk).



If the fire alarm sounds, please follow the instructions of the officers present and leave the building by the nearest exit.



Only people invited to speak at a meeting may do so. Everyone at the meeting is expected to be respectful and listen to the discussion.



Agendas with reports with exempt information should be treated as private and confidential. It is your responsibility to ensure that any such reports are kept secure. After the meeting confidential papers should be disposed of in a secure way.



This meeting may be recorded and broadcast on the Internet. If this is the case, it will be confirmed at the meeting and further information will be provided.



You are allowed to use devices for the purposes of recording or reporting during the public session of the meeting. When using your devices they must not disrupt the meeting – please ensure they are set to silent.



Members who cannot attend the meeting should submit apologies by contacting Democratic Services (democratic_services@sandwell.gov.uk)



All agenda, reports, minutes for Sandwell Council's meetings, councillor details and more are available from our [website](#)

This page is intentionally left blank

Minutes of Economy Skills Transport and Environment Scrutiny Board

**Thursday 14th July 2022 at 5.00pm
in the Committee Room, Sandwell Council House, Oldbury**

Present: Councillor Simms (Chair);
Councillors Taylor (Vice Chair), Abrahams, Fenton,
Gavan, Z Hussain, Kaur, Owen and Rahman.

Officers: Tony McGovern (Director of Regeneration and
Growth), Sarah Middleton (Chief Executive of The
Black Country Consortium), Rina Rahim (Towns Fund
Programme Manager) and Stephnie Hancock (Senior
Democratic Services Officer).

29/22 **Apologies for Absence**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor John
Giles.

30/22 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

31/22 **Minutes**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 10
March 2022 are confirmed as a correct record.

32/22 **Urgent Additional Item of Business**

There were no urgent additional items of business to
consider.

The Black Country Consortium Limited – Activity 2021/23

The Board noted a presentation on the activity undertaken by the Black Country Consortium (The Consortium) and the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership (BCLEP); and the ambitions set out in the Black Country Strategic Economic Plan.

The Consortium was a partnership of public, private and voluntary sector organisations aimed at stimulating the drivers of economic development, education and skills development and infrastructure, and environmental enhancements. It offered a comprehensive understanding of the socio-economic challenges and opportunities in the Black Country and the wider West Midlands area. Its Economic Intelligence Unit (EIU) provided rigorous economic analysis across the three key strategic themes outlined in the Strategic Economic Plan - people, businesses and place, which was used to inform different stages of the policy-making cycle, including:-

- critical assessment of the socioeconomic challenges across the four local authorities;
- evidence-based strategy and policy development;
- project and programme design and feasibility;
- programme management; and
- monitoring and evaluation.

The Consortium provided access to a flexible resource to enable and support the development of the 'place-based narrative' providing quantitative data as well as the latest qualitative insights and the most up to date labour market intelligence.

An overview was provided of the Black Country economy, with the following data highlighted:-

- the number of apprenticeship starts had decreased by 420 in 2020/21, when compared to national data, for Sandwell this meant a reduction of 250;
- employment rates had increased in 2021 by 1.4%, and 2.1% in Sandwell, which was due to a greater shift to

- full time employment and an increase in females going into employment;
- Sandwell had seen an excellent increase in the number of new enterprises in 2020, with an increase of 22%, compared to 0.4% for the Black Country as a whole. Sandwell also had good survival rates for new business.
 - Growth in skills levels stood at 27% for Sandwell in 2021, and 31% for the Black Country.
 - Population growth was substantial, which meant that the Black Country target had been met 13 years early. This was a result of a lot of movement across the Black Country, with a particularly strong interface between Sandwell and Birmingham. Further detail would be provided to members on migration patterns, along with an analysis of tenure.

The impact of the covid-19 pandemic and Britain's exit from the European Union – “Brexit” - was highlighted. Retail, the visitor economy, creative industries and tourism had been most affected by the pandemic. Advanced manufacturing and engineering, retail and transport technologies were most affected by Brexit due to the impact on competition. The Ukraine and Russia conflict was also likely to impact on the manufacturing sector due to the supply of steel and associated costs. A Recovery Plan framework had been developed, which intended to gain an understanding of how to continue to support businesses, with a focus on upskilling and training, green growth, places, and public service reform.

The Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) was a partnership of private, public and voluntary sector organisations with a focus on stimulating the drivers of economic development, education and skills development, and infrastructure and environmental enhancements. In 2021 the Government undertook a review of the 38 LEPs across England and determined that those LEPs in a Combined Authority area would be merged, “folded”, into the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA). For the Black Country, Coventry and Warwickshire and Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEPs, 2022/23 was therefore a transition year into these new arrangements and work was being led by the WMCA with engagement from the three LEPs, the three Growth Hubs and the WM Growth Company.

The Black Country Careers Hub aimed to help merge together careers guidance and opportunities between schools and businesses. Schools were benchmarked by how well they were performing in terms of workplace achievements for their students and quality of guidance. All schools had improved as result of measuring progress and focusing on areas of improvement. All schools in Sandwell and some SEN schools were partnered. Engagement was taking place with business to identify their future direction. It was noted that colleges and employers were not yet offering training/jobs in certain fields e.g. installation of heat pumps, due to the currently low levels of manufacturing of the pumps.

The Active Black Country Partnership was the strategic lead for Sport and Physical Activity across the Black Country; funded by Sport England as part of the national network of Active Partnerships. The Partnership focused on the power of physical activity and sport to change people's lives. The vision was to create an active, healthy and prosperous Black Country and get the regions 323,000 inactive residents active, to cut health and adult social care costs alongside contributing to carbon zero ambitions and Black Country Plan for Growth.

The following was noted in response to members' comments and questions:-

- There was a general lack of understanding about the different pathways available into apprenticeships.
- Right to Buy remained available to help people own their own homes. Shared ownership with a housing association was also an option. First Homes was another new means for people to purchase their own homes offering a 30% discount (funded by Homes England) against market value in perpetuity. The Council was working with Homes England to designate a number of properties in Sandwell.
- Work was being undertaken with the Canals and River Trust to develop a canal strategy to focus on integration across the Black Country, walking and cycling strategies and cleaner travel.
- Sandwell's population was growing faster than other Black Country boroughs, however, this presented a risk in terms of loss of employment land to housing.

- Healthcare was a growth sector for Sandwell, with the development of the new Midlands Metropolitan Hospital. Towns Fund monies were being used to develop a learning quarter on the hospital site, which it was anticipated would lead to a decline in manufacturing careers in favour of higher paid roles in the health and care sector.
- Site investigations had taken place on a number of used/derelict sites in Sandwell, however, many of them presented challenges in terms of their previous uses and the need to decontaminate them. It cost an average of £10-12k per home to remediate a brownfield site for residential development.
- There was a shortage of all housing types in Sandwell. Less than 50% of the target for new homes was currently being delivered.

34/22 **Towns Fund Full Business Cases**

Further to Minutes Nos. 31/21 (30th September 2021) and 22/22 (10th March 2022) the Towns Fund Programme Manager updated the Board the Towns Fund Programme to provide assurance that the programme was progressing in line with Government requirements and the agreed local assurance process.

The remaining 13 business cases had now been approved by Government, which would bring West Bromwich £25m; Smethwick £23.5m and Rowley Regis £19m, making Sandwell's total Towns Fund allocation £67.5m.

As the programme entered Phase 3 (delivery) the Council would become the Accountable Body for the funding, responsible for administering the funds and responsible for ensuring the projects deliver the contracted outputs and outcomes in accordance with the Towns Fund Terms & Conditions. Partnership Agreements were being prepared between the Council and projects to ensure appropriate risk transfer relating to project delivery.

The governance structure in place during Phase 1 and 2 - the Towns Fund Superboard, supported by three Local Boards - had been effective in allowing the development of projects to Full Business Case through robust due diligence

and assurance processes. However, to better serve the efficient reporting throughout the delivery phase, the Superboard had been dissolved and the Local Boards had inherited the Superboard responsibilities from May 2022 (Minute No. 108/22 of the Cabinet meeting held on 18th May 2022 refers). Local Boards would meet quarterly to review programme and project progress to provide assurance that projects are delivering as per approvals.

To enable the Council to fulfil its Accountably Body responsibilities, an Assurance Framework had been approved by the Cabinet on 22 June 22 (Minute No 125/22 refers), setting out how the Accountable Body, Local Boards and project partners would monitor and manage the Towns Fund Programme effectively, ensuring timely release of funds. At least every six months, the Council's Chief Finance Officer was required to provide Government with a comprehensive set of data relating to each Towns Fund Project, including both claimed and forecast spend, and output metrics.

Following comments and questions from members of the Board, the following responses were made, and issues highlighted:-

- Levelling Up Fund projects required support of local MPs. Towns Fund projects did not. Some member engagement had taken place to select the projects, however lessons had been learned and it was recognised that engagement could have been better.
- Oldbury Town Board had developed a list of potential projects, should the opportunity to bid for funding arise in the future.

A further update would be given at the Board's meeting in November 2022.

35/22 **Cabinet Forward Plan**

The Board noted the Cabinet forward plan for the period March to May 2022.

Work Programme

The Board noted its work programme for 2022/23, which had been developed following a work programming event for all scrutiny boards on 13 June 2022.

Further to Minute No. 23/22 (of the meeting held on 10 March 2022), the scope for the review of the Strategic Road Safety Plan 2017-2022, which had been approved by the previous Chair and Vice-Chair was noted. All Board members would participate in the review, and Councillors Kalari and Williams would be invited to attend working group meetings.

Meeting ended at 6:48pm

Contact: democratic_services@sandwell.gov.uk

This page is intentionally left blank

Report to Economy, Skills, Transport and Environment Scrutiny Board

1 November 2022

Subject:	Towns Fund Programme Update
Director:	Regeneration & Growth, Tony McGovern
Contact Officer:	Towns Fund Programme Manager, Rina Rahim Rina_rahim@sandwell.gov.uk


1 Recommendations

- 1.1 That Economy, Skills, Transport and Environment Scrutiny Board note the contents of the report.

2 Reasons for Recommendations

- 2.1 This report affords an update on the Towns Fund Programme to provide assurance that the programme is proceeding in line with Government requirements and the agreed local assurance process.

3 How does this deliver objectives of the Corporate Plan?

	<p>Best start in life for children and young people</p> <p>Projects within the Towns Fund areas will create new and improved facilities for young people including new education and learning spaces.</p>
---	--



	<p>People live well and age well</p> <p>Projects within the Towns Fund areas will deliver new housing, new education spaces, improvements to community assets, public realm and green spaces, improvements to transport links, and will support the creation of new jobs and learning opportunities.</p>
	<p>Strong resilient communities</p> <p>The Local Board membership is drawn from a range of organisations and sectors and provides input and direction to the Towns Fund programme at a strategic and local level.</p> <p>Projects within the Towns Fund areas will deliver new housing, new education spaces, improvements to community assets, public realm and green spaces, improvements to transport links, and will support the creation of new jobs and learning opportunities.</p>
	<p>Quality homes in thriving neighbourhoods</p> <p>Projects within the Towns Fund areas will deliver new housing and bring a range of improvements that support thriving neighbourhoods.</p>
	<p>A strong and inclusive economy</p> <p>Projects within the Towns Fund areas will deliver new jobs and learning opportunities. Improvements to transport connections will improve residents' ability to access key transport hubs and hence their access to employment and education prospects and will make a contribution to attracting and retaining businesses in Sandwell.</p>
	<p>A connected and accessible Sandwell</p> <p>Projects within the Towns Fund areas will deliver improvements in cycling and walking infrastructure, and transport connections.</p>



4 Context and Key Issues

- 4.1 Following the Government announcement that 101 Towns had been identified to benefit from the Towns Fund, Heads of Terms were offered (1 per Town) offering West Bromwich £25m; Smethwick £23.5m and Rowley Regis £19m, making Sandwell's total Towns Fund allocation £67.5m. This was confirmed in a Grant Offer, received on the 20 August 2021.
- 4.2 Further to minute 22/22 (of 4 July 2022) and following submission of Full Business Cases, all 16 projects have now been approved by Government, resulting in Sandwell securing the full £67.5 million, with payments for 22/23 now received by the Accountable Body.
- 4.3 The first monitoring return capturing progress made by the projects approved in February and March 2021 including Urban Greening, Digital Den and Sandwell College Mechanical & Engineering Centre, was submitted on 10 June 22. These returns have been processed and accepted by DLUHC.
- 4.4 Following government approval, projects have commenced activity with the first monitoring returns for the period up to 31st September, submitted to the Accountable Body for review and approval. Project progress reports are currently being collated to present to the Town Deal Boards at the end of November and Leadership Team in December.
- 4.5 The timeline for progress reports is as follows:

