

North Somerset Council

Liveable Neighbourhoods Action Plan – Summary

Active Travel Action Plans 2023-30

One of our seven Active Travel Action Plans (ATAPs) for 2023-30 to help deliver our Active Travel Strategy’s vision, to:

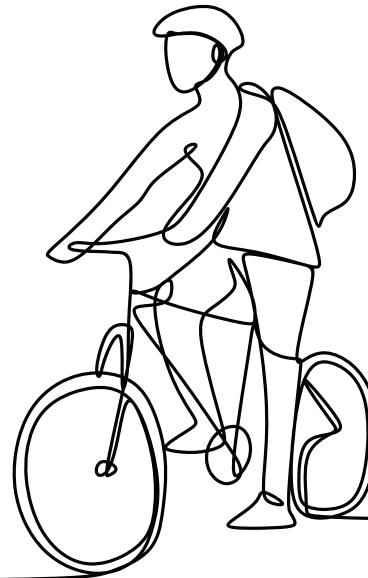
‘Make walking and cycling the natural choice for a cleaner, healthier and more active North Somerset’

Our Vision: This Liveable Neighbourhoods Action Plan centres on the proposals we will prioritise to enhance residential neighbourhoods to make them quieter, greener and more pleasant places to live, work and play. This will also make everyday transport choices by active ways like walking/wheeling and cycling more attractive.



Guiding principles

1. We will create Liveable Neighbourhoods from new and transform existing neighbourhoods dominated by the motor car to create green, safe and active environments for North Somerset residents, businesses and visitors.
2. Liveable Neighbourhoods will be created on primarily residential streets that are bounded by primary or neighbourhood distributor roads and be of a walkable size. They will seek to reduce traffic flows and encourage higher levels of walking/wheeling and cycling.
3. The boundary of Liveable Neighbourhoods will be clearly defined through continuous footways and gateway features, signalling the entry point to a low traffic environment. Parallel crossings will enable people walking/wheeling and cycling to easily cross the distributor roads that form the boundary into other areas.
4. Inside Liveable Neighbourhoods vehicle speeds and volume will be low, and walking/wheeling and cycling will be the most convenient form of travel for short journeys.
5. Where possible, Liveable Neighbourhoods will benefit from new community features such as trees and planting, cycle parking, street furniture or electric vehicle charging/car clubs.
6. Liveable Neighbourhoods are not one size fits all and should be developed in collaboration with local stakeholders, the community and co-ordinate with other Action Plan areas.



Benefits

- The overall aim of Liveable Neighbourhoods is to reduce inappropriate through traffic, and in doing so, reduce air pollution, noise pollution and road collisions.
- Reduced speed of traffic helps reduce collisions – particularly collisions with children.
- They aim to make the character of residential streets more pleasant, inclusive and safer for people to walk/wheel and cycle.
- Some Liveable Neighbourhoods have also resulted in less traffic on the adjacent distributor roads (Hackney Council).



Example scheme proposals

Listed are scheme proposals that we could progress subject to funding and engagement. This isn't a list of all our scheme proposals – we want to hear what you think about the proposals listed below and any that you want for your area. We'll collect all scheme requests and use our new scoring and prioritisation process to help us prioritise the most needed and best value for money schemes across the district. This will inform our network planning for when funding becomes available.

Good current examples



Weston Central Liveable Neighbourhood – currently under development.

Location	Brief issue/improvement concept	Status
Weston Central Liveable Neighbourhood	Liveable Neighbourhood building on the new Baker St/ Milton Rd cycle route.	Consultation and detailed design
St Mary's Grove, Nailsea	Liveable Neighbourhood building on the urban hub at St Mary's Grove.	Concept only at present
Nailsea North Street /West End/Engine Lane	Liveable Neighbourhood around North St and West End.	Concept only at present
Eastern Clevedon	Liveable Neighbourhood between Old Street and Northern Way.	Concept only at present
Portishead High Street	Liveable Neighbourhood on roads parallel to High Street to reduce induced traffic as a result of High Street scheme proposal	Concept only at present
Backwell	Liveable Neighbourhood west of Station Road and north of A370. Potential links to First and Last Mile Hub proposed at Rodney Rd as well as Nailsea and Backwell Station and Backwell School.	Concept only at present
Severn Road/ Whitecross Rd, Weston-super-Mare	Potential links to First and Last Mile mobility hub as part of the Bus Service Improvement Plan	Concept only at present
New scheme proposals from communities and stakeholders	To be added following consultation – all proposals will be subject to review, scoring, prioritisation and funding being available	Awaiting issues/requests from our communities and stakeholders





Challenges to delivery

- Securing sufficient funding to develop and deliver our initiatives and scheme proposals with our communities.
- Community buy-in – some residents and businesses may be opposed to change initially. However, other Liveable Neighbourhoods have won over objectors once completed.

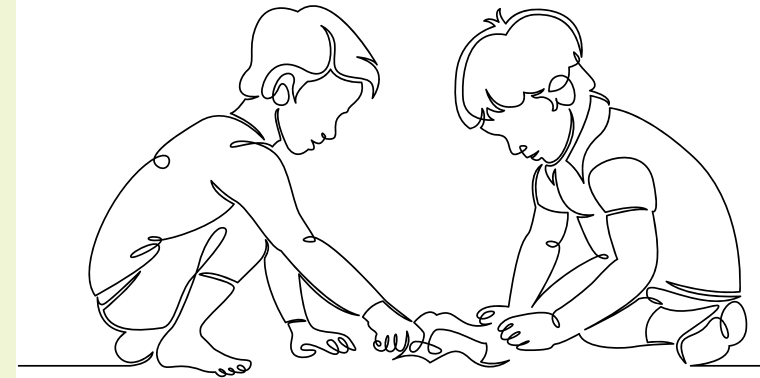
We want to hear from you!

We want your ideas about active travel interventions you want in your area.

Residents, businesses, visitors and other stakeholders – we encourage you to discuss issues local to you with your Town or Parish Council and your Elected North Somerset Councillor for your ward area.

You can also add your requests at [Widen My Path](#).

Town and Parish Councils and North Somerset Council Elected Members – please use the **Highway Improvement Request Form** to submit your transport network improvement requests.



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