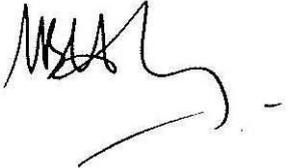




Report to:	Environment and Neighbourhood Committee	Date:	29 November 2018
Report title:	Quietways cycle route between Worcester Park and Sutton Town Centre		
Report from:	Mary Morrissey (Strategic Director of Environment, Housing and Regeneration)		
Ward/Areas affected:	Worcester Park, Nonsuch, Stonecot, Sutton West, Sutton North, Sutton Central		
Chair of Committee/Lead Member:	Councillor Manuel Abellan		
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Corporate Plan Priorities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Keeping people safe ● Being active ● Making informed choices ● Living well independently 		
Open/Exempt:	Open		
Signed:			Date: 07 November 2018

1. Summary

- 1.1 The Council is working in partnership with Transport for London (TfL) to investigate, consult and deliver a new Quietways cycle route between Sutton Town Centre and Worcester Park, with future phases to extend the route to Kingston Town Centre to the west and Croydon Town Centre to the east. The aim is to create a quiet route through neighbourhoods and open spaces, providing an excellent environment for cyclists. The project will also improve local neighbourhoods for residents and users of the highway using the 'healthy streets' approach. This report recommends that the committee agrees that officers undertake the process to deliver the above Quietways cycle route in the borough.

2. Recommendations

The Environment and Neighbourhood Committee is recommended to:

- 2.1 Endorse the delivery of a new Quietways cycle route between Sutton Town Centre and Worcester Park.

- 2.2 Agree in principle to the route, as shown in Appendix A.
- 2.3 Agree to delegate the final route alignment, consultation, detailed design and delivery to the Strategic Director, Environment, Housing and Regeneration, in consultation with the Chair of the Environment and Neighbourhood Committee.

3. Background

- 3.1 TfL has been funding cycling initiatives in recent years in support of the Mayor's Transport Strategy (MTS), to increase the number of cyclists using London roads and reduce the number of vehicles. The Quietways initiative is to provide high quality infrastructure to encourage all cyclists, particularly those who are new and nervous, to use a network of quiet routes running along residential roads and through open spaces.
- 3.2 This route is already mostly recognised as the former London Cycle Network (LCN) route 75, and it has been identified that the route would benefit from an upgrade to Quietways standards. It provides a good and direct route between Sutton Town Centre, North Cheam and Worcester Park, yet keeps cyclists away from the busy A2043. The route continues in the Royal Borough of Kingston to the west, and it is planned that a second stage of the project will see the route continue from Sutton Town Centre eastwards via Wallington to Croydon in the near future.
- 3.3 The walking and cycling charity / consultant, Sustrans, has been providing support and expertise on establishing the route.
- 3.4 TfL and boroughs must develop schemes that support the MTS, and accordingly, be guided by the 'Healthy Streets' agenda as outlined in the Mayor's 'City for all Londoners' document. This approach prioritises active travel - making walking, cycling and public transport use the best and preferred choices for travel; encourages the most efficient methods of essential travel for people and goods; and creates more attractive, accessible and people-friendly streets.
- 3.5 This scheme also aims to contribute towards other targets in the MTS, such as improving air quality and reducing car ownership.
- 3.6 Both the borough's Cycling and Sustainable Transport Strategies have recognised the important contribution towards modal shift that cycling must make as part of our overall contribution to the MTS. The delivery of this Quietways scheme, in line with the London Cycle Design Standards (LCDS), will create key infrastructure to offer people a greater modal choice.

4. Issues

- 4.1 The route alignment has been agreed with TfL, but it is recognised it may change as a result of consultation.
- 4.2 Officers have cycled the route with Sustrans, and a list of interventions have been suggested.



- 4.3 TfL has already released some funding to start working up a delivery plan. The proposed timetable is to begin consulting / engaging with the relevant stakeholders and residents in April 2019, with the bulk of the informal and formal consultation to be completed by the end of October 2020 and implementation in phases in 2020/21 and 2021/22.
- 4.4 TfL is keen to keep the types of cycling facilities on the Quietways routes around London, consistent and suitable for new or nervous cyclists, as well more confident users. The type of route to be achieved is continuous and comfortable, with no pinch points, safer crossing points across busy roads, slow speeds and low volumes of traffic. The needs of all road users will be considered, although it is expected that pedestrians and cyclists will get priority over motor vehicles, in accordance with the Healthy Streets approach.

5. Options Considered

- 5.1 TfL, Sustrans and officers considered other routes in the borough for Quietways funding, but it was considered that this route has the greatest potential to encourage more people to cycle.
- 5.2 The proposed route alignment has been chosen to establish a good route linking key trip generators. However, the route could be changed as a result of the consultation process.

6. Impacts and Implications

Financial

- 6.1 TfL has allocated £5,000 to the Council in 2018/19 to fund officers time in preparing the scheme for consultation. At present TfL have earmarked a 'Quietways Delivery Plan' budget of £3,224,880 for the east-west corridor between Sutton and Worcester Park, and this funding will be released at various stages, subject to the programme progressing to timetable, receiving positive support and the designs/options including measures that are appropriate for a Quietways Scheme. Funding will be released and agreed by TfL and the necessary budgets will need to be incorporated within the capital programme once agreed through the TfL portal.

Legal

- 6.2 Under section 159 of the Greater London Act 1999, TfL may give financial assistance in respect of expenditure incurred, or to be incurred, by the Council in doing anything which in the opinion of TfL, is conducive to the provision of safe, integrated, efficient and economic transport facilities or services to, from or within Greater London.
- 6.3 There are no legal implications arising from this report at this stage. Should the project to provide the proposed Quietway cycle route proceed, any legal implications will be given due consideration at each stage.



5. Appendices and Background Documents

Appendix letter	Title
A	QCWP Quietway Route

Background documents
None

Audit Trail		
Version	Final	Date: 7 November 2018
Consultation with other officers		
Finance	Yes	Tony Cooke
Legal	Yes	David Fellows
Equality Impact Assessment required	No	N/A