10 th October	Project returns submitted to Accountable Body
22 nd - 29 th November	Towns Fund Board Meetings
13 th December	Towns Fund Programme update presented to Leadership Team
16 th December	Monitoring Returns submitted to DLUHC
Jan-Mar 2023	Returns reviewed by DLUHC prior to confirmation of 23/24 payments



- 4.6 Project returns have indicated carry forward requests from 22/23 to future financial years will be required for some projects, mainly due to timing of government approvals of funds. Financial profiles are regularly submitted and reviewed by DLUHC who have raised no concerns at this stage and Accountable Bodies have the freedom and flexibilities to manage funds in accordance with Accounting practices.
- 4.7 The Accountable will carry forward funds on behalf of the following projects:
- Town Hall Quarter
 - Midland Met Learning Campus
 - Rowley Regis Satellite Education Hub
 - Grove Lane Regeneration
 - Rolfe Street Canalside Regeneration
- 4.8 Subject to resolving any queries raised by Towns Board and Leadership Team, returns will be signed off by the Section 151 Officer for submission to DLUHC by 16th December. DLUHC may select projects for audit on random basis as part of their assurance process.
- 4.9 DLUHC have issued guidance in monitoring performance and assurance requirement on a regular basis through their audit and monitoring platforms. The Programme Management Team will undertake ongoing monitoring of project progress to ensure that spend is updated accordingly and any slippages are within tolerated level.
- 4.10 A 40% or more variance to overall Towns fund profiles will trigger a review by DLUHC, therefore projects are encouraged to escalate spend where applicable which will also help mitigate the rising costs experienced.
- 4.11 Following expression of interest from DLUHC colleagues, a visit to Sandwell Towns Fund projects was undertaken on 28th September. This enabled project leads to showcase projects and future ambitions for



Sandwell. Future visits will take place as projects progress towards construction/completion stages.

4.12 Towns Fund projects will also be promoted continuously through the new Regenerating Sandwell Website.

5 Implications

<p>Resources:</p>	<p>Resources are in place for the existing Governance arrangements and phases 3 of the Towns Fund Programme with regard to the Programme Management Office.</p> <p>There are resource requirements for the Council to fulfil its responsibility as Accountable Body, and these are being considered by the Director for Regeneration & Growth and the Director of Finance.</p> <p>The Towns Fund represents an opportunity to attract £67.5m regeneration investment which has been conditionally offered by Government through 3 Town Deals.</p>
<p>Legal and Governance:</p>	<p>Governance and Legal arrangements are in place phase 3 – delivery and the role of the council as Accountable Body.</p>
<p>Risk:</p>	<p>The strategic risk to the council was reported to Audit Committee on the 29 Sept 22. The risk has a score of 6 (amber) with a downward trajectory, forecasting 4 (green) by the end of financial year 22/23 close.</p>
<p>Equality:</p>	<p>The revised Governance arrangements consist of three Local Boards, with membership drawn from a range of organisations and sectors.</p>



	<p>The investment gained through the Towns Fund offers the opportunity for Towns to ‘level up’ and put in place building blocks for economic prosperity.</p> <p>Specific equality and diversity implications have been assessed for each project within the programme.</p>
Health and Wellbeing:	<p>Projects within the Towns Fund Programme will deliver health and wellbeing benefits and are outlined as part of the Full Business Cases for each project.</p>
Social Value	<p>The Towns Fund Programme involves an offer of £67.5m for Sandwell and social value requirements for each of the projects is being considered as part of the full business case development.</p>

6 Appendices

Project Progress and Spend to date

7. Background Papers

N//A





Towns Fund Programme Update



Jul – Sep 2022





Project Title	Sandwell Civil and Mechanical Engineering Centre (Sandwell MEC)
Project Description	<p>The Centre is a new technical campus for Sandwell College and will deliver opportunities in engineering, advanced manufacturing, civil engineering, construction and hybrid electric vehicles for adults and young people. The new facility will provide programmes for the unemployed as well as reskilling the workforce through Apprenticeships Standards and other technical & professional qualifications.</p> <p>Progress: Planning application approved in June 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acquisition of land completed in September 2022• Building design completed to RIBA stage 3.• Two-stage Contract Approach Agreed - one Contractor for Ground Works and another for Construction• Construction build programmed to commence in November - The build will be an MMC (Modern Method of Construction) approach and will consist of groundworks followed by a modular superstructure build• The MMC delivery, required to achieve the budget, requires greater coordination and phasing to be progressed between the groundwork contractor and superstructure modular contractor.• Inflation and continuous material and market cost increases. Less so, now tenders and awards have been completed.
Project Start Date	June 2022
Project End Date	September 2023





Project Title	Urban Greening
Project Description	<p>The West Bromwich Urban Greening project has planned to deliver a number of initiatives over a 5-year programme, to enhance the existing greenspace and improve the appearance of West Bromwich Town Centre. This will include the introduction of new trees, parklets and play space, complementing planned infrastructure works to establish better links from the Town Centre to Sandwell Valley.</p> <p>Progress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 1 works commenced August 2022 and are due to complete in December 2022. • Restoration works commenced on Farley Fountain and Dartmouth Clock Tower including scaffolding, removal of heritage features for repair, shot blasting, colour scheme approvals. • Paving repairs along High Street commenced and new paving slabs delivered • Old Market stall removed • Lighting review took place in September 2022 and a sub contractor has been appointed to deliver this element • Parklets design approved and are currently being built by local supplier • Landscape plan in development including procurement of landscaping team and materials • Multistory appointed to deliver the Cultural Programme. • Trees will be in next fortnight, fountain by end of October and Clock towards end of November which completed Phase 1 for Xmas lights switch on • Issues with Serco being dealt with internally re: litter, street clean due for the Town Centre soon
Project Start Date	June 2022
Project End Date	March 2026

Project Title	Ron Davis Centre Expansion
Project Description	<p>The Towns Fund funding will expand the Sandwell Adult and Family Learning Service (SAFL) Ron Davis Centre by providing two additional specialised digital classrooms.</p> <p>Progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project design finalised to inform project scope • Procurement exercise complete and construction contractor appointed in September 2022 • On-site works will commence on 3 October 2022 and contractors will work to 23 week delivery plan • Estimated completion is w/c 6th March 2022
Project Start Date	June 2022
Project End Date	May 2023





Project Title	Retail Diversification Programme
Project Description	<p>The Retail Diversification Programme project aims to deliver comprehensive regeneration and transformation of the West Bromwich retail submarket through major site assembly and demolition works. It involves the potential acquisition and demolition of underperforming town centre sites and the relocation and refurbishment of a new indoor market.</p> <p>Schemes originally Planned – Kings Square, Kings Square Cinema and Shelter Units, 151-165 High St, Queens Square.</p> <p>Progress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition of King Square site completed • Feasibility study completed for new Indoor Market • Procurement of contractor commenced August 2022 to deliver the new Indoor Market element on High Street. • Comprehensive strategy for acquisition of remaining interests is in development with Savills • Acquisition of Queen Square is underway, however landowner is yet to engage in meaningful negotiation • Negotiation by agreement, mainly due to inflated value expectations. Also complicated by identified interests obtaining planning permission for redevelopment and/ or having been acquired recently (and therefore increasing their value against the original valuations undertaken at FBC stage).
Project Start Date	June 2022
Project End Date	September 2025
Project Title	West Bromwich Connected
Project Description	<p>The key aim for the West Bromwich Connected project is to encourage a greater proportion of trips to be undertaken by non-car modes and achieve an uplift in the number of people using active travel modes within West Bromwich but also the wider borough and region to assist in reducing congestion, poor air quality, and other health inequalities.</p> <p>The project is organised into phases and schemes have been identified from the Sandwell Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (SCWIP): -</p> <p>Works is currently underway to complete the pedestrian link from Sandwell College to the junction of Bull St/High St to link into the Town Centre this current financial year.</p> <p>The following phases are to be delivered in future years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linking Parkway to Europa Avenue & West Bromwich Town Centre • Cycle route linking Birmingham Canal to West Bromwich Town Centre via Spon Lane. • Create a cycle route from Hill Top to Walsall Canal & Eagle Lane via Havills Hawthorn & Bagnall Street.
Project Start Date	April 2021
Project End Date	March 2026





Project Title	Town Hall Quarter
Project Description	<p>The project will restore and renovate the Grade II listed West Bromwich Town Hall and Central Library buildings, internally and externally and provide a new Equalities Act compliant entrance from West Bromwich High Street. The investment will transform the Town Hall and Central Library (built in 1907) into a modern and vibrant facility to benefit local people and community groups and third sector organisations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bell Tower Works almost complete (expected completion date of November 2022). • Procurement exercise completed to appoint a contractor for restoration works via the CWM Tender Framework. Project team are expecting to appoint contractor early November 2022. • Ongoing consultation with Town Hall tenants to ensure they're aware of project plans and timescales • Planning to relocate some tenants have commenced to ensure they have alternative officers prior to construction works.
Project Start Date	Sept 2021
Project End Date	July 2024
Project Title	Digital Den
Project Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works commenced towards the end of February 2022 following receipt of the Towns Fund grant and completed in March 2022. • The Towns Fund investment has enabled the center to provide an improved training room with 2 new computers, 12 new laptops, 6 tables, 12 desk chairs, 3 tub chairs and 3 new interactive screens • Works included an upgrade to hospitality facilities by establishing a newly refurbished kitchenette • A well attended launch event was held on 16 August 2022. • Digital Skills/ educational classes have commenced (early September 2022).
Project Start Date	Feb 2022
Project End Date	March 2022



Project Title	Midland Met Learning Campus
Project Description	<p>The Midland Met Learning Campus project will deliver a major new skills resource providing training in healthcare and healthcare related positions from entry level to level 7 skills and will be situated on site next to the Midland Metropolitan University Hospital (MMUH) being developed in Smethwick.</p> <p>The new building will bring together multiple facilities, providing a single centre for the community promoting access to training, development, and employment opportunities within the NHS. The largest growth in education provision will be in three areas: Additional Clinical Services, Allied Health Professionals and Nursing and Midwifery.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RIBA 2 design completed • Design issues leading to a change of architect, impacting programme and practical completion date by one quarter • Architect replaced in September • RIBA 3 design about to commence • Planning application to be submitted during January – March 2023
Project Start Date	June 2022
Project End Date	September 2024





Project Title	Grove Lane Regeneration
Project Description	<p>The Grove Lane and Regeneration Project will regenerate the Grove Lane development site at the centre of Smethwick, a largescale mixed-use and housing development on the industrial site directly adjacent to the hospital.</p> <p>Investment will assist the acquisition and remediation of a selected site within the Grove Lane area to accelerate regeneration for housing delivery, the first phase of a comprehensive major regeneration project to deliver new homes and associated infrastructure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant delays regarding delivery and spend due to the delay in acquiring the site required within this financial year • A different route to acquire is being sought via a CPO resulting in slippage of 12+ months
Project Start Date	September 2022
Project End Date	Towns Fund: March 2023 / Housing Delivery: January 2026

Project Title	Smethwick Connected
Project Description	<p>The Smethwick Connected project will create cycle and pedestrian links from two railway stations to the town centre and local hospital and aims to achieve uplift in the number of people using active travel modes within Smethwick, the wider borough and region to assist in reducing congestion, poor air quality and other health inequalities.</p> <p>The location of interventions includes Smethwick High Street, A457Transport Corridor including Oldbury Road, Tollhouse Way, Soho Way, Grove Lane and B41236 Cranford Street situated within the St Pauls, Smethwick and Soho and Victoria Wards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery of Phase 3 complete on time and on budget: • Phase 2 has entered primary design stage: • Phases 4 and 5 entered development planning stage
Project Start Date	April 2021
Project End Date	March 2025





