

Planning Committee

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East Suffolk Council Walking and Cycling Strategy

Report by Planning Policy Officer

Summary

East Suffolk Council has produced a Walking and Cycling Strategy that includes part of the Broads area. It is a useful strategy which the Authority can use in its role relating to access as well as in planning.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Planning Committee endorse the East Suffolk Council Walking and Cycling Strategy.

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The East Suffolk Cycling and Walking Strategy has been produced by East Suffolk Council over the last few years, with the Broads Authority involved at officer level to help inform the Strategy.
- 1.2. The purpose of the East Suffolk Cycling and Walking Strategy (the Strategy) is to create safe, coherent, direct, comfortable and attractive cycling, walking and wheeling environments that lead to improvements in health and wellbeing, facilitate greater social interaction and play, encourage more environmentally sustainable lifestyles, reduce road congestion, and support economic growth. In order to create these environments, the Strategy identifies cycling and walking infrastructure recommendations across the East Suffolk district (including that part of the district which is in the Broads Authority Area), focussing on the identification of new and improved infrastructure rather than the maintenance of existing infrastructure. It also provides context and information to support detailed infrastructure proposals and inform plan and decision making to support cycling, walking, and equestrian use.
- 1.3. The Strategy was adopted by East Suffolk Council in October 2022 and can be found here: [East Suffolk Cycling and Walking Strategy 2022 \(arcgis.com\)](https://arcgis.com)
- 1.4. As the Strategy covers the area of East Suffolk Council that includes the Broads, it seems prudent for the Broads Authority to endorse the study so we can use it in our access role but also, as relevant, in planning. Therefore, it is recommended that Planning Committee endorse the strategy as evidence for the Local Plan.

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