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Active Travel Discussion

Summer 2021

11 May – 28 September

#WalkCycleWheelED



Why are we consulting on Active Travel?

Active travel means making journeys by physically active means such as walking, cycling or wheeling. Wheeling refers to travelling by wheelchair.

More people taking part in active travel has multiple benefits for individuals as well as for wider society. To help allow more people to benefit from active travel as part of their everyday journeys and exercise, the Council is starting work to produce a new Active Travel Strategy for East Dunbartonshire.

Here are just some of the key reasons why further work on active travel in East Dunbartonshire is important –



It helps tackle climate change

Transport is the second largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in East Dunbartonshire. More journeys made by walking and cycling can help reduce East Dunbartonshire's contribution to climate change



It promotes equal travel opportunities

Improved active networks can provide more travel opportunities for different groups of society that often experience issues with transport, for a variety of reasons



It helps deliver cleaner air for all

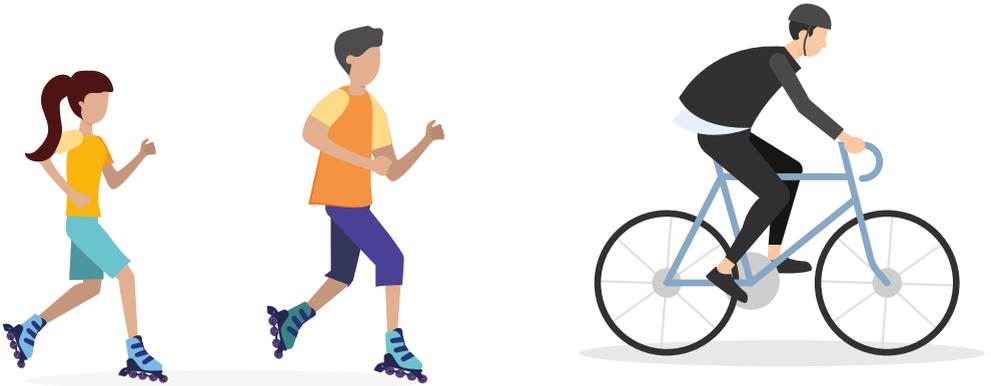
In addition to greenhouse gas emissions, road transport is a major contributor to air pollution. Journeys made by cleaner modes can improve local air quality, helping make our streets safer and nicer places for all



Keeping active is good for the body and mind. It's also fun!



There are over 150 miles of path networks in East Dunbartonshire!



It benefits the local economy

Attractive routes for walking, cycling and wheeling can encourage visitors to the area for day trips and visits to our tourism assets. Research by Living Streets has also identified that making shops and businesses more accessible by active means can be good for business



It improves our health and wellbeing

Physical activity has been proven to help prevent illness such as heart disease and diabetes and promotes overall good health. Staying active and accessing open and green spaces is also beneficial for mental health and personal wellbeing



To improve safety

It is important to continue to improve the safety of pedestrians and people on bikes alongside encouraging greater levels of participation



However, to achieve this...we need your help!

Comparing East Dunbartonshire during 2020 to 2019...over 2 times as many cycle counts were recorded and pedestrian counts increased by a quarter!





Join the Discussion

2020 saw significant increases in use of active travel routes, with counters across East Dunbartonshire showing over two times the number of users than in 2019. This is an opportunity we want to build on.

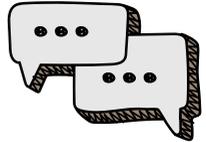
We want to hear what you like about the network and ideas you have that will enable us to keep active while on the move...

...Join the Active Travel Discussion in the following ways

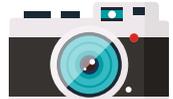
Contribute to our Ideas Map – an online tool where you can pinpoint a location and provide comments or pictures - showing us your ideas!