Rolfe Street Canalside Regeneration

Project Title	Rolfe Street Canalside Regeneration
Project Description	<p>The Rolfe Street Canalside Regeneration project will demolish existing structures located at Smethwick Enterprise Centre, Rolfe Street and remediate the land to provide a stand-alone development ready site.</p> <p>The development ready site will then provide much needed housing and potential space for small enterprises, to support the wider regeneration of the town and link to the opportunities around the Midland Met University Hospital and the Towns Fund Midland Met Learning Campus project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desk top survey completed and highlighted no significant issues. • Engagement with current occupiers commenced to discuss relocation opportunities. • Preliminary Ecology report underway • Minor delays experienced due to timing of Ecology surveys but still within allocated timescales.
Project Start Date	May 2022
Project End Date	Towns Fund: March 2023 / Housing Delivery: June 2026





Project Title	Britannia Park Greenspace and Community Hub
Project Description	<p>The project will develop a new low-carbon community building to provide changing rooms, create new allotment plots, widen the main entrance and driveway to make access safer for pedestrians and drivers, provide enlarged car park, construct new footpaths to provide a perimeter route for park users, reconstruct the skate park, replace all play and fitness equipment to meet modern day play and fitness needs and plant new trees, in part as replacement (2:1) for trees that need removing.</p> <p>Progress</p> <p>The project has developed scheme of works with internal Urban Design team and Highways. Highways have started trial holes for civils works, which are due to start in Jan 23. Tender specs going out to purchase play equipment and Skatepark via a design, supply and build contract. Tree surveys have been undertaken with any works/replanting to be undertaken following public consultations.</p>
Project Start Date	June 2022
Project End Date	March 2024
Project Title	Canal Network Connectivity
Project Description	<p>The strategic aim of the project is to improve active travel connectivity within and across Rowley Regis. The project will focus on two areas of canal within Rowley Regis – Old Main Line Canal & Dudley No.2 Canal. Although both areas appear to be separate, they are in fact connected by the Netherton Tunnel and part of the “Birmingham Canal Navigations” (BCN) which provides connections to the UK’s inland waterway network.</p> <p>Contractor on sight from October, earlier than expected which will assist towards mitigating increase in costs. The project aims to bring spend forward from next financial year and complete by May 2023.</p>
Project Start Date	October 2022
Project End Date	May 2023





Project Title	Blackheath Bus Interchange and Public Realm
Project Description	<p>The Blackheath Bus Interchange and Public Realm project will create a central bus interchange around Blackheath Market Place, improve arrangements for pedestrians and cyclists, create new public realm and focal point to town centre, rationalise delivery arrangements and exclude through traffic.</p> <p>Progress:</p> <p>Detailed design works commended in June 2022 with all the topographical surveys and investigations completed in September. Face to face public consultation is planned over the next quarter with procurement exercise to commence in December.</p>
Project Start Date	June 2022
Project End Date	March 2025
Project Title	Rowley Regis Connected
Project Description	<p>The Rowley Regis Connected project will generate a multi phased set of multi-modal infrastructure improvements to link transport (rail, bus) and employment hubs in Blackheath, Cradley Heath and Oldbury.</p> <p>The project will deliver new pedestrian and cycle routes including segregated cycle routes, resurface and widen footpaths, upgrade crossing facilities, introduce traffic calming, upgrade lighting, improve signage and road markings.</p> <p>Phase 1 (Blackheath Town Centre & Railway Station) works due to start in February 2023. Works to include: Sign and use road markings/surface logo's along Park St to identify it as a Quietway leading into the Town Centre Remove pedestrian refuges and replace with a Zebra and Tiger Crossing over Archer Way to improve severance on either side of Park Street Resurface & widen (4m) footways on Oldbury Road between Cardale St and the town centre to create a segregated pedestrian and cycle route. Upgrade the pedestrian crossings over Archer Way and Henderson Way to create a cycle link into the town centre and new cycle parking.</p>
Project Start Date	April 2021
Project End Date	March 2025





Project Title	Rowley Regis Satellite Education Hub
Project Description	<p>The Rowley Regis Satellite Education Hub will provide a new, dedicated education and training centre to enable the engagement of young people and adults in Cradley Heath, Rowley Regis and will work in conjunction with local community groups to provide access to social, medical and other education advice and services – providing a ‘resource centre’ with Sandwell College as the anchor institution.</p> <p>Building planning application scheduled for October 2022. Building design completed to RIBA stage 2 and approved. Stage 3 design now in progress. Construction contractor procurement will be via a 2 stage process utilising a construction framework, namely Pagabo, to ensure contractor engagement. Stage 1 Invitation To Tender issued 12th September 22. Returns due October 22. Contractor appointment for stage 1 scheduled for December 22 under a Pre Contract Sum Agreement. With a view to full construction contractor, contract appointment being by April 2023.</p>
Project Start Date	June 2022
Project End Date	May 2024





22/23 Apr-Sep Spend

Project	21/22 Actual(£)	22/23 Approved Profile	April –Sept Actual	Oct –Mar Forecast	22/23 Revised Forecast
TOTAL WEST BROMWICH	318,327	15,342,712.00	5,173,272	10,258,713.51	15,431,985.34
TOTAL SMETHWICK	0	7,417,450.00	861,920.12	3,711,528.29	4,573,448.41
TOTAL ROWLEY REGIS	0	4,670,440.00	345,184.26	3,465,596.74	3,810,781.00



Economy, Skills, Transport and Environment Scrutiny Board

16.11.2022

Subject:	Black Country Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan Consultation
Director:	Director, Regeneration and Growth Tony McGovern
Contact Officer:	Strategic Planning and Transport Manager – Andy Miller – Andy_Miller@sandwell.gov.uk Senior Transport Planning Officer – Wayne Moore – wayne_moore@sandwell.gov.uk

1 Recommendations

That the Board notes the contents of the report.

2 How does this deliver objectives of the Corporate Plan?

- 2.1 The provision of a safe and convenient network of cycle routes will help address the health impacts of inactivity thus contributing to Vision 2030 Ambition 2.
- 2.2 All three tiers of the cycling network; National, Metropolitan and Local, contribute to the provision of a high-quality transport system linking homes and communities to jobs and facilities (Vision 2030 Ambitions 6, 7 and 8).

3 Context and Key Issues

- 3.1 The Government's Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy was published in April 2017 with the aim of making cycling and walking the



natural choices for shorter journeys, or as part of a longer journey. The strategy seeks to double the 2013 number of journeys, or part journeys, made by cycle by 2025. It recognises that achieving this will require a sustained investment in cycling infrastructure by Central Government, Local Transport Authorities and third parties. The Government anticipates that Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) will be the principal vehicle for targeting this investment.

- 3.2 The West Midlands Combined Authority has developed an LCWIP that identifies and enables a plan to develop strategic cycling and walking networks throughout the West Midlands up to 2028. Subsequently Sandwell developed an LCWIP that identifies and enables a plan to develop strategic cycling and walking networks throughout the Sandwell up to 2030.
- 3.3 To complement the WMCA and Sandwell LCWIP's Black Country Transport commissioned work to develop a Black Country LCWIP that will identify and enable a plan to develop local cycling and walking networks throughout the Black Country till 2032. The BCLCWIP will be published in Spring 2023 subsequently to cabinet approval.
- 3.4 Consultants AECOM were appointed by Black Country Transport to prepare Black Country's Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan to support mode shift to active modes across the four local authority areas. The process undertaken conformed to the Department for Transport (DfT)'s defined six-stage LCWIP process. The geographical scope was the whole of the area within the four authority's boundaries. A policy and data led analysis was carried out to establish areas of highest cycle and walking demand. The areas within Sandwell were then reviewed by Sandwell's Transportation team to select those which aligned with Sandwell's policy objectives. These included: air quality improvement areas, regeneration corridors, proximity to secondary schools, proximity to transport hubs, current and planned 20mph zones and areas of high congestion. A map of the selected cycle routes and core walking zones can be found in Appendix A.

4 Next Steps

- 4.1 Black Country Transport are due to undertake a public consultation on the Black Country Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan early 2023 (date to be confirmed).



- 4.2 Once the public consultation is complete Sandwell MBC Cabinet approval of BCLCWIP will be sought.
- 4.3 Each project within the BCLCWIP programme will be subject of individual consultations in line with exiting highway and transportation procedures and processes.

5 Implications

Resources:	<p>The majority of funding for ‘standalone’ cycle infrastructure projects comes from Sandwell’s allocation from the Integrated Transport Block (ITB). ITB is allocated annually by Central Government to Local Transport Authorities, such as the West Midlands Combined Authority. In the West Midlands the WMCA then re-allocates this funding to the districts on a ‘per-capita’ basis.</p> <p>£125k of ITB is allocated to the ‘Measures to Encourage Cycling’ category in 2019/20. In addition, some of the projects to be funded from other categories such the ‘Measures to Encourage Walking’ and the various safety-related categories include a cycling element.</p> <p>As well as ITB, cycle infrastructure is also funded through regional/sub-regional initiatives such as the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlements, Active Travel Fund, Towns Investment Fund and similar funding streams. These will be combined with ITB allocation to deliver the project within the BCLCWIP</p> <p>Highway infrastructure including cycle infrastructure is maintained in accordance with the Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Policy, Strategy and Plan on a risk assessed basis within the limits of funding allocations from the IT Maintenance Block,</p>
-------------------	---



	Council Revenue budgets and occasionally from Council Capital Allocations
Legal and Governance:	<p>Under section 65 (1) of the Highways Act 1980, a highway authority may, in or by the side of a highway maintainable at the public expense by them which consists of or comprises a made-up carriageway, construct a cycle track as part of the highway; and they may light any cycle track constructed by them under this section.</p> <p>To convert all or part of a footway to a shared pedestrian and cycle route, all or the appropriate part of the footway must be removed under section 66 (4) of the Highways Act 1980, and a cycle track 'constructed' under section 65 (1) of the act. No physical construction is necessary but there needs to be clear evidence that the local highway authority has exercised these powers. This can be provided by a resolution of the appropriate committee or cabinet member.</p>
Risk:	<p>That highway maintenance budget allocations are only sufficient to operate the road network and maintain the highest risk infrastructure based on condition surveys. This is likely to result in the gradual deterioration of cycle infrastructure condition until it becomes a high risk priority for the use of limited maintenance budgets.</p> <p>There is also a risk that SMBC will be unable to deliver cycling and walking infrastructure. This is an unlikely scenario but would result in reputational damage, potentially limiting SMBC's future ability to successfully apply for Infrastructure funding in the future.</p>
Equality:	As stated in the BCLCWIP Full Outline Business Case walking and cycling are among the cheapest modes of transport and so help build equality throughout the Black Country as it offers affordable options of travel to employment and higher education which in turn will encourage economic growth of the borough. The



routes and zones identified are spread across the entire sub-region to benefit as many communities as possible.

Where AECOM have identified cycle interventions, the preferred (and costed) options are for segregated provision. Safety and not wanting to mix with traffic is the main barrier given for why people don't cycle. This is especially true for women who make up only 25% of those cycling (Sustrans). Women are also more likely to make 'escort' trips with children (National Travel Survey). Good quality cycle infrastructure is designed to be suitable for a child who has completed their level 2 Bikeability (previously known as Cycling Proficiency). Cycle facilities to schools and colleges provides greater freedom for children, and the ability for families to travel in an active way.

Cycle infrastructure and good walking environments also gives older people, and those with physical disabilities more transport options and greater independence. Cycles are available for almost every type of disability and can act as a mobility aid for those who find walking difficult. Evidence where high quality cycle infrastructure has been built has shown it is often shared with wheelchairs, mobility scooters and other assistive modes of transport.

When considering the recommended interventions for both cycling and walking, the user hierarchy, as set out in Manual for Streets (2007), has been followed. This considers the most vulnerable user's needs, pedestrians, first, followed by cyclists and then users in motorised forms of transport.

