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Dear colleagues,

**Mid Sussex Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan**

I am writing to inform you that the Mid Sussex Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) will soon be published on the Council website and social media channels.

The LCWIP enables a strategic long-term approach to identifying cycling and walking improvements in the towns of Burgess Hill, East Grinstead and Haywards Heath. Seven routes have been identified across each of the three towns, totalling twenty-one LCWIP cycling and walking routes.

Districts and Boroughs in West Sussex have each commissioned LCWIPs which focus on the main towns in their districts. Town centres have the highest populations and therefore offer the most opportunities for active travel and modal shift. Taken together, the West Sussex and District and Borough LCWIPs will identify a cohesive active travel network in West Sussex.

The LCWIP is not designed to create “shovel-ready” proposals. The cycling and walking routes identified will require further design work should funding be secured. However, a completed LCWIP is advantageous when bidding for regional and national active travel funding to deliver the routes. The LCWIP has been submitted to WSCC who is responsible for securing funding and delivering routes.

The LCWIP also supports local policy making, and forms part of the evidence base for the Mid Sussex District Plan review, specifically proposed policy DPT 3 Active Travel. It will also help deliver objectives in the Sustainable Economy Strategy and Action Plan. Specifically, those actions to promote sustainable travel options, reduce carbon emissions and become a net-zero District by 2050.

Finally, I would like to thank colleagues who took part in the LCWIP stakeholder engagement sessions for their participation and feedback.

Yours sincerely,



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Cabinet Member for Community

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