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SUBJECT:	CYCLING NETWORK SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT CONSULTATION	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL WARDS	TERMS OF REFERENCE: EDS03

1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Committee approve the South Derbyshire Cycle Network Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)(Appendix 1) for consultation for a period of 8 weeks.
- 1.2 That delegated authority be given to the Chair of this committee and the Strategic Director (Service Delivery) to agree any changes based on the comments received.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To seek Committee approval to consult on the South Derbyshire Cycle Network SPD.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) are intended to provide greater detail on the planning policies that have been adopted in the Local Plan. Upon adoption an SPD will become a material consideration in the determination of planning applications.
- 3.2 Local Plan Part 1 Policy INF2 states that where a need is identified the Council will seek to negotiate the provision by developers of contributions toward new or the enhancement of existing, walking and cycling routes and supporting infrastructure. It states that cycling and greenway networks will be identified in SPDs.
- 3.3 A Draft Cycle Network SPD has now been produced for consultation and is included at Appendix 1 of this report. The consultation will be undertaken over 8 weeks and will include consultees on the Council's LDF database. It is anticipated that, following consultation, revisions to the SPD will be made where necessary prior to publication of the final document. This final version will then be reported back to Committee.

- 3.4 Existing and proposed cycle routes are shown on maps included at Appendix B of the consultation document. They comprise elements of the Derbyshire Key Cycle Network (KCN) and Local Cycle Network (LCN).
- 3.5 The KCN, approved by the County Council in 2020, comprises strategic routes covering the whole of Derbyshire. The County Council has also identified a LCN, which comprises local connections from the KCN to key locations such as a transport interchange, employment, education, health, retail and leisure/visitor destinations. It should be noted that all the proposed route alignments shown are indicative and subject to engineering feasibility, design, costing, land ownership and other considerations.

4.0 Conclusions

- 4.1 It is proposed that the Draft SPD be made available for public consultation.
- 4.2 The KCN was approved following a process of stakeholder engagement conducted by the County Council and will thus not be subject to further change as part of the consultation, however, comments and suggestions for changes to the indicative proposed routes of the LTN will be invited.
- 4.3 Developer contributions will not be the only means of securing the delivery of cycle routes and the Council will continue to work with partners in identifying all available opportunities to enable the expansion and improvement of the network.
- 4.4 The SPD will replace the 'South Derbyshire Cycling Strategy' Supplementary Planning Guidance (2001).

5.0 Financial Implications

- 5.1 None arising directly from this report.

6.0 Corporate Implications

- 6.1 Employment Implications
None identified.

- 6.2 Legal Implications
Provision for expansion of the cycle network through off-site developer contributions will require the negotiation of legal agreements under Section 106 of the Town and County Planning Act 1990.

- 6.3 Council Plan Implications

The Draft NAP has implications for the following economic and climate change priorities of the Council Plan:

- The expansion and improvement of the cycle network will enhance the attractiveness of cycling as an alternative to less sustainable forms of transport.
- Cycling, as an active travel mode, can contribute toward improving health and fitness.

- Cycling is a relatively inexpensive means of travelling to work and education establishments for those unable to afford the cost of travel by car or public transport.

6.4 Risk Impact
None identified.

7.0 **Community Implications**

7.1 Consultation
This would be a public consultation exercise conducted by the District Council. This will take place over an eight-week period and will include an advance reminder for Parish Councils.

7.2 Equality and Diversity Impact
As noted in para 6.3, cycling is a relatively inexpensive means of travel for those unable to afford the cost of travel by car or public transport.

7.3 Social Value Impact
See “Equality and Diversity Impact”, paragraph 7.2.

7.4 Environmental Sustainability
As noted in paragraph 6.3, an expanded and improved cycle network can enhance the attractiveness of cycling as an alternative to less sustainable forms of transport. The Draft SPD has been subject to a Strategic Environmental Assessment screening exercise.

8.0 **Background Papers**

Derbyshire County Council Report to Cabinet - ‘Key Cycle Network Development and Funding Opportunities’	Derbyshire County Council, 16 January, 2020
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[Derbyshire County Council](#)

National Planning Policy Framework	December 2023
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[National Planning Policy Framework \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

South Derbyshire Local Plan Part 1,	South Derbyshire District Council, 13 June, 2016
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[Adopted Local Plan | South Derbyshire District Council](#)

South Derbyshire Design Guide	South Derbyshire District Council, November, 2017
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[Design SPD v2.3 standard res FINAL 1 \(16\).pdf](#)

Derbyshire Local Transport Plan,	Derbyshire County Council, April, 2011
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[Local Transport Plan Three - Derbyshire County Council](#)

D2N2 Local Cycle and Walking Infrastructure Plan	Various, April 2021
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9.0 **Appendix**

Appendix 1 -South Derbyshire Cycle Network Draft Supplementary Planning Document