As individual schemes from the BCLCWIP are developed they will be subject of Equality Impact Assessments as part of their formulation and the results reported to the Cabinet Member for Highways & Environment to further ensure an inclusive approach, so all groups are considered



<p>Health and Wellbeing:</p>	<p>Nationally Sandwell is the 13th most deprived local authority out of a total of 326, with unemployment rates at 7.3%, which is higher than the national average of 5.4%. In Sandwell 34% of households do not have access to a car. Limited travel choices and high costs of public transport can limit social mobility by restrict residents from accessing employment, education and services. Sandwell residents that have limited travel choices and sparse resources can be disadvantaged in their aspirations. This has implications for council budgets in terms of benefits, housing, health, social care, and council tax revenue</p> <p>In 2012 24.5% of Year 6 children and 25.4% of adults in Sandwell were classified as obese; with levels physical activity and life expectancy being worse than the England average. Obesity and lack of exercise costs the Black Country £37 million a year and data published in 2018 showed Sandwell was the sixth worst area for obese children in the country. The West Midlands on the Move 2017-30 Physical Activity Strategy identifies that nearly two million adults or 29% of the West Midlands population are doing less than 30 minutes of activity a week. Inactivity is holding back economic growth and the better life chances, raised aspirations and better quality of life and leads to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poorer health • Less productivity at work • More isolated society • Reduced educational attainment <p>In order to mitigate the health impacts of inactivity in the West Midlands, the LCWIP's aims to provide a working partnership with local authorities and Transport for West Midlands (TfWM) "to create an extensive, safe and coherent network of well-designed off and on-road links connecting key destinations irrespective of administration boundaries to promote walking, cycling and running".</p>
<p>Social Value</p>	<p>Installation of infrastrucutre will generate additional demand for skilled labour, likely focussing on the civil</p>



and engineering disciplines. Local employment and supply chains are used from the procurement framework.

6 Appendices

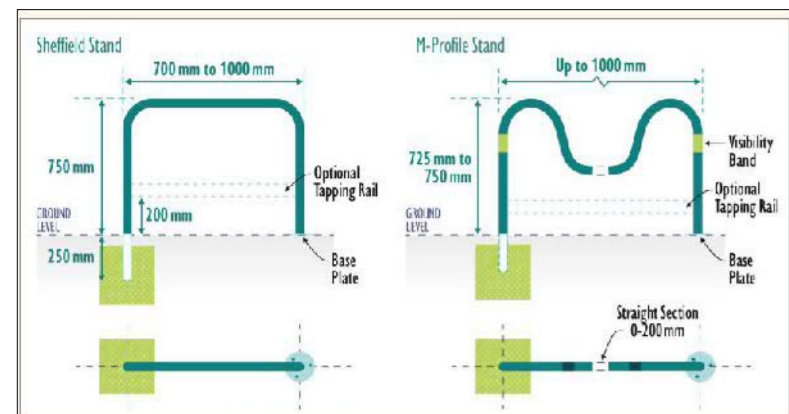
A - Map of BCLCWIP Map



This page is intentionally left blank

ISO A1 594mm x 841mm
 Approved: XX
 Checked: SS
 Designer: RE
 Project Management Initials:
 Last saved by: PHANNON, EVANS (2022-04-08) Last Printed: 2022-04-08
 Filename: V111 ROUTE AUDITS SANDWELL SANDWELL CYCLE AUDITS.DWG
 Printed on Paper From Sustainable Managed Forests

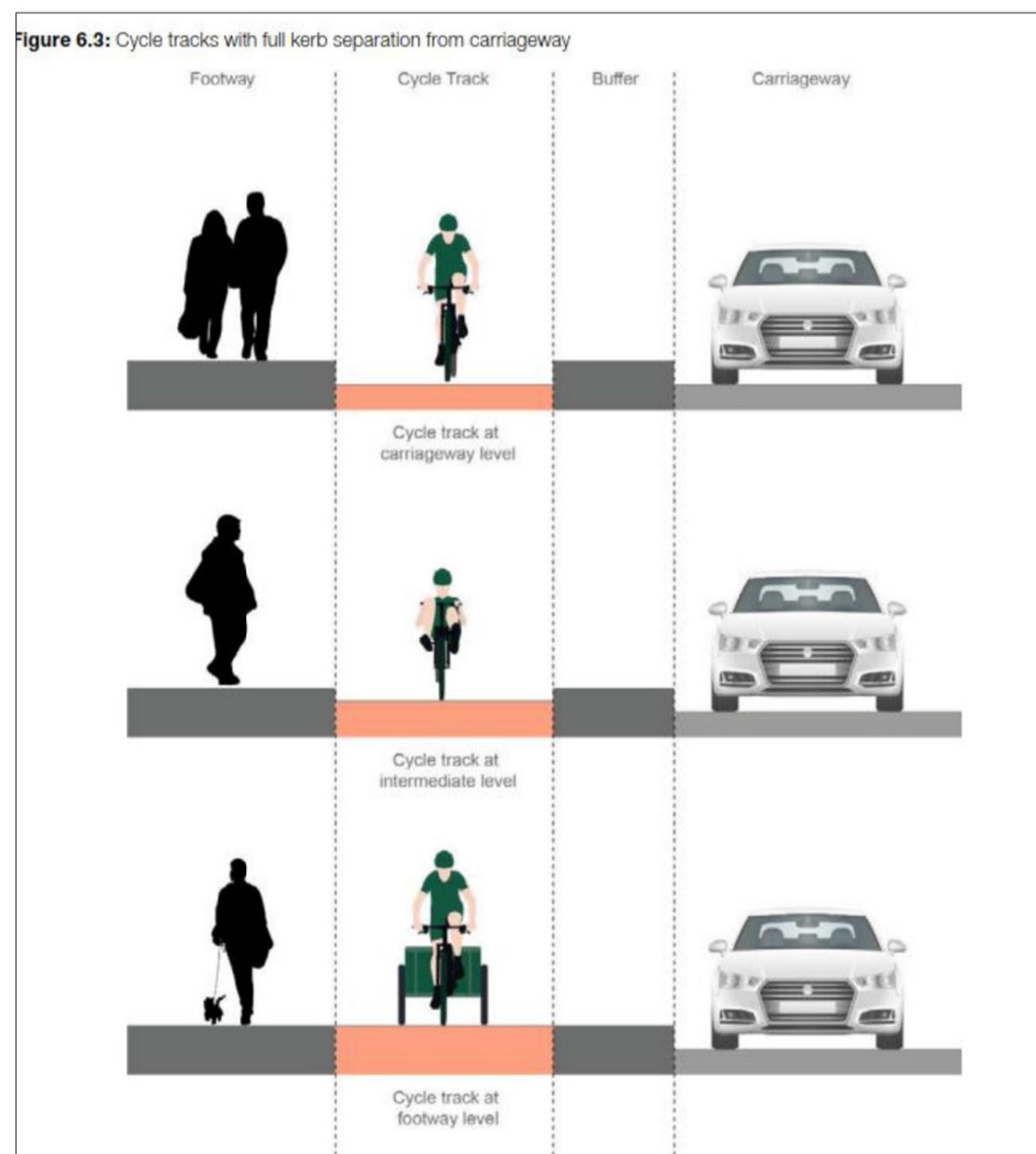
INSET A
FROM CYCLING BY DESIGN



INSET B
FROM LTN 1/20



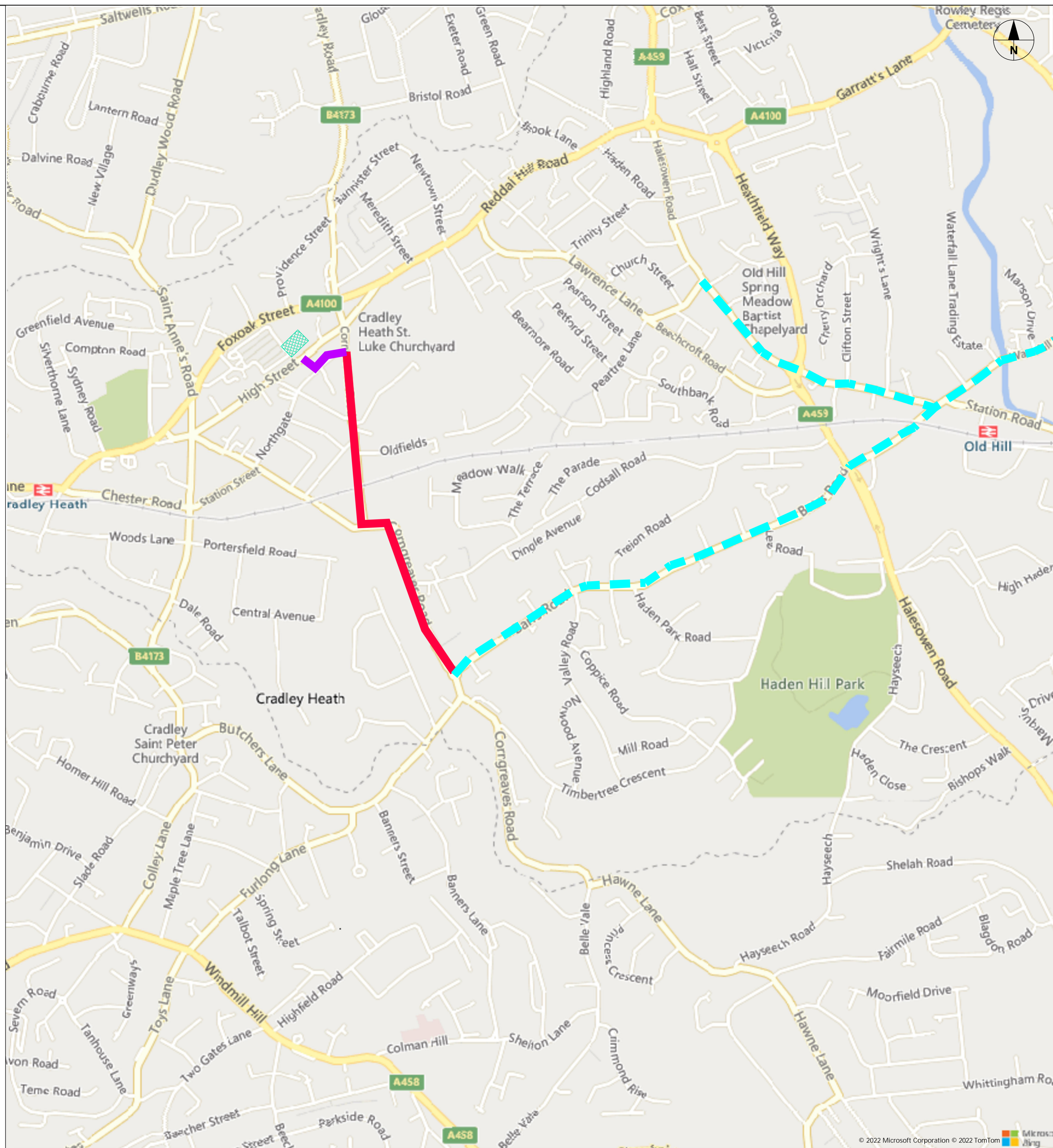
INSET C
FROM LTN 1/20



INSET D
FROM LTN 1/20



BC LCWIP
Appendix A



PROJECT
BLACK COUNTRY
LCWIP

**BLACK COUNTRY
TRANSPORT**

CONSULTANT

AECOM
The Colmore Building,
Colmore Circus Queensway
Birmingham, B4 6AT
tel: +44 (0)121 262 1900
fax: +44 (0)121 262 1994
www.aecom.com

REGISTRATION
©Crown copyright. All rights reserved.
License Number 100019264

NOTES

- KEY**
- PROPOSED SHARED CARRIAGEWAY ROUTE
 - PROPOSED SEGREGATED ROUTE
 - OTHER LCWIP ROUTES (NOT PART OF THIS STUDY)
 - PROPOSED CYCLE PARKING



