

# Active Travel Strategy

**Ambitious proposals have moved a step closer to making walking, cycling and other forms of active travel a more natural transport choice for residents and visitors to North Somerset.**

Our Draft Active Travel Strategy is a 10-year plan to 2030 that aims to harness the huge rise in walking and cycling seen during 2020. This will help us continue to increase realistic opportunities for safe, attractive and enjoyable active travel, including walking and cycling.

Through delivering high quality walking and cycling networks and increasing publicity and awareness of these, the strategy aims to increase walking and cycling trips by 300 per cent by 2030.

This will help us achieve the vision of 'Making walking and cycling the natural choice for a cleaner, healthier and more active North Somerset'. This will be crucial in our efforts to help reduce carbon emissions to strive to become carbon neutral by 2030, tackle the climate emergency, improve public health and boost the local economy. This is all even more important than before given the year we've had.

**A more detailed report introducing the Draft Active Travel Strategy was presented to and agreed by the Council's Executive Committee on 21st October 2020. You can read the executive report [here](#).**



Executive Report

## Message from the Executive Member for Transport

<https://n-somerset.inconsult.uk/consult.ti/ats/consultationHome>

## Tell us what you think!

This consultation seeks to gain valuable feedback from the residents, businesses, visitors and other stakeholders in North Somerset on the content of our **Draft Active Travel Strategy**. This will allow us to make necessary changes to the strategy before seeking to finalise and adopt the strategy early in 2021.

We invite you to respond to our short questionnaire to share your views and help us refine and improve the strategy. You can access the questionnaire [here](#). The consultation will close on **17 December 2020**.



Answer our questionnaire



Draft Active Travel  
Strategy 2020-2030

## Councillor James Tonkin



"We are in a climate emergency and the way we move around our area has to change to protect our future. Since the Covid-19 crisis, we have seen a huge growth in walking and cycling, showing the suppressed demand for active travel.

The crisis has also shown us the importance of underlying good health, both physically and mentally. Active travel is a very easy way for people to achieve this, which many of us take up, given the opportunity.

The way we build our infrastructure also has to shift. This strategy marks a fundamental refocus in our priorities that will see us putting walking and cycling at the centre of our transport planning for the next 10 years.

We have outlined our proposals and ambitions, now we need the public to give us their feedback, so I urge everyone to get involved."



Find out more about cycling in North Somerset

Find information on cycle routes, bicycle security, cycling training, borrow a bike, cycle to work, the cycle forum and much more!



Find out more about the West of England Local Cycling and Walking



Before you go why not have your say on our Local Plan 2038: Choices for the Future consultation



Would you like to give us feedback on the Emergency Active Travel Fund measures currently in place

Visit the Space to Move website to share your views on schemes introduced to aid walking, cycling and social distancing around North Somerset's busiest shopping, leisure locations and schools.

## Timeline



**Opened**  
**5 Nov 2020 at 00:00**

**Closes**  
17 Dec 2020 at 23:59

## Consultation Documents

[Draft Active Travel Strategy 2020 - 2030](#)

## Respond

Respond by filling in the online questionnaire

## Links

- [Sign up for notifications about this consultation](#)

## Details

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### Project Information

**Aim of this consultation** To seek valuable feedback from the residents, businesses and stakeholders of North Somerset, as well as visitors to North Somerset, on our Draft Active Travel Strategy. We want to understand whether the structure, content, aims and ambition of the strategy are right and if not, what we might be missing. This consultation is being undertaken now to seek to harness the huge increase in active travel seen during 2020, so we can help shift transport journeys to cleaner, greener and healthier travel.

**Close Date** 17 Dec 2020 23:59

### Consultation Topic

Community - neighbourhoods, equalities...

Environment - building work, transport, t...

Leisure - sports, theatre, museum and t...

Transport - construction and repair, trav...

**Context for this consultation** A rise in active travel such as walking and cycling, instead of petrol and diesel vehicle trips wherever possible, will be crucial in our efforts to help reduce carbon emissions to strive to become carbon neutral by 2030. It will help us tackle the climate emergency, improve public health and boost the local economy. This is all even more important than before given the year we've had and this Active Travel Strategy will help us achieve these important aims.

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