Join an online community discussion – come along to one of our sessions below to discuss routes and ideas for your local area. Sign up by visiting our website



Snap your favourite or most picturesque place on the walking and cycling network, and let us know what you like about it - as well as any improvements which could be made



Use **#WalkCycleWheelED** on social media to Join the Active Travel Discussion



Pick up a paper response form from your local library to send us your ideas (due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions please check the EDLC and Council websites for the latest on library arrangements)



Email us direct at cycling@eastdunbarton.gov.uk with any ideas, questions or comments

Visit our website for more details eastdunbarton.gov.uk/active-travel-discussion, or scan the QR code to go straight there!

The discussion is open from **11 May – 28 September 2021**



Online Community Discussions

Community	Thursday Session (2pm-3pm)	Tuesday Session (7pm-8pm)	Saturday Session (10am-11am)
Bearsden and Milngavie	20 May	8 June	21 August
Bishopbriggs, Torrance, Balmore and Bardowie	27 May	1 June	28 August
Kirkintilloch, Lenzie, Waterside and Twechar	3 June	25 May	4 September
Lennoxton, Milton of Campsie, Haughhead and Clachan of Campsie	10 June	18 May	11 September

To sign up for one of the sessions please visit our website eastdunbarton.gov.uk/active-travel-discussion



What will happen next?

2021

Review of key policy objectives for active travel

Assess current travel behaviours and active travel evidence

Active Travel Discussion with residents and stakeholders

Assess existing routes and paths and review of progress from the Active Travel Strategy 2015-2020

2022

Gather potential options raised through completion of the above work and previously raised ideas from residents and stakeholders

Assess all of the options identified in 2021 to see which should be included within a draft action plan

Consult residents and stakeholders on the draft Active Travel Strategy to gather thoughts on all of the proposals

Create a draft Active Travel Strategy which will include an action plan for improving the active travel network

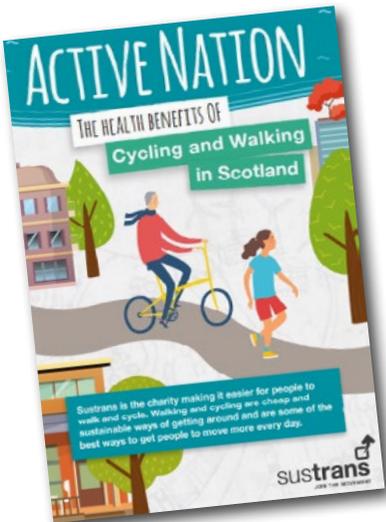
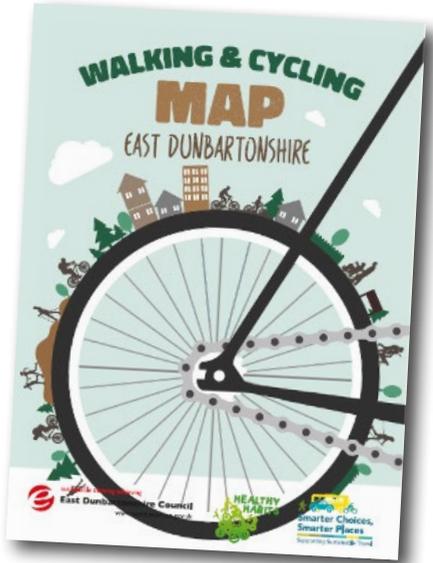
2023 onwards

The final Active Travel Strategy will be published and work will begin to deliver the actions set out within the action plan. Progress on delivery will be monitored regularly.

Further information

Further information on routes and advice to help you get active in East Dunbartonshire is available on the Council's website, including our Walking and Cycling Map.

www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/cycling



Further information on the health benefits of cycling and walking in Scotland can be found on Sustrans' website.

<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/about-us/our-work-in-scotland>

Contact the team:

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By post: Land Planning Policy Team

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Other formats and translation

This document can be provided in large print, Braille or on CD and can be translated into other community languages. Please contact the Council's Communications Team at:

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