1:5000 SCALE @A1

ISSUE/REVISION

I/R	DATE	DESCRIPTION
1	08/04/2022	DRAFT FOR COMMENT

KEY PLAN

DRAFT

PROJECT NUMBER

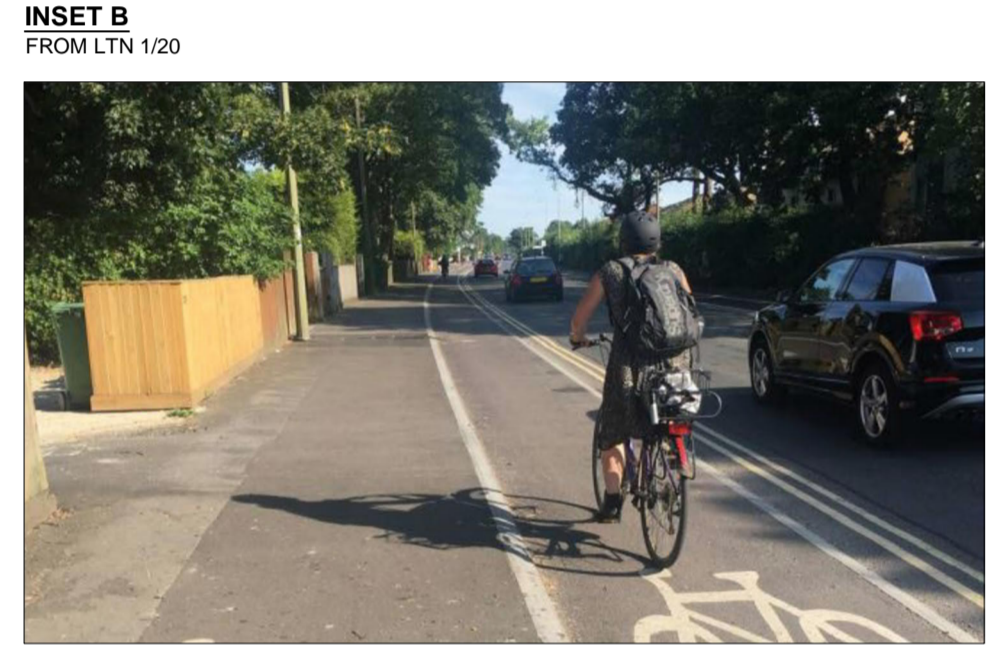
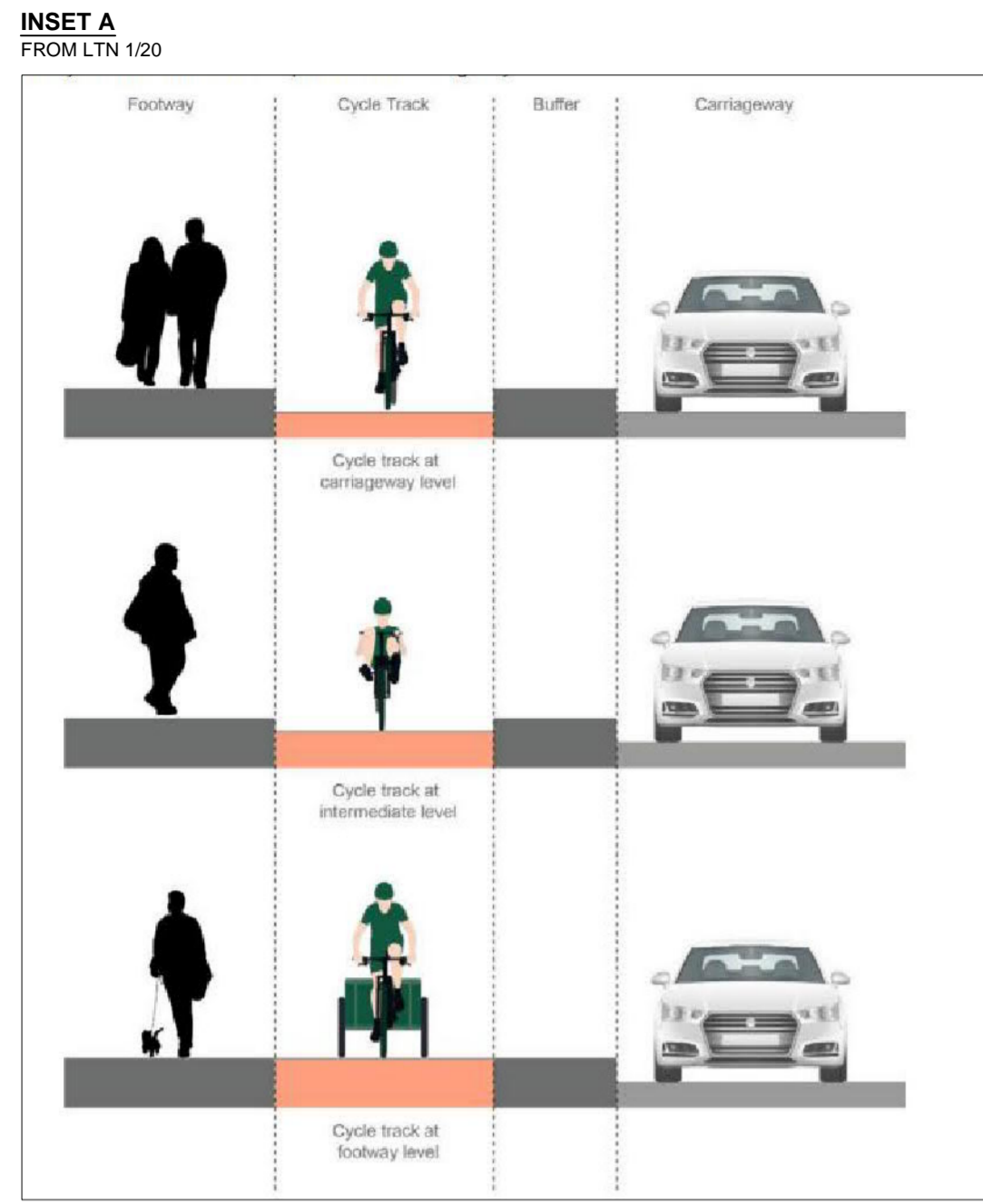
60669808

SHEET TITLE

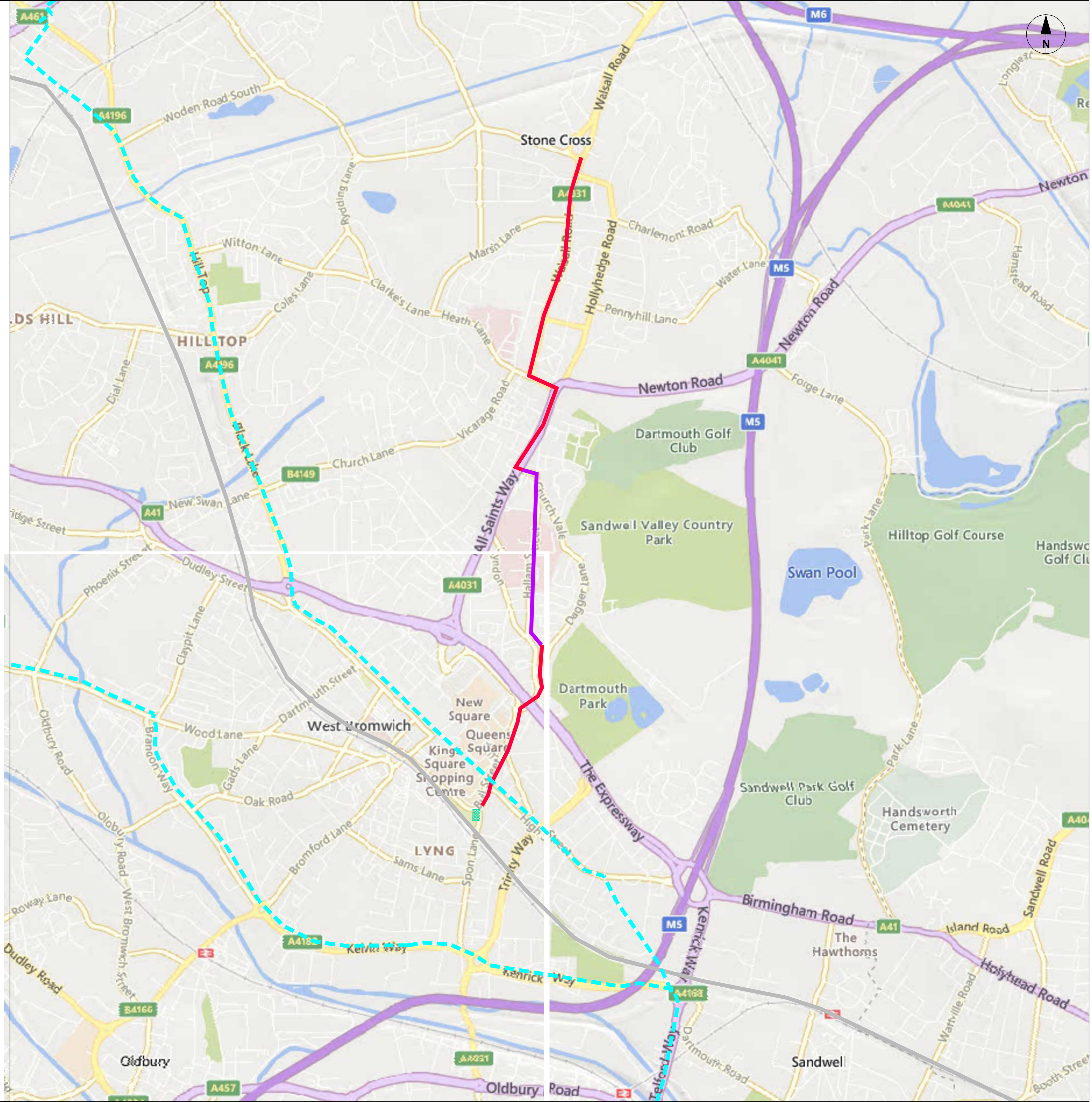
SANDWELL CYCLE ROUTE
CRADLEY HEATH TO SCWIP

SHEET NUMBER

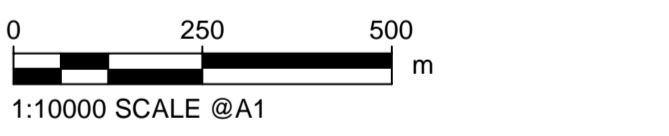
Sheet 1 of 1



BC LCWIP Appendix A



- KEY**
- PROPOSED SHARED CARRIAGEWAY ROUTE
 - PROPOSED SEGREGATED ROUTE
 - - - OTHER LCWIP ROUTES (NOT PART OF THIS STUDY)
 - MIDLANDS METRO LINE
 - PROPOSED CYCLE PARKING

