

Comment from member of the public regarding Item 16

I refer to your 'Active Travel Improvements for Cycling & Walking' strategy within Suffolk and the government's £2 billion package to create a new era for cycling and walking.

May I suggest **joining up the cycling dots from Pakefield (Arbor Lane) to Pakefield Road along the very popular scenic cliff top and waterfront**, with some will and a little modification to existing pedestrian infrastructure along a 1km section we could have a continuous 3km cycling route linking up Pakefield to the traffic free sea-front and onto Lowestoft town centre a real asset and perfectly complements what the government wants to happen. Currently as you can see in the attached photographs this 1km section is narrow along parts of the route and even passing pedestrians and/or cyclists have to step off the footpath which a popular route for cyclists, yes I know cyclists are supposed to dismount and walk this 1km section but let's move on and grasp the nettle and **make it a harmonious link for both pedestrians and cyclists into Lowestoft**, a win-win for all along the scenic cliff? Please note this very popular cliff top route offers no possibility for social distancing in many parts even for pedestrians?

I'm an engineer with a smattering of civil engineering nouse and this link could easily and very cost effectively be completed but perhaps one 30m of path within the 1km section I propose where cyclists must dismount due to the narrow path being and would need support to allow widening but could be done easily. **We need 'out of the box' thinking here**, the government has spoken, **get people on there bikes, break down the bureaucratic barriers that prevent this happening?** Purchase of land is not required, perhaps some rights of way to be challenged and/or expanded with cliff erosion an historic issue South of the area being proposed and not affecting this proposal.

I also make the observation that your Suffolk County Council link <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/active-travel-improvements-for-cycling-and-walking/> **is almost exclusively related to cycling projects within Ipswich and surrounding areas** making **virtually no recommendations or schemes in the 2nd largest town in Suffolk namely Lowestoft**, not even maintenance of the existing cycling infrastructure/cycle lanes which have all but disappeared into the tarmac over the past 10 years of austerity?

It would be nice if Suffolk CC could offer an acknowledgement on my idea and commend it as one of your proposed travel improvement for cycling & walking schemes.

I look forward to your response.

(personal details redacted. This was an email to SCC's Transport Strategy Schemes. The Town Council was copied into the email)