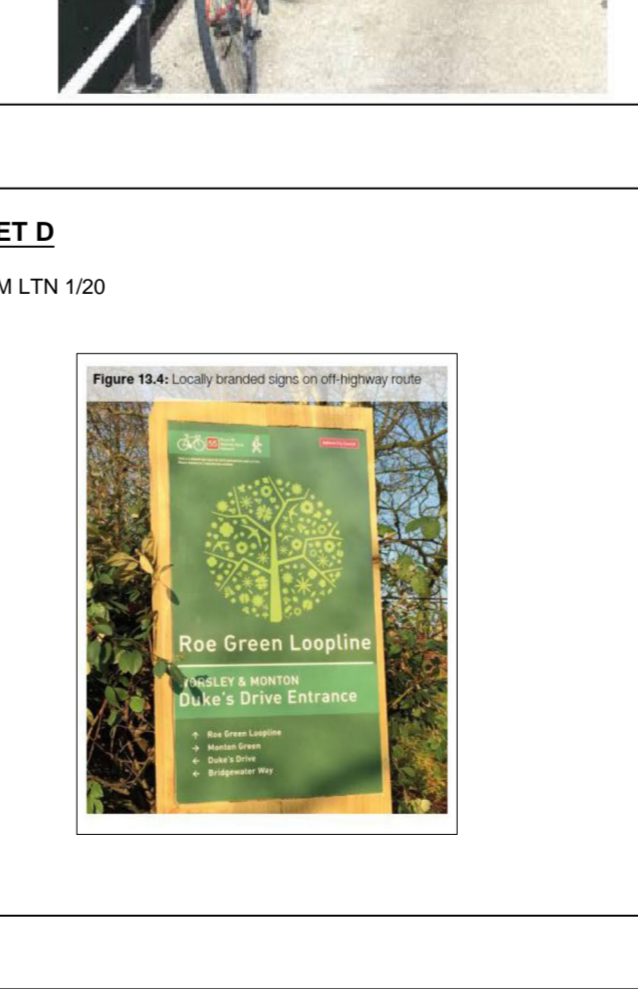
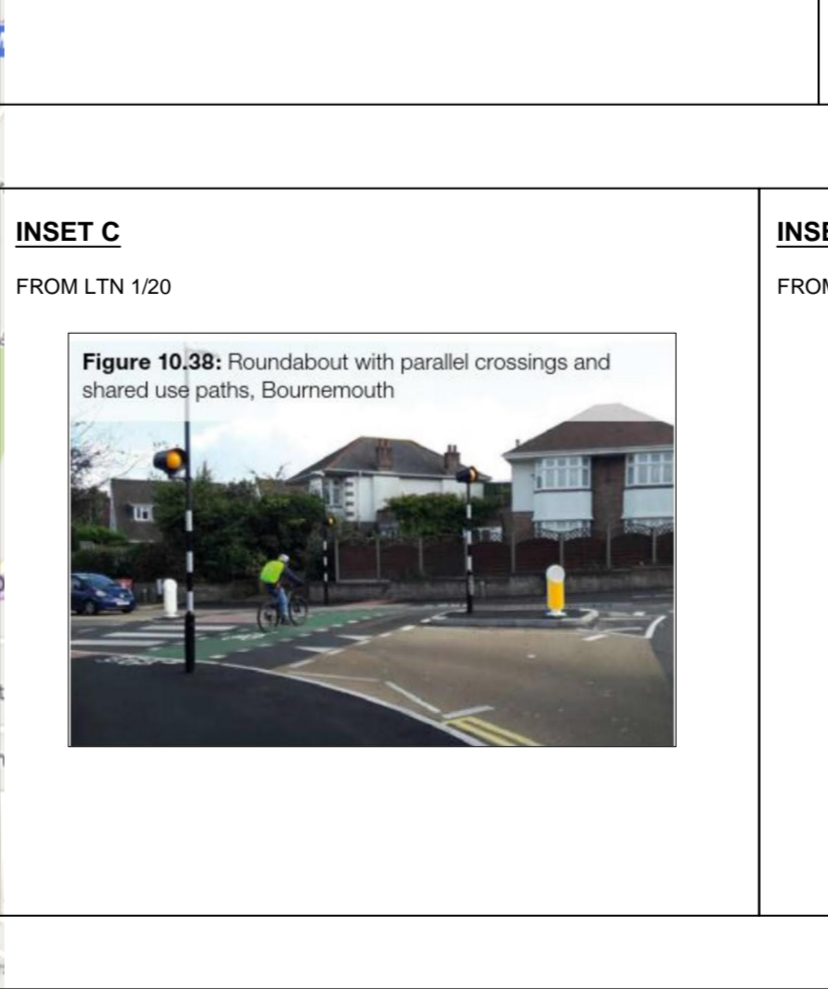
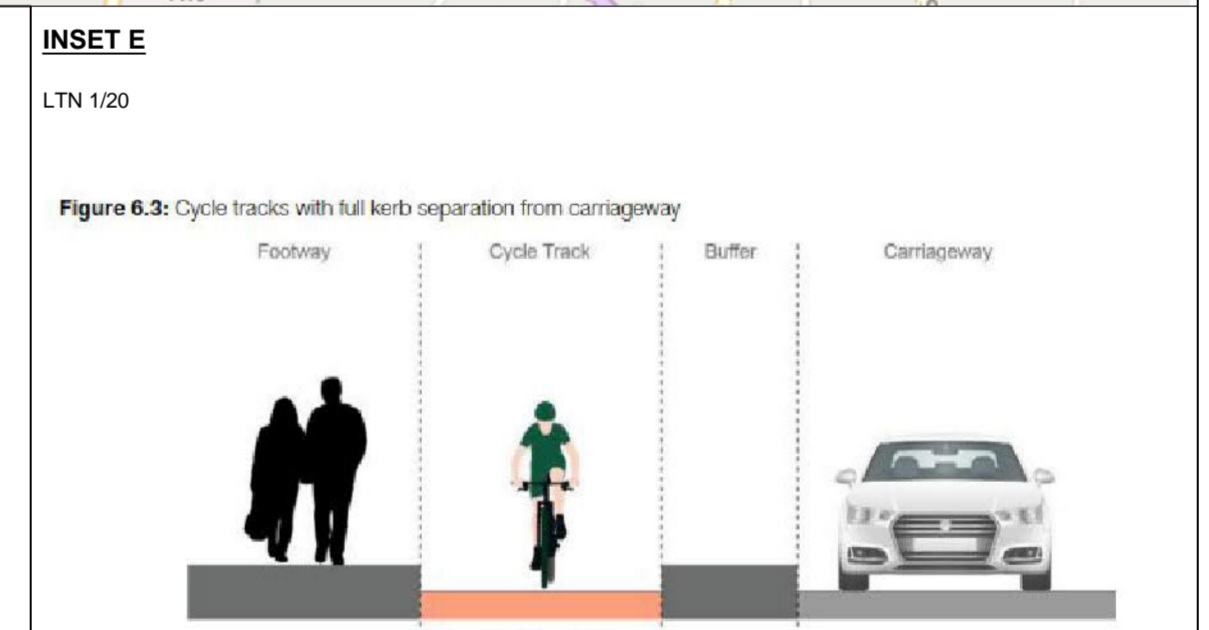
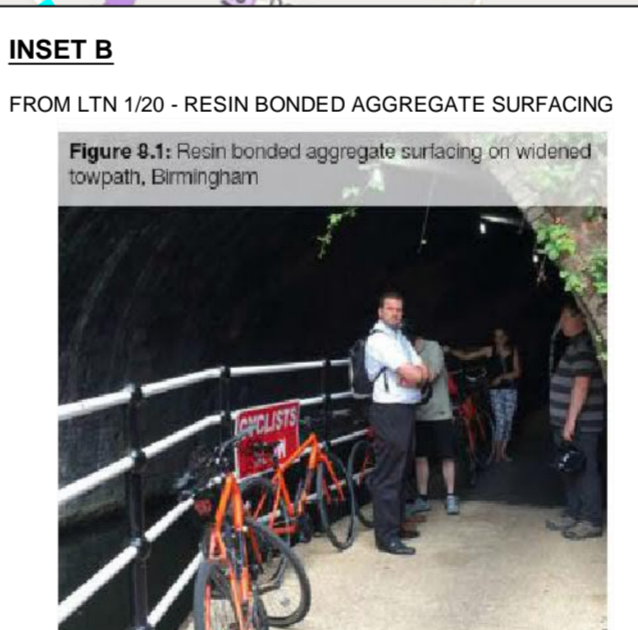
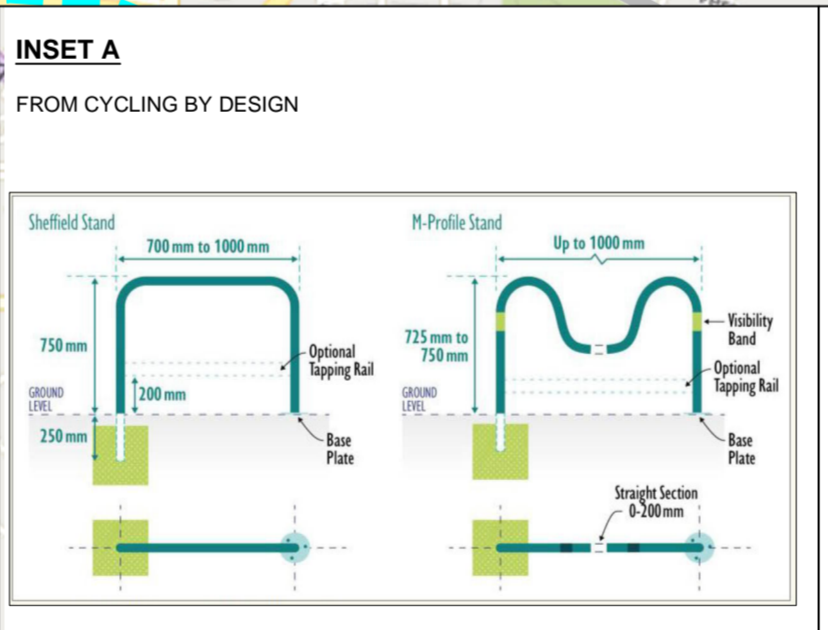
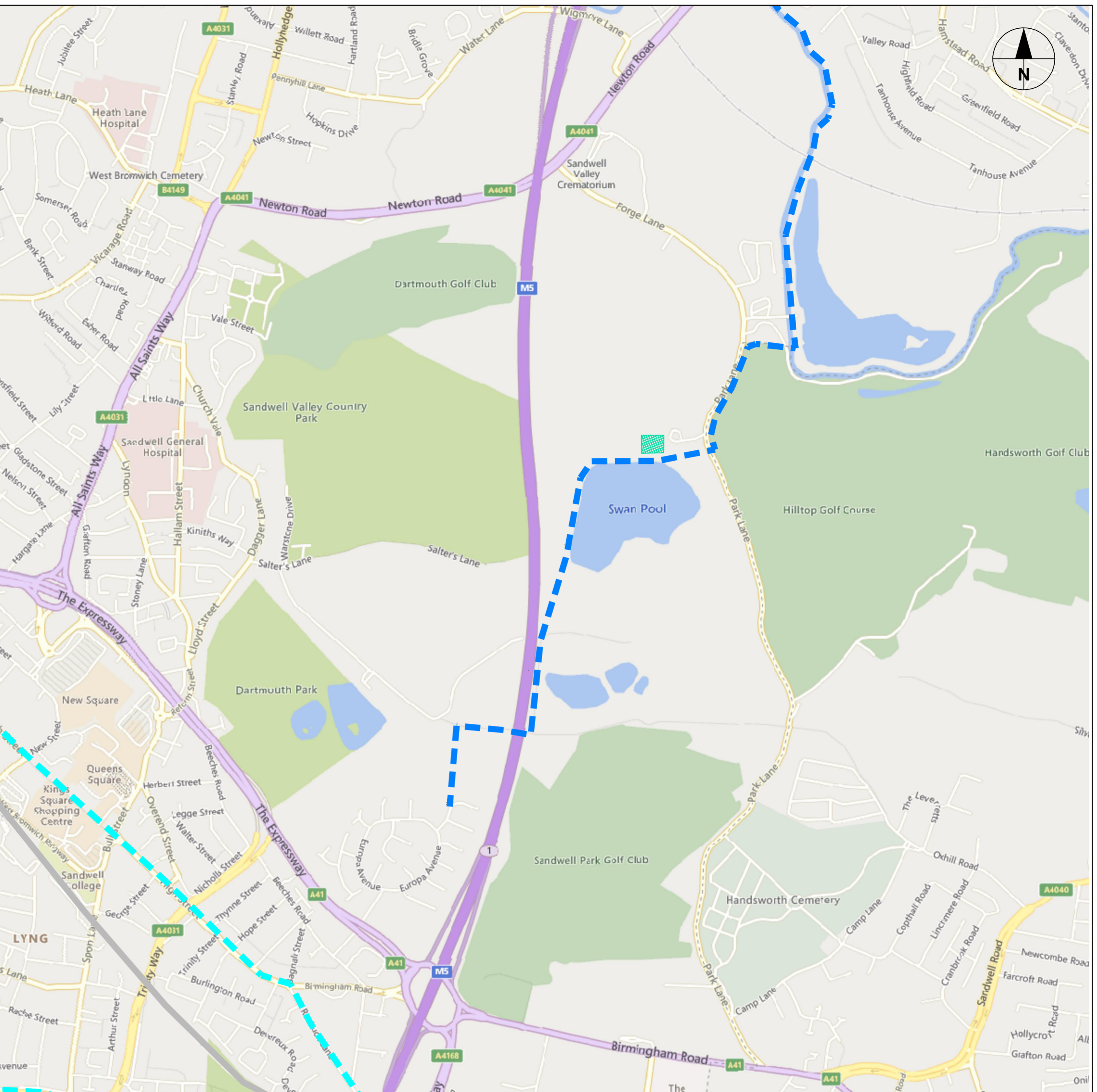
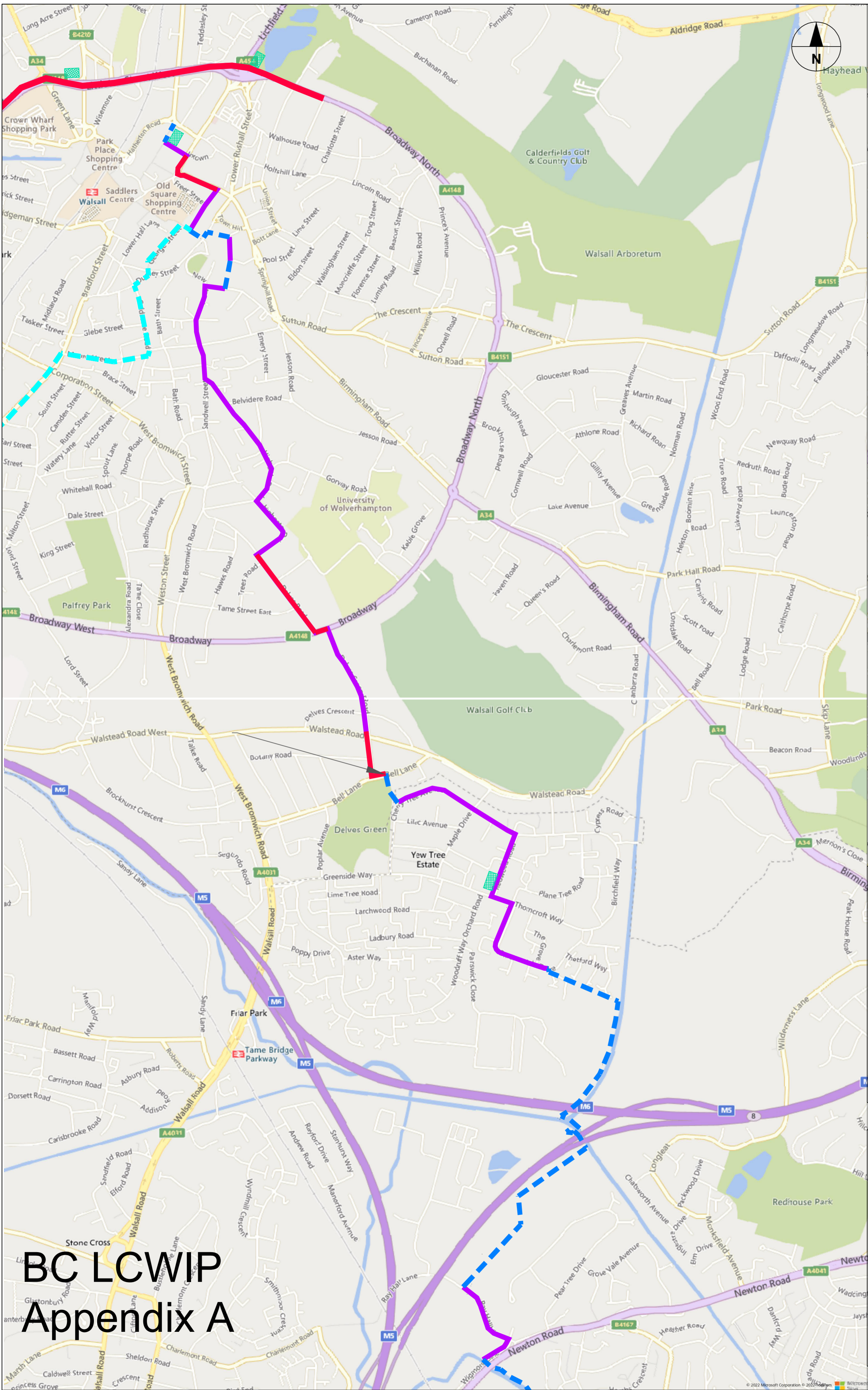


ISSUE/REVISION

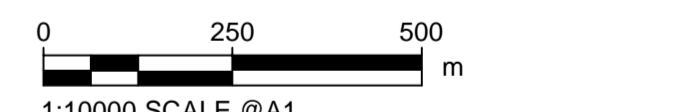
I/R	DATE	DESCRIPTION
1	08/04/2022	DRAFT FOR COMMENT

KEY PLAN

DRAFT



- KEY**
- PROPOSED SHARED CARRIAGEWAY ROUTE LTN 1/20 COMPLIANT?
 - - - OFF-ROAD SECTION. 3m MINIMUM WIDTH FOR SHARED ROUTE
 - PROPOSED SEGREGATED ROUTE
 - OTHER LCWIP ROUTES (NOT PART OF THIS STUDY)
 - PROPOSED ARBORETUM TO PLECK ROUTE
 - MIDLANDS METRO LINE
 - PROPOSED CYCLE PARKING



1:10000 SCALE @A1

ISSUE/REVISION

1	08/04/2022	DRAFT FOR COMMENT
I/R	DATE	DESCRIPTION

KEY PLAN

DRAFT

PROJECT NUMBER
60669808

SHEET TITLE
WALSALL CYCLE ROUTE
WALSALL TO SANDWELL VALLEY COUNTRY PARK (NCN 5)

SHEET NUMBER

Sheet 1 of 1

BC LCWIP Appendix A

Last saved by: BHIANNON.EVANS(2022-04-14) Last Plotted: 2022-04-14
 Filename: I:\A\AECOM\NET.COM\LF\SEME\BIRMINGHAM\LEGACY\UKBHMZ\FP001-V1\TP\PROJECT\TRANSPORT PLANNING - BLACK COUNTRY LCWIP\11 ROUTE AUDITS\SANDWELL SANDWELL WALKING ZONE.DWG
 Project Management Initials: Designer: RE
 Checked: SS
 Approved: XX
 ISO A1 594mm x 841mm
 Printed on Paper From Sustainable Managed Forests

INSET A
FROM LTN 1109



INSTALL FOOTWAY BETWEEN FIELD AND CARRIAGEWAY TO PROMOTE WALKING. DESIRE LINES ACROSS FIELD TO BE OBSERVED AND RELEVANT FOOTWAYS INSTALLED. FOOTWAYS TO USE RECYCLE AGGREGATES TO ENHANCE SUSTAINABILITY. SEE INSET C FOR EXAMPLE OF COMPOSITE RUBBER WEARING COURSE.

INSET B
FROM LTN 1/20



INSET C
FROM SUSTRANS - TRAFFIC-FREE ROUTES & GREENWAYS DESIGN



PARKING ON APPROACH TO ROUNDABOUT IN NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY/FOOTWAY. MEASURES COULD INCLUDE INSTALLING RED ROUTE, KERB BLIPS OR STREET FURNITURE AS PER INSET A TO PREVENT THIS. CONSIDER REALLOCATING ROADSIDE SPACE TO ENSURE SUFFICIENT SPACE FOR PARKING AND A FOOTWAY.

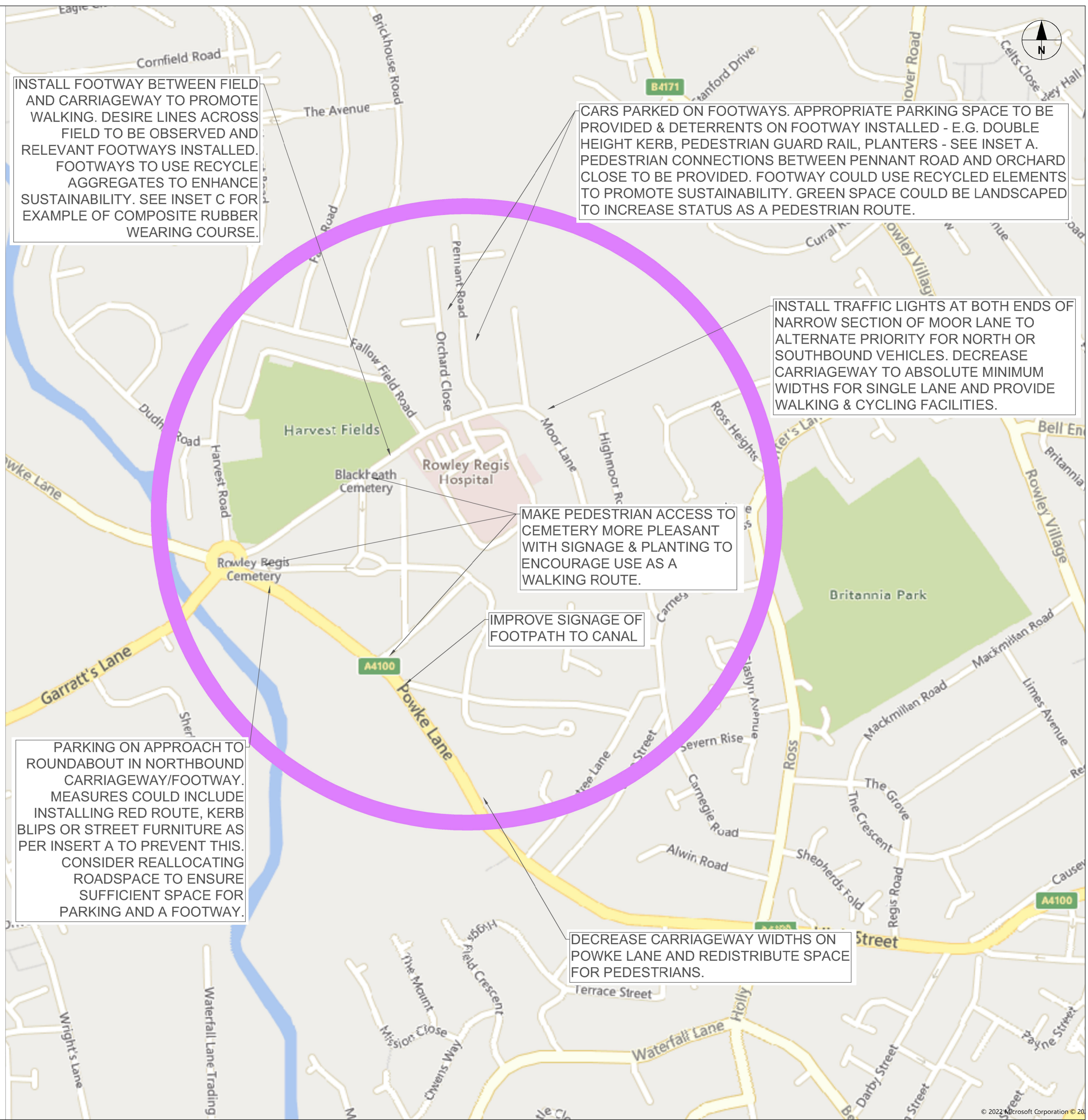
CARS PARKED ON FOOTWAYS. APPROPRIATE PARKING SPACE TO BE PROVIDED & DETERRENTS ON FOOTWAY INSTALLED - E.G. DOUBLE HEIGHT KERB, PEDESTRIAN GUARD RAIL, PLANTERS - SEE INSET A. PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIONS BETWEEN PENNANT ROAD AND ORCHARD CLOSE TO BE PROVIDED. FOOTWAY COULD USE RECYCLED ELEMENTS TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABILITY. GREEN SPACE COULD BE LANDSCAPED TO INCREASE STATUS AS A PEDESTRIAN ROUTE.

INSTALL TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT BOTH ENDS OF NARROW SECTION OF MOOR LANE TO ALTERNATE PRIORITY FOR NORTH OR SOUTHBOUND VEHICLES. DECREASE CARRIAGEWAY TO ABSOLUTE MINIMUM WIDTHS FOR SINGLE LANE AND PROVIDE WALKING & CYCLING FACILITIES.

MAKE PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO CEMETERY MORE PLEASANT WITH SIGNAGE & PLANTING TO ENCOURAGE USE AS A WALKING ROUTE.

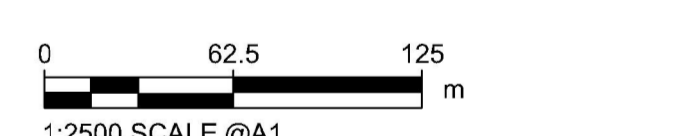
IMPROVE SIGNAGE OF FOOTPATH TO CANAL

DECREASE CARRIAGEWAY WIDTHS ON POWKE LANE AND REDISTRIBUTE SPACE FOR PEDESTRIANS.



- NOTES**
- THE FOLLOWING MEASURES CAN BE IMPLEMENTED SCHEME-WIDE TO PRIORITISE WALKING. THESE INCLUDE:
- TIGHTER JUNCTION RADII
 - RAISED TABLES AT CROSSING POINTS
 - CONTINUOUS FOOTWAYS
 - CONTROLLED CROSSINGS AT KEY LOCATIONS (SCHOOLS, SHOPPING PARADES, ETC.)
 - UNCONTROLLED CROSSINGS TO HAVE APPROPRIATE TACTILES AND DROPPED KERBS
 - PLACING BENCHES AND PLANTERS WHERE SPACE ALLOWS TO ENHANCE AMENITY VALUE
 - FOOTWAY RESURFACING

KEY
 WALKING ZONE PERIMETER



ISSUE/REVISION

I/R	DATE	DESCRIPTION
1	14/04/2022	DRAFT FOR COMMENT

KEY PLAN

DRAFT

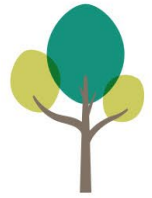
BC LCWIP
Appendix A

The following items set out key decisions to be taken by the Executive in public session:-

	Title/Subject	Decision Maker	Decision Date	Pre-decision Scrutiny to be carried out? (Board and date)	List of documents to be considered
6	<p>Highway Asset Management Funding</p> <p>Contact Officer: Robin Weare</p> <p>Director Borough Economy: Alice Davey</p>	<p>Cabinet - Environment Services (Cllr Ahmed)</p>	<p>16 November 2022</p>		



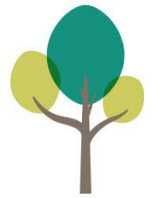
Title/Subject		Decision Maker	Decision Date	Pre-decision Scrutiny to be carried out? (Board and date)	List of documents to be considered
7	<p>Delegated Authority to approve the use of the Highway Surface Treatments Contract</p> <p>Contact Officer: Mathew Burling</p> <p>Director Borough Economy: Alice Davey</p>	<p>Cabinet - Environment Services (Cllr Ahmed)</p>	<p>16 November 2022</p>		
8	<p>Investment Programme – Street Lighting</p> <p>Contact Officer: Robin Weare</p> <p>Director Borough Economy: Alice Davey</p>	<p>Cabinet - Environment Services (Cllr Ahmed)</p>	<p>16 November 2022</p>		



	Title/Subject	Decision Maker	Decision Date	Pre-decision Scrutiny to be carried out? (Board and date)	List of documents to be considered
9	<p>Approve Award of a Contract for Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Traffic Signals and Associated Equipment</p> <p>Contact Officers: Robin Weare/Barry Ridgway</p> <p>Director: Alice Davey, Director of Borough Economy</p>	<p>Cabinet - Environment Services (Cllr Ahmed)</p>	<p>16 November 2022</p>	<p>N/A</p>	



Title/Subject		Decision Maker	Decision Date	Pre-decision Scrutiny to be carried out? (Board and date)	List of documents to be considered
10	<p>Garden Waste Review</p> <p>Contact Officer: Larry Wolfe/Ben Percival</p> <p>Director: Alice Davey – Director of Borough Economy</p>	<p>Cabinet - Environment Services (Cllr Ahmed)</p>	<p>16 November 2022</p>		
11	<p>Winter Service Operation Plan 2022-23</p> <p>Contact Officer: Mathew Burling Director of Borough Economy- Alice Davey</p>	<p>Cabinet - Environment Services (Cllr Ahmed)</p>	<p>16 November 2022</p>		



	Title/Subject	Decision Maker	Decision Date	Pre-decision Scrutiny to be carried out? (Board and date)	List of documents to be considered
20	<p>Land at Grove Lane, Smethwick – Compulsory Purchase Order</p> <p>Contact Officer: Hayley Insley</p> <p>Director of Regeneration and Growth – Tony McGovern</p>	<p>Cabinet - Regeneration & Growth (Cllr Hughes)</p>	<p>16 November 2022</p>		
22	<p>Land at Lower High Street, Cradley Heath</p> <p>Contact Officers: Stefan Hemming/ Jenna Langford</p> <p>Director of Regeneration and Growth - Tony McGovern</p>	<p>Cabinet - Regeneration & Growth (Cllr Hughes)</p>	<p>16 November 2022</p>		



	Title/Subject	Decision Maker	Decision Date	Pre-decision Scrutiny to be carried out? (Board and date)	List of documents to be considered
23	<p>West Bromwich Town Centre and Grove Lane Delivery Plan</p> <p>Contact Officer: Chris Hilton</p> <p>Director: Tony McGovern - Director of Regeneration & Growth</p>	<p>Cabinet - Regeneration and Growth (Cllr Hughes)</p>	<p>16 November 2022</p>		<p>Report</p>
25	<p>The Local Plan in Sandwell – Update and next steps</p> <p>Contact Officer: Andy Miller – Strategic Planning & Transportation Manager</p> <p>Director: Tony McGovern – Director Regeneration & Growth</p>	<p>Cabinet - Regeneration & Growth (Cllr Hughes)</p>	<p>16 November 2022</p>	<p>No</p>	



	Title/Subject	Decision Maker	Decision Date	Pre-decision Scrutiny to be carried out? (Board and date)	List of documents to be considered
26	<p>Regeneration Project Pipeline Performance Report</p> <p>Contact Officer: Jenna Langford</p> <p>Director: Tony McGovern, Director of Regeneration and Growth</p>	<p>Cabinet - Regeneration & Growth (Cllr Hughes)</p>	<p>16 November 2022</p>		
27	<p>UK Shared Prosperity Fund</p> <p>Contact Officer: Jenna Langford</p> <p>Director: Tony McGovern, Director of Regeneration and Growth</p>	<p>Cabinet - Regeneration & Growth (Cllr Hughes)</p>	<p>16 November 2022</p>		



	Title/Subject	Decision Maker	Decision Date	Pre-decision Scrutiny to be carried out? (Board and date)	List of documents to be considered
33	<p>Community Hubs</p> <p>Contact Officer: Director of Business Strategy – Neil Cox and Director of Housing – Gillian Douglas</p>	<p>Cabinet - Communities (Cllr Millard)</p>	7 December 2022		
34	<p>Trees Strategy and Policy</p> <p>Contact Officer: Matthew Huggins</p> <p>Director – Borough Economy, Alice Davey</p>	<p>Cabinet - Environment Service (Cllr Ahmed)</p> <p>Leisure and Tourism (Cllr Rollins)</p>	7 December 2022		



	Title/Subject	Decision Maker	Decision Date	Pre-decision Scrutiny to be carried out? (Board and date)	List of documents to be considered
40	<p>Update on Streamlining Black Country Ways Of Working – Black Country Consortium Ltd</p> <p>Contact: Hywel Ruddick, Black Country Consortium</p>	<p>Cabinet - Leader of the Council (Cllr Carmichael)</p>	<p>7 December 2022 (private item)</p>		
41	<p>City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement and Local Transport Capital Programme Update</p> <p>Contact Officer: Andy Miller</p> <p>Director: Tony McGovern - Director of Regeneration & Growth</p>	<p>Cabinet - Regeneration and Growth (Cllr Hughes)</p>	<p>7 December 2022</p>		



	Title/Subject	Decision Maker	Decision Date	Pre-decision Scrutiny to be carried out? (Board and date)	List of documents to be considered
42	<p>Chance Glasswork Trust Memorandum of Understanding</p> <p>Contact Officer: Tammy Stokes</p> <p>Director: Tony McGovern</p>	<p>Cabinet - Regeneration & Growth (Cllr Hughes)</p>	7 December 2022		
43	<p>Levelling Up Fund Local Authority Memorandum of Understanding, Grant Determination Letter & Assurance Framework</p> <p>Contact Officer: Jenna Langford</p> <p>Director: Tony McGovern, Director of Regeneration and Growth</p>	<p>Cabinet - Regeneration & Growth (Cllr Hughes)</p>	7 December 2022		



	Title/Subject	Decision Maker	Decision Date	Pre-decision Scrutiny to be carried out? (Board and date)	List of documents to be considered
44	<p>The Local Plan in Sandwell – Approval To consult on Issues Options and to open a Call For Sites</p> <p>Contact Officer: Andy Miller – Strategic Planning & Transportation Manager</p> <p>Director: Tony McGovern – Director Regeneration & Growth</p>	<p>Cabinet - Regeneration & Growth (Cllr Hughes)</p>	<p>7 December 2022</p>	<p>No</p>	



	Title/Subject	Decision Maker	Decision Date	Pre-decision Scrutiny to be carried out? (Board and date)	List of documents to be considered
45	<p>On-Street Residential Charging Scheme – Appointment of Contractor</p> <p>Contact Officer: Andy Miller – Strategic Planning & Transportation Manager</p> <p>Director: Tony McGovern – Director Regeneration & Growth</p>	<p>Cabinet - Regeneration & Growth (Cllr Hughes)</p>	7 December 2022	No	



	Title/Subject	Decision Maker	Decision Date	Pre-decision Scrutiny to be carried out? (Board and date)	List of documents to be considered
46	<p>Asset transfer of Greets Green Resource Centre and adjoining land to the Confederation of Bangladeshi Organisations (CBO) Ltd</p> <p>Contact Officers: Stefan Hemming</p> <p>Director: Tony McGovern – Director Regeneration and Growth</p>	<p>Cabinet - Regeneration & Growth (Cllr Hughes)</p>	7 December 2022		



The following items set out key decisions to be taken by the Executive in private session:-

Title/Subject	Cabinet Portfolio Area	Decision Date	Reason for Exemption	List of documents to be considered
<p>West Bromwich Town Centre and Grove Lane Delivery Plan</p> <p>Contact Officer: Chris Hilton</p> <p>Director: Tony McGovern</p>	<p>Cabinet - Regeneration & Growth (Cllr Hughes)</p>	<p>16 November 2022</p>	<p>Financial or business affairs of any individual</p>	
<p>Update on Streamlining Black Country Ways Of Working – Black Country Consortium Ltd</p> <p>Contact Officer: Hywel Ruddick, Black Country Consortium</p>	<p>Cabinet - Leader of the Council (Cllr Carmichael)</p>	<p>7 December 2022 (private item)</p>	<p>Financial or business affairs of any individual</p>	



Scrutiny Board Work Programme 2022/23

Economy, Skills Transport and Environment



Standing Items:-

- Tracking and Monitoring of Recommendations to the Executive
- Work Programme (including Cabinet Forward Plan)

Meeting Date	Item	Presented by
14 July 2022	Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership	Sarah Middleton (Chief Executive of Black Country Consortium Limited)
	Towns Fund Update	Rina Rahim (Towns Fund Programme Manager)
16 th November 2022	Towns Fund Update	Rina Rahim (Towns Fund Programme Manager)
	Black Country Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan	Robin Weare (Assistant Director – Highways)/ Tony McGovern (Director – Regeneration and Growth)
January 2023	Bus Service Improvement Plan	Andy Miller (Strategic Planning & Transportation Manager)
	Outcome of E-Scooters Trial	Andy Miller (Strategic Planning & Transportation Manager)
9 th February 2023	Corporate Fleet Management	Ben Percival/ Alice Davey (Director of Borough Economy)

9 th March 2023	Rewilding Strategy and Mowing Review	Alice Davey (Director of Borough Economy)
	Litter Bin Strategy PROVISIONAL	Alice Davey/ Ben Percival

Items to be scheduled:

Review of private hire and hackney carriage licensing policy – Early 23/24 Municipal year (Nicola Plant)
Corporate Fleet Management Update - Early 23/24 Municipal year

Local Transport Plan – TfWM – Andy Millar to advise Re. timescales

Black Country Plan – Timescales unknown

Sandwell Development Plan – Timescales unknown

Community Hubs

Visit to Regional Traffic Control Centre to be scheduled

Scrutiny Review/s

Review of the 2017-2022 Strategic Road Safety Plan – Simon Chadwick/ Robin Weare to advise Re. timescales

